

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
KAIMAI WARD FORUM MEETING NO. KWF22-2
HELD AT THE TE PUNA MEMORIAL HALL
ON THURSDAY, 30 JUNE 2022 AT 7.00PM**

1 PRESENT

Cr M Dean, Cr M Murray-Benge, Cr M Grainger, and Cr D Thwaites

2 IN ATTENDANCE

G Allis (Deputy CEO/General Manager Infrastructure Group), P Martelli (Resource Management Manager), P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor – Board Secretary), and J Osborne (Governance Support Administrator)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Councillors J Denyer and G Dally

Te Puke Community Board Chairperson R Crawford

14 members of the public

3 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION KWF22-2.1

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

That the apology for absence from Mayor Webber be accepted.

CARRIED

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

THE CHAIRPERSON ADVISED THERE WAS ONE LATE ITEM FOR THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FOR INCLUSION IN THE OPEN SECTION OF THE AGENDA, BEING 'PRESENTATION FROM TOURISM BAY OF PLENTY'. THIS PRESENTATION WOULD BE GIVEN UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE AGENDA, 'PRESENTATIONS'.

THE REASON THAT THIS ITEM WAS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA WAS BECAUSE IT WAS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA HAD BEEN PUBLISHED,

AND IT COULD NOT BE DELAYED TO THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING BECAUSE THIS WOULD BE THE LAST KAIMAI WARD FORUM MEETING FOR THE TRIENNIUM 2019-2022.

MOTION

RESOLUTION KWF22-2.2

MOVED: CR M DEAN

SECONDED: CR D THWAITES

THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 46A (7) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT THE FOLLOWING ITEM BE CONSIDERED AS A LATE ITEM OF OPEN BUSINESS:

- PRESENTATION FROM TOURISM BAY OF PLENTY

CARRIED

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

MOTION

The Chairperson requested that the next item of business be 'Presentation from Tourism Bay of Plenty', in order to release the presenter from the meeting.

RESOLUTION KWF22-2.3

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

That, in accordance with Standing Orders the order of business be changed and that the item "*Presentation from Tourism Bay of Plenty*" be dealt with as the next item of business, under 'presentations'.

CARRIED

7 PRESENTATIONS

Presentation from Tourism Bay of Plenty:

Oscar Nathan from Tourism Bay of Plenty (TBOP) attended to provide an update, and noted the following points:

- TBOP was a trust that provided visitor services for the wider Bay of Plenty.
- The Government had opened the aviation and maritime borders (cruise ships etc.), so increased numbers of incoming visitors was expected.
- Tracking electronic card spending was the main process used to monitor visitation and spending.
- Destination marketing and destination management were the two main roles undertaken by TBOP. Destination marketing was about selling the promise and experience of the area, and destination management was ensuring the experience matched the promise.
- A programme had been launched regarding 'regenerative tourism', meaning visitors were giving back as much as they take, as well as ensuring operators were made aware of their carbon footprint.
- Waterfall walks in the Bay of Plenty (BOP) was a focus for TBOP, as well as promoting cycle/walk trails.
- The TBOP Statement of Intent was approved by Council on 29 June 2022.
- After community engagement, TBOP landed on four DNA pillars that make up the community; Ocean and beaches, Māori culture, natural landscapes, and BOP's horticultural provenance.
- Flavours of Plenty would be extended from a four-day event in 2022, to a 10-day event in 2023.
- It was noted that TBOP would look at promoting Te Puna Quarry Park as a tourist destination.
- The biggest challenge with cruise ships was ensuring cruise passengers stayed local. TBOP were working with cruise line operators to improve this, by developing products and experiences within the WBOP.
- TBOP were planning to run six regional workshops across key regions that have ports, with many tourism agencies and cruise line associations attending to speak and provide an update. Mr Nathan encouraged anyone interested, to attend.

MOTION

RESOLUTION KWF22-2.4

Moved: Cr D Thwaites

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

That, the Presentation from Tourism Bay of Plenty on 30 June 2022, be received.

CARRIED

8 PUBLIC FORUM**Bev Monk – Cycleways/Walkways:**

Ms Monk was in attendance to speak regarding cycleways/walkways, and noted the below points:

- She thanked the Deputy Chief Executive Officer for moving the cycleway further down Snodgrass Road.
- From the corner of Snodgrass Road to Lindoch Avenue, there was reportedly another footpath being installed, and Ms Monk requested that this be confirmed with an approximate timeframe.
- It was requested whether a walk/cycleway could be built on Newnham Road to cater for locals and children walking to school, while considering the industrial area that was being developed.

