

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. WBC24-2
HELD IN THE WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 106 BEACH ROAD, WAIHĪ BEACH
ON MONDAY, 22 APRIL 2024 AT 5.30PM**

1 PRESENT

Chairperson R Goudie, Member H Guptill, Deputy Chair D Simpson, Member W Stevenson, Cr A Henry and Cr A Sole.

2 IN ATTENDANCE

A Henderson (General Manager Corporate Services), S Elvin (Project Manager), and R Leahy (Governance Advisor).

23 Members of the Public, including:

Mayor James Denyer

Councillor Rodney Joyce

Katikati Community Board Chairperson J 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 PRESTON - CARPARKING OUTSIDE WAIHĪ BEACH CHEMIST (WILSON ROAD)

Mr Preston, owner of Waihi Beach Chemist was in attendance to discuss the lack of parking outside his premises. Mr Preston outlined his concerns (**Tabled Item 1**) and presented concept designs (**Tabled Item 2**) to the Board, the following points were noted:

- There was a scarcity of parking on Wilson Road and no available parking outside the Chemist. The lack of parking has led to people parking illegally in the middle of the street, which is a hazard to other drivers.
 - The maturing garden beds adjacent to the Waihi Beach Chemist limited the visibility for drivers and could be used as a parking area instead.
 - Due to the services that the Chemist provide such as vaccinations, customers required at least 30 minute parking spots.
 - Mr Preston provided two concept designs that showed moving the pedestrian crossing, as well as the removal of the garden beds which would be replaced with carparks.
 - The Board requested the proposal be sent to the Transportation Team for consideration with any recommendations be reported back to the Board.
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7.2 JIM COWERN – TWO MILE CREEK SAND DISPOSAL

Mr Cowern, a resident of Waihi Beach, was in attendance to discuss issues with the disposal of sand from the Two Mile Creek Stream Protection project. He noted the below points:

- Following the works on Two Mile Creek, sand taken from the creek had been dumped on the beach.
 - Mr Cowern was of the belief that the Regional Council's resource consent for the project required the sand from Two Mile Creek be shifted back on to the dunes.
 - The Board requested information on how the sand from Two Mile Creek should be disposed of under the resource consent to be reported back to the Board.
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7.3 DENNIS HENDERSON – ATHENREE ROAD WORKS

Mr Henderson, from the Athenree Action Group, was in attendance to discuss the road works on Athenree Road. He noted the below points:

- Road works were currently being completed on Athenree Road, which was disruptive to residents.
 - Residents were concerned with the lack of communication from Council on the works. Residents had received a notification from the contractor but not Council about the works.
 - The Board requested a schedule of the road works in Waihi Beach, Athenree and Bowentown area.
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7.4 TRISHA COATES – ELDERLY HOUSING

Ms Coates, a resident of Waihi Beach was in attendance to discuss the establishment of an Elderly Housing Trust in Waihi Beach. She noted the below points:

- A group of residents were concerned that Council would not be replacing the elderly housing flats that were removed following the flooding event in May 2023. In response to this issue, they were forming a Trust for elderly housing Waihi Beach.
 - Ms Coates requested assistance from Council to establish an area where elderly housing could be built.
 - Ms Coates was of the belief that around 200 elderly residents may require housing in the future.
 - The group was investigating whether the Returned Services Association could be involved in the Trust or if it would be stand alone.
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7.5 IAN LOCKE – JENKINSON STREET ACCESSWAY

Mr Locke, a resident of Waihi Beach was in attendance and requested an update on his proposal for an accessway between Jenkinson Street and Beach Road. The below points were noted:

- The Board had submitted the proposal to Council staff, who considered the request.
 - Staff advised that the area where the elderly housing units were demolished would be open space. A formal accessway would not be built there, however there would be no barrier to prevent members of the public walking through.
 - A concern was raised about the lack of privacy for residents in the elderly housing units if there was an increase in people using the area as an accessway.
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7.6 REON TUANAU – TE WHĀNAU A TAUWHAO KI OTAWHIWHI

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

- There was a focus on the Te Taiao, work on the Hapū Management Plan for the vision for the next 25 years was progressing.
 - The Hapū was involved with a new project called eDNA which used DNA sampling technology for research.
 - There had been some positive outcomes from pest control and trapping, which included the return of Kākā to the area.
 - The 2024 Matariki event would be held on the beach by Brighton Reserve.
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8 PRESENTATIONS

8.1 BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL – CAULERPA

Representatives from Bay of Plenty Regional Council were unable to attend the meeting.

