

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. WB22-2
HELD IN THE WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON TUESDAY, 19 APRIL 2022 AT 6.30PM**

1 PRESENT

Chairperson R Goudie, Member M Roberts, Member B Hulme, Member D Ryan, Cr J Denyer and Cr A Henry

2 IN ATTENDANCE

G Allis (Deputy CEO/General Manager Infrastructure Group), D Pearce (Community Manager), D Elvin (Acting Compliance and Monitoring Manager), D Barnes (Team Leader Animal Services), A Hall (Roading Engineer West) and P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor – Board Secretary)

24 Members of the public, including Cr A Sole and Cr D Thwaites.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUM

7.1 SHONEEN DUNNING – WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Ms Dunning was in attendance to provide the Board with the below updates:

- Bookings for the hall had been affected due to COVID-19, however they were starting to pick up again now, which was nice to see.
- She thanked the Woman's Institute and the Community Board for the purchase and installation of the new defibrillator.
- She advised that the Hall Committee was upgrading the men's urinal.

- The Committee was also looking at improvements to the ventilation of the Hall itself, and eventually upgrading the stage curtains.

The Board was advised that the new meeting rooms upstairs were not getting utilised as much as they would like, however noted that once the air conditioning unit was installed, they hoped this would change.

7.2 SAMANTHA MUIR – FOOTPATH PROPOSAL FOR ATHENREE

Ms Muir was in attendance to request a footpath in Athenree, presenting the Board with her proposal.

Currently Athenree Montessori (Early Childhood Education Centre) did not have a footpath from any direction connecting to it, and was located at a busy intersection. Due to a new subdivision, there was a requirement for developers to put in a section of footpath. Ms Muir requested that Council continue the footpath down to the Montessori. She noted that the footpath could be connected east of Sandleigh Drive, to the one above Anaterre Rise. A pedestrian crossing, or refuge, would also be beneficial to the local community.

Council's Roading Engineer (West) noted that he would present costs to the Community Board at their next meeting.

The Board was advised that once the costing was determined, the Board could resolve to fund this project from their Roading Account.

7.3 GRAEME MCGREGOR – FRIENDS OF ATHENREE

Mr McGregor was in attendance on behalf of the Friends of Athenree group. The group was disappointed with the portrayal of their issues in the 'Waihi Beach to Athenree Crossing (Walkway/Cycleway)' update provided in the Infrastructure Report of the agenda, and requested for the paragraphs to be removed. The removal of this paragraph would be discussed further, when the Board reached the Infrastructure Report within the agenda.

7.4 PIPPA COOMBES – SUSTAINABLE WAIHI BEACH

Ms Coombes was in attendance to introduce the establishment of 'Sustainable Waihi Beach', including the members and their 'mission'.

Ms Coombes also gave those in attendance an overview of the water refill station proposal included in the agenda.

The Board was advised that, once installed, the refill stations would be treated as a public asset, which would allow Council to maintain them. It was noted that the stations would also connect to the water that was part of Council's normal water facilities.

Discussions with Council would be taking place regarding the upgrade of existing water stations.

Ms Coombes highlighted the importance of having community support, including looking locally for funding. The group had approached the Community Board for the funding, which they would discuss further in the agenda.

7.5 ANDY KENNEDY – VARIOUS ITEMS

Mr Kennedy was in attendance to speak to the Board regarding the below items:

- On behalf of the Waihi Beach Cycle Trails Charitable Trust, Mr Kennedy thanked Council for the work undertaken on the Trig Walkway.
 - He sought clarification regarding Police access to the recently installed CCTV camera footage. It was noted that Police had the ability to access this information, if they requested it. The cameras also had the ability to track the number of people coming into Waihi Beach.
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7.6 KEITH HAY – KATIKATI/WAIHI BEACH RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Mr Hay was in attendance to speak to the Board regarding developments within Waihi Beach, and why he believed they should have public hearings. He believed the planned construction would cause excessive noise, that would affect a large number of residents in Waihi Beach.

