

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. WB22-4
HELD IN THE WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, 8 AUGUST 2022 AT 6.30PM**

OPENING REMARKS

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the final Waihi Beach Community Board meeting for the triennium. He thanked members of the public for attending, noting that participation in the local meetings was fundamental.

1 PRESENT

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

2 IN ATTENDANCE

J Graham (Acting General Manager Corporate Services), A Hall (Roading Engineer East and West) and P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

20 Members of the public, including:

- Councillor Don Thwaites
- Councillor Allan Sole
- Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Chairperson Reon Tuanau
- Katikati Community Board Member John Clements

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUM

7.1 MIKE HICKEY – VARIOUS ITEMS

Mr Hickey was in attendance to speak to the Board on the below topics:

- He congratulated Council for their decision regarding the new Waihi Beach Library location.
 - He would like to see a resident police presence over the holiday period.
 - He believed there were still 26 sections of road that required road markings.
 - He was of the belief there were now enough playgrounds across Waihi Beach, noting that he would like to see Wilson Park left as a flat surface suitable for sports.
 - He highlighted the importance of Council ensuring that new developments complied with all agreed requirements.
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7.2 SHONEEN DUNNING – WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Ms Dunning was in attendance to acknowledge how excited the Waihi Beach Community Centre Committee was for the new library location, noting there had been a positive response from many members of the community. She thanked the Community Board, in particular Councillor Henry, for their support.

Ms Dunning confirmed that all required maintenance for the hall would be undertaken, prior to handing the Community Centre over to Council.

7.3 KEITH HAY – APARTMENTS 8-10 WILSON ROAD

Mr Hay was in attendance to speak to the Board regarding the apartments being developed at 8-10 Wilson Road, noting the below points:

- He was of the belief the developer had not been charged a financial contribution for transport, despite each apartment having a garage for two vehicles.
 - He was of the belief there had been unnecessary reductions in other financial contributions.
 - He had written to Council to seek a rationale for the rebates, for which he had received a response.
 - At the 13 June 2022 meeting, the General Manager Strategy and Community had committed to publishing the LGOIMA response on Council's website. This would be followed up to ensure it had been done, as Mr Hay had not been able to find it.
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7.4 GRAEME MCGREGOR – FRIENDS OF ATHENREE

Mr McGregor was in attendance to speak to the Board on behalf of Friends of Athenree. The below points were made:

- Following the last Waihi Beach Community Board meeting Mr McGregor's "missing" submission had been located by the Reserves and Facilities Asset
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Systems Manager. Mr McGregor was of the belief an additional eight submissions had also been found.

- Mr McGregor advised the Board he had completed an analysis of the additional data, and found a majority of people voted in support of Council's preferred option.
- Mr McGregor was informed that Council's preferred option was now "yet to be determined" following further consultation with an engineer. Mr McGregor sought clarification on the rationale for the decision to change their preferred option, despite it having less than one percent support from submitters.

Both Councillor's were unaware of any changes to the route at this stage, but noted further engagement was planned to take place, prior to going for consent.

7.5 SARAH-KAY COULTER – ERANA KAUNGA TUHURA WHANAU TRUST

Ms Coulter introduced herself to the Board and members in attendance, noting that she would be speaking on behalf of the Erana Kaunga Tuhura Whānau Trust. The below points were noted:

- The focus of the Trust was to improve the lives and outcomes for whānau, with both radical and practical ideas.
 - They were the first whānau group to be invited, by the Prime Minister, to go to Asia and look at housing solutions. This illustrated the commitment of the Trust to exploring sustainable solutions.
 - Ms Coulter wished to tautoko the comments made regarding the new Waihi Beach Library location.
 - Ms Coulter highlighted the rationale for the grant application from the Trust for the planting of fruit trees at the Otawhiwhi Kōhanga Reo, and handed over to Reon Tuanau to speak further on the history of Te Kōhanga.
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7.6 REON TUANAU – OTAWHIWHI KŌHANGA REO