Jo Gravitt – Various Items:

Ms Gravitt spoke regarding various topics, and noted the following points:

- The community needed tourist experiences for all abilities and ages, and it was suggested that promoting the smaller experiences and attractions be prioritised, alongside the larger attractions.
- As well as active recreation (cycle/walkways), inactive recreation needed to be considered.
- It was asked what evaluation had been done on the Ward Forums, and what would replace them if they were no longer held in the next triennium. This would be at the discretion of the next Mayor and Council, and if reinstated, there needed to be much more advertising for the meeting to gain interest.

Doug Morris – Minden Lookout:

Mr Morris spoke regarding the Minden Lookout, and noted the following points:

- Mr Morris thanked the Council for installing a CCTV camera at the Minden Lookout.
- It was noted that plans for a formalised pathway between the bottom of the steps near Dawn View Reserve, to the top of the lookout, was welcomed by the public.

9 MINUTES FOR RECEIPT

9.1 MINUTES OF THE KAIMAI WARD FORUM MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2022

RESOLUTION KWF22-2.5

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

That the Minutes of the Kaimai Ward Forum Meeting held on 10 March 2022 be received.

CARRIED

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION KWF22-2.6

Moved: Cr D Thwaites

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

A motion was moved that Council suspend Standing Orders for the purpose of holding a workshop.

CARRIED

10 WORKSHOP

10.1 WORKSHOP ITEMS

Project Manager District Plan Review – Update on the District Plan Review

An update was provided on the District Plan review, and the following points were noted:

- The Project Manager District Plan Review was absent, so this was presented by the Resource Management Manager.
 - Council was currently holding community engagement sessions, and was receiving significant feedback on high-level key issues and concerns, such as growth and development, climate change, and housing.
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- There was a 'Have Your Say' page on council's website, as well as on Facebook, if the public wished to provide feedback.
- It was requested that a Community Engagement Session be held in the Kaimai Ward area, so that Kaimai residents could effectively provide feedback. Council staff could suggest the topics for feedback, rather than general questions, to receive feedback on.
- It was noted that the community may have different interpretations of District Plan issues than Council, and clarity needed to be provided going forward.

Resource Management Manager – Update on the Ōmokoroa Plan Change

The Resource Management Manager provided an update on the Ōmokoroa Plan Change, and noted the following points:

- The Plan Change only affected Te Puke and Ōmokoroa within Western Bay of Plenty (WBOP), and came into effect on 21 August 2022.
- The Plan Change would be notified by August 2022, so that these rules can be incorporated into future building projects within the District.
- The last stage (phase 3) of the Ōmokoroa Structure Plan was to commence in August 2022.
- The plan changes have resulted from amendments within the Resource Management Act (RMA), and could not be altered by Council. The Plan Change must be included in Council's District Plan.
- Council was creating urban design guidelines, along with the Plan Change.
- As Council was no longer allowed to make onsite car-parking in developments a requirement, much more comprehensive plans for developments were required, and Council would insist on parking spaces for residents be included (on-site parking or road reserves for parking).

Deputy Chief Executive/General Manager Infrastructure Group – Update on Projects in the Kaimai Ward

The Deputy Chief Executive spoke to a PowerPoint presentation regarding multiple projects in the Kaimai Ward, and made the following points:

Ōmokoroa Roundabout:

- \$14m of funding had been provided by Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP) to accelerate projects within Ōmokoroa, which included:
 - Urbanising Prole Road to its full extent, required for medium density developments.
 - Four-laning Ōmokoroa Road through to the planned Ōmokoroa roundabout.

- The upgraded section of Ōmokoroa Road by Tralee Street and Western Avenue.
- Prole Road construction would be starting in the 2022 construction season, as well as the Ōmokoroa Road upgrade.
- Council had more plans for cycleways/walkways. The plan was to have good urban connectivity within Ōmokoroa.
- A pedestrian bridge over the railway from Tui Glen to Kaimai Views had been planned.
- The Tauranga Northern Link (TNL) Stage 1 was underway, and there was currently no timeframe for Stage 2.
- The Ōmokoroa/State Highway 2 intersection was set to be completed in 2025, and was planned as a interim roundabout (life of 10-15 years), until stage 2 of the TNL was completed. Without this intersection, the Plan Change and development of Ōmokoroa could not proceed. This was to be a signalised roundabout during peak hours.

Three Waters – Ōmokoroa

- Council would be using 'Tranche 1' of the Three Waters Reform funding on projects that would benefit the community in the long-run.
- There were currently a number of Three Waters related projects underway in Ōmokoroa, including upgrades to wastewater/water reticulations.
- Council had funded a portion of the Ōmokoroa Golf Course stormwater/cycleway bund.

Seal Extension

- The Seal Extension Programme had not yet been adopted by Council, and over 12km of seal extension was planned within the draft 3-year Seal Extension Programme.
- There was a policy within Council that determined which roads get tar-sealed, dependent on a set of criteria.
- In 2021, Council doubled the funding for tar-sealing for the following 3 years.

Reserves and Property

- 109 Clarke Road, Te Puna, had been purchased by Council to undertake a subdivision process, with a 10 hectare retained reserve area.
- CCTV Applications were reviewed on 12 July 2022 by Council's working party.
- The Scout Hall in Te Puna was now owned by Council, and there was potential to upgrade this to a community building
- \$190k of funding had been provided to Council by the Lion Foundation, to upgrade Maramatanga Park.
- There was potential for a small roundabout to be installed at the Lochhead Road and Te Puna Road intersection.

- With the help of Friends of Cooney Reserve, plants from Kaimai Views that were unfit for the berms were currently being replanted in Cooney Reserve.

Walking and Cycling

- The widening of the path along Borell Road, as well as the Minden Road off-road footpath, would be commencing pre-December 2022.
- The Pahoia Bridge and Cycleway in Ōmokoroa were opening in 2022.
- The walkway along the Wairoa River Bridge was no longer within WBOP territory, and the project was being handled by Tauranga City Council (TCC).

Poripori Road

- Council had received funding for the carpark sealing and toilet in Poripori Road Reserve.
- There were no current water quality issues at the Poripori swimming hole.

It was also noted that a proposed cell tower was being installed in August 2022, on the corner of Whakamārama Road and Ross Road. Alongside fibre providers, Council was attempting to get involved in advocating for the key areas in the District to get fibre installed, such as Whakamārama, McLaren Falls and Kauri Point.

David Riley – Whakamārama Community Inc (WCI)

Mr Riley spoke regarding the cell/broadband service in Whakamārama, and noted the following:

- There was very poor broadband connection in Whakamārama. Within the approximately 500 households in the Whakamārama and Youngson Road area, just over 20% would be able to connect to the cell tower being installed in August 2022.
- Sufficient broadband connection was urgent, as many schools and businesses now rely on video conferencing.
- CIP could only consider extensions of ultrafast broadband if a proposal was provided to them, and it was suggested by Chorus that this be done by WBOPDC for Whakamārama.
- It was noted that staff and Councillors would investigate this, and see what could be done.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION KWF22-2.7

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

A motion was moved that Council resume Standing Orders.

CARRIED

MEETING BE ADJOURNED

RESOLUTION KWF22-2.8

Moved: Cr M Dean

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

That the meeting be adjourned on 30 June 2022, until 8 July 2022 at 12.30pm, in Council Chambers.

CARRIED

Meeting be adjourned until Friday, 8 July 2022 at 12.30pm.

**MINUTES OF THE WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
KAIMAI RECONVENED WARD FORUM MEETING NO. KWF22-2
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BARKES CORNER, TAURANGA AND LIVESTREAMED
ON FRIDAY, 8 JULY 2022 AT 12.30PM**

PRESENT

Cr M Dean (Chairperson), Cr M Grainger and Cr M Murray-Benge

IN ATTENDANCE

A Curtis (General Manager Regulatory Services), J Osborne (Governance Support Administrator)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour and Councillor J Denyer

MEETING RECONVENED

Cr Dean opened the reconvened meeting and welcomed all present.

APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION KWF22-2.1

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

That the apology for absence from Cr D Thwaites be accepted.

CARRIED

12 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL/COMMITTEE

12.1 BEV MONK - CYCLEWAYS/WALKWAYS

RESOLUTION KWF22-2.2

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr M Dean

That staff investigate the possibility of installing footpaths on Snodgrass Road (from Borell Road to Lindoch Avenue), Newnham Road, and Plummers Point Road.

CARRIED

12.2 JO GRAVITT - TOURISM WITHIN WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY

RESOLUTION KWF22-2.3

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

That Council support the suggestion for Tourism Bay of Plenty to acknowledge Te Puna Quarry Park, and smaller tourist attractions, within the Kaimai Ward area.

CARRIED

12.3 WARD FORUMS 2022–2025 TRIENNIUM

RESOLUTION KWF22-2.4

Moved: Cr M Dean

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

1. That the future of Ward Forums be discussed at the next Councillor/Executive Forum.
2. That staff ensure all contact information for invitees be kept as up to date as possible.
3. That the Committee requests staff to investigate more effective advertising opportunities for Ward Forum meetings.

CARRIED

12.4 DAVID RILEY - WHAKAMĀRAMA COMMUNITY INC.

RESOLUTION KWF22-2.5

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

1. That staff contact broadband providers and investigate opportunities to include Whakamārama on the connection priority list.
2. That staff investigate how Council may assist providers with connecting wider areas of the District to broadband.
3. That staff provide feedback on the outcomes, to Council, through an information report.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 12.48pm.