

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. WBC24-1
HELD IN THE WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 106 BEACH ROAD, WAIHI BEACH
ON MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 5.30PM**

1 PRESENT

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

2 IN ATTENDANCE

R Davies (Deputy CEO/General Manager Strategy and Community) and R Leahy (Governance Advisor).

20 Members of the Public, including:

Mayor James Denyer

Councillor Rodney Joyce

Katikati Community Board Chairperson 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 JIM COWERN - WILSON ROAD CARPARK

Mr Jim Cowern, a resident of Waihi Beach, was in attendance to discuss issues being experienced when exiting the Wilson Road carpark. He highlighted the below points:

- Mr Cowern was supportive of the extension to the carpark on Wilson Road (behind the porch).
 - There had been some near misses with drivers exiting the carpark, as there was limited visibility on the right-hand side.
 - It was suggested that one of the carparks on Wilson Road be removed to improve the visibility for drivers.
 - The Board advised they were aware of the issues with exiting the carpark and a project was being considered to remove one or two of the carparks on Wilson Road to help address the visibility issues.
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7.2 IAN LOCKE – PUBLIC ACCESSWAY JENKINSON STREET

Mr Locke, a resident of Waihi Beach, was in attendance to discuss the possibility of opening a public accessway from the bottom of Jenkinson Street onto Beach Road. He noted the below points:

- The accessway could be incorporated into the development of the elderly housing carpark.
 - The accessway would be similar to the existing public accessway between Oceanview Road and Fyfe Road.
 - Jenkinson Street was very steep and there were a number of families that lived on the street.
 - The accessway could also be used by Council contractors to access stormwater drainage.
 - The Board requested information from staff on whether this public accessway would be feasible.
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7.3 KEITH HAY – DEMOLITION OF ELDERLY HOUSING FLATS

Mr Hay, Chair of the Residents and Ratepayers Association, was in attendance to discuss the demolition of elderly housing flats at Waihi Beach. He noted the below points:

- Mr Hay provided the Board with a Tonkin & Taylor report ([Tabled Item 1](#)).
- Mr Hay believed that the Tonkin & Taylor report showed the elderly housing flats that were damaged due to flooding in the May 2023, should not have been demolished.
- Mr Hay believed that the demolition of the affected pensioner flats should be stopped and a Council vote on this issue should be taken again.

[Tabled Item 1: Tonkin & Taylor Report – Waihi Beach Flood Hazard Categorisation](#)

7.4 MIKE HICKEY – VARIOUS ISSUES

Mr Hickey, a resident of Waihi Beach was in attendance to discuss various issues (Tabled Item 2 & 3):

- He was of the belief that there was a lack of dog control at Waihi Beach, advising the Board that there had been reports that a seal had been attacked by a dog at Bowentown.
- Mr Hickey requested a report on the Summer Ambassadors activities over the summer period at Waihi Beach.
- Mr Hickey raised concerns regarding:
 - damage to a house on Edinburgh Street that was caused by earthworks from a nearby development;
 - the removal of material from the Stafford Clark pensioner flats that he believed contained asbestos; and
 - the proposed dog parks across the District and the processing times for resource consents.

Tabled Item 2: 'Dog control officer patrols west coast beaches this summer' Kumeu Courier

Tabled Item 3: Notes – Mike Hickey

8 PRESENTATIONS

8.1 PRESENTATION – PIPPA COOMBES – LIVEWELL WAIHI BEACH

Pippa Coombes was unable to attend the meeting.

8.2 PRESENTATION – WAIHI BEACH EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS

Representatives from Waihi Beach Events and Promotions were unable to attend the meeting.

8.3 PRESENTATION – DONNA PFEFFERLE – LIFEGUARD SERVICES WAIHI BEACH

Donna Pfefferle was unable to attend the meeting.

8.4 PRESENTATION – TE WHĀNAU Ā TAUWHAO KI OTAWHIWHI

Reon Tuanau was in attendance to provide the Board with an update on behalf of Te Whānau ā Tauwhao ki Otawhiwhi. The below points were noted:

- Otawhiwhi had been working on building relationships with neighbouring iwi.
- There were a number of upcoming school visits to Otawhiwhi marae from nearby schools.
- The Hauora (based at the marae) provided a free doctors service for the elderly. The marae were also looking to expanding the health and social services provided.
- There had been a number of community events that Otawhiwhi had been involved in, including the Summer Kick Off and North Island Surf Life Guard boat competition. Matua Tuanau was also involved in a blessing for the demolition of the Stafford Clark pensioner flats.
- There were some worrying changes to the biodiversity of the harbour. Pipi beds in front of the marae were dying. Traps were also being set to catch the invasive Asian Paddle Crab, which was found in the harbour.

9 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

9.1 MINUTES OF THE WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2023

RESOLUTION WBC24-1.1

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Member H Guptill

1. That the Minutes of the Waihi Beach Community Board Meeting held on 4 December 2023 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 – 11 DECEMBER 2023 AND 9 FEBRUARY 2024

The workshop notes were received and no further discussion was held.

10.2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR TO THE WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD

The report was taken as read, with further discussion as listed below:

- The Board congratulated Member Dani Simpson on becoming Deputy Chairperson of the Waihi Beach Community Board.
 - The Board requested a new group photo of the Community Board.
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RESOLUTION WBC24-1.2

Moved: Member H Guptill

Seconded: Member W Stevenson

1. That the Senior Governance Advisor's report dated 26 February 2024 titled 'Election of Deputy Chairperson to the Waihi Beach Community Board' be received.
2. That the Waihi Beach Community Board elects Dani Simpson as the Deputy Chairperson of the Waihi Beach Community Board.