Mr Tuanau provided the Board with the below history of the Otawhiwhi Kōhanga Reo:

- Around 1979, Kaumātua around Aotearoa gathered for a hui to discuss the state of Te Reo which, at the time, was in danger of being lost.
 - To help address the issue, they came up with a concept of Te Kōhanga Reo, meaning 'The language nest'.
 - This would allow tamariki to be immersed in Te Reo Māori from a young age.
 - The Otawhiwhi Kōhanga Reo was opened around 1990.
 - Mr Tuanau noted that sustainability was promoted within the Kōhanga – "oranga taiao, oranga tangata" ("if the environment was healthy, the people were healthy").
 - The Erana Kaunga Tuhura Whānau Trust was seeking grant funding for the planting of fruit trees at Te Kohānga Reo.
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- Part of the strategic plan for Ngā Te Rangi was food sovereignty, so the planting of fruit trees at the Kohānga would contribute to this.
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7.7 PIPPA COOMBES – COMMUNITY MĀRA (GARDEN)

Ms Coombes was in attendance to speak to the Board regarding the Community Māra project, noting the below points:

- The project group had been working with Council staff and had, in principle, secured land at Waihi Beach Recreational Reserve North.
 - Primary focus was community unity (kotahitanga), and exploring ways to bring the community together.
 - They would like to design the garden around whetū Matariki (the nine stars of Matariki). The group would like to work with the kura and Otawhiwhi on aspects of the garden, for example the types of plants/planting that should be included.
 - The group was working with disability charities around the Bay of Plenty to get some input into the garden as well.
 - Kai from the garden would be free, with any leftovers going to KaiGo Katikati to create meals that could then be distributed throughout Waihi Beach.
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7.8 ALLAN SOLE – ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY BOARD

Mr Sole was in attendance to acknowledge the Board for the work they had undertaken over the triennium, and wished them all the best for the future.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FROM THE BOARD

- Councillor Anne Henry thanked the community for engaging with the Community Board, which allowed them to feed information and comments back to Council.
- Member Bob Hulme noted that it was great to engage with people who took an interest in their community, and were actively involved in devising solutions.
- Member Marilyn Roberts highlighted the importance of the community partnerships that had been fostered over the years, noting she had enjoyed her journey with the Community Board over the past nine years.
- The Chairperson thanked the public for their insight into community issues and decisions, including making the effort to attend meetings. He also thanked the Senior Governance Advisor for her support and guidance to both himself and the Board over the past couple of years.

8 PRESENTATIONS

8.1 PRESENTATION FROM REON TUANAU FROM OTAWHIWHI MARAE TRUST

Mr Tuanau began his presentation by agreeing with acknowledgements made during public forum. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak on behalf of Te Whānau a Tauwhao ki Otawhiwhi as the local Tangata Whenua. The below points were highlighted:

- After having to shutdown due to COVID-19, in March 2022 the hapū decided to come back together. This started with waiata once a week that was open to all members of the community. Framework changes were also required following impacts to the Trust.
- The Trust used Matariki as a “reset”, noting the celebration, that was supported by the Community Board, was “awesome”. The theme chosen for this year was kotahitanga (unity), whanaungatanga (relationships) and hauora (health), which would remain the focus for the coming year.
- The Trust established a Marae Committee to allow representatives to be delegated to different portfolios. The Board was advised that Mr Tuanau was the representative and Chairperson for Otawhiwhi Te Whānau a Tauwhao on Councils Te Kahui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Forum. It was noted that Otawhiwhi had representatives for; Waka Kotahi (NZTA), Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC), Department of Conservation (DOC), Ministry for the Environment (MFE) regarding Te Mana o te Wai, and signing off their settlement in Tauranga Moana through Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- Mr Tuanau advised that, although the Trust was heavily involved in many of the previous organisations, it was important they were involved in the Waihi Beach community projects from the onset.
- At the recent Otawhiwhi Marae Trust hui the below topics were highlighted:
 - Representatives had spoken to Council in regard to options for keeping cars out of the historical Pa site at Te Kura a Maia (Bowentown Headlands), due to damage that had been caused by cars skidding on the grass.
 - Representatives had been involved in, and were reviewing, the historical recognition/history sign at the Koutunui Pa in Athenree.
 - The local hapū was supportive of the ‘Summer Kick Off’ at ANZAC Bay and was offered the opportunity to have a stall.
 - They had ongoing involvement in Te Mata Reserve.
 - They were involved in the opening of ‘The Green Room’, as well as the graduation which took place on Monday 1 August 2022.
 - Enthusiasm was expressed for hapū members to have a korero with Pippa Coombes regarding ‘Predator Free’.

