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For our District

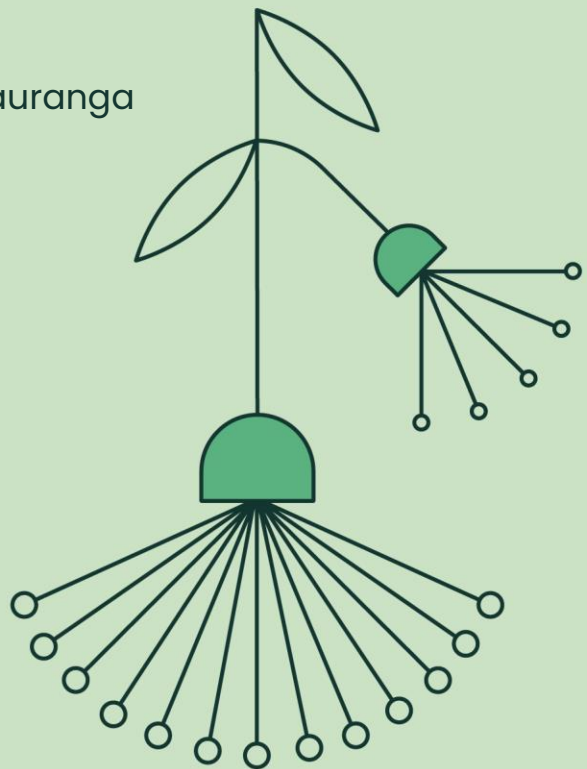
Community Committee

Kōmiti ā Hāpori

CM23-2

Thursday, 19 October 2023, 9.30am

Council Chambers, 1484 Cameron Road, Tauranga



Community Committee

Membership:

Chairperson	Cr Margaret Murray-Benge
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Grant Dally
Members	Cr Tracey Coxhead Cr Richard Crawford Mayor James Denyer Cr Murray Grainger Cr Anne Henry Cr Rodney Joyce Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour Cr Allan Sole Cr Don Thwaites Cr Andy Wichers John Clements (Chair - Katikati Community Board) Laura Rae (Chair - Maketu Community Board) Peter Presland (Chair - Ōmokoroa Community Board) Kassie Ellis (Chair - Te Puke Community Board) Ross Goudie (Chair - Waihi Beach Community)
Quorum	Nine (9)
Frequency	Quarterly

Role:

Subject to compliance with Council strategies, policies, plans and legislation:

- To maintain an overview of Council's community-led outcomes delivery, with a focus on the social, economic, cultural and environmental work programmes, as set out in the Long-Term Plan.
- To maintain an overview of Council's local housing systems plan delivery, and make recommendations to Council and its Committees on appropriate actions to address priority matters.
- To maintain an overview of local climate change plans and make recommendations to Council and its Committees on appropriate actions to address priority matters.
- To receive reports from Convenors of Community Forums and make recommendations to Council and its Committees on appropriate actions to address priority matters arising from Community Forums.

- To administer specific funds of Council that contribute to improving community wellbeing.

Scope:

Social Wellbeing

- Monitor progress on Council's community safety programme.
- Monitor (annually) local service delivery contracts relating to social wellbeing.
- Receive updates on the Community Events Fund allocations.
- Receive updates on the progress of local housing system plans.
- Receive updates on community emergency response planning and community resilience work.
- Consider and decide applications to the Community Matching Fund.
- Consider and decide applications to the Facilities in the Community Fund.

Environmental Wellbeing

- Receive updates on the Natural Environment and Sustainable Living Programme.
- Receive updates on the progress of local climate change plans.
- Monitor (annually) local service delivery contracts relating to environmental wellbeing.
- Consider and decide applications to the Community Matching Fund – ecological component.

Cultural Wellbeing

- Receive updates on the Creative Communities Scheme funding allocations.
- Receive updates on the cultural events supported by Council.
- Monitor progress on the Welcoming Communities programme and prioritise actions and activities.

Economic Wellbeing

- Receive updates (annually) from Priority One and Tourism Bay of Plenty.
- Monitor (annually) local service delivery contracts relating to economic wellbeing.

Delegations:

To receive the priority matters arising from Community Forums and make recommendations to Council and its Committees.

Power to recommend:

To Council and/or any Committee as it deems appropriate.

Power to sub-delegate:

The Committee may delegate any of its functions, duties or powers to a subcommittee, working group or other subordinate decision-making body subject to the restrictions on its delegations and provided that any sub-delegation includes a statement of purpose and specification of task.

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of Community Committee will be held in the Council Chambers, 1484 Cameron Road, Tauranga on:
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1 KARAKIA

Whakatau mai te wairua
Whakawātea mai te hinengaro
Whakarite mai te tinana
Kia ea ai ngā mahi

Āe

Settle the spirit
Clear the mind
Prepare the body
To achieve what needs to be
achieved.
Yes

2 PRESENT**3 IN ATTENDANCE****4 APOLOGIES****5 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS****6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST****7 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS****8 PUBLIC FORUM**

9 REPORTS

9.1 TAURANGA WESTERN BAY COMMUNITY EVENT FUND (TWBCEF) UPDATE

File Number: A5765459

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Authoriser: Rachael Davie, Deputy CEO/General Manager Strategy and Community

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Tauranga Western Bay Community Event Fund (TWBCEF). Approximately \$900,000 per annum is available across 5-6 funding rounds, for events that are free to attend and are about enriching our communities through active participation and inclusion.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community and Strategic Relationships Manager's report dated 19 October 2023, titled 'Tauranga Western Bay Community Event Fund (TWBCEF) Update', be received.

BACKGROUND

2. The Tauranga Western Bay Community Event Fund (TWBCEF) is a collaboration between Acorn Foundation, Bay Trust, Tauranga City Council, TECT, and Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC). The administration of the fund is managed by TECT on behalf of the funding partners.
3. The fund was established after discussions between the partners on the requirements of community groups wanting to put on events, having to complete multiple different funding applications. This was time consuming for organisers, created uncertainty around funding dates and timings, and meant a lot of information needed to be duplicated.
4. The fund aims to streamline the criteria and application process for community events taking place in the sub-region that enrich our communities through active participation and inclusion. Instead of applying to multiple funders to meet their funding requirement, community event organisers can now apply for a significant amount from a single fund.
5. The fund provides more opportunities for event organisers, as they can now access funding from organisations, they were formerly unable to if they did not have not-for-profit status.

6. The events granted funding are all community-driven events, aiming to enrich the Tauranga and Western Bay communities through active participation and inclusion.
7. A total of \$900,00 is available in the TWBCEF across 5–6 funding rounds held bi-monthly. Grants are for a maximum of \$50,000 per applicant for events held in Tauranga, and a maximum of \$15,000 per applicant for events held in Western Bay of Plenty. WBOPDC contributes \$60,000 per annum to the total funding pot.
8. Over half of the \$900,000 annual funding pool for 2023 / 2024 has now been allocated, and the fund will have up to another four rounds for the remaining 2023 / 2024 year.

OUTCOME OF LATEST FUNDING ROUND

9. The last round of events that were successful include:
 - **Tauranga Moana Tangata Festival** held from 20 September to 22 October 2023 at Matakana Island.
 - **Te Puke Sikh Parade** held on 30 September 2023 at Gurudwara Temple, Centennial Park.
 - **Te Puke Diwali Festival** held on 30 September 2023 at Gurudwara Temple, Centennial Park.
 - **Live Life Greener** – Community Beach Clean Pod Launch held on 1 October 2023 at Waihi Beach Surf Club.
 - **Move with You, Waihi Beach** held on 6 October – 5 November 2023 at Waihi Beach Surf Club.
 - **Dogs Day Out** held on 7 and 8 October 2023 at Waikato University and Tauranga Racecourse.
 - **Fijian Language Week and Independence Day Celebration** held on 8 to 14 October 2023 at Te Puke Sports and Recreation Club.
 - **Tauranga Arts Festival** held from 19 to 29 October 2023 at multiple locations.
 - **Annual Kabaddi Tournament** held on 28 and 29 October 2023 at Aquinas College.
 - **Ethkick** held on 4 November 2023 at Blake Park.
 - **Pedal and Spokes Family Cycle Ride** held on 4 November 2023 at The Historic Village and Kopurererua Valley.
 - **Armistice Day Memorial Service** held on 11 November 2023 at Stella Place.
 - **GenX / Marra Tinman Triathlon** held on 19 November 2023 at Pilot Bay.
 - **Tauranga Moana** Trans Pride and Day of Remembrance held on 19 November 2023 at The Historic Village.

