

# Western Bay of Plenty District Council

## Minutes of Meeting No. WB10 of the Waihi Beach Community Board held on 5 February 2018 at the Waihi Beach Community Centre commencing at 6.30pm

### Present

Members A Sole (Chairperson), M Roberts (Deputy Chairperson), B Hepenstall, R Parsons and Councillors D Marshall and M Williams

### In Attendance

M Taris (Chief Executive Officer), P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager) and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

### Others

26 members of the public and one member of the press.

### Public Forum

**Resolved:** Members Parson / Hepenstall

*THAT the meeting adjourn for the purpose of holding a public forum.*

The Chairperson clarified the protocols relating to the Public Forum section of the meeting as set out in the Standing Orders for the Waihi Beach Community Board. He then invited attending members of the public to take part in the Public Forum.

### Waihi Beach Cycleways

A number of questions relating to the proposed cycleways throughout Waihi Beach were raised by members of the public: In summary the concerns/statements were listed as follows:

- The local Waihi Beach Coastcare Group or any other local group had not had any input into the proposed cycleways.

- The public need to see the information and plans that were sent to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council for consent – what did the District Council apply to the Regional Council for?
- The public need to have an indication of the route through Brighton Reserve that has been submitted to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council for approval.
- The public want to know what is going on.
- Was there any difference in the plans put forward for Regional Council Consent than those originally put forward to the Board for approval?
- What would the total cost of the cycleway developments proposed for Waihi Beach?
- The public needed to be advised of the approved cycleway routes.

In response it was advised that the required Resource Consent under the Western Bay District Plan for the proposed cycleway network was granted in October 2017. The required Archaeological Authority application had also been approved.

The resource consent application to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council was currently on hold while staff respond to a request from the Regional Council for further information regarding the Brighton Reserve cycleway route across the rear of the dunes.

The Chairperson advised that there had been numerous opportunities for the public to see the routes for the proposed cycleways throughout Waihi Beach. The 'Have Your Say' days and the community engagement events had information relating to this subject. The topic of cycleways at Waihi Beach had been discussed for over two years, and it was advantageous to take up the offered external funding available to advance the development of the trails and bring a positive outcome to communities.

Mr Hickey intimated that the Western Bay of Plenty had made a six figure monetary contribution to the Hauraki District Council to gain access to the Hauraki Cycle Trail.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that while a Memorandum of Understanding was in place between the two Councils there had been no contribution made as suggested by Mr Hickey.

It was clarified that the future proposed Waihi to Waihi Beach cycleway was a completely separate project to that of the cycleways throughout Waihi Beach.

A map of the proposed Waihi Beach Cycle Route and a copy of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council application to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Resource for approval of the cycle routes would be made available on the Council website, at the Waihi Beach Library and at the Waihi Beach Events and Promotions Information Centre.

### **Waihi Beach Rock Revetment**

The Chief Executive advised that Council was required to review the current resource consent for the Waihi Beach Rock Revetment by 2020. The process for this review would be starting this year.

### **Dogs of the Beach**

A member of the public advised that there seemed to be a lot of dogs on the beach and not under any control in many other public places at Waihi Beach this summer. He advised that

he had not registered any service requests in relation to any of the incidents that he had seen. He stated that the Accident Compensation Commission (ACC) had reported that there had been over 7000 reported dog attacks last year, and the non control of dogs needed to be better policed.

### **Customer Service Complaint**

Ian Robinson advised the Board that he had visited the Barkes Corner Office to register his concern that there was no water in the Waihi Beach Dam during the 'drought' period and this was a very serious situation if there had been a fire, stating that he received poor service and did not get any answer to his inquiry.

The Chief Executive asked the member of the public to provide the date and time that he was in the office so the measure of service could be checked.

### **Spraying for Onehunga Prickle Weed**

A member of the public advised that he had made inquiries whether Council would spray footpath areas for Onehunga prickle weed and been advised that they did not. He was subsequently advised to raise this with the Community Board – he was now raising this.

The Board was requested to give consideration to this request, noting that this would be an increase to the level of service provided and an increase to service costs.

### **Overgrown Vegetation Albacore and Seaforth Roads**

A service request had been submitted requesting that the overgrown vegetation was obstructing sight lines along Albacore and Seaforth Roads. The submitter had been advised that trimming had been done, but it had not and asked the question who checks to see that the service request work had actually been done and done to the standard required.

Signage on roadway was obscured by the overgrown vegetation.

### **Speed Limit / Giveaway Signage**

Concern was voiced that there were not enough 50 kilometres per hour signs from the Steele Road café and along Seaforth Road.

Now that the speed hump had been removed from Hanlen Avenue traffic was travelling much faster in the area which was concerning.

It was suggested that there needed to be giveaway road signage at the Albacore, Bonito and Marlin roads onto Seaforth Road.

### **30 Kilometres Per Hour Speed Sign at the Northern End of Beach Road**

The Board was advised that the 30 kilometres per hour speed sign put up in the vicinity of 25 Beach Road was put up too high and was not easily seen.

The Chairperson advised that overall speed limits and road signage throughout Waihi Beach would be looked at by the Board later in the year.

### **Signage at the Northern End of the Beach**

The Board was advised that signage at the northern end of the beach by the surf club off the roundabout onto the Esplanade to the boat ramp is reading incorrectly from one side to the other.

A service request to correct this would be instigated.

At the conclusion of the public forum the Chief Executive Officer advised that while the public forum section of the meeting gave members of the public the opportunity to come and talk and ask questions, many questions would not be answered without any prior notice or research. People had a many differing views of what they wanted and what they expected.

Public Forum was an opportunity for the public to speak and was subject to rules set out in Standing Orders. Only five minutes per person should be allowed for each speaker to enable everyone present at the meeting to have an equal opportunity to speak and also enable the Board to conduct its formal business meeting in a timely manner.

Board members may, through the Chairperson, ask questions of clarification only, not discuss or debate the matter with the presenter in the forum.

Members of the public were encouraged to use the CCR (service request) system as a data trail as such requests were immediately registered and able to be tracked.

**Resolved:** Member Sole / Councillor Williams

*THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 7.36pm.*

The Chairperson advised that the meeting was now under formal process and members of the public were most welcome to stay but may not interject or speak to members during the course of the formal meeting.

### **WB10.1 Minutes of Meeting No. WB9 of the Waihi Beach Community Board held on 20 November 2017**

The Board considered the minutes no. WB9 of the Waihi Beach Community Board Meeting held on 20 November 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Members Parsons / Roberts

*THAT the minutes of meeting no. WB9 of the Waihi Beach Community Board held on 20 November 2017 as circulated with the agenda be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

## WB10.2 **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 17 January 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

### WB10.2.1 **Service Levels Over Christmas**

The Chairperson reported that while the overall service levels at Waihi Beach over the peak summer holiday season had been good, over the past few weeks some compliance issues had become more of a problem again and there needed to be better ongoing compliance management. There seemed to be constant problems with dogs on the beach and not under owner control. The Chairperson noted that he would discuss this item further at his next meeting with the Chief Executive Officer.

Comment was made that realistically it was impossible to police every infringement every hour of the day when issues occurred or were reported. Compliance management does come at a cost and if 24 hour monitoring was wanted then the extra cost for this would have to be met by the ratepayer. It was reiterated that members of the public needed to use the CCR reporting system as a data trail was immediately generated for any reported incidents/complaints.

The Board would look at this item at a future workshop and consider how to gain feedback from ratepayers/residents as to what level of service for compliance management was wanted during the peak holiday period at Waihi Beach, noting that increased compliance monitoring generated an increase in cost.

### WB10.2.2 **Submission Regarding Pohutukawa Park**

At the Waihi Beach Community Board Meeting WB9 held on 20 November 2017, the Board received a presentation from Mr Phil Laurence who wished to instigate community involvement to clean up and manage the Pohutukawa Reserve. Included in the proposal was a request to remove five mature pohutukawa trees that were growing in the reserve.

The Board had given the proposal much thought and were unified in their thoughts that the Pohutukawa trees should not be cut down.