- A priority was creating a garden at the Papakāinga at Otawhiwhi Marae, to help towards their goal of food sovereignty. Mr Tuanau also noted they were supportive of the kaupapa surrounding the community māta, but noted that with the Matariki theme, it was important that Ms Coombes engaged with hapū for input and guidance.
- The hapū was involved in any resource consent archaeology/cultural issues.
- Mr Tuanau noted that the Otawhiwhi Marae street sign was badly damaged in a past storm and requested for this to be replaced, as well an additional sign recognising Te Kohanga Reo.
- The Marae had finally been connected to sewerage, which had been a long time coming, and was a huge improvement for the Marae in regard to catering for the many manuhiri (visitors).

In summary, Te Whānau a Tauwhao ki Otawhiwhi Marae was keen to see growth in the kotahitanga, whanaungatanga and hauora for the community, through their involvement in the community meetings.

Mr Tuanau advised the Board that hapū supported the kaupapa of the 'Welcome to Waihi Beach Entranceway Project' however, would like to hold a workshop to gather further feedback on the project. They acknowledged the "big picture" of the project and would also like to promote the rich history of the area.

Councillor Denyer noted that he was looking forward to working alongside Otawhiwhi to achieve their aspirations.

RESOLUTION WB22-4.1

Moved: Chairperson R Goudie

Seconded: Cr A Henry

That the presentation from Reon Tuanau on 8 August 2022, be received.

CARRIED

9 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

9.1 MINUTES OF THE WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2022

RESOLUTION WB22-4.2

Moved: Cr J Denyer

Seconded: Member D Ryan

That the Minutes of the Waihi Beach Community Board Meeting held on 13 June 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 – AUGUST 2022

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

RESOLUTION WB22-4.3

Moved: Chairperson R Goudie

Seconded: Cr A Henry

1. That the Chairperson's report dated 8 August 2022 titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board Chairpersons Report – August 2022' be received.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION WB22-4.4

Moved: Member D Ryan

Seconded: Member M Roberts

That the Waihi Beach Community Board approve \$350.26 (including GST) from the Waihi Beach Contingency Account, for the expenses related to the "Welcome to Waihi Beach Entranceway Project" Presentation in June 2022.

CARRIED

10.1.1 WELCOME TO WAIHI BEACH ENTRANCEWAY PROJECT

The Board was provided with an update on the entranceway/gateway project, noting there was still work that needed to be done to define the project, before going out to tender.

In order to signal to the incoming Waihi Beach Community Board the priority of this project, the Board wished to pass the below resolution, noting that it was too early at this stage to approve an amount of money toward the project.

RESOLUTION WB22-4.5

Moved: Member B Hulme

Seconded: Cr A Henry

In regard to the 'Welcome to Waihi Beach Entranceway Project' the Waihi Beach Community Board highlighted the below points:

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- This was a longstanding project that had undertaken, and continued to undertake, community engagement.
 - Engagement with Otawhiwi would take place in the interim, with feedback coming to the first Waihi Beach Community Board meeting of 2023.
 - The Community Board wished to signal that this was a priority project within the Community Plan, and they would like to recommend for the incoming Waihi Beach Community Board members to continue with this project.
 - The Community Board expected this project to be completed within 2023.

CARRIED

10.1.2 COAST CARE

The Board was advised the new coordinator for Coast Care within Waihi Beach was Ashley Robertson. Due to these changes there was a delay in getting the planting started, however it had now begun.

