

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. WBC24-3
HELD IN THE WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 106 BEACH ROAD, WAIHĪ BEACH
ON MONDAY, 17 JUNE 2024 AT 5.30PM**

1 PRESENT

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

2 IN ATTENDANCE

A Henderson (General Manager Corporate Services), D Elvin (Compliance and Monitoring Manager) and R Leahy (Governance Advisor).

17 members of the public; and
Mayor James Denyer
Councillor Rodney Joyce
Councillor Don Thwaites
Katikati Board Chairperson John Clements

3 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION WBC24-3.1

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Member H Guptill

That the apology for absence from Cr A Henry be accepted.

CARRIED

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil.

7 PUBLIC FORUM

7.1 HELEN – VARIOUS ISSUES

Ms Meiklejohn, a resident of Waihi Beach, was in attendance and raised concerns about various items. She noted the below points:

- Ms Meiklejohn had joined a group called Living Streets Aotearoa, which intended to reclaim back footpaths and streets from obstructing vehicles and other items. These obstructions were dangerous for the footpath users. Ms Meiklejohn encouraged people to keep footpaths clear for pedestrians.
 - Ms Meiklejohn was concerned about debris floating in the harbour and down to Waihi Beach.
 - The feature garden on Citrus Avenue was infested with weeds, nothing had been done to maintain the garden.
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7.2 JIM COWERN – JENKINSON STREET-BEACH ROAD ACCESSWAY

Mr Cowern, a resident of Waihi Beach was in attendance to discuss access to Beach Road from Jenkinson Street. He noted the below points:

- Residents had requested an accessway be established from Jenkinson Street to Beach Road where the elderly housing units had been demolished.
 - There were concerns about the fence that had been installed at the location.
 - Mr Cowern was informed that Council had advised that the fence was installed for safety reasons to prevent people for walking through the elderly housing units.
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7.3 DENIS HENDERSON – VARIOUS ISSUES

Mr Henderson, member of the Athenree Action Group, was in attendance to discuss various issues. He noted the below points:

- Mr Henderson was concerned about the lack of communication given to the public about upcoming road works in the area.
 - Council should have a website page that lists the upcoming road works for the coming months.
 - Mr Henderson requested a meeting with the Community Board to discuss potential upgrades to Waione Avenue Reserve.
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7.4 WILLY POSTMA – FOURTH FRIDAY'S EVENT

Ms Postma was in attendance to speak to her grant application for the Fourth Friday's Event. She noted the below points:

- A group of residents and small business owners had started a community project called Fourth Friday's, which was a monthly community event. The purpose of the event was support to local businesses, empower local artistry and bring vibrant, interactive and affordable fun into the village.
 - The group had received huge support from local businesses, community groups, the school and general public.
 - The event provided late night shopping for the village with street vendors that were all local based. Fourth Friday's relied on donations and all the money raised was reinvested back into the event.
 - The event would be held 10 months of the year, with a break over the Christmas/New Year period.
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8 PRESENTATIONS

8.1 PRESENTATION – BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL – CAULERPA

Representatives from Bay of Plenty Regional Council were in attendance to discuss the threat of Caulerpa (invasive seaweed).

- The Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) were trying to prevent the spread of Caulerpa into the harbour. The invasive seaweed had been spreading offshore of the north island.
 - Caulerpa had a negative impact on the environment, which could lead to negative economic, cultural and recreational outcomes for New Zealand.
 - BOPRC was undergoing a review of their Regional Pest Management Plan, which would hopefully include the exotic Caulerpa into the exclusion programme.
 - BOPRC hired a summer student to educate boat users on the threat of the Caulerpa. In addition, a surveillance programme was ongoing.
 - National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) were conducting trials in New Zealand to help eradicate Caulerpa with varying levels of success.
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8.2 PRESENTATION – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Sue Towler (Waihi Beach Civil Defence Community Response Group) was in attendance to provide an Emergency Management update.

- Waihi Beach Civil Defence Community Response Group was a welfare group that covered Waihi Beach to Bowentown.
- The Group was working on updating the community response plan.
- A meeting would be held on 1 July 2024 for emergency response entities, 11 entities would be attending the event.
- A community information event would be held in September 2024.
- The Group had applied for funding from the Gabrielle fund. If successful, the funding would be used to purchase a container and rescue equipment.

8.3 PRESENTATION – TE WHANĀU Ā TAUWHAO KI OTAWHIWHI

Representatives from Otawhiwhi Marae were unable to attend the meeting.

MOTION

RESOLUTION WBC24-3.2

Moved: Deputy Chair D Simpson

Seconded: Member W Stevenson

That in accordance with Standing Order 9.4, the order of business be changed with Seasonal Compliance Monitoring Report 2023-24 report and Waihi Beach Grant Applications report being considered after agenda item 10.1

CARRIED

9 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

9.1 MINUTES OF THE WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2024

RESOLUTION WBC24-3.3

Moved: Member H Guptill

Seconded: Cr A Sole

1. That the Minutes of the Waihi Beach Community Board Meeting held on 22 April 2024 as circulated with the agenda be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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2. That the Chairperson's electronic signature be inserted into the confirmed minutes.

CARRIED

10 REPORTS

10.1 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD WORKSHOP NOTES – 27 MAY 2024

The workshop notes were received for information only, no discussion was held.

