

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. WBC25-2
HELD IN THE WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 106 BEACH ROAD, WAIHI BEACH
ON MONDAY, 7 APRIL 2025 AT 5.30PM**

1 PRESENT

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

2 IN ATTENDANCE

A Henderson (General Manager Corporate Services) and R Leahy (Senior Governance Advisor).

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

6 Members of the Public.

3 APOLOGIES

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RESOLUTION WBC25-2.1

Moved: Chairperson D Simpson

Seconded: Deputy H Guptill

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

CARRIED

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUM

7.1 BOB HULME – DOG CONTROL AT ISLAND VIEW TO BOWENTOWN TRACK

Mr Hulme was in attendance to discuss issues with dog control at the Island View to Bowentown Track. He noted the below points:

- There were ongoing issues with dogs off leash at the Island View to Bowentown track. The track was used by pedestrians and cyclists who frequently encountered dogs off leash in this area.
 - There needed to be greater education around dogs off leash in this area, however, it was noted that increased signage was not enough.
 - It was suggested some communication about dogs being on leads should go out to the public as a reminder.
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7.2 MIKE HICKEY – VARIOUS ISSUES

Mr Hickey was in attendance to discuss various issues and provide an update on the MenzShed. He noted the below points:

- In the past, Mr Hickey was an Honorary Dog Warden and Assistant Dog Registrar for dogs at Waihi Beach. Dog control on the beach was still an ongoing issue.
 - He believed that Council should consider going out for tender for the CEO position to attract a person who would accept a lower salary.
 - There had been two traffic accidents on Beach Road/Oceanview Road due to loose metal from the recent road works and speeding drivers.
 - The crossing by the Surf Club was becoming hazardous to pedestrians due to speeding drivers.
 - The kerb and channelling and tar sealing outside the MenzShed was now complete. The group was continuing to provide vegetables to the community.
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7.3 KEITH HAY – LOCAL WATERS DONE WELL.

Mr Hay, Chairperson of the Katikati-Waihi Beach Residents and Ratepayers Association, was in attendance to discuss Local Waters Done Well. He noted the below points:

- Council's preferred option to comply with Local Waters Done Well legislation was to join Tauranga City Council in a Council-controlled organisation. The Katikati-Waihi Beach Residents and Ratepayers Association was opposed to this.
 - Mr Hay was of the opinion that no due diligence had been done on the proposal and there had been a lack of consultation and explanation as to why the status quo was not acceptable.
 - Mr Hay felt, that because Tauranga City Council had a larger population and more revenue, it would make it the dominant entity in the partnership.
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- Mr Hay raised concerns about the Tauranga City Council's debt levels and the impact it could have on Western Bay of Plenty.

8 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

8.1 MINUTES OF THE WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLUTION WBC25-2.2

Moved: Member W Stevenson
Seconded: Chairperson D Simpson

1. That the Minutes of the Waihi Beach Community Board Meeting held on 17 February 2025 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

9 REPORTS

9.1 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD - WORKSHOP NOTES

The Board considered the workshop notes from 10 March 2025 and no discussion was held.

9.2 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD - CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - APRIL 2025

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 7 April 2025. An overview of the report was provided, with further discussion as below:

- The Board would discuss the Wilson Road Park upgrades at their next workshop.

RESOLUTION WBC25-2.3

Moved: Deputy H Guptill
Seconded: Cr A Henry

1. That the Chairperson's report dated 7 April 2025 titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board - Chairperson's Report - April 2025' be received.

CARRIED

9.3 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – APRIL 2025

The Board considered a report from Councillor Henry dated 7 April 2025. An overview of the report was provided, with further discussion as below:

- Council was holding an expo for the Katikati–Waihi Beach Community Forum which would be held in Katikati.
- Concerns had been raised about the omission of lifts in the Heron Crescent elderly housing units.

RESOLUTION WBC25-2.4

Moved: Chairperson D Simpson

Seconded: Member R Goudie

1. That the Councillor's report dated 7 April 2025 titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board – Councillor's Report – April 2025' be received.

CARRIED

9.4 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD – PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS REPORT – APRIL 2025

The Board considered a report from the General Manager Infrastructure Services dated 7 April 2025. The report was taken as read.

- It was noted that the MenzShed would manufacture the cycle racks.

RESOLUTION WBC25-2.5

Moved: Member R Goudie

Seconded: Chairperson D Simpson

1. That the General Manager Infrastructure Services' report dated 7 April 2025 titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board – Projects and Operations Report – April 2025' be received.
2. That the Waihi Beach Community Board allocates up to \$6,000 from the Waihi Beach Community Board Roding Account for costs related to the manufacture and installation of three cycle racks to be located by the entrance to Wilson Road carpark (by The Porch) and rotation of the existing seat.

CARRIED

9.5 BEACH ROAD PEDESTRIAN REFUGE PROJECT

The Board considered a report from the Project Engineer Transportation dated 7 April 2025. The report was taken as read, with further discussion as below:

- The Board was pleased to be able to progress the project, noting they would use the remainder of their uncommitted Rooding Account for the project and fund any remaining costs from their Reserves Account.

RESOLUTION WBC25-2.6

Moved: Member R Goudie

Seconded: Deputy H Guptill

1. That the Transportation Project Engineer's report dated 7 April 2025 titled 'Beach Road Pedestrian Refuge Project' 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 **approves** the proposal to construct a pedestrian refuge on Beach Road at an estimated cost of up to \$203,500, to first be funded from the uncommitted funds in the Waihi Beach Community Rooding Account with the remainder of the project costs to be funded from the Waihi Beach Community Board Reserves Account.

CARRIED

9.6 WILSON ROAD CAR PARK LIGHTING

The Board considered a report from the Project Engineer Transportation dated 7 April 2025. The report was taken as read, with further discussion as below:

- The Board was concerned about the cost of the lighting options and queried how many lights would be required.
- The Board queried if the lights in the vicinity of the new library, that were being decommissioned, could be repurposed for the Wilson Road Car Park.
- The Board would consider options for lighting at Wilson Road car park at their next workshop.

RESOLUTION WBC25-2.7

Moved: Chairperson D Simpson

Seconded: Deputy H Guptill

1. That the Wilson Road Car Parking Lighting report dated 7 April 2025 lie on the table until further advice and options are obtained from staff.

CARRIED

9.7 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD – FINANCIAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2025

The Board considered a report from the Finance Business Lead dated 7 April 2025. The report was taken as read, with further discussion as below:

- The Board would review their committed expenditure at their next workshop.

RESOLUTION WBC25-2.8

Moved: Member W Stevenson

Seconded: Cr A Henry

1. That the Finance Business Partner Lead’s report dated 7 April 2025 titled ‘Waihi Beach Community Board – Financial Report – February 2025’, be received.

CARRIED

10 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT

Nil

The Meeting closed at 6.50pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waihi Beach Community Board meeting held on 9 June 2025.

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 Chairperson D Simpson
CHAIRPERSON