A meeting would take place around October/November 2022 between the Waihi Beach Community Board, Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) and Coast Care to discuss the planting of the previous year.

The Board was advised that any planting undertaken at Waihi Beach would need to be maintained by WBOPDC.

A working bee took place on Saturday 6 August 2022 outside the Surf Club, where another large plot was planted. There would be two more working bees in the next month, which Ms Robertson (Coast Care) was on board with.

The Waihi Beach Community Board would like to be involved with the Waihi Beach Environment Society, Coast Care and WBOPDC, to continue to improve dune care at Waihi Beach.

10.1.3 ROAD NAME CHANGES – ADELA STEWART DRIVE AND ADELA STEWART DRIVE (WEST)

The Board was advised that the Athenree Action Group had met to discuss the road name change proposal. The group would be going out to the community to seek feedback before approaching Council and the Waihi Beach Community Board.

10.1.4 ISLAND VIEW PLAYGROUND – OFFICIAL OPENING

The Board noted they were still waiting to hear about the official opening for the Island View Playground. Mr Tuanau advised the Board that a plaque for the Tuatara was being produced. The Board requested for the opening to take place, once the plaque had been completed.

10.1.5 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD PLAN 2020-2023

The Board noted they had undertaken a review of the Waihi Beach Community Board Plan, in preparation for hand over to the incoming Board. The Board thanked Member Roberts for her work and due diligence in updating the plan.

RESOLUTION WB22-4.6

Moved: Chairperson R Goudie

Seconded: Cr A Henry

The Waihi Beach Community Board request for the Waihi Beach Community Board Plan update/review, to be presented to the incoming Community Board.

CARRIED

10.1.6 ATHENREE WETLANDS**RESOLUTION WB22-4.7**

Moved: Cr J Denyer

Seconded: Member M Roberts

1. That the Waihi Beach Community Board requests staff to:
 - a. Clarify the responsibilities for the Athenree Wetlands, which are understood to be subject to a joint project of WBOPDC, BOPRC and DOC, in partnership with tangata whenua;
 - b. Provide an overview of what future actions have been agreed with regard to this joint project; and
 - c. Describe what actions, if any, are proposed in the joint project that might respond to, or have an impact on, the potential improvements identified in the Chairperson's Report of the meeting of Waihi Beach Community Board 13 June 2022.
2. That it be noted the Waihi Beach Community Board is keen to work with and, in principle support with funding, initiatives of the above project partners, to improve the amenity of the Athenree Wetlands. With particular regard to the potential improvements identified for the entranceway/car park area.
3. That we would like hear back from Council by 8 October 2022 (two months after our August meeting).

CARRIED

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

The Board considered a report from Councillor Denyer. The report was taken as read with the below updates:

- The Community Matching Fund (CMF) and Facilities in the Community Fund (FTCF) outcomes had been published in the Council agenda. Those of particular interest to the Board were highlighted below:
 - The Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services Inc received \$5,000 towards a new Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) hull.
 - Waihi Beach Community Events and Promotions received \$5,000 towards a new community composting initiative.
 - The Waihi Beach Environment Society Inc received \$2,500 towards the Dot Watch project for trail cameras.
- Council had workshopped the consultation feedback received on the draft concept plan for Wilson Park, which would go to the Policy Committee on 24 August 2022 for adoption. The Board was advised that the additional budget required would be considered in the 2023/24 Annual Plan process.
- The location for the new Waihi Beach library was decided at the Performance and Monitoring Committee meeting held 4 August 2022. Full design work had been brought forward to the 2022–2023 financial year, and construction timing and budget would be brought to the Annual Plan/Long Term Plan Committee for review.

RESOLUTION WB22–4.8

Moved: Cr J Denyer

Seconded: Member B Hulme

That the Councillor's report dated 8 August 2022 titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board Councillor's Report – August 2022' be received.

