

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. WB21-4
HELD IN THE WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY, 9 AUGUST 2021 AT 6.30PM**

1 PRESENT

Member R Goudie (Chairperson), Member M Roberts, Member B Hulme, Member D Ryan, Cr J Denyer and Cr A Henry

2 IN ATTENDANCE

G Allis (Deputy CEO/Group Manager Infrastructure Services), A Hall (Roothing Engineer West), S Parker (Reserves and Facilities Projects and Assets Manager) and P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor)

24 Members of the public, including Councillor Allan Sole

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairperson outlined the protocols relating to the Public Forum section of the meeting as set out in the Standing Orders for the Waihi Beach Community Board. Attending members of the public were invited to take part in the public forum.

PUBLIC FORUM ADJOURN MEETING

RESOLUTION WB21-4.1

Moved: Cr A Henry

Seconded: Member M Roberts

That the meeting adjourn for the purpose of holding a public forum.

CARRIED

Peter Brown – Three Waters Reform

Mr Brown was in attendance to share his concern regarding, what he felt was, a lack of understanding within the community around the Three Waters Reform. Mr Brown was advised that there was a lot of information regarding the reform on the Department of Internal Affairs website, and that when the consultation period started, Council would be providing further information.

Brian Baynes – Waihi Beach MenzShed

Mr Baynes was in attendance on behalf of the Waihi Beach MenzShed, to provide the Board with the below updates (in addition to the letter attached within the Chairpersons Report):

- Excavation works were due to commence on Monday 16 August 2021, followed by the laying of the floor on Monday 23 August 2021;
- Both Waihi Beach School and 'A Friends Place' had been provided with updates relating to this project; and
- There was an estimated completion date of October 2021.

Mr Baynes thanked those who had been involved, for the continued support and patience with this project, noting that the Waihi Beach MenzShed was very excited for the coming months.

Peter Morten – Athenree Homestead

Mr Morten was in attendance, on behalf of Athenree Homestead, to provide the Board with the below updates:

- Mr Morten was now the Chairperson of the Athenree Homestead.
- He thanked the Community Board for their contribution of funds towards the completion of the Athenree Homestead refurbishment.
- He noted that final touches had commenced, which could allow the homestead to apply for final consent.
- The opening of the Athenree Homestead took place on Sunday 25 April.
- The next project for the Athenree Homestead was to replace the plastic blinds.

Mr Morten advised the Board that there was discussion around the possibility of moving the Emergency Response Unit to Athenree Homestead.

Mr Morten also noted that the refurbishment of the tennis court on the Adela Stewart Drive Reserve was great, however the tennis court net itself needed replacing. The Reserves and Facilities Projects and Assets Manager noted that he would look into this.

Kelly Moselen – Athenree Crossing and Roothing

Ms Moselen was in attendance to speak to the Board regarding the below topics:

1. Members of the community believed that the work undertaken on the road around the Athenree intersection had been completed to a worse standard than it was beforehand.
2. Ms Moselen thanked the Board, on behalf of the Connectors Group, for including the Athenree Crossing Feasibility Report on the Agenda.
3. The Board was reminded that the Waihi Beach Community Plan identified the need for connecting the community, without having to rely on vehicles, providing the example of kids having the ability to safely their bikes to school.

Graeme McGregor – Friends of Athenree

Mr McGregor thanked the Reserves and Facilities Projects and Assets Manager for the discussions that had taken place prior to the meeting. Mr McGregor noted that, after reading the feasibility report, they understood the depth of work needed to be undertaken in order to produce the thorough findings contained in the report. This gave clarity to the time in which it took to present the report to the public and Board.

Mr McGregor also advised the Board that they agreed with the proposal for pre-engagement of the project to take place over the school/Christmas holiday period.

Andrew Cochrane – Waihi Beach Surf Lifesaving Inc.

Mr Cochrane was in attendance to provide the Board with an update relating to the funding granted by the Board to the Waihi Beach Surf Lifesaving Inc, for the purchase of a Rescue Watercraft (RWC) trailer.

