

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. WBC23-3
HELD IN THE WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 106 BEACH ROAD, WAIHĪ BEACH
ON MONDAY, 24 APRIL 2023 AT 6.30PM**

1 PRESENT

Chairperson R Goudie, Deputy Chairperson A Kurtovich, Member H Guptill, Member D Simpson, Cr A Henry and Cr A Sole

2 IN ATTENDANCE

A Henderson (General Manager Corporate Services), G Golding (Governance Manager), D Elvin (Compliance and Monitoring Manager) and P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor)

27 Members of the public including:

Mayor J Denyer

Cr R Joyce (Katikati-Waihi Beach Ward)

Cr T Coxhead (Kaimai Ward)

K Ellis (Te Puke Community Board Chairperson)

L Rae (Maketu Community Board Chairperson)

J Clements (Katikati Community Board Chairperson)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUM

7.1 KEITH HAY – 2 MILE CREEK

Mr Hay was in attendance to speak to issues relating to the 2 Mile Creek upper catchment continuation. The below points were noted:

- He believed that consent granted to developments within the 2 Mile Creek catchment did not require a detention pond or the continuation of stormwater.
 - A LGOIMA request made, regarding the breach of the dam, was forwarded to Bay of Plenty Regional Council.
 - Mr Hay would forward a photo in relation to his raised issue, to the Chairperson following the meeting.
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7.2 TRISH COATES – PIO SHORES STORMWATER MAINTANANCE

Ms Coates was in attendance to speak to the Board about the maintenance of stormwater drains within Waihi Beach.

- She believed that with the time and money spent upgrading the pumpstations in Pio Shores, the drains themselves should be cleaned and maintained.
 - Ms Coates also noted that the swale drain needed to be mown, as it was at waist height at the moment. The drain by Otawhiwhi Marae was completely blocked, and clarification was sought regarding who was maintaining these areas.
 - The Chairperson would forward the photo in relation to this issue to staff, following the meeting.
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7.3 PIPPA COOMBS – UPDATE ON WAIHI BEACH SKATEPARK

Ms Coombs was in attendance to provide the Board with an update on the proposed skatepark. The below points were noted:

- Background was provided as to why the initial proposal had been put on hold.
 - An opportunity for funding had been identified through the Long Term Plan (LTP).
 - Support was sought from the Board, as well as the opportunity to partake in an upcoming Board workshop.
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7.4 ROSE FOX – WELCOME TO WAIHI BEACH ENTRANCEWAY PROJECT

Ms Fox was in attendance to provide the Board with an update on the 'Welcome to Waihi Beach' entranceway project. The below points were noted:

- Consultation was currently taking place, and positive feedback had been received from Tangata Whenua.
 - Ms Fox had been completing this work 'pro-bono', and noted that she was happy to continue in order to progress the next step of the project.
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- The next step would be to go out and obtain indicative prices for the proposed works. She noted that she was happy to work alongside Council staff if they had preferred contractors.
 - A further 4-6 weeks of work would be required prior to costings being sought.
 - Ms Fox was happy to work alongside the Roading Engineer (East and West) to achieve roadside planting that was amenable to Council.
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7.5 MIKE HICKEY – VARIOUS ITEMS

Mr Hickey was in attendance to provide the Board with the below updates:

- There had been some damage to a pedestrian fence following some 'burn outs' from 'boy racers' over the weekend. There was also some damage on the corner of Snell Crescent and Patterson Place.
 - He believed that there was 26 intersections that were unmarked.
 - He sought an update on the Council project taking place opposite the chemist shop.
 - He highlighted issues with dogs in Waihi Beach.
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8 PRESENTATIONS

8.1 PRESENTATION FROM PROJECT PARORE

David Peters, Chairperson of Project Parore, was in attendance to provide the Board with the below updates:

- Project Parore was an Incorporated Society and was established in 2008 with a focus on maintaining clear water in the harbour.
 - In order to avoid mangroves from forming, work was being undertaken on the rivers that flowed into the northern Tauranga Harbour.
 - Significant funding was received in 2018 through the Ministry for the Environment 'Freshwater Investment Fund'. This funded interventions for up to five years.
 - In 2021, further funding was received through 'Jobs for nature', which allowed a team of 6 (part-time and full-time) staff to be hired.
 - The main focus was in working with farmers, land-owners and orchardists to develop sensible farm environment plans for the properties.
 - Project Parore had recently developed a strategy for the next three years. The six objectives identified were:
 - i. 100 hectares of forestation, the planting of 55,000 trees and 1,800 hectares of animal pest control;
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- ii. Development of a commercially sustainable operations team;
- iii. Expansion of the boarders, which referred to working with other local environmental groups;
- iv. Growth of their volunteer base;
- v. To concentrate on maximising catchment resilience; and
- vi. To create three wildlife corridors from the harbour up to the Kaimai.

The Board noted that they would like to have a conversation with Project Parore regarding how Waihi Beach could work with them in delivering what was best, and ensuring that local people were involved.

RESOLUTION WBC23-3.1

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Member H Guptill

t the presentation from Project Parore on 24 April 2023, be received.

CARRIED

8.2 PRESENTATION FROM THE WAIHI BEACH MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB

Kris Wilson, Waihi Beach Mountain Bike Club, was in attendance to speak to the proposed Trail Network. Mr Wilson spoke to his PowerPoint Presentation, which outlined the below:

- Waihi Beach Water Catchment Reserve;
- Maps of area in discussion; and
- Map highlighting proposed bike trails.

The presenter/s responded to questions as below:

- As this was not yet a shovel ready project, there were currently only 30 members in the Waihi Beach Mountain Bike Club. When looking at similar projects around the area, the membership of the clubs sat at around 500 (the majority of whom did not live in the area).
 - At this stage, the club was not promoting themselves, but as this project progressed they would start doing some promotion.
 - All the trails were subject to archaeological and iwi approval, however there was hope to have a range of trails available. It was noted that the vision was to have trails similar to those in Whangamatā.
 - The next steps for the club included support from the Community Board and other community organisations. It was noted that support was received from Council's Cycleways Manager.
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- The group was not at the stage of determining the economic benefit, however mountain biking was a growing sport throughout the region. Mr Wilson felt confident that if the trails produced were of a high standard, there would be a benefit to the economy.
- The idea was that the trails would be free to ride.
- The Community Board had contributed \$50,000 (in the 2020-2021 financial year) from their Roading Account to the Waihi Beach Dam internal cycleways project.

Geoff Canham, Council's contractor managing the trail programme throughout the network, was in attendance to support the presentation being made. The below points were noted:

- This was the first "outing" of the proposed trail maps, as they wanted to ensure that the Community Board was engaged with at the beginning of the process.
- A past Community Board had shown support for this project through the Reserve Management Plan.

RESOLUTION WBC23-3.2

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Member D Simpson

At the presentation from the Waihi Beach Mountain Bike Club on 24 April 2023, be received.

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8.3 PRESENTATION FROM TE WHĀNAU A TAUWHAO KI OTAWHIWHI

Reon Tuanau, Te Whānau a Tauwhao ki Otawhiwhi representative, gave a mihi to the Community Board and members of the public in attendance. Matua Tuanau provided the below updates:

- The Marae was still waiting for the signs to be installed.
 - They were looking at the restoration, improvement and protection of the Pa sites at Bowentown. Otawhiwhi were currently working with Council in coming up with a plan to protect this site going forward.
 - Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Forum was currently reviewing Te Ara Mua (which identified priorities for Tangata Whenua) to ensure these priorities aligned with the review of the Long Term Plan (LTP).
 - Relationship agreement opportunities and procurement opportunities were being explored.
 - Through their current relationship with Waka Kotahi, there was a cultural recognition project that was planned for the turn off to Waihi Beach.
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- Iwi had been working with Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) in looking at the restoration of wetlands, specifically regarding whitebait. It was noted that this year there would be a focus on planting.
 - Tangata Whenua were signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BOPRC and Project Parore, to achieve common goals within the area.
 - Funding had been received for the project 'Te Mana o te Wai', which focused on giving the first right of water back to the water source.
 - Tangata Whenua met with the Department of Conservation (DOC) to create better partnership, noting that they had created a workforce called 'Kaimai Kody'. This allowed rangatahi to work alongside DOC and learn the skills to maintain tracks, as well as promoting the importance of biosecurity.
 - Tangata Whenua continued to support local events to help build relationships throughout Waihi Beach.
 - There was a big focus on Hauora and ensuring services were available to iwi/hapū.
 - Tangata Whenua were continuing to work slowly through treaty settlements.
 - He believed that the restoration of the Bowentown Pa site would contribute to the economic benefits for the beach.
 - Housing continued to be a priority for Tangata Whenua.
 - There was concern around the rangatahi and the importance of ensuring opportunities were available for them moving forward.
 - Iwi had been doing their own research on the great white shark that lived within the waters surrounding Waihi Beach.
 - He reiterated the issue raised earlier regarding the stormwater drain by Otawhiwhi Marae, including concerns relating to this drain.
 - An agreement was being developed that would allow the marae to hook up to the main sewage line.
 - The location for Matariki 2023 would be held up at Athenree, toward the end of June.
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RESOLUTION WBC23-3.3

Moved: Cr A Henry

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson A Kurtovich

t the presentation from Te Whānau a Tauwhao ki Otawhiwhi on 24 April 2023, be received.

CARRIED

9 REPORTS**9.1 CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – APRIL 2023**

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

- Community Board workshops would be planned to address specific on-going concerns.
 - The Board will be making a submission to the Annual Plan.
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RESOLUTION WBC23-3.4

Moved: Chairperson R Goudie

Seconded: Member H Guptill

t the Chairperson's report dated 24 April 2023 titled 'Chairpersons Report – April 2023' be received.

CARRIED

9.2 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – APRIL 2023

The Board considered a report from Councillor Sole. The report was taken as read with further mention to the below items:

- The importance of the beach accessway clean-ups following the recent storm event.
- The importance of having input into the District Plan, Long Term Plan and Annual Plan.

The General Manager Corporate Services informed the Board that the Three Waters Reform that was proposed to go live July 2024 had been delayed for an additional two years.

RESOLUTION WBC23-3.5

Moved: Cr A Sole
Seconded: Member D Simpson

t the Councillor's report dated 24 April 2023 titled 'Councillor's Report – April 2023' be received.

CARRIED

9.3 WAIHI BEACH SEASONAL COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT 2022-23

The Board considered a report from the Compliance and Monitoring Manager. The report was taken as read, with some key points highlighted as below:

- A brief overview of the compliance and monitoring that took place in Waihi Beach.
- The 'Watchdog' team were coming out earlier to help build relationships and knowledge of the visitors.
- The freedom camping legislation would be changing in 2023. This would require freedom campers to have a fixed toilet, noting that there was a two year transitional period.
- The Board was taken through a brief overview of the information gathered from the annual survey.

The presenter responded to questions as below:

- The majority of those that undertook the survey were New Zealand citizens.
- There would need to be a discussion around how to manage those that were not going to comply with the new legislation.

RESOLUTION WBC23-3.6

Moved: Member H Guptill
Seconded: Member D Simpson

That the Compliance and Monitoring Manager's report dated 24 April 2023 titled 'Waihi Beach Seasonal Compliance Monitoring Report 2022-23' be received.

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

9.4 PROPOSED ROAD NAME CHANGE OF EITHER ADELA STEWART DRIVE OR ADELA STEWART DRIVE WEST

The Board considered a report from the Consents Planner. The report was taken as read with further discussion and feedback regarding the proposed road name-change. There was clarification that the report and resolution should read 'Matuku Place'.

The Board was reminded that the report was seeking feedback and consideration only, as the decision lay with the Delegated Authority. Council's 'Road Naming Policy' was created specifically for the naming of new roads, and not the re-naming of existing roads. It was noted that this was an anomaly request and therefore the Board were urged to consider the benefit and need for change, versus the impact on current residents.