CARRIED

10.3 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD GRANT APPLICATION – AUGUST 2022

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

RESOLUTION WB22–4.9

Moved: Chairperson R Goudie

Seconded: Member M Roberts

1. That the Senior Governance Advisor's report dated 8 August 2022 titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board Grant Application – August 2022' be received.
 2. That the Waihi Beach Community Board approve the Grant Application from Erana Kaunga Tuhura Whānau Trust for \$909.01 to contribute towards a planting project
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for Otawhiwhi Te Kohanga Reo. This grant will be funded from the Waihi Beach Community Board Grants Account, subject to all accountabilities being met.

CARRIED

10.4 INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP REPORT WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD AUGUST 2022

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

RESOLUTION WB22-4.10

Moved: Chairperson R Goudie

Seconded: Member M Roberts

That the Deputy Chief Executive's Report, dated 8 August 2022, and titled 'Infrastructure Group Report Waihi Beach Community Board August 2022', be received.

CARRIED

10.4.1 ATHENREE ROAD FOOTPATH CONNECTION – FROM MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL TO THE NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board was advised that, due to bad weather, the project had been delayed until the upcoming construction season.

The Board noted the final cost was expected to be around \$42,000, however was advised this would be subject to the final measure and labour cost.

RESOLUTION WB22-4.11

Moved: Chairperson R Goudie

Seconded: Cr A Henry

That the Waihi Beach Community Board approve the estimated costs of up to \$55,000 for the Athenree Road Footpath Connection project (from Montessori Preschool to the New Residential Development), to be funded from the Waihi Beach Community Board Rooding Account.

CARRIED

10.4.2 TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT – WILSON ROAD TO EDINBURGH STREET

The Board noted they should meet and discuss the concept drawings that had been circulated to them.

The Board requested to meet with the General Manager Infrastructure Group, and relevant staff, to receive further details, prior to this being presented to Council.

Members of the Board expressed concern that the delay of Two Mile Creek would affect the Town Centre Development – Wilson Road to Edinburgh Street project.

10.4.3 SEAFORTH ROAD SHARED PATH ENHANCEMENT

The Board was advised that consultation had not yet been undertaken. The Infrastructure Report would be updated to reflect this.

It was noted that the proposed shared path would follow the same alignment as the existing path on the “sea side” of the road.

10.4.4 DILLON STREET SHARED PATH BRIDGE

The Board was advised that this project would take place in conjunction with the 2 Mile Creek Erosion Protection works.

The Board had requested for any updates on this project, during the interim until the next formal Waihi Beach Community Board meeting, be emailed to the current Board.

10.4.5 TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING (TIF) PROJECT

The Board requested some information on the location of the three viewing platforms referenced in the Infrastructure Report of the August 2022 agenda.

10.5 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD – FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2022

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

RESOLUTION WB22-4.12

Moved: Member D Ryan

Seconded: Member B Hulme

That the Financial Business Advisor’s reports dated 8 August 2022 and titled ‘Waihi Beach Community Board – Financial Report June 2022’

CARRIED

10.5.1 COMMUNITY BOARD GRANT BUDGET

The Board noted it was disappointing they had not granted any funding in the 2021/2022 financial year, and hoped that more applications would be received in the coming year.

10.5.2 TE MATA (BROADLANDS) BLOCK FUNDS FOR CONCEPT PLAN

Members of the Board noted that the \$50,000 committed by the Board had now been spent. There was concern that the consultant was still engaged however, there was no further funding from the Community Board. The Board was advised that the Reserves

and Facilities Manager did not want to release the consultant until a suitable replacement had been found, and agreed by the Te Mata (Broadlands) Block Rejuvenation Group.

The Board would like to know who was currently funding the consultants fees.

10.6 COUNCIL, STANDING COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

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

RESOLUTION WB22-4.13

Moved: Chairperson R Goudie

Seconded: Member M Roberts

That the schedule of meetings for August and September 2022, be received.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 8.28pm.

In accordance with Standing Order 28.4, these minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record.

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Chairperson R Goudie
CHAIRPERSON

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John Holyoake
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER