

To the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Mayor, Councillors, Representatives and Staff.

Thank you for inviting me to address you this morning in regards to the Long Term Plan 2021/2031. The focus of this submission is from our Community Plan.

There are two major funding features of this Community Plan:

1. Shared walkway/cycleway over to Athenree
2. Library Upgrade incorporating Community and Digital Hubs

The Waihi Beach community and the Board has a real concern, as the two key projects of our Community Plan are either not mentioned or have been removed for three years. The Waihi Beach Community Board 'project' submissions do not require any 'extra' funding, but we will need more information about timing, and we are asking for our equal share.

For the Community Board and the community at large, we request the following to happen;

1. The Library upgrade, incorporating Community and Digital Hubs, start in 2022 and be completed in 2023.
2. Shared walkway/cycleway over to Athenree - That this becomes a project under the Walkway/Cycleway strategy to be completed within 3 years.

The projects and council budgets that are referred to are detailed in the presentation and the attachment.

The Community Board looks forward to working with the Council and staff to ensure that the Waihi Beach Ward Community Plan becomes a reality.

Yours sincerely

Ross Goudie

Chairperson of the Waihi Beach Community Board

Cycleways and Walkways

The Board requests for the cycleway walkway trails;

a) **Island View to Athenree**- that some of the 307601 budget is earmarked for this and the project is completed within 3 years

b) **Recreational Urban Cycleway** – for completion with relevant signage

c) **Future cycleways** –that we revisit the 2020 cycleway trail plans to ensure key area connectivity cycleways/ walkways are created and existing recreational cycleways expanded.



Storm water

The Board supports the continual funding of storm water work in the Waihi Beach Ward.

The Board is requesting assurance as to whether the current infrastructure has the capabilities to be able to cope with future stormwater pressure from the effects of further residential development and climate change issues.

Library Upgrade / Community Hub



The Waihi Beach Community Centre area is the preferred site of the hub.

The Board requests that the Library upgrade which has been deferred to 2027 brought forward and completed within the next three years.

Funding for a connector role

The Board requests support for funding for a connector role similar to Colab in Te Puke.



Security Cameras



The Board supports the proposed budget for security cameras. This has relevance to the Waihi Beach CCTV project.

Presentation on behalf of the Waihi Beach Community Board in support of our Waihi Beach Community Plan January 2020. Find attached submission in full. April 6th 2021.

Wilson Park 322101



The Board is committed to re-engage in 2022 re the concept map 2007 for Wilson Park, and requests an increase in budget to meet today's costs.

District Planning

The Board wishes to engage with WBOPDC as soon as possible to initiate community discussions for Town Planning and District Plan Review.

Interpretative Panels



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The Board seeks funding for a series of four interpretative panels depicting tangata whenua heritage.

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307601 345301	1.1 The Board requests that there is an earmarked budget out of budget 307601, and that there is a commitment to complete the project within three years.	Rationale: The Board and it's community are committed to ensuring that this important connection is completed.
	1.2 The Board supports the Waihi to Waihi Beach Cycleway	
	1.3 That the recreational urban cycleway/ walkway is completed this year, together with relevant markings and signage.	<p>Rationale: This cycleway walkway needs to be completed so it can be utilised in it's full capacity. This completion is to include road and footpath gaps.</p> <p>Many of our community do not understand where recreational walkway/cycleways are, which makes the trails difficult to promote.</p>
307601 345301	<p>1.4 That the Board and WBOPDC revisit the recreational urban cycleway 2020 Plan in the future so as to:</p> <p>a) Ensure that connections between key commercial and economic areas are developed</p> <p>b) Add shared areas to the existing recreational urban cycleway plan of 2020.</p>	<p>Rationale: There is a need for cycleways/ walkways to connect key areas of Waihi Beach. For example: the Village to Broadlands, to our community hall and to the north end beach.</p> <p>There are other side cycleway/ walkways options for expanding our recreational networks in the future.</p>
168 603 – 168605 and 226332 – 226365	<p>1.5</p> <p>a) The Board supports the continual funding of storm water work in the Waihi Beach Ward.</p> <p>B The Board is requesting assurance as to whether the current infrastructure has the capabilities to be able to cope with future stormwater pressure from the effects of further residential development and climate change issues.</p>	<p>Comment.</p> <p>The proposed improvements at Two Mile Creek are supported and decisions are needed for the future requirements at the Three Mile Creek including their tributaries.</p> <p>The Board requests Council to start the consultation/information process about future stormwater and climate change needs in the wider Waihi Beach Ward.</p>