Mr Cochrane also advised the Board that they were looking at creating another base, to allow the Surf Lifesavers to also patrol out of Bowentown during peak season. Waihi Beach Surf Lifesaving Inc. was in discussions with Council about possible locations, as well as continuing to source funding.

Jim Cowern – Waihi Beach Coast Care

Mr Cowern was in attendance to seek updates from the Board relating to Coast Care, and the log at Bowentown that was blocking the entrance to the beach.

Member Ryan noted that, following the recent weather events at Waihi Beach, a meeting was held to identify how the community could work closer with Council in order to react quickly in emergency events.

Councillor Henry noted that the third Waihi Beach dune planting day would take place on Sunday 22 August 2021 at Seaforth Reserve from 10am-12pm.

Mike Hickey – Various Items

Mr Hickey was in attendance to speak to the Board on the below items:

- Police Detectives from Hamilton were concerned about the amount of burglaries that had been taking place in Waihi Beach, noting a couple of things for community members to be aware of:
 - Burglars were lifting the blue water toby lids and monitoring the houses to see whether these get fixed, in order to determine if anyone was home; and
 - Burglars were also switching off meters that were placed on the outside of the house, as this would stop any security lights from working.
- Thanked Councillor Henry and Councillor Sole again, on behalf of the Waihi Beach Surf Club, for their presence and support cleaning up damage caused by the recent high tides.
- Mr Hickey advised the Board that he had made a submission into the Long Term Plan (LTP), which included having the Local Police Station 'manned'.

Keith Hay – Katikati-Waihi Beach Residents and Ratepayers Association

Mr Hay was in attendance to speak to the Board on behalf of the Katikati-Waihi Beach Residents and Ratepayers Association, in regards to Two-Mile Creek. It was noted that at the Performance and Monitoring meeting held 8 June 2021, the Committee accepted the general direction of:

- Not proceeding with the concrete wall option; and
- Proceeding with the alteration to the consent for the rock armouring option.

Mr Hay believed that the concrete wall option was not going to be proceeded with, due to the cost. He believed it was an important project, and the best and most efficient option was the one that Council should proceed with.

PUBLIC FORUM MEETING RECONVENED

RESOLUTION WB21-4.2

Moved: Member D Ryan

Seconded: Cr J Denyer

That the meeting reconvene in formal session at 7.02pm.

CARRIED

8 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION**8.1 MINUTES OF THE WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2021**

RESOLUTION WB21-4.3

Moved: Cr J Denyer

Seconded: Cr A Henry

That the Minutes of the Waihi Beach Community Board Meeting held on 14 June 2021, as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

9 REPORTS**9.1 ATHENREE TO WAIHI BEACH CROSSING - FEASIBILITY REPORT**

The Board considered a report from the Reserves and Facilities Manager.

The Reserves and Facilities Projects and Assets Manager was in attendance to provide the Board, and those in attendance, with an overview of the report. It was noted that the process of collating this report had taken time, due to the components that needed to be considered. Both the Board and members of the public were encouraged to read through the full report to help achieve an in depth understanding of both the advantages and disadvantages of all options presented.

The Board was also advised that consultation and engagement on the feasibility report would be held around both Labour weekend, and the Christmas period. In addition to the community consultation, the need for stakeholder consultation was acknowledged, and would also take place.

The Reserves and Facilities Projects and Assets Manager responded to questions as noted below:

- The recommendation for the Board to allocate funds from the Waihi Beach Community Board Roading Account was correct, and that the allocation from the Council walking/cycling budget had already been approved.
 - The resource consent process for this project, would be determined by the feedback during the consultation period. The normal process of a resource consent would allow for a hearing to take place, however if there was overwhelming support from the community, there was a chance that the resource consent would not require a hearing, which would have a positive effect on the overall timeline of the project.
 - The Board was advised that, when applying for a resource consent, Council had to show they had considered a wide range of options; which included a 'pontoon structure'.
 - The Pohutakawa Drive cul-de-sac was not considered as an option for the crossing, due to terrain and potential archaeological issues.
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The Board wanted to make sure it was clear that this project was the number one priority out of the walking and cycling projects in Waihi Beach.

Member of the public, Kelly Moselen, advised the Board and Council staff that the Sunday markets would be the perfect place for Council to have a booth and engage with the community.