Feedback from the Board included:

- The belief that 'Matuku Place' had representation in Rotorua and Matamata-Piako.
 - There was concern that 'Hugh Stewart Drive' contained more letters than the policy prescribed.
 - The report noted that out of the 14 submissions received, 11 residents were opposed and only 3 residents were in support of the proposed name-change.
 - It was highlighted that this requested stemmed from concerns over emergency services being able to find the correct addresses in a timely manner and without confusion. From this perspective it was supported.
 - It was noted that Hugh Stewart was the husband of Adele Stewart, so this was where that option had come from.
 - There was concern that perhaps Hugh Stewart and Adele Stewart were also too similar of road names, and could cause confusion.
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RESOLUTION WBC23-3.7

Moved: Member H Guptill

Seconded: Cr A Sole

1. That the Consents Planner's report dated 24 April 2023 titled "Proposed Road Name Change of either Adela Stewart Drive or Adela Stewart Drive West", 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.
3. That the Waihi Beach Community Board consider and provide feedback on the requests to rename either Adela Stewart Drive or Adela Stewart Drive West to:
 - Matuku Place; or
 - Hugh Stewart Drive.

CARRIED

9.5 INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP REPORT - WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD - APRIL 2023

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive. The report was taken as read with further discussion on the below items:

RESOLUTION WBC23-3.8

Moved: Deputy Chairperson A Kurtovich

Seconded: Cr A Sole

That the Deputy Chief Executive's Report, dated 24 April 2023 titled 'Infrastructure Group Report - Waihi Beach Community Board - April 2023' be received.

CARRIED

9.5.1 REQUESTED WORKSHOPS

The Board noted that they would like to have workshops on the below Infrastructure items, in order to receive further updates and undertake further discussions:

- Athenree Road Foot Path Connection – from Montessori Preschool to the New Residential Development (confirmation that this was happening and a estimated timeframe);
 - Beach Road Pedestrian Refuges;
 - Town Centre Development – Wilson Road to Edinburgh Street; and
 - 2 Mile Creek.
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9.5.2 DILLON STREET SHARED PATH BRIDGE

The Board sought clarification on when the anticipated installation would be completed, as the report did not provide specific timing.

9.5.3 STORMWATER – WAIHI BEACH PIO SHORES

The Board requested further information relating to how much the Pio Shoes Stormwater project was going to cost. The funding through the Long Term Plan was different to what had been received from the contractor, so the Board would like to understand where the additional funds were coming from.

9.5.4 WAIHI BEACH TO ATHENREE CROSSING (WALKWAY/CYCLEWAY)

The Board encouraged Councils Cycleway Manager to hold a hui with Tangata Whenua regarding the concept design, so this project could progress.

9.5.5 WAIHI-WAIHI BEACH CYCLEWAY

The Board sought clarification around a 'Plan B', if the preferred/proposed trail was unable to be obtained. They wanted to ensure that if there was an alternative route being considered, that the Community Board had an opportunity to be involved in the discussion through a workshop.

9.5.6 WAIHI BEACH LIBRARY LOCATION

The Community Board would like to have input into the Waihi Beach Library discussion, which included the consideration of scaling down the project.

9.5.7 WELCOME TO WAIHI BEACH PROJECT

The Board agreed that the costings being sought in relation to this project should be done through Council.

It was noted that it would be wise to ensure that the design that went out for costing, was realistic to the funds available.

The Board noted that they would ask Matua Tuanau if they could see the design for the cultural recognition project that Tangata Whenua were working on with Waka Kotahi.

Issues relating to this project would be discussed at a workshop with Ms Fox and Tangata Whenua.

9.6 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD – FINANCIAL REPORT FEBRUARY 2023

The Board considered a report from the Financial Business Advisor. The report was taken as read.

RESOLUTION WBC23-3.9

Moved: Chairperson R Goudie

Seconded: Member H Guptill

t the Financial Business Advisor’s reports dated 24 April 2023 and titled ‘Waihi Beach Community Board – Financial Report February 2023’

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waihi Beach Community Board meeting held on 19 June 2023.

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Chairperson R Goudie
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