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332101	<p>1.6 The Board submits that the Waihi Beach Community Centre area be further developed to become the hub for the Ward</p> <p>1.7 The Board submits that the library upgrade which has been deferred until 2027 be brought forward and completed within the next three years.</p>	<p>Rationale: Community engagement has already been initiated and responded to. The Board do not want to lose this impetus.</p> <p>Close proximity to other community activities is already present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waihi Beach School focuses on young families. Having facilities in close proximity is an advantage for the children and their parents. • Menz Shed is soon to be built and will become a centre for local people with skills as well as those who need their specific assistance. There will be other benefits, such as training available for young people and help with community projects. • Expansion of library services within the hall will attract more people. • Broadlands and its development will become a popular place for recreation. • We understand that there is a proposed retirement development north of the Broadlands area and facilities at the Community Hall will be convenient for them to get to. • Parking is ample. • The Skate Park is a popular place for younger members of our community, and diverse demographics already use the immediate area. This will increase with a local group raising funds to expand the skate park to international competition standard. <p>As can be seen, the area of the Community Hall and its immediate surrounds is becoming a focus for wider variety of activities than retail. There is a need to provide for our increasing permanent population's needs as well as establish an identity as the hub of our community activities.</p>
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353801	1.8 The Board request support for funding for a connector role similar to Colab in Te Puke.	<p>Rationale: The LTP clearly identifies the need for a “connector” role to be developed in Waihi Beach, similar to Colab in Te Puke.</p> <p>The Community Hall is offering to the Community Board part of the space they are going to develop within the hall complex. The Board wishes to start the beginnings of a Community Hub and employ a coordinator so that many groups can collaborate and get support for their projects. This is a logical follow on from the very successful Live Well Waihi Beach initiative 2021.</p>
352301	1.9 The Board supports the proposed budget for security cameras within the district.	<p>Rationale: Waihi Beach Ward has an urgent need for cameras at our two road accesses which will provide effective coverage at Waihi Beach Road and Athenree Road. This will ensure all traffic flow through these areas are reported and be placed in cloud storage for further investigation.</p> <p>We do not support 24 hour monitoring by a security company as we prefer that video feed is sent directly to cloud storage for access when needed and number plate recognition feed is sent directly to the police system for their sole use.</p>
322101	1.10 The Board support the re-engagement in 2022 with the Western Bay of Plenty District Parks and Reserves for the enhancement of Wilson Park to be the major events space for the community. We ask for consideration of a larger budget.	<p>Rationale: The budget was set prior to 2007 in the Waihi Beach Ward Reserve Management Plan. It is now significantly well below the possibility of addressing the concept plan at today’s costs.</p> <p>The Community Board 2017-2019 made enquiries about the nature of the park-facilities, and it was clear in the development of the Waihi Beach Community Plan January 2020 that the wider community were still keen to promote the parks use, especially when the 2018 Sound Shell building assessment and bylaws rendered our existing facility inoperative.</p>

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354101	1.11 The Board wish to engage with the WBOPDC as soon as possible so as to initiate community discussions for Town Planning and District Plan Review.	Rationale: Starting conversations now ensures that overall goals for both parties may be aligned for the Waihi Beach Ward.
	1.12 The Board requests that the WBOPDC provide funding for a series of four interpretative panels depicting tangata whenua heritage.	<p>Rationale: Currently Parks and Reserves are developing an interpretative panel on the Pohutukawa Park foreshore with contractors Mishmish Heritage, and partnerships with the Waihi Beach, Bowentown and Athenree Historical Society, Waihi Beach Community Board and mana whenua.</p> <p>The four interpretative panels would be initiated by the Western Bay of Plenty District Council with the pertinent mana whenua when historical content is confirmed for sharing. – Island View, Broadlands, Athenree, and Bowentown.</p> <p>The panels link in with the proposed heritage trails and will share the website and QR code networks.</p>

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The board also supports the following projects and budgets

321802	Toilet in Reserve behind Community Hall	Facilities are urgently needed with increasing usage in the area
260730	The 2024 walkway plan in Tohora View and Brown Dtr Reserve.	
336501 357101	Events and Promotions Waihi Beach	Waihi Beach Community Events and Promotions are attracting visitors to the area, promoting the values of Waihi Beach, and supporting local events and our community groups. The Information Centre has an important role in our community.

As well as...

307601 Transport Walking and Cycling	226361 Storm water Projects WB	352201 Wastewater Improvements
345301 Reserves Walking and cycling	226362 Storm water Projects WB	336501 Events and Promotions WB
347901 Social Link	226363 Storm water Projects WB	357101 Events and Promotions WB
352201 Community Matching Fund-Ecological	226365 Storm water Projects WB	353801 Wellbeing Plan
168604 Waihi Beach Waste Water Plant work	260370 Walkway development	
226355 Storm water Projects WB	302801 SP Roding	
226356 Storm water Projects WB	302802 SP Roding	
226357 Storm water Projects WB	313505 WB Town Centre Development	
226358 Storm water Projects WB	334601 Stormwater Athenree	
226360 Storm water Projects WB	353101 Wastewater Improvements	