Mr Hay requested the resource consent be revoked, and the application go to a public hearing for assessment.

Member Roberts noted she had experienced dust issues with developments that were located near her home, and believed that concerns raised from residents should be taken into consideration.

Member Hulme noted the impact that these developments had on local business' in the area, and questioned if they would be reimbursed for potential loss of income.

7.7 MIKE HICKEY – VARIOUS ITEMS

Mr Hickey was in attendance to speak to the Board regarding the below items:

- He did not want to see Wilson Park developed too much, noting this park was one of the few flat spaces left, that was appropriate for sport and recreation.
 - He believed there needed to be a full time Police presence in Waihi Beach during peak season.
 - He noted there were several unmarked intersections in Waihi Beach, and would like to see these potential safety issues addressed before any accidents occurred.
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CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chairperson requested that the next item of business be 9.3 Waihi Beach Seasonal Compliance Monitoring Report 2021-22, in order to release staff members from the meeting.

RESOLUTION WB22-2.1

Moved: Chairperson R Goudie

Seconded: Member M Roberts

That in accordance with Standing Orders the order of business be changed and that the item 9.3 Waihi Beach Seasonal Compliance Monitoring Report 2021-22 be dealt with as the next item of business.

CARRIED

8 REPORT**8.1 WAIHI BEACH SEASONAL COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT 2021-22**

The Board considered a report from the Compliance and Monitoring Manager. The report was taken as read, with an overview provided by the Acting Compliance and Monitoring Manager.

The Team Leader Animal Services advised the Board that the community patrol group worked with the contractors, due to shortages over, the Christmas period. He thanked those involved.

In terms of success, fewer complaints were received outside of the service that had been provided. It was noted that a large part of this success was the work that the Community Patrol team undertook, and Council would look at utilising other resources in the future.

The below results were highlighted regarding the Freedom Camping 2021-22 survey:

- A majority of people were in a purpose built camper, that contained a shower, toilet and kitchen;
- The largest portion of freedom campers were 65 years or older;
- Most people freedom camp over the weekends, holidays or summer period;
- A majority of people who freedom camp were also members of the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Incorporation, and used camping specific applications;
- It was noted that a majority of the campers had previously camped in the Western Bay of Plenty District;
- A majority of people surveyed, liked to camp in Waihi Beach and Bowentown;
- 90% of freedom campers used, or intend to use, local business' during their stay;
- A majority of those surveyed rated the behaviour of Council officers as 'extremely professional' and they felt safe at freedom camping sites;

- Over 80% believed that CCTV cameras at freedom camping sites would be beneficial.

Councillor Henry noted that, due to the amount of funding being put into cycleways, it would be interesting to include a question in the survey that asked about the use of cycleways around the district. The Team Leader Animal Services noted that, a lot of feedback from contractors who were having conversations with freedom campers throughout the season, was positive feedback, around walk/cycleways.

It was noted that there could be new legislation regarding the need to be self-contained, however if this was the case there would be a transitional period to allow people the time to comply.

Staff responded to questions as follows:

- Those surveyed were freedom camping in the Bay of Plenty during a peak holiday season, with the rationale to understand why the campers were returning. The Board was reminded that the survey was undertaken, to be analysed as a whole, rather than looking at individual questions and answers.
 - The Board was advised that the second resolution regarding 'low significance' was in relation to Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, because it was an information report rather than a decision making report.
 - KiwiCamp was a site that was monitored everyday, and was being utilised. It was noted that these campers did not tend to be long-term campers, but rather those who needed a place to stay overnight whilst travelling. The Board was interested to hear if KiwiCamp was being utilised enough that the pay-as-you-go system was "paying its way", in comparison to the other freedom camping sites.
 - Those surveyed regarding where they liked to camp within the Western Bay District, were located throughout the whole District. The Board noted the majority of freedom campers were using the Waihi Beach-Bowentown facilities, so they would like to see this reflected in the infrastructure priorities.
 - The answers to the final question regarding "what would improve/enhance your stay in the Western Bay", would be shared with the Board. The Board was reminded that these would reflect the whole District, and are not just Waihi Beach specific.
 - At this stage there were no changes that needed to occur, as the legislative changes were yet to be made. Although being proactive was important, there was only so much that could be pre-empted, before a decision was made.
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RESOLUTION WB22-2.2

Moved: Cr A Henry

Seconded: Member D Ryan

1. That the Compliance and Monitoring Manager's report dated 15 March 2022, titled 'Waihi Beach Seasonal Compliance Monitoring', be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of **(low)** significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

CARRIED

Additional Information

The Community Manager was in attendance to inform the Board that applications for the Community Matching Fund (CMF), and the Facilities in the Community Fund, were now open.

The CMF had \$140,000 (\$100,000 general fund and \$40,000 environmental fund) available for community and environmental projects that made a positive difference in the District. Applications close on Tuesday 31 May 2022.

The Facilities in the Community Fund was also open until Tuesday 31 May 2022, with \$76,000 available.

Both applications were now available online and were being advertised through multiple channels.

The panel would assess all applications in July 2022, before the decisions go to Council for endorsement on Thursday 11 August 2022. Successful, and unsuccessful, applicants would be informed, following the Council meeting.

Board members were reminded that community groups could not receive both grant funding, and other Council grants, within the same financial year.

9 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION**9.1 MINUTES OF THE WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2022**

RESOLUTION WB22-2.3

Moved: Cr J Denyer

Seconded: Member B Hulme

That the Minutes of the Waihi Beach Community Board Meeting held on 21 February 2022, as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

10 REPORTS**10.1 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – APRIL 2022**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson. The report was taken as read, with further discussion on the below items:

RESOLUTION WB22-2.4

Moved: Chairperson R Goudie

Seconded: Member D Ryan

1. That the Chairpersons report dated 19 April 2022 titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board Chairpersons Report – April 2022' be received.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION WB22-2.5

Moved: Member B Hulme

Seconded: Cr A Henry

2. That the Waihi Beach Community Board approve up to \$23,045.75 (including GST) from the Waihi Beach Community Board Reserve Account for costs relating to the purchase and installation of water refill stations in Waihi Beach.

CARRIED

10.1.1 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BROCHURE

The Board was advised that the funding for delivery of the Emergency Management Brochure titled 'Community Guide to Emergencies Waihi Beach North End, Bowentown and Island View and Athenree' would be covered by Councils Emergency Management Budget. The brochures would be delivered as soon as possible.

10.1.2 WAIHI BEACH LIBRARY

The Deputy Chief Executive/General Manager Infrastructure Group outlined the process moving forward:

- The Quantity Surveying (QS) reports for the three sites would be analysed;
 - Council will relook at the feedback;
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- Council will engage with the Community Centre; and then
- Council will look at what was happening in the area of the Community Centre to understand how the new library would link in with the future of the community.

The Board would like to see a “sub-group” created out of the community, with a focus and interest in the future of Waihi Beach.

10.1.3 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Board sought clarification as to what was going to happen with the Community Garden, noting that the new Live Well Waihi Beach Coordinator, Pippa Coombs, had taken it over, so would need to be involved in this discussion.

10.1.4 MEDICAL HUB - DEREK SAGE

Councillor Henry noted that she would like to see the Board identify members within the Waihi Beach-Katikati Ward. Between the Waihi Beach Community Board, and the Katikati Community Board, they could initiate these discussions.

10.1.5 WELCOME TO WAIHI BEACH ENTRANCEWAY PROJECT

Member Hulme thanked the Roding Engineer (West) for his continuous help with this project. It was noted there was still material to develop between now and the community meeting, to help provide community members with a visual plan of the proposal.