- **Christmas in Te Puke** held on 2 December 2023 at Jubilee Park.
- **Carols on the Waterfront** held on 3 December 2023 at The Strand, Tauranga CBD.
- **Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon** held on 3 December 2023 at Arataki Park and Baywave Aquatic Centre.
- **Carols in the Park** held on 9 December 2023 at Omokoroa Sports Fields.
- **A Night Before Christmas** held on 16 December 2023 at Bethlehem College.
- **Community Christmas Lunch** held on 16 December 2023 at Katikati Memorial Hall.
- **The Mount Monster** held on 16 December 2023 at Mount Main Beach.
- **EVES Surfbreaker Triathlon** held on 27 December 2023 at Mount Main Beach.
- **Katikati A&P Show** held on 3 and 4 February 2024 at Uretara Domain A&P Showgrounds.
- **Frocks on Bikes** held on 4 February 2024 at Urban Katikati.
- **Waitangi Day Festival** held on 6 February 2024 at The Historic Village.
- **140th Anniversary Tauranga A&P Lifestyle Show** held on 17 and 18 February 2024 at Tauranga Racecourse.
- **Calley Homes Womens Triathlon** held on 18 February 2024 at Pilot Bay.
- **Marra Sprint Triathlon** held on 24 March 2024 at Pilot Bay.
- **Aramex Kiwi Walk and Run Series** held on 27 April 2024 at McLaren Falls.
- **Festival of Disability Sport** held on 27 April 2024 at Mercury Baypark Arena.
- **Project Youth Hip Hop Dance Competition** held from 31 May to 2 June 2024 at Mercury Baypark Arena.

NEXT STEPS

10. Applications for round three of the TWBCEF are now open through www.communityeventfund.nz
11. Fund organisers, Acorn Foundation, BayTrust, Tauranga City Council, TECT and Western Bay of Plenty District Council are inviting new community event applications to be submitted before the 20 October cut-off date. Decisions for round three of the fund will be released by 20 November 2023.

9.2 MAYORS TASK FORCE FOR JOBS UPDATE

File Number: A5754320

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Council's Community Committee of The Mayors Task Force for Jobs (MTFJ) programme which is operating in the Te Puke – Maketu Ward. The programme is a nationwide network of New Zealand's Mayors, administered by Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ), working together towards the vision of all young people under 25 being engaged in employment, education, training, and other positive activities in their communities. Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) joined the programme in early 2023 on a trial basis. The trial was successful, and Council has now been granted funding for a further two years.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Outcomes Advisor's report dated 19 October 2023, titled 'Mayor's task force for jobs update', be received.

BACKGROUND

2. The MTFJ is a nationwide network of New Zealand's Mayors, administered by LGNZ, working together towards the vision of all young people under 25 being engaged in employment, education, training, and other positive activities in their communities. Eligibility for this programme is restricted to provincial Councils and defined as per the LGNZ website and updated by the 2018 census as a territorial authority with a population of between 20,000 and 90,000 people.
3. Rangatahi in rural New Zealand can face more significant challenges when entering into the labour force, including a lack of access to skill development pathways, driver licensing/ testing facilities and a lack of access to employers.
4. As part of the programme, MTFJ may provide Councils with funding to enable them to:
 - a) Deliver employment outcomes for NEETs (Not in Employment, Education or Training), those clearly identified as at risk of becoming a NEET, disabled youth, and other youth aged 16–24.

- b) Deliver employment outcomes for those disadvantaged in the labour market who are not able to readily access Ministry of Social Development (MSD) products and services.
 - c) Employ staff to run the programme.
- 5. Employment outcome means when, because of a Council action or initiative under the programme, a person is placed into employment as below:
 - a) Permanent, full-time (30 hours+ a week) paid work, or
 - b) Permanent, part-time (a minimum of 15 hours a week) paid work where a person holds, and Council has a record of, a medical certificate that excludes a person from full-time work.
 - c) Permanent, part-time (a minimum of 20 hours a week) paid work where a person is a single parent or caregiver, of one or more dependent children under 14, is not in a relationship and does not have adequate financial support.
- 6. Funding can be used for pastoral care delivery, employability programmes, wage subsidies (wage subsidy capped at \$3k per outcome), employer support services (capped at \$3k) and staff-related expenses for the provision of pastoral care delivery.
- 7. The Mayor will lead the programme in their community, meet regularly with programme team and promote the programme to business contacts, refer potential business contacts to the team, personally thank employers and congratulate successful placements
- 8. MTFJ has established partnerships to provide additional support where needed. Clearhead provides access to online mental health support. Industry Training Solutions provides discounted access to micro credentials. The Employers & Manufacturers Association provides support to businesses. Youth Employability Aotearoa provides employability skill training and we are bringing on more to provide digital and financial literacy support.
- 9. Western Bay of Plenty District Council was approached and asked to take part in the MTFJ Community Employment Programme in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Development. As part of the programme, MTFJ provides Councils with funding. Western Bay of Plenty District Council agreed to be part of the 6-month pilot programme.

PILOT PROGRAMME (JAN 15– JUNE 30, 2023)

10. To deliver this programme effectively Western Bay of Plenty District Council partnered and subcontracted the MTFJ programme to COLAB (Te Puke based community led development group).
11. COLAB have employed a MTFJ co-ordinator, Davina Edwards (COLAB, MTFJ coordinator). Davina primarily focusses on the Te Puke-Maketu ward. The pilot programme provided an opportunity to show success by meeting targets and deliverables.

AREA OF OPERATION

12. Te Puke – Maketu ward was chosen as a focus area for the Mayors Task Force for Jobs programme due to pre-existing youth employment programmes operating in other wards and sub regionally (Katikati – Waihi beach- *Poutama Pathways for Rangatahi* & Tauranga's *Ara Rau – Pathways to work programme*).

a) Poutama Pathways for Rangatahi

This Ministry of Social Development-funded programme has received a Two-million-dollar investment to focus on youth from Ōmokoroa – Waihi Beach. Katikati based Poutama Pathways for Rangatahi is a work-readiness and skills initiative. It's for young people who are hard to reach and most at risk of long-term unemployment.

b) Ara Rau – Pathways to work programme employment hub.

Ara Rau is the result of a successful partnership between the Ministry for Business Innovation and Employment and Priority One. Ara Rau is a one-stop employment hub where people of all ages, cultures and backgrounds can go to obtain all the information they need regarding employment, training, and upskilling. Support is given to connect with local employers and service providers. Ara Rau is working with employers to develop a positive, inclusive, and empowering employment culture throughout the region, ensuring everyone in our community has the opportunity of a quality job, hoping to connect employers and jobseekers to develop relationships for long-term success.

13. Western Bay of Plenty District Council recognises that there is a shortage of services to support NEETs and other disadvantaged people in the Te Puke – Maketu ward.

PILOT PROGRAMME SUCCESS AND PROGRAMME EXTENSION

14. We have completed a successful pilot programme (6-month contract \$108,000) which saw Davina place 10 x rangatahi into sustainable (90+ days) employment.
15. The pilot was successful and the programme has grown from strength to strength, with the MTFJ programme being embedded into the community. Davina has near 40 young job seekers on her employment plan, all at varying job ready stages. MSD and LGNZ recognised the work we have been conducting and we received programme continuation funding for two more years.
16. Davina's main role involves engaging with young people (and their whanau), identifying their strengths, skills, ambitions, and employment opportunities. Pastoral care for jobseekers can vary from individual to individual.
17. Davina also engages with employer key stakeholders; WBOPDC, Te puke Economic development group, Te Puke Events and Promotions, New Zealand Kiwifruit Growers Incorporated, Master Builders, Master Electricians, Defence Careers.
18. Davina has also been engaging local community supporters Graeme Dingle Foundation, Nga Kakano, Poutiri Trust, THE HUB, Youth Encounters, Maketu Hauora, Tapuika Iwi Authority, Career Force, Primary ITO.
19. MTFJ coordinators will work closely with local MSD offices to leverage MSD products and services like Flexi-wage, Mana in Mahi, Transition to Work, online coaching platform Te Heke Mai, pre-employment programmes and entry-level digital skills programmes to utilise the partnership's collective funding. This also enables coordinators to engage with MSD NEETs or Non-NEETs who meet MSD funding requirements and to report these coordinator-initiated outcomes over and above contracted numbers. Monthly meetings and consistent communications have been maintained to ensure that we achieve our outcomes in a collaborative effort.

