

COROMANDEL-COLVILLE COMMUNITY BOARD AREA

Coromandel-Colville- Harbour Facilities

93. Maintenance and Dredging of Fureys Creek

Submitter # 115 (The Coromandel-Colville Community Board) request that \$20,000 is included in the Harbour Facilities budget of the Annual Plan to provide on-going maintenance of Fureys Creek in the 2014/2015 year.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

New budget of \$20,000 for dredging of Fureys Creek.

Staff recommendation

That Coromandel-Colville Community Board and Council approve the \$20,000 budget for maintenance dredging in Fureys Creek for the 2014/15 financial year. That Council reflect the new budget in the 2014/2015 Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Fureys Creek is a tidal access channel to the Jack's Point boat ramp, Fureys Creek haul out ramp and private jetties, requiring on-going maintenance. The extent of annual maintenance dredging required is dependent on many factors including the extent of upstream dredging in Fureys Creek and Whangarahi Stream by Waikato Regional Council. The work required to maintain the channel at the consented volume of 800m³/year is currently estimated as \$20,000. This work will not provide for all tide access, but it is expected to resolve some of the congestion issues currently experienced at Sugarloaf.

Indicative rating impact of \$9.06 (inc. GST) per property within Coromandel-Colville Board Area

Community Board recommendation

That Council does not provide an increase in budget for the Harbours Activity as previously requested by the Board and that the revenue gathered as part of the Harbours Activity in Coromandel-Colville is monitored and this money is used for dredging when there is sufficient funds available.

Coromandel-Colville- Harbour Facilities

94. Fees and Charges for Commercial Advertising/signage at Hannafords Jetty

Submitter # 115 (the Coromandel Colville Community Board) requests that Council include commercial advertising/signage at Hannafords Jetty in the Coromandel Harbour Fees and Charges Schedule which includes:

- Annual fee of \$50 for advertising/signage

The Coromandel Colville Community Board also request the addition of \$600 to the harbours miscellaneous revenue line

The matter for the Council to consider is...

New fees and charges for advertising/signage at Hannafords Jetty

Staff recommendation

That Council include an annual fee of \$50 for commercial advertising/signage at Hannafords Jetty.

Staff reason for recommendation

Staff have now formulated a process for commercial users of Hannafords Jetty to apply to have signage for their businesses erected on a purpose built fence adjacent to the jetty. This fee is to cover the cost of administering this process.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Coromandel-Colville - Parks and Reserves

95. Coromandel Sportsville

Six submissions were received regarding the Coromandel Sportsville. One in support and five in opposition.

Support

Submitter #44 Sports Waikato submits in support of the recreational changes from the 2012-2022 Ten Year Plan in particular support of the Thames Community Sports Facility and is supportive of a partnership approach with the school.

The submitter also supports Coromandel Sportsville investigations into the new netball courts. Sport Waikato is very supportive of the Sportsville model where sports and recreational groups, including the school, share resources facilities and services to meet community needs. The multi-purpose netball courts will enhance this model.

Oppose

Submitter # 63 requests that Council does not undertake the Coromandel Sportsville development, but assists the existing facilities as all sports clubs are struggling. The submitter states that there is no need to enter new clubs into the mix.

Submitters #75 and #102 oppose the Coromandel Sportsville project, requesting that Council does not fund this proposal as this is linked to the undeveloped Harbour Facilities Project and it is inappropriate at this stage to be committing funds for new netball courts unless this project has been initiated by the Coromandel Netball Club. During the Annual Plan hearing, the submitter answered questions that they would support the project if the Netball Club wanted the project to go ahead. Further clarification was given to the submitter explaining that this project was separate from the Coromandel Harbours Facility project and has been identified by the Netball Club as a need for some time.

Submitter # 89 opposes the project as they have concerns over the need for such a project as the Coromandel Area School roll is dropping significantly. The submitter believes that there is talk of the school becoming a primary school only. The submitter states that if this were to occur what impact would this have on the availability of, or the need for, the courts for Coromandel residents. The submitter questions why is the land that was specifically purchased for this purpose is no longer being considered and states that this is a significant departure from the original concept of sport facility development in Coromandel. The submitter asks what public consultation has taken place with regard to this use of ratepayers money. They are also of the understanding that netball was not played in Coromandel last year for various reasons and asks if this has it been identified it this is an on-going situation? The submitter questions that \$315,000 is significant amount of money for investigations.