In regards to the proposed walking and cycling projects in Waihi Beach, the Deputy Chief Executive advised the Board that Council was no longer looking at the Waihi connection. It was noted that the trail which goes through the Water Reservoir would be a loop, and Council was now looking at alternative options to create a connection to Waihi. This provided an example to the Board around the prioritisation of funding, and Councils aim to maximise the investment.

The Board thanked the Reserves and Facilities Projects and Assets Manager for his work on this project, acknowledging his efforts to address questions and concerns raised by both the Community Board and members of the public.

RESOLUTION WB21-4.4

Moved: Cr J Denyer

Seconded: Cr A Henry

1. That the Reserves and Facilities Manager's report dated 9 August 2021, titled 'Athenree to Waihi Beach Crossing - Feasibility Report', be received.
2. That the Waihi Beach Community Board accepts the Tonkin & Taylor Waihi Beach to Athenree Shared Pathway Connection Preliminary Feasibility Report and notes that crossing 4 is the preferred option.

And

3. That the Waihi Beach Community Board approves funding of \$75,000 over 2 years to advance the Athenree to Waihi Beach shared pathway / connection project planning stage, from the Waihi Beach Community Board roading account.

Funding source	2021/2022	2022/2023
Council (Walking & Cycling activity budgets)	\$37,500	\$37,500
Waihi Beach Community Board (Roading Current Account)	\$37,500	\$37,500
TOTAL		\$150,000

CARRIED

9.2 WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD CHAIRPERSONS REPORT - AUGUST 2021

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

Community Board Afternoon Tea for volunteers

The Board noted that the afternoon tea for volunteers would now take place on Monday 23 August 2021 from 1.30pm-3.00pm. The recommendation was updated accordingly.

Waihi Beach Historical Trail Information Project

Member Roberts provided the Board with an update relating to this project, noting that Athenree Homestead had asked for a bollard and sign to be added outside of the Homestead. This would allow visitors to scan and receive information about the Homestead when it was closed. The Board supported this additional sign.

Welcome to Waihi Beach Entranceway Project

The Board was advised that the Roothing Engineer (West) had received the project proposal for review. It was requested that the Board, and those involved, discuss preferred options at the next Community Board workshop, prior to public consultation.

Village Planting

The Board was advised that there were two design options for this project, one which was presented in the agenda, and one which was tabled. The Roothing Engineer (West) was awaiting response from a consultant, which included feedback around the use of Nīkau palms.

A contractor had been tasked with completing the rail fencing in the garden, noting this would be completed in the coming weeks.

CCTV

Member Hulme met with an advisor from Focus Digital who was helpful in providing information around equipment that could be used for CCTV cameras in Waihi Beach.

Member Hulme was encouraged to send all information gathered to Councils Strategic Property Manager.

The Board was advised that the application process for CCTV would open before Christmas 2021.

Coast Care

The joint position statement was presented as a tabled item.

RESOLUTION WB21-4.5

Moved: Member R Goudie
Seconded: Cr A Henry

1. That the Chairperson's report dated 9 August 2021, titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board Chairpersons Report – August 2021' be received.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION WB21-4.6

Moved: Member M Roberts
Seconded: Member D Ryan

2. That the Waihi Beach Community Board fund up to \$750 from the Waihi Beach Community Board Contingency Account for costs relating to the 'thank you' afternoon tea, to be held Monday 23 August 2021, 1.30pm-3.00pm.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION WB21-4.7

Moved: Member R Goudie
Seconded: Member M Roberts

3. That the Waihi Beach Community Board approve the final instalment of \$10,000 to be funded to the Waihi Beach Community Development Trust – Waihi Beach MenzShed from the Waihi Beach Community Board Reserve Account (initial resolution WB20-6.11).

CARRIED

9.3 WAIHI BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - AUGUST 2021

The Board considered a report from Councillor Henry. The report was taken as read. Councillor Henry reiterated that the third Waihi Beach dune planting day would take place on Sunday 22 August 2021 at Seaforth Reserve from 10am-12pm.

The Board was advised that, in regards to Coast Care, the Surf Club working directly with Councils Reserves and Facilities Officer West was an appropriate avenue at this stage.

RESOLUTION WB21-4.8

Moved: Cr A Henry
Seconded: Member B Hulme

That the Councillor's report dated 9 August 2021, titled 'Waihi Beach Community Board Councillor's Report – August 2021', be received.

CARRIED

9.4 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD AUGUST 2021

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive. The report was taken as read with further discussion on the below items:

Pio Shores & Bowentown Lighting Column Concerns

The Board was advised that the decorative poles, which were scheduled to replace the lighting column at a number of locations through Bowentown and Pio Shores, would take place in the coming year. This is due to significant import delays.

The Board was assured that the government funding received was spent, to ensure Council received the full funding subsidy.

Waihi Beach Cycle Path Signs and Markings Review

The Roding Engineer (West) noted that he was happy with the list provided and would 'fine tune' this, prior to site visits with Beach Contractors.

The Board was advised that, following feedback from the Contractor Safety Engineer, sharrows would not be installed on Waihi Beach Road, due to the lack of width.

The Board would progress with all 'obvious' sign locations, however it was noted that they would discuss other options at an upcoming workshop.

Beach Road Pedestrian Refuge

The Board was advised that the Beach Road Pedestrian Refuge would be similar to the pedestrian refuge installed on Seaforth Road.

The Board requested the Roding Engineer (West) check that the Tuna Avenue pedestrian refuge was completed as initially agreed.

Cycle Racks

In regards to Tuna Avenue, the bus company had been contacted and stated they were happy to change their route slightly, relating to what side they picked the school children up from. This would allow the children to use the existing shelters and the new bike racks.

At this stage Council would not be considering further shelter options on Tuna Avenue, as they believed the existing options were sufficient.

The new cycle racks outside the Athenree Bus Shelter was also progressing as part of this project.

Waihi Beach Community Board Roding Account

The Board noted that the calculations in the table were out by \$100,000. Council staff would follow this up, and amend as necessary.

Two Mile Creek Bridge

The Roding Engineer (West) noted that he would look at possible pedestrian bridge options, and report back to the Board.

Western Solid Waste – Kerbside Collection

The Deputy Chief Executive advised the Board that, as expected, there were teething issues during the rollout of the new Kerbside service, however these had been identified and were being addressed. There had also been an encouraging amount of positive feedback regarding the new service.

The Board was encouraged to raise a Service Request (CCR) regarding any issues, as this would get fed back directly to the contractors.

Waihi Beach Island View – Playground

The Boards Health and Safety concerns raised at the previous meeting were being discussed with Councils Reserves and Facilities Team.

40km/h Signs

The Board thanked the Roothing Engineer (West) and WestLink for getting the 40km/h signs installed on Wilson Road.

RESOLUTION WB21-4.9

Moved: Cr A Henry

Seconded: Member D Ryan

That the Deputy Chief Executive's Report dated 9 August 2021, and titled 'Infrastructure Services Report Waihi Beach Community Board August 2021', be received.

CARRIED

9.5 FINANCIAL REPORT WAIHI BEACH - JUNE 2021

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant. The report was taken as read.

The Board noted that the resolution in the financial report relating to the Historical Trails Project was still incorrect. The Senior Governance Advisor would follow this up.

The Board asked for Council staff to follow up with Waihi Beach Events and Promotions, in relation to the ANZAC Bay Picnic event. The Board noted that they supported this event being held on Labour Weekend, but sought clarification around the hold up.

RESOLUTION WB21-4.10

Moved: Cr A Henry

Seconded: Cr J Denyer

That the Management Accountant's report dated 9 August 2021 and titled "Financial Report Waihi Beach – June 2021" be received.

CARRIED

9.6 COUNCIL, STANDING COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

The Board was advised that the Katikati-Waihi Beach Ward Forum would be held on Tuesday 31 August at The Centre. Pātuki Manawa in Katikati.

RESOLUTION WB21-4.11

Moved: Member M Roberts

Seconded: Cr A Henry

That the draft schedule of meetings for August, September and October 2021, be received.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 8.24pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Waihi Beach Community Board held on 4 October 2021.

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Member R Goudie
CHAIRPERSON