SOME EARLY LEARNINGS / CHALLENGES

20. Forming relationships with key community stakeholders was challenging at the onset of this programme. Community relationship building takes time. Achieving deliverables was difficult due to the complexity of forming relationships with communities, employers, and youth employees all while under time constraints to meet deliverables. Davina, being new to the region was an extra element to overcome. Establishing these relationships was her priority for the first 3-4 weeks.
21. Once Davina established her work programme within the community, we started to receive an increase in inquiries, normally from a relative or friend of a young person who needed some guidance.

22. Davina quickly found most of her initial work was increasing work readiness skills with a particular focus on driver licencing. We are currently investigating a Community Driver Mentor programme and what that could look like in our District. Discussions with the successful Wairarapa driver mentor programme coordinator have begun.

MAYORS TASKFORCE FOR JOBS 2023–2025

23. We are now moving onto Phase 2 (01 July 2023 – 30 June 2025, 2-year fixed contract \$252,000).
24. **Year One funding (01 July 2023–June 30, 2024):** A fund of \$140,000.00 has been made available to Council for a minimum of 14 employment outcomes.
25. **Year Two Funding (01 July 2024–30 June 2025):** Councils are guaranteed funding in Year 2 at a minimum of 80% (\$112,000) of the amount funded in Year 1 if the minimum number of Employment Outcomes is met in Year 1.
26. Our first initiative for the new contract period was to increase vocational pathway education for Te Puke – Maketu based youth. The Inzone Mobile Careers Coach sponsored by MTFJ and (MSD) set up for business in Te Pukes Jubilee Park carpark on Monday 21 August.

The \$1.5 million Inzone Mobile Careers Coach has 26 careers kiosks on board – allowing 26 people to go through the coach every 30 minutes. The kiosks feature short video presentations about New Zealand work/training providers and inspirational Kiwis in industry or business.

130 local rangatahi had the opportunity to explore vocational pathways. This career resource is designed to provide information, guidance, and support to individuals in their career development and decision-making processes.

NEXT STEPS

27. Council's programme lead will provide oversight of the contract and will meet regularly (no less than fortnightly) with COLAB, to ensure Mayoral/Council input into the programme and that subcontractors are supported to fulfil all contractual obligations. Council will also provide support and opportunities in the follow fields:
- a) **Communications, Media, and Marketing**– Council will promote MTFJ mahi and successes through social media and other channels.
 - b) **Mayoral Engagement** Promote the programme to business contacts, refer potential business contacts to the team, personally thank employers and congratulate successful placements.

- c) **Scoping and resourcing for new initiatives** Council programme lead will explore collaboration opportunities with other key stake holders.
 - d) **Partner programme Relationships** Council will help maintain relationships with other youth to employment providers (Poutama, Ara Rau). This communication ensures there is collaboration within the industry, also youth at risk are less likely to slip through the cracks.
28. As a main employer in the region discussions have already started on how Council can support the MTFJ programme with internal employment opportunities. An example of this is providing employment for a young person who is work ready with little or no work experience. Providing these young people with employment plans that offer a mentoring role to help their professional development.
29. Mayors Task force for Jobs programme is also exploring employment opportunities through Councils social procurement contracts that benefit our local communities.

SUMMARY

30. With new predictions trending towards an increase in youth unemployment the work Council is doing in the youth to employment space is positively impacting social/ economic outcomes. Providing youth with purpose and meaning through employment and contributing economically to their community in some cases is breaking intergenerational government financial reliance.

This programme is providing youth with opportunities they may not have previously had. The partnership reinforces that councils, working with local community organisations and led by their mayors, are well placed and connected to their communities to facilitate local employment outcomes.

9.3 COMMUNITY FORUM OUTCOMES

File Number: A5759117

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Council's Community Forums provide informal opportunities for members of the public to bring topical, community issues to the attention of Council, for discussion in an open forum.
2. Two themes emerged through the recent rounds of Community Forums. The first being broadly Resource Management matters (resource consents numbers, high profile resource consent applications, financial contributions, district plan review) and roading maintenance matters.
3. There are **three attachments** to this report, outlining the unique issues that were raised at each forum with an action, the progress and status of each issue.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance Manager's report dated 19 October 2023, titled 'Community Forum Outcomes', be received.

BACKGROUND

The Committee is advised that council is currently considering its approach to the District Plan review in light of the repeal of the Resource Management Act and the enactment of the Natural and Built Environment Act and Spatial Planning Act.

An extension to the one network road Westlink contract is currently being negotiated by the General Manager Infrastructure Services with a firm emphasis on maintenance levels of service. In addition Council will soon adopt a suite of procurement principles which will emphasise local and social procurement to progress broader wellbeing outcomes. We expect to advise outcome of all of these processes before Christmas.

ATTACHMENTS


1. **Maketu-Te Puke Community Forum Actions & Outcomes - 22 May 2023** 
2. **Katikati-Waihī Beach Community Forum Actions & Outcomes - 15 August 2023** 
3. **Maketu-Te Puke Community Forum Actions & Outcomes - 21 August 2023**  

Maketu–Te Puke Community Forum – 22 May 2023	
Issue/Concern	Progress
<p>No 1 Road – Safety and Repairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potholes. • Lack of lighting and reflective cat-eyes. • Issues with speed. • Quality of repairs being undertaken. • Flooding on the road. 	<p>A report was presented at the Projects and Monitoring Committee on 8 August 2023 – “No.1 Road Rehabilitation and Widening Programme” – to proceed with pavement reconstruction and widening. The recommendations were resolved by the Committee.</p> <p>The report for this can be found here (page 145), and the minutes can be found here (see page 16)</p>
<p>Pongakawa Bush Road concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued washing -out of road. • Disrepair of the road poses safety issues and concerns with emergency services access. • Concerns with blocked culverts exacerbating the concerns. 	<p>A number of Service Requests have been raised by members of the public in relation to this issue. This is an ongoing issue that continues to be worked on by Westlink.</p> <p>Discussions are currently taking place to consider seeking funding from Waka Kotahi, to permanently address ongoing flooding and damages to the road. This is a work in progress.</p>
<p>No 3 Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queries relating to the lack of maintenance on the last 70 metres of the road. 	<p>SR.23407 raised and directed to the Roading Department.</p> <p>Update received as of 4 October 2023: <i>Council maintain No 3 Road approximately up until the driveway at 1382 No. 3 Road. Past this driveway it is considered a paper road which means that Council is not required to maintain the road. We have many paper roads</i></p>

	<p><i>throughout the Western Bay of Plenty District.</i></p> <p><i>If maintenance has been carried out on this part of the road previously, it may have been private works where a property owner that uses that road has carried out the maintenance, or Council carried out work on the road as a one-off. Council is not required to maintain paper road and it is not within our current level of service to maintain paper roads.</i></p>
Drains on Jamieson Street (next to Lawrence Oliver Park)	This issue has been reported to Council several times. Each time, contractors have responded in a timely matter, and rectified the issue and closed off Service Request.
Pukehina Mowing and Main Turn-Off	This issue was raised as a Service Request after the Maketu-Te Puke Community Forum on 4 April 2023. Staff have been in contact with Pukehina Ratepayers Association on this concern. The main turn-off area has been surveyed and a concept design is in the works. Currently the plan is to seal the area to formalise it as a rest area. This should help to prevent dumping in the area.

Katikati-Waihi Beach Community Forum	
Issue/Concern	Progress/Outcome
The Athenree Action Group requested Council investigate installing bollards and parking spaces at the Waione Avenue Reserve and Boat Ramp	<p>There is currently no funding allocated by Council for the enhancement of the Waione Avenue Reserve area.</p> <p>If the Waihi Beach Community Board would like to see this area enhanced, they would be invited to invest their Community Board Rooding account funds or Reserve accounts funds, which they can elect to utilise on capital projects in the area.</p> <p>Council's Transport Engineer would be pleased to assist with prioritisation of the proposed works to complete this project.</p>
The Athenree Action Group requested Council investigate installing kerbing/channelling across Athenree and a footpath between 61 Athenree Road and Sandleigh Drive.	<p>There is currently no funding allocated by Council for kerb and channel or footpath extension works as noted in this proposal.</p> <p>The Waihi Beach Community Board may choose to resolve to fund this capital works proposal from the Community Board roading account. Council's Transport Engineer would be pleased to assist as required.</p>
Members of the community requested an update on the progress of the Athenree-Waihi Beach Cycleway.	The Cycleways Manager has been invited to the 4 December Waihi Beach Community Board Meeting to provide an update on the Athenree-Waihi Beach Cycleway.

There was potholes and road damage to Seaforth Road between Plom Road/Pio Roundabout and Anzac Bay	<p>The Transportation Engineer is currently waiting on confirmation of funding to proceed.</p> <p>Should funding be allocated, rehabilitation of this road is likely to commence during the 2024/25 construction season.</p>
A member of the public requested that Council install a drain on the Western side of Seaforth Road between Pio Shores roundabout, to Anzac Bay.	A service request (23462) was raised and passed on to the Transportation Team for consideration.
A member of the public complained that Council contractors had mowed the Tui Reserve at Bowentown when the soil was still wet, which caused ruts in the grass.	A service request (23464) was raised, and concerns have been passed onto Downer for investigation.
A member of the public requested information on the management of threats relating to the overflow of Waihi Beach Water Reservoir and storm water retention ponds.	<p>The Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan sets the strategic direction for the Bay of Plenty CDEM Group and its members as a collective. It allows the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group to set collective priorities and gives direction to each member when developing their own individual council plans.</p> <p>This approach recognises the diverse needs of different communities and helps ensure the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management are not taking a 'one size fits all' approach and therefore does not include detailed operational planning. Local procedures are in place at individual member councils for localised threats.</p>

	<p>Council has a management procedure in place for the Waihi Beach Dam and will be updated under the new Dam Safety Guidelines. The Waihi Beach Water Reservoir and critical assets have pre-heavy rain warning checks.</p>
<p>The tsunami warning sign by the Bowentown campground was faded and illegible.</p>	<p>A service request (23470) was assigned to the Emergency Management Team for action.</p> <p>As part of the Bay of Plenty Regional Tsunami Readiness Programme, tsunami evacuation zone maps have been updated and were scheduled to be replaced the week of 9 October 2023, including the Bowentown sign by the campground.</p>  <p><i>New tsunami evacuation zone map at Bowentown.</i></p> <p><i>Pictured: 13 October 2023</i></p>

<p>Sand dune management – Council needs to install more signage to educate people and maintain accessways to prevent further damage.</p>	<p>Council works in partnership with the BOP Regional Council and other councils involved with the Coast Care programme.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to installing additional signage at popular access points to the beach.</p>
<p>A member of the public requested more rubbish bins at Anzac Bay.</p>	<p>A service request (2346) was raised for additional rubbish bins at Anzac Bay.</p> <p>The Reserves and Facilities Team advised that the request for additional rubbish bins can be investigated, however, Council's Waste Minimisation policy and preference is for people visiting reserves to take their rubbish away with them.</p> <p>There are currently five rubbish bins at Anzac Bay; one near the toilet block and four under the Pohutukawa trees near the picnic tables. Additionally, there is a rubbish bin at the top park near the Pā site.</p> <p>Any additional bins would require engagement with local Hapū and archaeologist due to the cultural significance of the site.</p>
<p>A member of the public requested rubbish bins to be installed on Plom Road.</p>	<p>A service request (23468) was raised for rubbish bins to be installed on Plom Road.</p> <p>The Reserves and Facilities Team advised against installing a rubbish bin at this location.</p>

	<p>Rubbish bins are provided in areas where people may congregate and generate litter (i.e., near picnic tables). The location in question is a carparking area that links to a beach access, there is no table or furniture nearby that encourages people to congregate.</p>
<p>A member of the public raised concerns about the proposed Lifeguard building in Bowentown. There was a concern that the Lifeguard building would encroach on the existing BMX track and cricket grounds.</p>	<p>The Bowentown Lifeguard building proposal was open to public consultation. Submissions closed on 25 September 2023. The proposal was discussed at the Waihi Beach Community Board Meeting on 9 October. A decision on this matter will be decided by Council.</p> <p>Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services team had met with the BMX community regarding their track, who wanted to modernise it. They discussed that the track could be refigured and the cost of this could be built into this budget.</p> <p>Council was not aware of any marked boundary line around the cricket wicket. The cricket wicket, which was jointly funded by Council and Pio Shores Sports and Recreation Association, was used for casual cricket.</p> <p>Staff created a draft overlay of the of site (included in the Waihi Beach Community Board 9 October 2023 Meeting Agenda), which showed a distance of 39 metres to the Lifeguard building. Currently the shortest distance from the cricket wicket to the closest obstacle is 22 metres (the footpath).</p>

Maketu–Te Puke Community Forum – 21 August 2023	
Issue/Concern	Progress
Pongakawa School Road Speed Limit	The Forum was advised that this would be included as part of the Speed Management Plan Review that Council was currently undertaking. There would be an opportunity for public consultation through this process.
Infrastructure in Maketu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater concerns. • Roading concerns. • Levels of service. 	<p>This issue has been raised as part of the Maketu Community Board's annual plan submission. Staff are aware of the issues in Maketu, and a range of Service Requests have been raised by members of the public.</p> <p>The Forum was advised on the night that stormwater and flooding was a major concern for Council, due to the serious flooding throughout the district. There could be opportunity for a stormwater liaison group be set up in Maketu, much like what has been done for Waihi Beach.</p> <p>Projects currently planned for Maketu:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement to culvert capacity at Spencer Avenue – this is in design phase. Construction is set to be completed during 2024/2025. • Wilson Road North Widening/Road Rehabilitation works. This project is in design phase, and is planned for completion in the 2024/25 construction season. This includes upgrades to pavement and additional

10 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT

10.1 COMMUNITY FORUM NOTES FOR RECEIPT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each of the three Wards have held several community forums:









- **Kaimai Community Forums**, held at 7.00pm on:
 - 30 May 2023, at the Pyes Pa Hall, 742 Pyes Pa Road, Pyes Pa.
 - 18 September 2023, at the Ōmokoroa Sports Pavilion, Western Avenue, Ōmokoroa.
- **Katikati-Waihi Beach Community Forum**, held at 7.00pm on:
 - 15 August 2023, at the Bowentown Boating Club, Pio Road, Bowentown.
- **Maketu-Te Puke Community Forum**, held at 7.00pm on:
 - 22 May 2023, at the Te Puke War Memorial Hall, Jellicoe Street, Te Puke.
 - 21 August 2023, at the Pongakawa Hall, 952 Old Coach Road, Pongakawa.

Notes were produced from these forums, with the exception of the Kaimai Community Forum on 30 May 2023, due to only one issue being raised and referred to Bay of Plenty Regional Council. The notes covered the main points discussed, and issues raised by the public.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Governance Advisor's report dated 19 October 2023, titled 'Community Forum Notes for Receipt', be received.
2. That the Kaimai Ward Community Forum notes, held on 18 September 2023, be received.
3. That the Katikati-Waihi Beach Ward Community Forum notes, held on 15 August 2023, be received.
4. That the Maketu-Te Puke Ward Community Forum notes, held on 22 May 2023, be received.
5. That the Maketu-Te Puke Ward Community Forum notes, held on 21 August 2023, be received.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Kaimai Community Forum – Notes – 18 September 2023**  
2. **Katikati-Waihi Beach Community Forum – Notes – 15 August 2023**  
3. **Maketu-Te Puke Community Forum – Notes – 22 May 2023**  
4. **Maketu-Te Puke Community Forum – Notes – 21 August 2023**  

KAIMAI WARD COMMUNITY FORUM**18 SEPTEMBER 2023**

DATE:	Monday 18 September 2023, 7.00pm
HELD:	Ōmokoroa Sports Pavilion (Social Room), Western Avenue, Ōmokoroa
TOPICS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Overview of Kaimai Ward-Related Outcomes2. Te Puna Station Road Closure3. Ōmokoroa Road/State Highway 2 (SH 2) Intersection4. Plan Change 925. Te Puna Business Park and other Resource Consents6. District Plan7. Ōmokoroa Community Board Update – Community Policing8. Māori Roadways
GENERAL MANAGER RESPONSIBLE:	R Davie (Deputy Chief Executive Officer/General Manager Strategy and Community)
FORUM MEMBERS PRESENT:	Cr T Coxhead (Co-Convenor), Cr M Grainger, and Cr M Murray-Benge
APOLOGIES	Cr D Thwaites (Convenor)
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Cr A Henry, Cr A Wichers, Cr R Joyce, and Ōmokoroa Community Board Chairperson P Presland. 6 members of the public.
STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:	A Curtis (General Manager Regulatory Services), C Crowe (General Manager Infrastructure Services), and G Golding (Governance Manager)
INTRODUCTION:	

Kaimai Ward Community Forum – 18 September 2023 – Notes

The Convenor introduced all Councillors and staff present and welcomed all in attendance. A brief overview of the purpose of the Kaimai Ward Community Forum was provided, outlining that the purpose of the forum was to have a free and frank discussion between Councillors and members of the public.

1. Overview of Kaimai Ward-Related Outcomes

The Co-Convenor provided a brief overview of the recent Kaimai Ward-related items that have been presented to Council and Committee meetings since the last Kaimai Ward Community Forum, outlining the below:

- The Community Matching Fund had taken place, and the following groups had been awarded funding:
 - Kaimai Canoe Club
 - Ōmokoroa Football Club
 - Ōmokoroa Library of Things
 - Ōmokoroa Settler's Hall
 - Oropi School
 - The Old Library Ōmokoroa
 - Friends of Kaimai Views
 - Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust
- Council (held 17 August 2023) voted in favour of establishing a Māori Ward or Wards for the next two trienniums.
- At the Projects and Monitoring Committee (held 8 August 2023) there was a proposal for one lane of Te Puna Station Road to be opened temporarily. The Committee resolved that staff consult with the Te Puna community and wider district on the proposal to reopen one lane of Te Puna Station Road on a temporary, to one-way, east-bound traffic.
- The 'Tō Wāhi – Your Place' event received 17,050 pieces of feedback across the district, which included the following:
 - Whakamarama: 924
 - Ōmokoroa: 696
 - Oropi/Ohauti/Pyes Pa: 597
 - Omanawa/Lower Kaimai: 95

- The CCTV Working Party and delegations were established, and were responsible for considering applications for CCTV across the district and allocating the \$50,000 of funding. The Working Party included Councillors Joyce, Murray-Benge, and Crawford.
- Council held (6 June 2023) approved the request from Ngāti Te Wai (or its elected entity) to enter into a License to Occupy part of Tahawai Reserve, to operate a Kauri/native tree nursery.

2. Te Puna Station Road Closure

The General Manager Infrastructure Services provided an update on the closure of Te Puna Station Road, noting the following:

- Council had received four submissions on the proposal for opening one lane on Te Puna Station Road.
- WSP Opus was currently undertaking a feasibility assessment in terms of the slip damage to the river, and the costs related to this.
- There were two stages for the rectification of Te Puna Station Road, the first being the potential temporary opening of one lane. The second stage would be a report from WSP Opus on the wider picture, to then create a plan of action.

The below discussion took place:

- There needed to be consideration for the ecological and cultural aspects of this project, and not just the traffic congestion effects.
- There were statistics available on the traffic count and traffic times on State Highway 2 (SH 2).
- The truck count had increased exponentially on Te Puna Road and Clarke Road.
- It was queried what the impact would be on traffic when the SH 2 bypass was opened, which would not be open until 2025.

3. Ōmokoroa Road/State Highway 2 (SH 2) Intersection

The General Manager Infrastructure Services provided an update on the Ōmokoroa Road/SH 2 Intersection, noting the following:

- The preliminary designs were almost complete, and the project was on schedule.
- Council was looking at utilising Waka Kotahi's contracts for construction.
- The project was on track to begin construction in late October/early November 2023, with completion planned for 2025.

- The largest risk currently was the transferring of overhead powerlines to underground, and the procurement of resources from overseas (12 to 14 months lead time).
- There were ongoing negotiations with landowners in the area.
- There was an onsite Youngson Road Public Consultation meeting planned for 22nd September 2023.
- The design process for the different elements of the structure plan was on track, such as the wetland area.
- Council was currently in the process of a Speed Management Plan to reduce the speeds on local roads, however, Waka Kotahi controlled speed limit reviews on State Highways. There would be temporary traffic management in place during construction of the intersection.
- The roundabout would cater for the growth, with the addition of extra lanes and increased urbanisation of the area. Using the roundabout would improve road-users' journey significantly.
- Concern was raised over the quality of roadworks between Ōmokoroa and Katikati on SH 2, with road edges crumbling away.

4. Plan Change 92

The General Manager Regulatory services provided an update on Plan Change 92, noting the following:

- The Plan Change 92 hearing had taken place from 11-15 September, and there was indication from the commissioners that there would not be a decision until closer to December 2023, due to the information they had to work through.
- A lot of feedback had been provided from the community.
- The information related to this plan change was available on Council's website.

5. Te Puna Business Park

The General Manager Regulatory services provided an update on the Te Puna Business Park, noting the following:

- The Tinex Group Ltd application was for a two-year, fixed-term resource consent for industrial activities on Te Puna Station Road. This hearing was planned for the week of 9 October 2023.
- There were 194 submissions from the public, and the Officer's report had gone live on Council's website on 28 September 2023. This can be found [here](#).
- There were 30 submissions that wish to be heard at the hearing.

6. Other Resource Consent Matters

The General Manager Regulatory services provided an update on the other resource consents in the area, noting the following:

- Council was currently processing a variation to the resource consent for the JACE Town Centre development.
- The purpose of a Specified Development Project (SDP) was to enable fast-paced development of high-density housing in a particular area. These projects would be managed by Kāinga Ora.
- There were only a small amount of resource consents each year that were notified.

It was also noted that there had been a number of substantive resource consents and developments which had been approved in the past month, which involved approximately 350 lots in Ōmokoroa. There had been significant commitment from Council to make sure that traffic management is in place to enable these works. These consent holders included:

- Ōmokoroa Country Club
- Classic Developments – on Prole Road
- New Zealand Housing Foundation Council was currently taking some direction on legislative changes in relation to the District Plan, including the Natural and Built Environments Act 2023. Due to legislation changes and the 2023 general election, the District Plan review had not yet commenced, due to the potential effect that this would have.

7. District Plan

The General Manager Regulatory services provided a response to a query on the District Plan, noting the following:

- Council was currently taking some direction on legislative changes in relation to the District Plan, including the Natural and Built Environments Act 2023. Due to legislation changes and the 2023 general election, the District Plan review had not yet commenced, due to the potential effect that this would have.

8. Ōmokoroa Community Board Update – Community Policing

The Chairperson of the Ōmokoroa Community Board provided an update on the Ōmokoroa Community Policing, noting the following:

- There had been a focus on community safety and the Board had been working closely with the Community Policing Group.
- There was a desire to establish a Police Station and a permanent Ōmokoroa Police Constable for the peninsula, but the Board had been informed that this was an operational decision for New Zealand Police.

- A community policing hub office was being established on the premise next door to The Running Bird Café on McDonell Street, which was available for use by the Community Constable.
- Having visible law enforcement would make the community feel safer, and the Community Board was continuing to push for a permanent Constable in Ōmokoroa.
- There were CCTV cameras at the Ōmokoroa Boat Ramp/Ferry Terminal, in an effort to stop the crime and theft in that area. It was thought that Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras needed to be placed in key areas in Ōmokoroa.
- The CCTV Working Party that were currently working through submissions for CCTV cameras throughout the district.
- Concern was raised over smaller crimes that were happening in the area, and how we can prevent these. It was suggested that any issues and suggestions be submitted to the Ōmokoroa Community Board to consider.

9. Māori Roadways

A discussion took place regarding the acquisition of Māori roads by Council. It was clarified that Council had made a decision to maintain Māori roads to the same level as public roads without the need to be vested, and not that these roads would be acquired. Council had adopted a draft policy to this effect, being Council Maintenance of Previously Unmaintained Roads, in March 2022.

The Co-Convenor thanked all attendees for sharing their thoughts and concerns.

The forum closed at 8.09pm.

KATIKATI-WAIHĪ BEACH WARD COMMUNITY FORUM**15 August 2023****DATE:** Tuesday 15 August 2023, 7.00pm**HELD:** Bowentown Boating Club**TOPICS:**

1. Financial Contributions
2. Waione Boat Ramp and Reserve
3. Athenree Footpaths
4. Roading and Drainage
5. Athenree-Waihi Beach Cycleway
6. Reserve Maintenance and Planting
7. Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan
8. Māori Wards
9. Dune Erosion
10. Rubbish bins at Anzac Bay
11. Lifeguard Building Bowentown

GENERAL MANAGER RESPONSIBLE: R Davie (Deputy CEPO/General Manager Strategy and Community)**FORUM MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor A Henry (Convenor) and Councillor R Joyce**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor R Crawford, Councillor G Dally, Councillor M Murray-Benge, Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour, Mayor J Denyer,
Katikati Community Board Chairperson J Clements, Waihi Beach Community Board Chairperson R Goudie, D Simpson (Waihi Beach Community Board Member).

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STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: J Holyoake (Chief Executive Officer), G Golding (Governance Manager) and R Leahy (Governance Advisor)

INTRODUCTION:

The Convenor introduced all Councillors and staff present and welcomed all in attendance. A brief overview of the purpose of the Katikati-Waihi Beach Ward Community Forum was provided, outlining that it was an opportunity for members of the public to have an open and informal discussion with Councillors.

1. Financial Contributions

Discussion was held on financial contributions (FINCOs) for developers. The following points were raised:

- When determining where FINCOs should be applied, Council looked at population growth across the district and decided where additional infrastructure may be required.
- FINCOs were used to build new infrastructure or increase the capacity of existing services, they were not used for the maintenance of existing services.
- FINCOs had been reviewed and recalculated for this year and adopted, in principle, by Council.
- Council was currently reviewing whether FINCOs was the best model to use as they were generally tied to waters infrastructure. A decision on the model would likely be made once Affordable Waters Reform had been finalised, or through the LongTerm Plan process.
- Given the structure of FINCOs, investment in new infrastructure for Waihi Beach would need to come from other funding sources.
- Councillors could decide to increase the fund for town centres and provide an alternative source of funding for improvements.

Other points raised by members of the public:

- Waihi Beach did not have a vastly growing population; however, the population dramatically increased during summer.
- Members of the public felt that given the population increase during summer, FINCOs should be increased and shared across Waihi Beach area.

- If the community wanted to make improvements to infrastructure in the area there was not the funding sources outside of the LongTerm Plan and Annual Plan to do so. Communities needed rejuvenation to encourage population growth.

2. Waione Avenue Reserve and Boat Ramp

Concern was raised regarding Waione Avenue Reserve and Boat Ramp. The following points were raised:

- The Athenree Action Group requested Council investigate installing bollards and parking spaces at the Waione Avenue Reserve and Boat Ramp.
- Concern was raised regarding the lack of drainage at the reserve.
- The holiday park in Athenree had become increasingly popular over summer which had led to an increase in traffic.
- A shelter and BBQ area for Waione Avenue Reserve was planned for by Council, but not yet installed.

3. Footpaths in Athenree

Concern was raised regarding footpaths and curbing in Athenree. The following points were raised:

- The Athenree Action Group requested Council investigate installing curbing and footpaths in Athenree. There was no curbing between 61 Athenree Road and Sandleigh Drive.
- Members of the community felt that developers had not been required to complete their contribution obligations, which had led to a lack of investment in roading infrastructure.

4. Athenree Cycleway

Concern was raised regarding the Athenree-Waihi Beach Cycleway. The following points were raised:

- Members of the community requested an update on the progress of the Athenree-Waihi Beach cycleway.
- Council had consulted with local iwi and were at the final design stage of the project.
- Once the design was finalised, there would be a new round of engagement with the community prior to the resource consent being lodged.

5. Roading and Drainage

Concern was raised regarding roading and drainage. The following points were noted:

- Several potholes and road damage had “popped up” on Seaforth Road.

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- During winter, potholes were often repaired on a temporary basis. During the summer period, more permanent repairs could be undertaken.
 - Concern was raised that the amount of money taken in rates from the Bowentown did not equate to the level of road maintenance in the area.

Other points raised by members of the public:

- A member of the public requested that Council install a drain on the Western side of Seaforth Road between Pio Shores roundabout, to Anzac Bay. It was also noted that Council should reseal the road to prevent flooding.
- There was a lack of drainage and maintenance on Seaforth Road through to Anzac Bay. Concerned homeowners were having to maintain drains themselves to avoid flooding.
- Council installed a drain outside 440-442 Seaforth Road, however, there was no record of this asset on Council plans and had not been maintained under Council's Levels of Service.
- There were parts of Bowentown that were prone to flooding that had not been addressed by the Council.
- The road chip used by Council on the road outside Pio Shores was lifting.

6. Native Planting and Wetlands

There was a discussion regarding planting native trees and creating wetlands. the following points were noted:

- A member of the of public wanted more variety of native flora planted on dunes and along cycleways to attract birdlife and bees to the area.
- An ecological study could be done to identify areas that could be restored to their natural state.
- There was a balance between having grass recreational areas and creating wetlands. Identifying areas to be restored as wetlands could be looked at under the Reserve Management Plan.

Other points raised by members of the public:

- Pio Shores residents and Council were working together to replant the berms with appropriate trees to attract birdlife.
- Due to an increase in moisture, the Island View Reserve was creating its own wetland. Island View Reserve and other unused grass areas could be transformed into wetlands.

7. Council Mowing

Concern was raised regarding the mowing at Tui Reserve in Bowentown. The following points were noted:

- Council contractors had mowed the Tui Reserve at Bowentown when the soil was still wet, which caused ruts in the grass. Members of the public felt that the reserve was now unusable for recreational purposes.
- There were issues with contractors leaving grass clippings on reserves in Bowentown, which were untidy.

8. Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan

Concern was raised regarding Waihi Beach's Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan. The following points were noted:

- A member of the public wanted information relating to the threat of overflow from the Waihi Beach Water Reservoir and storm water retention ponds, included in the Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan.
- The Bay of Plenty Regional Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan was currently being reviewed. The plan did not have a localised response plan included. Council had its own local Civil Defence Plans, which could be updated to include localised threats.

Other points raised by members of the public:

- The tsunami warning sign by the Bowentown campground was faded and illegible.

9. Sand Dune Management

Concern was raised regarding sand dune management. The following points were noted:

- Dune management was primarily a Regional Council issue, resilience planning was included in the Long Term Plan.
- There had been issues with restoring some of the dunes, as not enough sand had come back. In addition, there had been a severe shortage of planting dunes.

Other points raised by members of the public:

- Council needed to install more signage to educate people and maintain accessways to prevent further damage.

10. Māori Wards

Concern was raised regarding the establishment of Māori Wards. The following points were noted:

- A member of the public was concerned that there had been no consultation with residents about the establishment of Māori Wards.
- Council was legally obligated to decide on whether to establish Māori Wards before 23 November 2023. There was no requirement to undertake public consultation on this matter.

11. Pest Control

Concern was raised regarding the management of Black Swans and Canadian Geese. The following points were noted:

- Black Swans and Canadian Geese were affecting the ecosystem in the estuary and harbour.
- It was noted that Bay of Plenty Regional Council was responsible for pest management.

12. Rubbish Bins in Bowentown

Concern was raised regarding rubbish bins in Bowentown. The following points were noted:

- A member of the public requested more rubbish bins at Anzac Bay and on Plom Road.

13. Lifeguard Building Bowentown

Concern was raised via email (not discussed at the forum) to the Convenor regarding the proposed Lifeguard building in Bowentown. The following points were noted:

- Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services was considering building a new hub at the reserve behind the Coastguard building.
- The BMX track and cricket ground were popular and used all year round by members of the public. The Lifeguard building would encroach on this recreational space.
- There were alternative spaces in Bowentown that could be used to build a storage area for the Lifeguard.

The forum closed at 8:48pm

MAKETU-TE PUKE WARD COMMUNITY FORUM**22 MAY 2023**

DATE:	Monday 22 May 2023, 7.00pm
HELD:	Te Puke War Memorial Hall (Settler's Lounge), 130 Jellicoe Street
TOPICS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. No 1 Road2. Traffic Congestion3. Pongakawa Bush Road4. No 3 Road5. Climate Change6. Kerbside Bins7. Flood-Zones and Stormwater Contamination8. Pukehina – Mowing and Main Turn-Off
GENERAL MANAGER RESPONSIBLE:	R Davie (General Manager Strategy and Community)
FORUM MEMBERS PRESENT:	Councillor R Crawford (Convenor), Councillor A Wichers (Co-Convenor), Councillor G Dally, and Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Mayor J Denyer, Councillor D Thwaites, Maketu Community Board Chairperson L Rae, Te Puke Community Board Chairperson K Ellis, and Te Puke Community Board Member's D Snell, and K Summerhays
STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:	G Allis (Deputy Chief Executive Officer), R Davie (General Manager Strategy and Community), and G Golding (Governance Manager)
INTRODUCTION:	

Maketu-Te Puke Ward Community Forum – 22 May 2023 – Notes

The Convenor introduced all Councillors and staff present and welcomed all in attendance. A brief overview of the purpose of the Maketu-Te Puke Ward Community Forum was provided, outlining that the purpose of the forum was to have a free and frank discussion between Councillors and members of the public.

1. No 1 Road

A member of the public was in attendance to raise concerns regarding No 1 Road safety and repairs, and spoke to a slideshow of photos. The following discussion took place:

- Constant potholes were appearing faster than they could be repaired. It was believed that they were an accident waiting to happen, as it is near impossible to swerve around them due to the size.
- There was a lack of lighting on No 1 Road, and the middle lane marking was invisible in wet weather. There were no reflective cat-eyes through the middle or edges of the road.
- It was noted that these issues mainly applied to the bottom 2km of the road.
- There was an issue with speed on the road, mainly trucks speeding through.
- Any repair work that was done was not lasting very long and was not of acceptable quality. It was believed that there should be an investment to permanently fix the road, rather than endless repair works.
- It was queried whether:
 - Council owned the farmland from No 1 Road through to Cattle Farm Drive;
 - Trevelyan's Packhouse were still planning to contribute towards a future walkway;
 - Tauranga City Council had contributed any funding for reinstatement of the road since the Waiāri Water Supply pipe-laying.
- It was suggested that a cycleway be included in any plans to upgrade the road.
- There was a need for residents to be provided with an update on the plans of the road.
- Flooding on the road near the Trevelyan's Packhouse was a concern.
- Potholes and roads were unable to be fixed during wet weather, and it was noted that this road was a priority for Councillors.
- The Committee noted that there was a Facebook group "*No 1 Road Residents and Users Group*", run by the community, that kept residents up to date on No 1 Road concerns.

2. Traffic Congestion

A member of the public was in attendance to speak regarding concerns with traffic congestion. The following discussion took place:

- There was significant traffic congestion surrounding the No 1 Road and Jellicoe Street intersection.
- It was believed that the traffic was comparable to larger city traffic during peak kiwifruit season.
- There was concern that the traffic issues in Te Puke were not included on any of Council's Long Term Plans.
- There were plans for Zespri to triple the production of kiwifruit in the next 10 years, and that Council needed to consider how to address traffic issues sooner rather than later, to allow for this growth.
- It was believed that, since the main road was reduced to single lane, there had been significant negative impact on the town.
- It was suggested that slip-lanes be considered to reduce the impact of traffic congestion.
- The Te Ara Kahikatea Pathway Group were working with Council towards making cycleways/pathways safer for children to get to school and to improve the connectivity of cycleways for users.
- Council had applied to Waka Kotahi's Transport Choices fund for 12 projects, of which one was successful and funding of \$2.4 million was allocated. To qualify for the funding, Council was required to include public consultation in this process. Council has sought feedback from schools in Te Puke in the first instance, before going out to the wider community.
- There would be a letterbox drop and community public consultation for this project. If Council could not prove the feasibility of the project, the allocated funding from Waka Kotahi would be withdrawn.

3. Pongakawa Bush Road

A member of the public was in attendance to speak regarding concerns with Pongakawa Bush Road. The following discussion took place:

- Since 2016, there had been ongoing issues with the road washing-out, which had deteriorated further since the recent weather events.
- The road was in such a bad state, that residents were worried that emergency services would not be able to travel up the road.
- It was believed to be a significant safety issue, and the road desperately needed to be upgraded to allow for water run-off.
- The issue was exacerbated by blocked culverts.
- It was queried why the clearing of culverts across the district before a wet weather event was not part of the service programme. The Chairperson noted that levels of service was currently a priority topic for the Projects and Monitoring Committee.

4. No 3 Road

A member of the public was in attendance to speak regarding No 3 Road. The following discussion took place:

- There were 12 slips on No 3 Road during Cyclone Gabrielle and the recent weather events. Residents up the road had been trapped for two days during the events, and it was noted that Council's response to this was very quick.
- There was a rumour that Council was no longer maintaining the last 70 metres of the road. It was noted that this has always been maintained by Council in the past.
- There were nine households on this portion of the road, and it was currently in a bad state.
- A concern was raised that infrastructure in Te Puke would not be able to withstand continued population growth into the future.

5. Climate Change

A member of the public was in attendance to speak regarding climate change. The following discussion took place:

- There was a concern that Council had not planned appropriately for climate change for the coming years.
- Council was planning for climate change using a rate of Representation Concentration Pathway 8.5 (RCP8.5), which was the global basis for high-risk climate change scenarios.
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) were responsible for stopbanks and flood protection, however, Council had made submissions to BOPRC on these when needed.
- Land use was determined by the District Plan, and it was believed that houses should not be built on floodable land.
- It was believed that Council was not planning sufficiently for climate change. It was noted that Council was working towards community resiliency in relation to climate change.

6. Kerbside Bins

A member of the public was in attendance to speak regarding kerbside bins. The following discussion took place:

- An exemption had been applied for the kerbside charges, as the kerbside service was not used by this member of the public. Their bins had been returned to the Council, and it was queried why the service was still paid for as part of their rates.

- It was clarified that the fixed rateable charges covered recycling and food scraps only, and rubbish was collected on a pay-per-collection basis (Pay as You Throw tags). This charge was only applied to properties where they were eligible to receive this service.
- This process was the preferred option when consultation took place prior to implementation of the service.
- This process intended to incentivise residents to recycle, rather than simply throwing items in the rubbish.
- Council had information available on the kerbside service, which included recycling statistics, where rubbish/recycling goes, and diversion of rubbish from landfill.
- Council had reported approximately 20% of contaminated recycling annually, which was better than the national average of 30%.
- Recycling was handled/transported as follows:
 - Glass and paper were transported to Auckland.
 - Plastics were transported to Wellington.
 - Cardboard was transported to Tokoroa.
 - Plastics 1 and 5 were sold on the local market.
- Batteries could be recycled at Council's libraries and head office.
- The Waste Minimisation and Management Plan was coming up for review, and feedback from the public would be sought.
- There had been discussions with Tauranga City Council (TCC) about a sub-regional transfer station.

A breakdown of the handling of rubbish/recycling can be found on Council's Kerbside Collective website - <https://kerbsidecollective.co.nz/faqs/>

7. Flood-Zones and Stormwater Contamination

A member of the public was in attendance to speak regarding flood-zones in Te Puke. The following discussion took place:

- There was a concern with levels of flooding in flood-zones, and the lack of drain-clearing in these areas.
- The drains on the side of Lawrence Oliver Park and Jamieson Street needed to be cleared. It was noted that requests for this had been lodged with Council, but had not been rectified.
- Usually, when there was flooding in this area the water was clear, but recently the water contained a milky sediment.
- There was a concern with stormwater contamination, and it was believed that production/industrial companies in Te Puke needed to further consider their environmental effects.

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- There was a suggestion for a public group to be formed, in an attempt to 'keep Te Puke beautiful' and litter free.
 - Concern was raised over metal processing plants in Te Puke, and the pollution of heavy metals into the waterways.

8. Pukehina – Mowing and Main Turn-off

A member of the public was in attendance seeking an update on several topics in the Pukehina area. The following discussion took place:

- An update was sought on the mowing in Pukehina, which had been raised at the last Maketu-Te Puke Forum. The Chairperson noted that Committee members had a list of answers/actions to a range of potential questions and invited the public to discuss this with members after the forum meeting.
- An update was sought on the tidying-up of the Pukehina turn-off, noting that it was becoming an increasingly popular spot for dumping, and that there had been conversations with the Chief Executive Officer and Senior Transportation Engineer. The Committee would follow this up with staff.

A member of the public thanked the Committee for providing a platform where these issues can be raised, and discussions can be had.

It was noted that there were many Council projects that the Maketu-Te Puke residents could feed in to, including:

- Te Puke Spatial Plan
- District Plan Review
- Long Term Plan
- Waste Management and Minimisation Plan
- Te Puke Town Centre Plan

Council would provide communication to the public regarding these processes and how the community could submit feedback, on platforms such as Council's website and official Facebook page.

Cr Crawford thanked all attendees for sharing their thoughts and concerns.

The forum closed at 8.46pm.

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MAKETU-TE PUKE WARD COMMUNITY FORUM**21 AUGUST 2023**

DATE:	Monday 21 August 2023, 7.18pm
HELD:	Pongakawa Hall, 952 Old Coach Road, Pongakawa
TOPICS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pongakawa Tennis Courts2. Pongakawa School Speed Limit3. Maketu Infrastructure4. Pukehina Community Patrol Vehicle5. Māori Wards6. Kaituna River Re-Diversion and Maketu Estuary Enhancement7. Te Puke Infrastructure
GENERAL MANAGER RESPONSIBLE:	R Davie (Deputy Chief Executive Officer/General Manager Strategy and Community)
FORUM MEMBERS PRESENT:	Councillor R Crawford (Convenor), Councillor A Wichers (Co-Convenor), Councillor G Dally, and Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Mayor J Denyer, Cr M Murray-Benge, Cr T Coxhead, Cr A Henry, Maketu Community Board Chairperson L Rae, and Te Puke Community Board Chairperson K Ellis, 11 members of the public.
STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:	R Davie (Deputy Chief Executive Officer/General Manager Strategy and Community), and J Osborne (Governance Advisor)
INTRODUCTION:	

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The Convenor introduced all Councillors and staff present and welcomed all in attendance. A brief overview of the purpose of the Maketu-Te Puke Ward Community Forum was provided, noting this was an opportunity to have a free and frank discussion between Councillors and members of the public.

1. Pongakawa Tennis Courts

A member of the public was in attendance to discuss the replacement of the Pongakawa tennis courts. The following points were raised:

- There had been significant discussion with Council regarding the replacement of these courts, including an historic land-swap that took place involving the land where 'The Action Centre' now sat.
- It was requested that Council move forward with construction of two multi-use tennis courts, as agreed when the land swap took place. This would eventually become four courts.
- It was encouraged that tennis courts be built rather than the planned full hockey courts.
- It was thought that plexipave would be the most suitable material.
- The school was willing to assist Council with fundraising if needed.
- The school had no funding for the asset itself, but there was 'sweat equity'.
- The school was seeking guarantee of funding and project management from Council and asked that Council work with the school to ensure that the courts were built.
- There was a desire for the Pongakawa Domain (which was situated next to Pongakawa School) to become a sporting hub, with the exclusion of rugby as this was already established in Te Puke.
- There was funding within Council put aside for the tennis courts.

2. Pongakawa School Speed Limit

A student at the Pongakawa School was in attendance to speak regarding concerns with the speed limit surrounding Pongakawa School. The following points were raised:

- The Pongakawa School Road speed limit was currently 100km/h, and they believed it needed to be reduced to 40km/h during drop-off and pick-up times, for the safety of the students.
- Student ages ranged from 5-13 years old.

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- In 2016, there was proposal from Council to reduce speed limits near schools during collection times. Other schools in the area were reduced, but Pongakawa School was not included.
- There was concern that there was a fatal accident waiting to happen, as many children cross the road before and after school.
- A pedestrian crossing was also needed to ensure safety, as many children cross the road to be collected by parents.
- There had been multiple crashes in the area that had been serious or fatal.
- The speed that vehicles travelled was also distracting for the students, as it generated significant noise.
- Old Coach Road/Pongakawa School Road was a State Highway detour, and many travellers were not aware that a school was just up the road.

Discussion within the forum took place as follows:

- Council was currently undertaking a speed limit bylaw review, which would include this area of concern. There would be an opportunity for public consultation through this process.
- It was thought that Pongakawa School Road should be 80km/h as a standard.
- Rural roads throughout the district would be reducing in speed as part of the speed limit review.
- It was recommended that this issue be presented to a meeting of Council through public forum, and a submission be lodged with Council during the speed limit reviews.

3. Maketu Infrastructure

A member of the public was in attendance to speak regarding concerns with infrastructure in Maketu. The following points were raised:

- There were significant infrastructure improvements needed for Maketu, which had been highlighted by the weather events that had taken place in 2023.
- There was a concern with the infrastructure that was currently in the area, which included;
 - No kerbing/channelling alongside footpaths;
 - Flooding; and
 - Gravel roads being dug out.
- The footpath along the top of Arawa Avenue was the only improvement made in recent years however, with a lack of kerbing, all of the stormwater travelled through the nearby properties, as well as the Spencer Avenue drain, which was consistently unmaintained.

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- It was believed that a reservoir would assist with drainage in the Spencer Avenue area.
 - It was suggested that there be oxidation ponds for stormwater drainage to treat stormwater before it was released into estuary and wetlands.
 - Little Waihi Road was under-maintained and needed significant attention.
 - It was queried whether there were any future plans for the areas of concern.

The below discussion took place:

- Concerns relating to roading infrastructure could be addressed through the local Community Board in the first instance, noting that each Community Board had their own Roding Budget.
- Although still in its early stages, the Town Centre funding rate was highlighted, noting that this was a rotational 'rejuvenation' fund for each town. This proposal was currently with Council to decide on the best way forward.
- It was suggested that Councillors tour the town with local Maketu residents who knew the issues in the area, as this would help determine a priority list.
- Flooding was a major focus within Council due to the serious flooding in Waihi Beach and throughout the district that took place at the beginning of 2023. There had been a liaison group set up between Council, Elected Member's, and residents, to get a grasp on the issues as seen by the locals. A similar liaison group could be created in Maketu and other areas.
- The Maketu Community Board's Annual Plan submission included projects to address roading, kerbing/channelling, as well as stormwater.
- It was believed that the continued maintenance and clean-up of the area, would be more expensive than a permanent fix.

4. Pukehina Community Patrol Vehicle

The Chairperson of the Pukehina Ratepayers & Residents Association (PRRA) was in attendance to speak regarding a Pukehina community patrol vehicle. The following discussion took place:

- The current community patrol car was in disrepair and needed replacing.
- The patrol car was an important asset, and was used throughout many areas in the ward, including Paengaroa, Maketu, and Otamarakau.
- PRRA was seeking support from Council for a replacement vehicle and were planning to seek sponsorship from external entities.

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- There had been an increase in crime in the Pukehina area.

The below discussion took place:

- The Community Matching Fund was suggested as an avenue to receive funding.
- It was suggested that PRRA approach Ultimate Motor Group in Te Puke to seek support.

5. Māori Wards

A member of the public was in attendance to speak regarding Māori Wards. The following discussion took place:

- It was believed that there needed to be a minimum of two Māori wards, to represent Te Arawa and Tauranga Moana separately, as they had different views and aspirations for their rohe.
- The decision regarding number of wards would be decided through the Representation Review in 2024.
- There had already been significant discussions with local iwi and hapū regarding their aspirations for Māori Wards, and this would continue as part of the Representation Review discussion.

6. Kaituna River Re-Diversion and Maketu Estuary Enhancement

A discussion took place regarding the Kaituna River Re-Diversion and Maketu Estuary Enhancement, noting the following:

- Pim de Monchy, from Bay of Plenty Regional Council, was meeting with the Maketu community to provide their annual update. There would also be a presentation at a subsequent date, involving the Maketu Community Board, on some of the issues raised.

7. Te Puke Infrastructure

A member of the public was in attendance to speak regarding Te Puke infrastructure. The following discussion took place:

- The Maketu-Te Puke Ward area was the economic driver for the rest of the district, and it was believed there was a shortfall in infrastructure in the ward.
- The lighting in the Heritage Walkway was due to be reinstalled.
- As part of the Commerce Lane refurbishment, there had been a safety audit done, which recommended a pedestrian crossing for this space.

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- There was a need for the helicopter pad to have a levelled deck.

From the discussion that had taken place, it was noted that some issues could be resolved on the night through Councillor or staff responses, and others could be progressed through staff raising service requests. The focus for these forums was to ensure that issues were followed up on, and that solutions or answers be provided.

Any decisions that needed to be made would be referred through to the Community Committee.

The Convenor thanked all attendees for sharing their thoughts and concerns.

The forum closed at 8.21pm.