

Date 12 July 2018

Venue Council Chamber

515 Mackay Street

Thames

Present

SA Goudie (Mayor), HD Bartley, PA Brljevic

SL Christie, LA Fox

ML McLean, TM Walker

In attendance

Name

Rob Williams, Angela Jane, Scott Summerfield, Barry Smedts, Paul Davies, Allan Tiplady, Brian Taylor, Michael Dobie.

2 Workshop

2.1 Hahei Tourism and Traffic Management Plan

Presentations on the problem being considered, the options available and the enforcement implications were made by Allan Tiplady, Scott Summerfield and Brian Taylor. The presentations were loaded to the Extranet and are filed in the ECM workshop folder.

Allan Tiplady noted that a walking village was the long term objective where all visitors park at the entrance car park and walk to their destinations. UK villages similar in nature to Hahei (high tourism in peak period) and size have most often implemented restricted parking with full bans on all visitors parking and promotion of walking in the village.

The current parking bylaw controls were clarified:

- Yellow lines along Grange Road
- Drop off only at Grange Road car park for peak period and paid parking for remaining time
- Time restrictions around the shop area

In addition, there is provision for paid parking on half of the Beach Road carpark (other half still under DOC management) and at the village entrance car park.

Councillor Fox suggested that the resident permit system costs should be funded from the car park revenue which can earn \$5k per day when full.

It was noted that the Hot Water Beach resident free parking in the paid car park has not been legitimised but is currently being honoured by the enforcement officers as the status quo in place.

It was clarified that the yellow broken lines alone do not outlaw parking on the grass berm. The bylaw would also have to state 'no parking on the grass berm'. That would require some

more signage (association is not in favour of mass signs). If a formed footpath was along a berm then enforcement can be taken (without a bylaw change) if cars park over the footpath.

Campervans - The Mayor suggested that campervans should only be able to park in the village entrance car park. Staff considered this could be done through the bylaw but would require more signage through the town.

Councillor Fox noted that the system put in place needed to cater for the majority and either let the minority issues alone or deal with in another way.

Councillor McLean noted that we have had a divided Hahei community in the past, the association is working well now and Council needed to work with them.

The Mayor suggested that agreement be considered area by area:

Grange Road car park - is that working? Yes, residents say so. Still has lots of traffic travelling on that road. Councillors generally happy with drop off in peak period and paid in off peak with the yellow lines along Grange Road.

Road berms -

The Mayor suggested yellow broken lines on one side of each road.

Councillor McLean suggested both sides with hoggin footpath on both sides - solves whole problem. Councillor Walker noted that having footpaths would fix parking on the berm. Whangamata didn't want footpaths because they wanted the parking.

Allan Tiplady noted that the residents did not support yellow lines because there would be no resident parking either and therefore that would disadvantage the residents.

Rob Williams noted there needed to be a lot of signage for no berm parking and residents didn't want that either, so a compromise was needed.

Councillor Fox suggested we consult on what the community wants (banned parking) and change if the submissions say otherwise. Sally agreed, it would test the association's stance.

Agreed resident only parking for the bylaw consultation - with substantive signage, and presenting an alternative option of broken yellow lines on both sides of the road which would ban parking with no exceptions.

Campervans

Ban using the Hahei village roads over a certain size from parking on the berms and parks (staff to consider how we could categorise) - may not be resolved for this consultation. Any limitation on road use as opposed to just parking is a Traffic Control Bylaw matter, not a Parking Control Bylaw one.

Permit parking for residents

Permit or not? Agreement on resident permit parking

Charge or not? No charge

Display or electronic? Display with property address

1 or more? 1

Applications for additional permits? No, may change after submission

Ban berm parking except for the resident permits - yes

Wider MB residents free parking in the Hahei car parks - no

Beach frontage car park

Currently partly DOC, partly Council. Sandra has emailed David Speirs DOC to pursue Council management of the DOC parking.

Pay and display? Yes, \$15 per day and \$4 per hour (as per LTP schedule of fees). Please note the amount stated in the workshop was \$15 per hour in the peak with \$4 per hour in the off-peak.