10.6 WAIHI BEACH SEASONAL COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT 2023-2024

The Board considered a report dated 17 June 2024 from the Compliance and Monitoring Manager. An overview of the report and the activity of summer ambassadors was provided. The below points were noted:

- Legislation had changed for freedom camping. Freedom campers were now required to have a plumbed in toilet in their vehicle. Anyone who identified as homeless, and met the criteria, would be exempt from these requirements.
 - Freedom campers were beneficial for the economy. The majority of freedom campers surveyed indicated they would utilise local businesses.
 - The Compliance and Monitoring Team were investigating options to stop people from breaking dog control rules on the beach over the summer period.
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RESOLUTION WBC24-3.4

Moved: Member W Stevenson

Seconded: Member H Guptill

1. That the Compliance and Monitoring Manager's report dated 17 June 2024 titled 'Waihi Beach Seasonal Compliance Monitoring Report 2023-24' be received.

CARRIED

10.4 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD – GRANT APPLICATIONS – JUNE 2024

The Board considered a report dated 17 June 2024 from the Governance Advisor. The report was taken as read.

Applicants answered pātai as below:

- The Fourth Friday's Volunteer Group had reached out to all the food vendors to provide specials for the event. Other affordable food options were also provided.
 - The Fourth Friday's Volunteer Group was made up of retailers across Waihi Beach.
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Board Members made the following comments:

- The application requested \$9000, however, the Board only had \$3888 in the Grants Accounts.
- It was noted that it was the last meeting before the end of the financial year.

RESOLUTION WBC24-3.5

Moved: Member W Stevenson

Seconded: Member H Guptill

1. That the Governance Advisor's report dated 17 June 2024 titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board - Grant Applications - June 2024' be received.
2. That the Waihi Beach Community Board **approve** the grant application from Fourth Friday's Volunteer Group for \$3888 to contribute towards funding the Fourth Friday's events. This grant will be funded from the Waihi Beach Community Board Grants Account, subject to all accountabilities being met.

CARRIED

10.2 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - JUNE 2024

The Board considered a report dated 17 June 2024 from the Chairperson. The report was taken as read. The below points were noted:

- The Board had submitted their Long Term Plan submission to Council.
- It was important for Community Board members to attend the conference as the focus of the conference was on localism.
- The Board was seeking advice on a new Town Centre Plan for Waihi Beach.

RESOLUTION WBC24-3.6

Moved: Deputy Chair D Simpson

Seconded: Member H Guptill

That the Waihi Beach Community Board endorse the Board's Long Term Plan 2024-2034 submission.

Councillor A Sole abstained from voting.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION WBC24-3.7

Moved: Deputy Chair D Simpson

Seconded: Cr A Sole

That the Community Board Chairperson's report dated 17 June 2024 titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board Chairperson's Report - June 2024' be received.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION WBC24-3.8

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Deputy Chair D Simpson

That the Waihi Beach Community Board approve up to \$2160.00 from the Conferences Budget for costs related to attending the 2024 LGNZ Community Board Executive Committee Conference.

CARRIED

10.3 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - JUNE 2024

The Board considered a report from Councillor A sole dated 17 June 2024. The report was taken as read, with the below points noted:

- Progress had been made with the Stormwater Liaison Group. An event had been held at the surf club for the public to engage with Council over the issue.
- Submissions for the Long Term Plan had closed and consultation for the financial contributions remained open for another month.
- A workshop on the Representation Review a workshop was held in Katikati on 12 June and was well attended.
- The 85 elderly housing units did not include the 7 units that had been demolished in Waihi Beach and had not yet been replaced. The future strategy of elderly housing would be brought to Council later in the year.

RESOLUTION WBC24-3.9

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Chairperson R Goudie

1. That the Councillor's report dated 17 June 2024 titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board Councillor's Report' be received.

CARRIED

10.5 WAIHI BEACH PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS REPORT - JUNE 2024

The Board considered a report dated 17 June 2024 from the Governance Advisor. The report was taken as read, with further discussion as below:

- It was clarified that a final design from the consultant for the Entranceway Signs project would be an additional cost to the Board.
 - The Board requested information on whether the pedestrian refuge on Beach Road would be funded in conjunction with the bus bays.
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- The Board requested information on the progress of the Seaforth Road to Anzac Bay road rehabilitation.
- The Board requested information on if financial contributions for a walkway along three-mile creek could be reallocated to the Athenree-Waihi Beach crossing.

RESOLUTION WBC24-3.10

Moved: Chairperson R Goudie

Seconded: Cr A Sole

1. That the Governance Advisor's report dated 17 June 2024 titled 'Waihi Beach Projects and Operations Report – June 2024' be received.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION WBC24-3.11

Moved: Chairperson R Goudie

Seconded: Member W Stevenson

2. That the Waihi Beach Community Board approve up to \$4,500 from the Waihi Beach Reserves Account for costs relating to consultant advice for the Entranceway Signs project.

CARRIED

10.7 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD – FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 2024

The Board considered a report dated 17 June 2024 from the Financial Business Advisor. The report was taken as read.

RESOLUTION WBC24-3.12

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Deputy Chair D Simpson

1. That the Financial Business Advisor's report dated 17 June 2024 and titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board – Financial Report April 2024', be received.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 7.53pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waihi Beach Community Board meeting held on 12 August 2024.

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Chairperson R Goudie
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