Submitter # 99 Barry Brickell does not support the Coromandel Sportsville project.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Coromandel Sportsville.

Staff recommendation

That Council

- Note the submissions for and against the project
- Maintains the project in the 2014/2015 Annual Plan, subject to further community engagement and Community Board /Councils approval of a detailed business case.

Staff reason for recommendation

This project has been proposed as a result of a review of the Sportsville concept and commissioned report "*Coromandel Sportsville Review and Future Directions - July 2013*"; and the supplementary concepts "*Coromandel Community Sport and recreation project - Final Draft 19 July 2013*"

The Coromandel-Colville Community Board and Council's final approval will be considered upon delivery of the detailed business case.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons.

Coromandel-Colville - Parks and Reserves

96. Alternative funding for Hauraki House Playground.

Submitter # 24 requests that Council, in addition to funding/supporting Ministry of Education also engage Ministry of Conservation to fund the sealing of the playground areas used by the Youth Club at Hauraki House.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Alternative funding for Haruaki House playground.

Staff recommendation

To be discussed by the Coromandel-Colville Community Board.

Staff reason for recommendation

As above.

Community Board recommendation

The Board are aware of a land swap between the Ministry of Education and the youth club that is yet to be finalised. Once land ownership is determined Council will be in a position to consider the sealing of the playground areas used by the Youth Club at Hauraki House

Coromandel-Colville - Parks and Reserves

97. Parks and Reserves Renewals Budget

The submitter #89 opposes the removal of \$14,000 for Parks and Reserves Renewals as stated on page 18 of the Annual Plan. The submitter suggests that is a short-sighted proposition that will only require more money to be spent in future to make up for work that is not done this year. Sacrifices such as this should not be made to enable another activity that may not even eventuate.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Parks and Reserves renewals budget.

Staff recommendation

That Council retain the \$14,000 for Parks Renewals in the Coromandel Parks & Reserves budget.

Staff reason for recommendation

That parks renewals are already well behind where they should be. Removing the budget for 2014/2015 will further retard the renewals programme.

Indicative rating impact of \$0.63 (Inc GST) per property in the Coromandel-Colville Community Board Area.

Community Board recommendation

Disagrees with staff submission and that Council remove the \$14,000 for Park and Reserves renewals as the Board have committed to prioritising the Coromandel Sportsville project to reduce rating impact to the Coromandel-Colville Community.

Coromandel-Colville - Parks and Reserves

98. Coromandel-Colville Tree Planting Budget

Submitter # 89 requests that Council re-instate a small (suggested \$5,000) Coromandel-Colville tree planting budget. The submitter suggests that the trees planted under this scheme a few years ago are starting to have a significant effect on the streetscape of the town and would very much like this programme to continue for the future benefit of residents.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Parks and Reserves tree planting budget of \$5,000

Staff recommendation

That Council retain a suggested median figure is \$2,500 of budget for tree planting for Coromandel - Colville and amend the Annual Plan in accordance with this.

Staff reason for recommendation

This budget would cover the replacement of vandalised trees, and also allow a small extension to the existing plantings to occur.

Staff note the generally good results of street tree planting in recent years.

Staff also note that there is continued cost from vandalism and that each year the cost to replace vandalised trees has to be managed from other operational budgets.

Staff believe that the extension of the "urban forest" within Coromandel township is a worthy project that will pay dividends in future years.

Indicative rating impact per property:

\$5,000 budget = \$2.26 (Inc GST) in the Coromandel-Colville Community Board

\$2,500 budget = \$1.13 (Inc GST) in the Coromandel-Colville Community Board

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and reasons and that Council includes \$2,500 budget for Parks and Reserves tree planting.

Coromandel-Colville - Parks and Reserves

99. McGregor Bay Sign and Picnic Tables

Submitter # 89 requests that Council provide a sign at McGregor Bay indicating that it is not suitable for swimming (too shallow) and pointing people towards Long Bay and install some picnic tables. The submitter states that McGregor Bay is a very popular picnic and stopping off place for locals and visitors alike, however visitors often mistake it for Long Bay.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Provision of a no swimming signage and picnic table at McGregor Bay

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

A sign is already provided at McGregor Bay, and with the increased usage of GPS navigators for vehicles, providing additional signs would be superfluous.

Staff also believe that providing a "no swimming" sign may be counter-productive and may send the wrong signal in regards to water quality.

Shallow water is ideal paddling conditions for families with young children, and so a "no swimming" sign as suggested would in regards to this, be inappropriate.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and request that the provision of seating is included in Parks and Reserves minor reserve budget

Coromandel-Colville - Community Centres and Halls

100. Coromandel Citizens Hall

Submitter # 27, (Coromandel Independent Living Trust) requests that Council retains the \$40,000 for the Coromandel Citizens Hall and the Coromandel Independent Living Trust supports the continued funding for restoration and improvement of this hall. The Kapanga Flats that the Trust administers is in close proximity to the Citizens and once refurbishment of the Hall is finished it will increase the use of this asset. The submitter elaborated further during the Annual Plan hearings stating a marked increase in usage of the hall since the works have been carried out over the past few years and that the hall is of significant historical interest to the town.

Submitter # 89 also supports the \$40,000 for the improvements of Coromandel Citizens Hall. For the following reasons: this project has been underway for at least 10 years, it needs to be prioritised to ensure its completion. This Hall should also be noted as a district hall of historical significance.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

That Council retain the \$40,000 for the refurbishment of the Coromandel Citizens Hall. Consideration of the Hall as a District Hall of historical significance.

Staff recommendation

That the Coromandel-Colville Community Board and Council retain the budget of \$40,000 in the Annual Plan for refurbishment of the Coromandel Citizens Hall for 2014/2015, as seeding money for further grant applications for the refurbishment of the Coromandel Citizens Hall.

Staff reason for recommendation

Staff recognises the historical significance of the building. The immediate need for structural replacement and renewal work required to keep the asset was completed over the last three years making the hall safe for use and compliant with the building code compliance. The community has shown a renewed interest in the hall and through volunteer work completed refurbishment and painting of the roof and front wall. There is also an increase in bookings for the hall showing the need for such a facility in town. The \$40,000 plus public grants and local input will seek to achieve further aesthetic and structural work, an upgrade of the toilets, kitchen and other components.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations

Coromandel - Colville - Social Development

101. St John's Ambulance

Submitter # 27 (Coromandel Independent Living Trust) requests that Council retains the St John Ambulance Grant of \$11,000 for Coromandel-Colville and extends this by a further 3, 5 or 10 year Service Level Agreement during the Ten Year Plan process 2015 onward.

Submitter # 53 St John Coromandel Area Committee, request that Council provides a time extension for the grant, to cover the period 15/16 and 17/18. St John Ambulance state their reasons as:

- The receipt of this grant by St John, means that ratepayers north of Wilson's Bay across to Whangapoua and Coromandel Town receive free ambulance transport.
- This free transport is very important for Coromandel's aged and low social economic level residents.

Submitter # 88 Coromandel Community Services Trust requests that the \$11,000 grant that Council provides for the Coromandel St. John Ambulance should be continued for the 2014/2015 year, and further funding included in the next Ten Year Plan

Trustees consider that this is a necessary service to the residents of the Coromandel-Colville Ward. And state that St John provide a valuable and vital service to our community but there are a lot of people in this area that would have difficulty accessing an ambulance in emergency situations where they be required to pay for it. Therefore the Trustees request that funding for this service be continued for 2014/2015 and that consideration be given to increasing the amount that is funded.

Submitter # 89 supports the following grants in Coromandel - Colville board:

- Coromandel Swimming Pool grant (\$5,000)
- St. John Ambulance (\$11,000)
- Community Grants fund (\$17,000)

The submitter requests that the Ambulance Grant be continued, and increased, for Coromandel residents in the 2015 Ten Year Plan for a further 10 years. The submitter believes that the Ambulance and swimming pool are both of significant importance to the health and well-being of Coromandel residents and that their funding should therefore be on an equal footing and considers that both activities are just as, if not more, important as the Library.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

A extension to the St John Ambulance Service Level Agreement.

Staff recommendation

That the Coromandel-Colville Community Board and Council provide an extension of the grant of \$11,000 for the 2014/2015 year, and consider a longer term Service Level Agreement through the 2015 Long Term Plan process.

Staff reason for recommendation

There is considerable support from the community for this grant to continue.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations

Coromandel-Colville - Parks and Reserves

102. Rubbish Bins and Toilet Facilities

Submitter # 9 and # 103 requests that Council consider to provide more rubbish bins and toilet facilities at Fantail Bay, Port Jackson and Fletchers Bay, not just for 'campers' including a litter bins specifically at Goat Bay and Fantail Bay.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

To provide additional rubbish and toilet facilities in the northern part of the Coromandel-Colville Board at Fantail Bay, Port Jackson and Fletchers Bay. Specifically Council provide litter bins at Goat Bay and Fantail Bay.

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and makes no change to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

The majority of the sites mentioned in this submission are managed by the Department of Conservation, and requests for the service should be submitted to that Department.

Staff will undertake further work with DoC to see if there is an optimal solution to address this issue, with such a solution being considered in the 2015/2016 year.

The Department generally manages a "pack it in - pack it out" policy and encourages waste to be taken away with the visitor.

Any solution would have to ensure that provision of rubbish collection does not undermine the Department of Conservations current policy in regards to waste if Council provide bins as well.

The costs to provide such a service would also be relatively considerable for such a small number of facilities as Council manages no parks facilities along the Port Jackson Road.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations

Coromandel-Colville - Harbour Facilities

103. Fees and Charges

Submitter #114 (The Coromandel Marine Farmers' Association) queries the proposed \$65 grid maintenance fee and asks whether this is for each single use, or per annum, or what? Clarification is sought.

The Coromandel Marine Farmers' Association agrees with the (small) recreational fee increase at Sugarloaf, however submits that the proposed \$90/year fee for Sugarloaf parking in particular is still far too cheap and should be set considerably higher, to eg reflect its cost.

The Chief Executive of TCDC, by submission, requests that amendments to include the word 'Emergency' to Maintenance fees for the Slipway Grid for Harbour Facilities (Maintenance only - Te Kuoma).

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Clarification on grid maintenance fee and increase fee for Sugarloaf recreational Wharfage fees.

Addition of the word Emergency' to fees and charges harbours for Slipway Grid at Te Kuoma.

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and make appropriate changes to the Fees and Charges schedule to incorporate the word "Emergency" and to include further explanation that the fee of \$65 is charged per use.

Staff reason for recommendation

Staff confirm that the \$65 fee for the emergency maintenance grid is per use.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations, and no further increase to the board ramp fee.

Coromandel-Colville - Solid Waste

104. Reuse Centre in Coromandel

Submitter # 27 (Coromandel Independent Living Trust) requests that Council support the investigation for a re-use centre for solid waste activity in Coromandel.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

To continue to support investigations for a solid waste re-use centre in Coromandel

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and amends the Annual Plan to reflect investigation money allocated to this project.

Staff reason for recommendation for recommendation

A budget of \$25,000 has been allocated in the 2014/2015 Annual Plan for investigation into a Solid waste re-use centre in Coromandel. As part of the procurement process for new solid waste shared services contract, all three Councils jointly approached community groups that were involved in community recycling initiatives and Reuse Centres. Discussions with these groups were not only around maintaining and protecting the "Social Trading" position these organizations' had worked hard to achieve, but to identify a way of acknowledging the cost benefit these organizations were making in terms of waste diversion within their communities and the creating further head room them to grow into.

It was determined that these community groups filled a crucial gap in waste material recovery that were largely uneconomical for primary contractor to invest in recovering themselves.

As such it was written into the tender process to allow room for these groups to operate alongside the contractor and the tenders for the solid waste contract were also scored against their track record to working with such community initiatives.

This "Social Procurement", approach by the eastern Waikato Council's was a subject presented at a recent Waste Minimisation Institute Conference as a leading example of this form of service procurement in the waste industry in New Zealand.

This partnering arrangement between the Contractor, the Community and Council is mutually beneficial to all and aligns neatly with the objectives of the Eastern Waikato Councils Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan adopted February 2012.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendation.

Coromandel Colville- District Transportation

105. Port Jackson Road

Submitter # 103 states that Council should carry out the following works to improve traffic safety on this road:

- Construct more safety railings along narrow cliff top drop-offs.
- More signs are needed to indicate the road is narrowing to one lane.
- A number of culverts need the addition of one extra pipe to widen the road for safety
- The Ohinewai, Port Jackson and Muriwai streams require all weather bridges.
- More passing bays with smooth surface should be formed to allow ease and safe passing for large vehicles such as motor homes which are ever increasing in number on this road.
- Contractors for gravel surfacing grading need to stop shifting metal to the middle of the road.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

That Council undertakes a number of safety projects for Port Jackson Road.

Staff recommendation

That the Council note the submission points and make no changes to the Annual Plan

Staff reason for recommendation

Road improvements are prioritised across the district, using a risk-based approach. Staff will ensure the issues raised on Port Jackson road are included in our various work programs. A proposal to construct a new ford over the Muriwai Stream is signalled in Council's Ten Year Plan in year 2021. Ohinewai and Port Jackson stream bridges will need to be prioritised against other bridge replacement projects as part of the 2015-2025 Ten Year Plan.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendation.

Coromandel-Colville - District Transportation

106. Seal Extension Kennedy Bay Road

Submitter # 83 (Chris Lux) requests that Council continue sealing the Driving Creek Road by sealing the small section (approximately 550 metres) of metal road beginning at the Coromandel Town - Driving Creek end. Sealing this section of metal road will link onto the current seal on the Kennedy Bay Road.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Seal extension of Kennedy Bay Road

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Sealing of the first 550 metres of the Driving Creek Road is programmed for completion in the 2013/2014 year as part of Council's traction seal work program. Council staff have been in contact with the submitter on this matter.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations.

Coromandel-Colville - Local Transportation

107. Rabarts Road Culvert

Submitter # 83 requests that Council upgrade the undersized culvert situated under Rabarts Road turnaround to a larger size. After heavy rain the current culvert is under capacity to take stream flow and overtops damaging both the road and depositing debris over the road.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Increase culvert size at Rabarts Road

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Culvert replacements are prioritised across the district, using a risk-based approach. Staff will ensure that Rabarts Road is prioritised against other projects.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and requests that Council's roading department provide further clarification around costs of the project, where the project currently sits in the programme and risks around prioritisation.

Coromandel-Colville - District Transportation

108. Kennedy Bay Bridge

Submitter # 124 request that the Council undertake works to strengthen the Kennedy Bay Bridge (bridge #4 between Harataunga & Te Paea Maraes), specifically that something be done about the loose boards on top.

Further, the submitters recommend that an adjoining footbridge or walkway be added.

For the following reasons:

- The submitter notes that the boards loosen and break because of heavy trucks and traffic use, which increases over summer.
- This is a popular swimming spot for local children (tamariki) and an adjoining footbridge will increase safety around the bridge.
- The community does not have a swimming pool and the children learn to swim in the water hole under the bridge.
- The footbridge would provide platform for viewing for parents and teachers too.
- The submission is accompanied by 17 signatures of parents and concept drawings from the children.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Strengthening of the Kennedy Bay Bridge

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

The loose running boards on the Kennedy Bay Bridge (Potaes Bridge) are included in Council's road maintenance programme for completion in 2013/2014, with replacement of aged bridge components scheduled for completion as part of the 2014/2015 work programme. Staff suggest that Coromandel-Colville Community Board prioritise the construction of a new pedestrian footbridge against other local projects.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and request a meeting with the Roding manager to look at the bridge maintenance program and the project definition for the Kennedy Bay Bridge to determine possibility around provision of a footbridge.

Coromandel-Colville - Local Transportation

109. Car Parking and Toilets at Wharf Road

Submitter # 103 suggests that Council retain the grassed area alongside the games courts on Wharf Road and develop a parking area with toilet facilities. The submitter suggests that this area could be enhanced with further plantings of indigenous trees and the provision of seats and picnic tables as has been developed in Brown St. Thames and in a number of Bays along the Thames Coast.

The submitter states that this would not only enhance the waterfront entrance to Coromandel Town but facilities would continue to be made available for residents and visitors alike whilst creating a good introduction to this northern entrance to the Peninsula. At the same time it would provide parking space for wharf and ferry services users.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Development of road reserve for car parking and toilets alongside Wharf Road, Coromandel.

Staff recommendation

That Council note this submission and suggest that no action be taken at this stage ahead of further consideration of the Coromandel Harbour Facilities Project.

Staff reason for recommendation

This Reserve is being considered as part of the Coromandel Harbour Facilities Project. This particular area may be considered as part of this development and should therefore not be considered for anything else until all planning is completed for this project.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendation.

Coromandel-Colville - Local Transportation

110. Footpath Construction

Submitter # 115, the Coromandel Colville Community Board, request that Council amend the wording for the footpath construction project definition to identify that the budget of \$47,215 is not just for work on the corner of Long Bay Road (in the vicinity of the Sanford factory), but is part one of a staged footpath from Coromandel Town to Long Bay. The Board requests that any surplus be directed to the town centre for works identified through the Disability Audit.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Amend the wording for the Coromandel Footpath Construction description.

Staff recommendation

That Council amend the wording of the Annual Plan to state the funds are for part one of a staged footpath from Coromandel Town to Long Bay.

Staff reason for recommendation

For clarification of the project.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations

Coromandel-Colville - Local Transportation

111. Coromandel Bypass

Submitter # 12 and 13 both request that Council progress the Coromandel Bypass project in the near future to reduce traffic congestion issues for the elderly and improve safety especially between people exiting their cars safely when logging trucks are passing through the main street. Due to increased popularity in the future through tourism this bypass needs to be addressed before further congestion occurs.

Submitter #75 and #102 supports that Coromandel Bypass as it will alleviate traffic congestion.

Submitter # 103 supports this project stating that it is long overdue. The submitter states:

- Heavy haulage trucks and truck and trailer rigs should not have to negotiate past parked vehicles, backing and parking vehicles and pedestrians in the often congested streets.
- There is no place heavy vehicles can park in order to carry out any business, so why make them drive through the town centre.
- Camper vans, motor homes and buses all should be able to pull off the main road and park with ease in the car park provided without having to first drive through one part or other of the town centre.
- The 'Bank Corner' where the Tiki, Wharf, and Kapanga Roads converge has become especially busy and difficult to navigate.
- The streets have become more congested with increased visitor numbers.
- In the past there have been fatalities in the main street and there is great potential for this to happen more in the future.
- The cost incurred by all of the ' Investigations', 'consultations' and 'feasibility studies' that have been carried out for the past sixty years could have been put to far better use by using the money to complete a bypass.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

To progress the Coromandel Bypass project.

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Staff have undertaken an assessment of project costs (estimated to be in the range of \$2.0M to \$2.5M) and project profile based on NZTA funding criteria. In terms of these criteria, the project has a low project profile and will not likely receive NZTA subsidy. Historically NZTA funding criteria has been used to inform whether a project is District or locally funded. Staff have provided the Community Board with another solution (estimated to cost approx \$55,000) to reduce traffic congestion through the main street or Coromandel Town.

Staff suggest that the Community Board may wish to include some investigation funding for the 2014/2015 year to progress this option.

Community Board recommendation

That Council approve \$55,000 to progress another solution to reduce traffic congestion through the main street of Coromandel Township to reduce congestion. This would be funded through District minor improvements budget.

Coromandel-Colville - Local Transportation

112. Albert Street Bridge Investigations (\$5,000)

Submitter # 115 (The Coromandel-Colville Community Board) requests that \$5,000 for investigations into improvements to Albert Street Bridge be included in the 2014/2015 budget. This budget will provide solutions for Albert Street Bridge as current weight restrictions do not permit heavy vehicles. This assessment will look at low cost structural upgrade to remove or reduce the weight restriction prior to any project being included in the Ten Year Plan.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

New budget of \$5,000 for Investigations into the Albert Street Bridge.

Staff recommendation

That Council confirms the new budget of \$5,000 for investigations into the Albert Street Bridge.

Staff reason for recommendation for recommendation

Staff recommend that as part of this investigation, other options (in addition to bridge replacement) should also be considered to address fire fighting issues.

Any replacement of the bridge will need to be prioritised against other district bridge replacement projects. Should the Coromandel-Colville Community Board wish to advance the timing of this project priority, consideration of local funding contribution may need to be given.

For some years the Community Board has raised the weight restriction on the Albert Street Bridge as an issue. It is imperative that emergency service vehicles eg; fire truck are able to gain access to these properties.

This budget will allow testing and design work to be undertaken.

Indicative rating impact of \$2.26 (Inc GST) per property in the Coromandel-Colville Community Board.

Community Board recommendation

That Council confirms the new budget of \$5,000 for investigations into the Albert Street Bridge and that this investigations money is district funded. As all bridge replacements are district funded, and the Board believe that investigation should be district funded as well

Coromandel-Colville - Local Transportation

113. Footpath extension at 295 Lillis Lane

Submitter # 34 requests that Council extend the footpath at Lillis Lane over property 295 for the following reasons:

1. People coming up Lillis Lane, drive around the corner (that is the turning circle) and start heading down the hill towards the ford then realise they can't go any further and use 295 driveway to turn skidding on the loose metal.
2. The neighbour's disabled adult daughter has difficulty crossing the gravel driveway at 295 to go for a walk.
3. No 315 use 295 driveway to turn in and as a run-up to their steep drive, including boat trailer and frequent friends.
4. The mail delivery cuts across leaving grooves in the driveway.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Footpath extension at 295 Lillis Lane, Coromandel.

Staff recommendation

That Council notes the submission and makes no further changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

Staff suggest that the Lillis Lane footpath extension is considered as part of the footpath construction programme, and prioritised by the Coromandel-Colville Community Board.

Council staff have installed a sign at the cul-de-sac stating no turning past that point to alleviate the traffic turning issues. Extending the footpath (7 meters across driveway) would only serve a few houses and therefore is a lower priority when compared against the benefits attributable to other footpath extension projects.

Most of the points relate to private driveway issues. The submitter has been advised that if the driveway was concreted, this would substantially resolve the issues raised.

The Community Board may wish to prioritise this work following other safety and footpath projects in the area.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and that the Community Board will consider Lillis lane against the other footpath priorities in the program in July 2014.

Coromandel-Colville - Local Transportation

114. New Footpath from Colville Township to Colville School

Submitter # 75 and #102 requests that Council construct of a footpath from Colville Township to Colville School. For the following reasons:

- There is currently no footpath along this road.
- There has always been and remains a number of children and their families that travel to and from school along the strip.
- Colville Early Learning Centre teachers and staff use this strip to walk as a group to the shop to purchase supplies.
- Safety - A lack of delineation between road and walking area, leads to children walking on the road, and vehicles driving very close to the verge/shoulder.
- Children and their families reaching school with wet footwear, which then remains wet for much of the day, in turn leading to children not wearing shoes and/or getting colds from wet footwear.
- Children walking to school in bare feet to avoid getting wet feet, leading to increased incidence of cuts and foot injuries.
- This is not a new issue, and has been forwarded for consideration several times over the past 15-20 years
- No other major plans proposed by this Board directly benefit the Colville communities, adopting this proposal would ensure that the Colville Community needs were evidenced in the Coromandel-Colville Community Board's planned projects, and ensure fair and equitable service provision.

The matter for the Council to consider is...

Footpath between Colville Township and Colville School.

Staff recommendation

That Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.

Staff reason for recommendation

That the footpath construction programme, and prioritisation, is considered by the Coromandel-Colville Community Board. Currently the Colville Township to Colville School footpath is on the footpath construction programme for Coromandel. Coromandel-Colville footpath construction budget is \$40,000 per year and given other priorities on this work programme the timing of this project is likely to be over ten years away (number 15 of 39 projects). Re-prioritisation of the footpath programme will be considered again by the Coromandel-Colville Board by the end of the financial year (end of June 2014). The Community Board may wish to advance the priority given to this project.

Community Board recommendation

Agrees with the staff recommendations and that the Community Board will consider this against the other footpath priorities in the program in July 2014. .