

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
KATIKATI – WAIHĪ BEACH WARD FORUM MEETING NO. KWB22-2
HELD AT THE WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, 27 JUNE 2022 AT 7.00PM**

1 PRESENT

Cr J Denyer (Chairperson), Cr A Henry and Cr A Sole

2 IN ATTENDANCE

J Holyoake (Chief Executive Officer), C Irvin (Senior Governance Advisor) and J Osborne (Governance Support Administrator)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Waihi Beach Community Board Members:

Ross Goudie (Chairperson)

Bob Hulme

Don Ryan

21 Members of the public.

3 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION KWB22-2.1

Moved: Cr J Denyer

Seconded: Cr A Henry

That the apology for absence from Mayor Webber be accepted.

CARRIED

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

NIL

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

NIL

7 PUBLIC FORUM

A. MIKE HICKEY – VARIOUS ITEMS

MR HICKEY SPOKE TO THE BELOW POINTS:

- HE BELIEVED THERE WERE SEVERAL INTERSECTIONS WHERE THE ROAD MARKINGS NEEDED TO BE COMPLETED.
- HE REQUESTED THE ROAD FROM BEACH ROAD QUARRY TO THE WAIHI BEACH RSA BE LOOKED AT, AS THE CONDITION OF THE ROAD WAS POOR. HE ALSO BELIEVED THE ROAD AREA OUTSIDE THE PETROL STATION NEEDED SOME MAINTENANCE, HIGHLIGHTING POTHOLES AS AN ISSUE.
- HE RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT A SEMI-TRAILER AND CABIN BEHIND THE WAIHI BEACH SURF CLUB, AND QUERIED WHETHER THIS COMPLIED WITH BUILDING COMPLIANCE REGULATIONS.
- HE BELIEVED THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT NEAR THE FLAT WHITE CAFÉ, HAD SCAFFOLDING AND A CONTAINER ON PUBLIC RESERVE LAND. HE FELT THIS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED.
- TO THE SOUTH OF THE BEACH MOTEL, THERE WAS A DEVELOPMENT THAT HE BELIEVED WAS CAUSING PROBLEMS WITH DIRT POLLUTING THE FOOTPATH. HE ALSO BELIEVED THAT THE KERBSIDE AND TAR SEAL WERE ALSO BEING DAMAGED BY THE HEAVY MACHINERY ENTERING AND EXITING THE DEVELOPMENT.
- HE NOTED THE LOCATION FOR THE WAIHI BEACH LIBRARY STILL HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED TO THE PUBLIC.
- HE UNDERSTOOD THE PLANS FOR WILSON PARK WERE STILL UNDERWAY, HOWEVER, A DECISION NEEDED TO BE MADE.

B. ANTHONY THOMPSON – VARIOUS ITEMS

MR THOMPSON WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO SPEAK TO THE BELOW ITEMS:

- HE ADVISED THE FORUM THAT THE COAST CARE PROJECT WAS LATE TO START IN 2022, HOWEVER, IT WAS NOTED THAT COUNCILLOR HENRY WAS CURRENTLY FOLLOWING THIS UP.
- HE NOTED THAT THREE OF THE FOUR PUBLIC TELEPHONES IN WAIHI BEACH WERE OUT OF SERVICE, AND REQUESTED FOR THIS TO BE RECTIFIED, AS HE BELIEVED IT COULD BE A SAFETY ISSUE.

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 MINUTES FOR RECEIPT

9.1 MINUTES OF THE KATIKATI – WAIHI BEACH WARD FORUM MEETING HELD ON 1 MARCH 2022

RESOLUTION KWB22-2.2

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Cr J Denyer

That the Minutes of the Katikati – Waihi Beach Ward Forum Meeting held on 1 March 2022 be received.

CARRIED

10 REPORTS**10.1 KATIKATI – WAIHI BEACH WARD FORUM MINUTE ACTION SHEET**

The Forum considered a report from the Governance Support Administrator. The report was taken as read.

RESOLUTION KWB22-2.3

Moved: Cr J Denyer

Seconded: Cr A Sole

That the Governance Support Administrator's report dated 27 June 2022, titled 'Katikati – Waihi Beach Ward Forum Minute Action Sheet', be received.

CARRIED

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION KWB22-2.4

Moved: Cr J Denyer

Seconded: Cr A Henry

A motion was moved that Council suspend Standing Orders.

CARRIED

11 WORKSHOP**11.1 WORKSHOP ITEMS****A. Councillor James Denyer – Overview of Annual Plan**

Cr Denyer provided a brief overview of the Annual Plan and noted the following points:

- The Annual Plan was being signed off by Council on 29 June 2022.
 - The rates increase was 3.92% for 2022/2023, which was below the 4% average in the Long Term Plan.
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- Council was bringing forward some planned capital expenditure for Elder Housing, in order to get it underway sooner.
- Financial Contributions (FINCO's) for Community Housing Projects and Papakāinga housing, after the first dwelling up to 10 dwellings, now had a 100% reduction to encourage construction in the District.
- Library fines for late and overdue items were being removed, which was in line with the rest of the country.
- The Pukehina Development Rate had been paused due to the upcoming Three Waters Reform.
- It was raised to Cr Denyer that there were some perceived discrepancies between the increase/reduction of General Rates and Targeted Rates in 2021 compared to 2022. This would be investigated and communicated back.
- The targeted rate for Corporate Services in 2022 was a continuation of what had previously been charged, and there were no new rates being collected.
- Clarity was needed regarding the general/targeted rates for water between 2021 and 2022, and where 'Finance Costs' fit in with the 2022 budget. Cr Denyer would investigate this matter and communicate clarification.
- There was a concern that FINCO's being waived would be covered by ratepayers in the area. This would be looked into and communicated appropriately.

B. Chief Executive Officer – Generation Change

The Chief Executive introduced Generation Change, and noted the following points:

- Chief Executives had a requirement to increase interest in Local Government Elections for candidates and voters, and Council would be taking a very active role in this approach.
- Council currently had a 39% participation in Local Government elections, compared to the New Zealand average of 41%.
- The key idea of Generation Change was to cultivate governance that reflected all of the communities it represented, and to encourage increased diversity.
- The campaign was being delivered in three phases –
 - 1) Create more interest and diversity in candidates running for Council;
 - 2) Actively encourage the community to enrol; and
 - 3) Actively encourage the community to vote.
- Council would be organising its own events in 2022, for the community to meet the candidates, and for mayoral debates.
- Council did not currently have a target, but there was a need to increase the current 39% participation, and to encourage change.
- The Chief Executive would not be chairing any of the public sessions with candidates. These would be chaired by a neutral Chairperson.

C. Pippa Coombes – Waihi Beach Skate Park

Ms Coombes spoke regarding the Olympic standard skatepark to be constructed in Waihi Beach, noting the below:

- Skateboarding was the newest addition to the Olympics, and this skatepark will be the first Olympic level skatepark in New Zealand.
- The skatepark would have the infrastructure for national and international competitions.
- Waihi Beach Events and Promotions gifted a \$6,000 booster for this project.
- The cost of the project was currently projected for \$2.1 million, and would be built in three sections.
- Conversations with TECT were currently underway regarding funding. Some funding had also been provided by Council under the Reserve Management Plan.
- The skatepark had been designed while considering the flood zone, noting the plan was flexible. It would also be designed to fit in with the theme of the area, and would also be guarded against graffiti.
- Covered seating areas and a toilet were included in the plans. When it came to competitions, transportable spectator stands would be brought in.
- The geotechnic work had already been undertaken, and was included in the total cost.
- It was suggested that Council could support this project, by providing a letter of support from Mayor Webber or the Chief Executive, which would assist with funding applications.

D. Reon Tuanau – Otawhiwhi

Mr Tuanau was absent from the meeting.

E. Athenree Action Group – Update

Ms Allen was in attendance to speak on behalf of the Athenree Action Group, noting the following:

- The group had been active for 11 years, and had worked on many community projects during this time.
- The group was at the stage where they wished to create a coordinated short, medium, and long term vision for Athenree, which included parks and reserves, roading, road safety, and social interaction.
- Ms Allen raised some visions for these plans, and some solutions to current ongoing issues within Athenree, including;
 - Current drainage issues at the boat ramp.
 - Dr North Reserve was not currently used to its full potential due to its bogginess, and there was potential for improvements in the playground area.

- The creek inlet at Dr North Reserve needed to be trenched, as well as removal of the concrete jetties.
- The barbecue cover that had been approved by the Waihi Beach Community Board was still to be installed, however, she noted it was suggested that this cover could be larger.
- It was suggested that a half-basketball court be installed at the Adela Stewart Drive Reserve.
- A footpath from the new subdivision on Athenree Road, towards the Montessori Playcentre, needed to be installed. There was potential for Council to link up to the footpath being built by developers on Athenree Road, to go through to Sandleigh Drive.
- The community was enthusiastic about the entranceway improvements into Athenree, planned by Council, and there were suggestions for improvements on the slip road, in-keeping with the wetlands.