8.2 PROPOSED WAIHĪ BEACH LIBRARY DESIGN – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Project Manager was in attendance and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Waihi Beach Library Design (**Tabled Item 3**). She responded to the following pātai:

- Staff would consult with the community and Hall Committee on the design for the project.
 - There was no covered walkway between the hall and library in the design. However, there would be a connection with paths and landscaping.
 - There would be pedestrian access from Beach Road to the library.
 - The net total of carparks lost from the project would be 19–20. There was currently no plan or budget to have additional carparks out the back, however, staff would take direction from the Councillors on this.
 - Staff would discuss with the Reserves and Facilities Team about removing the designated freedom camping carparks to gain more carparking for the library and hall.
 - It was expected that the staffing needs of the new library would require two full-time and one part-time staff.
 - The new library would be 100 per cent loan funded. Community affordability had been considered for this project.
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9 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

9.1 MINUTES OF THE WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLUTION WBC24-2.1

Moved: Cr A Henry

Seconded: Member H Guptill

1. That the Minutes of the Waihi Beach Community Board Meeting held on 26 February 2024 as circulated with the agenda be confirmed as a true and correct record.
2. That the Chairperson's electronic signature be inserted into the confirmed minutes.

CARRIED

10 REPORTS

10.1 WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD – WORKSHOP NOTES – 25 MARCH 2024

The workshop notes were taken as read and no further discussion was held.

10.2 WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – APRIL 2024

The report was taken as read, with further discussion on the below items:

- The Board raised concerns about the length of time it had taken for the entranceway signs project progress. The Board requested cost estimates for the signs for consideration at a future workshop.
 - The Board was advised that a legal agreement between Council and the landowner where the entranceway signs would be placed may be required.
 - The Board queried whether the town centre development fund for Waihi Beach could be used for some of their projects.
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RESOLUTION WBC24-2.2

Moved: Chairperson R Goudie

Seconded: Cr A Sole

That the Chairperson's report dated 22 April 2024 titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board Chairperson's Report – April 2024' be received.

CARRIED

10.3 WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – APRIL 2024

The report was taken as read, with further discussion on the below items:

- Cr Anne Henry acknowledged the passing of Cr Richard Crawford and reiterated he was driven and worked hard for his community.
 - It was clarified that the extension for the Long Term Plan was due to the legislative changes to the Three Waters reform.
 - It was clarified that no decision on workshop notes being included on Council and Committee agendas had been made yet.
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RESOLUTION WBC24-2.3

Moved: Cr A Henry

Seconded: Cr A Sole

1. That the Councillor's report dated 22 April 2024 titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board Councillor's Report' be received.
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CARRIED

10.4 WAIHI BEACH PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS REPORT – APRIL 2024

The report was taken as read, with further discussion on the below items:

- The Board would workshop their existing roading projects and prioritise them with consideration to their budget.
- The Board raised concerns about the progress of getting the Athenree-Waihi Beach crossing project to resource consent stage. It was felt the project was vital to connect Athenree to Waihi Beach.
- Some Members felt that it was not a good use of Reserves Budget to fund an Archaeological Authority application report for the Albacore Reserve shared path as there may not be enough budget to undertake the project.
- The Board may consider funding an Archaeological Authority application and Albacore Reserve shared path closer to when the Athenree-Waihi Beach crossing would be built.
- The Chairperson had received compliments from members of the public about the installation of the Tuna Avenue outdoor shower.

RESOLUTION WBC24-2.4

Moved: Chairperson R Goudie

Seconded: Member W Stevenson

1. That the Governance Advisor's report dated 22 April 2024 titled 'Waihi Beach Projects and Operations Report – April 2024' be received.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION WBC24-2.5

Moved: Deputy Chair D Simpson

Seconded: Member H Guptill

2. That the Waihi Beach Community Board approve up to \$15,000 from the Waihi Beach Roding Account for costs relating to the footpath extension and removal of two carparks at the entrance of Wilson Road carpark (behind the porch).

CARRIED

10.5 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD – FINANCIAL REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

The Board considered a report from the Financial Business Advisor. The report was taken as read and no discussion was held.

RESOLUTION WBC24-2.6

Moved: Member W Stevenson

Seconded: Cr A Henry

1. That the Financial Business Advisor's report dated 22 April 2024 and titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board – Financial Report February 2024', be received.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waihi Beach Community Board meeting held on 17 June 2024.



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Chairperson R Goudie

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