CARRIED

10.3 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024

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

- Members of the Board were concerned about the Levels of Service for both mowing and rubbish in Waihi Beach.
 - The Board had received a report from Boffa Miskell regarding the placement of the pedestrian refuge on Beach Road, as part of the Waihi Beach School Bus Bay project. The Board requested that costings for the different options be considered at their next workshop.
 - The Chairperson advised that the Board would arrange a meeting with the Athenree Action Group to discuss their aspirations.
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RESOLUTION WBC24-1.3

Moved: Member D Simpson

Seconded: Member H Guptill

1. That the Chairperson's report dated 26 February 2024 titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board Chairperson's Report – December 2023' be received.

CARRIED

10.3.1 WILSON ROAD CARPARK (BEHIND THE PORCH)

- Members of the Board were concerned that there were mobility carparks on the gravel carpark on Wilson Road (behind the porch).
 - It was suggested that the Board consider partially sealing the Wilson Road carpark (behind the porch) to prevent further potholes. The Board was advised that this could be workshopped with Council's Transportation Area Engineer.
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10.3.2 TUNA AVENUE OUTDOOR SHOWER

- The Board felt the maintenance would be easier for a push button outdoor shower.
 - It was important for members of the public, who swam at the beach, to have access to a shower facility.
 - The bank and trees on the roadside provided privacy for the outdoor shower.
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RESOLUTION WBC24-1.4

Moved: Member W Stevenson

Seconded: Member H Guptill

2. That the Waihi Beach Community Board approve up to \$2500 from the Waihi Beach Reserve Account towards a push button shower at Tuna Avenue (Roadside of Toilet Block).

CARRIED

10.4 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - FEBRUARY 2024

The report was taken as read, with further discussion as per below:

- The rubbish bins in the main street were not seagull proof and the Board should investigate alternative options.
 - There should be meetings with staff, Elected Members and the community on elderly housing in Waihi Beach.
 - Council had deemed the flood affected units as unsafe for pensioners to live in.
 - The Board was of the belief that the insurance company (for the flood affected elderly housing units) was only willing to renovate the units at their original location. The pay out for the units that are being demolished was at the same rate as if they were being refurbished, this money would be used for the demolition of the units.
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RESOLUTION WBC24-1.5

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Member H Guptill

That the Councillor's report dated 26 February 2024 titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board Councillor's Report – February 2024' be received.

CARRIED

10.5 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD – ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION 2024

The report was taken as read, with further discussion as listed below:

- The Board were advised that the cost of a wreath had increased from previous years to allow for the purchase of a sustainable wreath that could be used in subsequent years.
 - The Board were supportive of a sustainable wreath being used for the ANZAC Day as long as it was appropriate for the occasion. The Board was advised that sustainable wreaths were used for other Council ceremonies.
 - The Board requested for pictures of the proposed sustainable wreaths to be circulated to the Board.
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RESOLUTION WBC24-1.6

Moved: Member H Guptill

Seconded: Member D Simpson

1. That the Governance Advisor's report dated 26 February 2024, titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board – ANZAC Day Commemoration 2024', be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That the Waihi Beach Community Board provide a wreath for the ANZAC Day Service, to be paid from the Waihi Beach Community Board Contingency Account (up to the value of \$350).

CARRIED

RESOLUTION WBC24-1.7

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Chairperson R Goudie

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4. That Member Heather Guptill represents the Waihi Beach Community Board at the ANZAC Day Service in Waihi Beach on 25 April 2024.

CARRIED

10.6 WAIHI BEACH PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024

The report was taken as read, with further discussion as listed below:

- The Mara Kai garden had been put on hold. The Board requested further information on the status of this project.
 - Anzac Bay Road was in need of an upgrade, noting that there was a dedicated fund for rehabilitating roads across the District.
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RESOLUTION WBC24-1.8

Moved: Chairperson R Goudie

Seconded: Member D Simpson

1. That the Senior Governance Advisor's report dated 26 February 2024 titled 'Waihi Beach Projects and Operations Report – February 2024' be received.
2. That the Waihi Beach Community Board approve for the remaining funds committed to resolution WBC23-6.11, being \$19,064, to be reallocated to the Wilson Road Carpark Extension project (Stage 2).
3. That the Waihi Beach Community Board approve an additional \$20,000 from the Waihi Beach Community Board Roading Account for the completion of the Wilson Road Carpark Extension project (Stage 2).

CARRIED

10.6.1 ATHENREE-WAIHI BEACH CROSSING

- The Board would like to see the project get to point where a resource consent application was submitted.
 - The Board was advised that the Athenree-Waihi Beach Crossing project had been put into the draft Regional Land Transport Plan.
 - The crossing would enable a low-emission connection from Athenree to Waihi Beach.
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RESOLUTION WBC24-1.9

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Member H Guptill

That the Waihi Beach Community Board make a submission to the Regional Transport Committee's Draft Regional Transport Plan.

CARRIED

10.7 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD - FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 2023

The report was taken as read, with further discussion as listed below:

- The Board was advised that confirmation was required that there were no outstanding invoices for resolution WB22-2.5 prior to the remaining funds being resolved back into their budget.

RESOLUTION WBC24-1.10

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Member D Simpson

1. That the Financial Business Advisor's report dated 26 February 2024 and titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board – Financial Report December 2023', be received.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 7.33pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waihi Beach Community Board meeting held on 22 April 2024.



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Chairperson R Goudie

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