10.1.6 STORMWATER WORKSHOP

The Board noted they were looking forward to the much needed Stormwater Workshop that was taking place in May 2022.

10.1.7 COMMUNITY PLAN

The Board noted that a discussion needed to occur to determine the correct reference of the Marine Reserve/Mātaimai Reserve within the District Plan. Due to multiple other projects being consulted on at the moment, the Board had deferred this discussion until 2023.

10.1.8 ATHENREE WETLANDS PROPOSAL

Councillor Denyer noted it was great to see the Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Tangata Whenua involved in these discussions, however requested that further information relating to this project be presented to the Board at a workshop. The Board agreed that Council needed to be involved in the discussion.

10.1.9 WATER REFILL STATION PROPOSAL

The Board supported this project and had a discussion regarding the funding, following the information provided to the Board earlier around the CMF and Facilities in the Community Fund. There was also a discussion regarding the timing of the project if they had to wait for potential funding from Council in the 2022/2023 financial year. The Board agreed they did not want to delay the timing of this project, especially as they would not be guaranteed any funding from Council.

It was confirmed that, once installed, the water refill stations would become a Council asset, for Council to maintain.

10.2 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - APRIL 2022

The Board considered a report from Councillor Denyer. The report was taken read with further discussion on the below items:

Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana

It was clarified that this Forum was established after the Te Arawa ki Takutai members disengaged from the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa ki Takutai Partnership Forum in 2020. Councillor Denyer noted that the inaugural meeting went well.

Future for Local Government Update

The Chairperson noted that he had been sent information from the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), which included a questionnaire. As part of this information there was a comment regarding the potential of having half the Boards appointed and half elected. The Chairperson asked for further information on this, however Councillor Denyer noted that this information did not come from Western Bay of Plenty District Council. It was his understanding that this was an idea which had been thrown into the mix to help with diversity on Boards. The concern from the Chairperson was around who would be appointing these members, and what accountability they would take.

Three Waters Reform

The Deputy Chief Executive/General Manager Infrastructure Group advised the Board that he was of the belief that the Three Waters Reform 'Better Next Funding' would be discussed at the upcoming Policy Committee meeting.

District Plan Review

The Board acknowledged that the Zoom meeting with staff went well, noting the Community Board wanted to ensure they had a say in the on-going discussion.

RESOLUTION WB22-2.6

Moved: Cr J Denyer

Seconded: Member B Hulme

That the Councillor's report dated 19 April 2022 titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board Councillor's Report – April 2022' be received.

CARRIED

10.3 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD APRIL 2022

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive/General Manager Infrastructure Group. The report was taken as read with further discussion on the below items.

RESOLUTION WB22-2.7

Moved: Cr A Henry

Seconded: Cr J Denyer

That the Deputy Chief Executive's Report, dated 19 April 2022, and titled 'Infrastructure Services Report Waihi Beach Community Board April 2022', be received with the below amendment:

- Removal of the fourth and fifth paragraph on page 89 of the agenda

CARRIED

10.3.1 BEACH ROAD PEDESTRIAN REFUGES

The Board was advised that the pedestrian refuge proposed outside the pensioner units was feasible and could progress, however the refuge proposed by Browns Road would not be cost effective, due to kerb widening costs.

10.3.2 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY ROADING ACCOUNT

The Board noted that the funding for the 'Island View Reserve Midsection' project should have been removed, due to the project being completed two years ago. They sought clarification on why this project was still showing in the Roding Account.

10.3.4 SHARED PATH ENHANCEMENTS

The Board confirmed the below priorities for shared path enhancements:

1. Anzac Bay/Bowentown Reserve
 2. Dillon Street / 2 Mile Creek Shared Path Bridge
 3. Seaforth Road – From Dillon Street to The Loop path widening
 4. Albacore Reserve to Estuary – new path and cycle refuge on Seaforth Road
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The Board also confirmed that, if a project was ready to go before another, (regardless of the priority) they would be happy for that project to proceed.

The Board agreed to discuss the Athenree Footpath proposal (spoken about in public forum) at a workshop, once an estimated cost was presented.

10.3.5 BEACH ROAD UPDATE

The Board was advised that there had been a failure by the contractors on Beach Road, however the contractors were addressing the issues, at their own cost. Council was disappointed with the way this looked, as well as the disruption to the community. There will be a communication plan for each of these sites.

10.3.6 INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

Councillor Henry noted that the infrastructure report was looking good in terms of the ongoing projects and work in Waihi Beach. She also thanked the Roading Engineer (West) for all the work he was doing.

10.3.7 WESTERN SOLID WASTE

The Board noted that, at the previous meeting, they had requested staff to look into the feasibility of having the collection service, to include glass and recyclables, on the Monday following a long weekend.

The Deputy Chief Executive / General Manager Infrastructure Group advised the Board they were unable to engage a contractor to undertake an additional collection, and they were unable to collect overfilled crates due to the capacity of the collection trucks. Council was looking at adding an option for residents to purchase two glass crates.

10.3.8 TRIG LOOKOUT WALKWAY LOOP TRACK

The Board was advised that Council was still considering plans on forming a connection to Waihi. The work currently being undertaken in the Orokawa Reserve was to help create those connection trails. The Board was also informed that Council was looking at another viewing platform above the Trig, for which they were seeking funding from Tourism Bay of Plenty.

10.3.9 WAIHI BEACH TO ATHENREE CROSSING (WALKWAY/CYCLEWAY)

The Board and the Deputy Chief Executive/General Manager Infrastructure Group agreed to remove the paragraphs relating to the Friends of Athenree, following a request in public forum.

The Board requested a visit to the Athenree walkway/cycleway, to discuss the suggested changes and new tracks (once they had been opened). The Board noted

they would like to be invited to future site visits, so they could send a representative along and stay "in the loop".

10.3.10 BROADLANDS BLOCK

The Board was advised that Ruth Parsons had resigned as Chairperson of the Broadlands Block Restoration Group, but remained in the group.

10.4 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD – FINANCIAL REPORT FEBRUARY 2022

The Board considered a report from the Financial Business Advisor. The report was taken as read, with further discussion on the below items:

Waihi Beach Community Board Broadlands Block Analysis February 2022

The Board noted the amount of funds spent on consulting for this project. The Chairperson acknowledged the work the consultant had undertaken, and commended his work with his colleague, alongside Ruth Parsons, in getting this project to where it was today. The remaining \$15,000 was yet to be transferred over to Council, for work that had already been completed. All committed funds for this project, had now been spent. The Board asked when the new name for Broadlands Block would be Gazetted, so they could coordinate an open day and recruit further volunteers.

RESOLUTION WB22-2.8

Moved: Cr J Denyer

Seconded: Member D Ryan

That the Financial Business Advisor's reports dated 7 April 2022 and titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board – Financial Report February 2022' and 'Waihi Beach Community Board – Broadlands Block Analysis February 2022', be received.

CARRIED

Member Roberts and Member Hulme abstained from this motion, as they had not been able to read the report, due to a technical printing error relating to the agenda.

10.5 COUNCIL, STANDING COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

The Board considered a report from the Senior Governance Advisor. The report was taken as read.

RESOLUTION WB22-2.9

Moved: Chairperson R Goudie

Seconded: Cr A Henry

That the Senior Governance Advisor's report dated 19 April 2022, titled 'Council, Standing Committees and Community Board Meetings', be received.

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Member Roberts and Member Hulme abstained from this motion, as they had not been able to read the report, due to a technical printing error relating to the agenda.

The Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waihi Beach Community Board meeting held on 13 June 2022.

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Chairperson R Goudie
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