F. Alan Maxwell – Katikati Taiao

Mr Maxwell introduced the Katikati Taiao (previously known as EnviroKatikati Charitable Trust), and noted the following:

- Katikati Taiao was a community-led development trust, that worked with groups in the community who had a goal, however may not have the resources they need.
 - Whirihia Stewardship Group was currently the oversight committee for Katikati Taiao, made up of elected people from diverse backgrounds, that steered the organisational direction and oversaw operations.
 - In 2021, the Taiao was involved in the Western Bay of Plenty Wide Kāinga Tupu Food Security Plan, as well as organising community hui, to gain insight into the food poverty issues within Western Bay. As a result of this, 'KaiGo' was established in 2022, which diverts edible food from supermarkets away from landfills and provides it to those in need.
 - An Organic Waste Recovery Initiative was currently underway, which included a resource recovery centre to divert greenwaste away from landfills into other uses, such as compost.
 - The goal of the Katikati Taiao was to create solutions instead of barriers for Community Groups.
 - It was noted the Katikati recycling centre could potentially pivot to a recovery centre for waste, in the future.
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RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION KWB22-2.5

Moved: Cr J Denyer

Seconded: Cr A Henry

A motion was moved that Council resume Standing Orders.

CARRIED

MEETING BE ADJOURNED

RESOLUTION KWB22-2.6

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Cr J Denyer

That the meeting be adjourned on Monday 27 June 2022, until Tuesday 5 July 2022 at 2.00pm, held in Council Chambers, or via Zoom.

CARRIED

Cr Denyer thanked the members and staff for their support during the Katikati-Waihi Beach Ward Forums this triennium.

Meeting be adjourned until Tuesday, 5 July 2022 at 4.00pm.

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
KATIKATI – WAIHI BEACH RECONVENED WARD FORUM MEETING NO. KWB22-2
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BARKES CORNER, TAURANGA AND LIVESTREAMED
ON TUESDAY, 5 JULY 2022 AT 4.00PM**

PRESENT

Cr J Denyer (Chairperson), Cr A Henry, and Cr A Sole

IN ATTENDANCE

J Osborne (Governance Support Administrator)

MEETING RECONVENED

Cr Denyer opened the reconvened meeting and welcomed all present.

12 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL/COMMITTEE**12.1 PIPPA COOMBES – WAIHI BEACH SKATEPARK**

Councillor A Sole declared an interest in this item.

RESOLUTION KWB22-2.7

Moved: Cr J Denyer

Seconded: Cr A Henry

1. That the presentation from Pippa Coombes, regarding the Waihi Beach Skatepark, be received.
2. That staff liaise with Tauranga City Council (TCC) to investigate and understand TCC's recently proposed skatepark, including whether it will be to Olympic standard, the timing and funding of construction, and how the proposed skatepark fits with the Bay of Plenty Spaces & Places Strategy.

CARRIED

12.2 ATHENREE ACTION GROUP – UPDATE

Councillor A Sole declared an interest in this item.

RESOLUTION KWB22-2.8

Moved: Cr J Denyer

Seconded: Cr A Henry

1. That the presentation from Sue Allen about the Athenree Action Group (AAG), be received.
2. That staff be requested to:
 - a. investigate and suggest solutions to the drainage issues at the boat ramp and at Dr North Park.
 - b. consider the potential to dredge the silted creek inlet at the end of Dr North Park (Reserve).
 - c. provide an update on the removal of the concrete jetties.
 - d. consider with urgency the potential to extend the footpath from the new subdivision on Athenree Road to the Montessori pre-school, in order to utilise a favourable quote from Lester Civil Ltd to extend the scope of work, of their existing contract, for adjacent path construction.
3. That the Waihi Beach Community Board be invited to:
 - a. consider the need for, and potentially fund, a larger shelter instead of the previously requested barbecue cover.
 - b. consider the request for a half basketball court at the Adela Stewart Reserve either to fund themselves, or by submitting to the next Annual Plan process.
 - c. note AAG's suggestions for the entrance way project.

CARRIED

12.3 ALAN MAXWELL – KATIKATI TAIAO**RESOLUTION KWB22-2.9**

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Cr J Denyer

That the presentation from Alan Maxwell, regarding Katikati Taiao, be received.

CARRIED

Cr Denyer thanked Forum members and staff for their efforts with the Katikati-Waihi Beach Ward Forum this triennium.

The meeting closed at 4.14pm.