A Board member had spoken to the local school who had expressed their interest in being involved with a clean-up of the reserve area as part of an overall environmental teaching project. In the schools association with Project Crimson the school would not support any cutting down of Pohutukawa trees. The school would still like to continue in a clean-up of the reserve, under the guidance of the Western Bay District Council Reserves and Facilities Manager.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that he had offered to work with the community to tidy up the reserve. His position in regard to the proposed removal of the Pohutukawa trees aligned with that of the Board, in that the Pohutukawa trees should not be cut down.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised the Board that some large branches had broken off some trees and these needed to be made removed where required and made safe under the guidance of an arborist with other identified deadwood also being removed.

**Resolved:** Members Parsons / Hepenstall

*THAT the Waihi Beach Community Board does not support the submission for the proposed development of the Archie Leach reserve area (within Pohutukawa Park) in particular the removal of five pohutukawa trees.*

#### WB10.2.3 **Waihi Beach History Day**

The Board was advised that a Waihi Beach History Day organising committee had been formed and a positive number of ideas and events were being brought together.

#### WB10.2.4 **Offer to Purchase Sculpture**

The Board had received an offer from Mr Colin Dray inviting the Board to purchase a sculpture that he had constructed from pieces of iron from the original beach revetment work along Waihi Beach shoreline.

**Resolved:** Members Sole / Hepenstall

*THAT the Waihi Beach Community Board advise Mr Colin Dray that they did not wish to purchase the iron sculpture he had made from the original beach revetment materials.*

#### WB10.2.5 **Athenree Emerton Road Cycle Way Connection**

The Board received notice of an Email from Mr Kevin Woods outlining his opinion relating to the priority of Community Board projects – asking that focus on the Athenree access to Island View be maintained and prioritised.

The Chairperson advised that he would reply directly to Mr Woods.

**WB10.2.6 Waihi Beach Community Patrol**

The Waihi Beach Community Patrol had been active over the past two months.

**WB10.2.7 Athenree Action Group**

The new bus shelter was now in place due to the contributions of money and time from people in the Athenree Heights area.

**WB10.2.8 Long Term Plan - Summary of Feedback**

The Chairperson noted that a lot of people did not have a clear understanding of the process of consultation relating to the Long Term Plan. It was also noted that many people did not get involved in any consultation events unless there was a topic highlighted that they were particularly interested in. People were generally not interested in a consultation process unless a topic and subsequent decision directly affected them.

Comment was made that so few people take an interest in the Long Term Plan (or other consultation processes) that after receiving a 10% response elected members and staff must then try and analyse what the other 90% wanted. Listening to a vocal minority would not always lead to decisions that suit the majority. This was the democratic way and while it was not perfect it worked better than other systems. It was stressed that this was not a just a problem that applied to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council, but other Councils both nationally and world wide had expressed the same frustrations.

Open Days and public consultation meetings were always advertised and the opportunity for public input by various means was always welcomed and Council worked with the best information they had to make the best decisions they could.

**WB10.2.9 Waste Management and Minimisation**

The Board was advised that Council continued to work through consideration and concerns about waste being collected for land fill and recycling. Council had asked for input from ratepayers and would look at options that would meet the public needs, along with costs for ongoing waste management.

**WB10.2.10 Representation Review**

The Chairperson noted aspects of the Representation Review that would be considered that included the establishment of Maori wards, district ward and community representation.

**WB10.2.11 Long Term Plan**

It was noted that the outcome of the Waihi Beach Community Board's community conversations was not separately included in the Long Term Plan information for Waihi Beach. Member Roberts advised that she would re-send the information to the Democracy Advisor who would check to ensure that it had been received and included in the Have Your Say summary.

**Resolved:** Members Sole / Parsons

*THAT the Waihi Beach Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 17 January 2018 be received.*

**WB10.3 Councillor's Report**

The Board considered a report from Councillor Williams dated 17 January 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Councillor Williams / Member Sole

*THAT the report from Councillor Williams dated 17 January 2018 be received.*

**WB10.4 Anzac Day Commemoration 2018**

The Board considered a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 15 January 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Members Parsons / Roberts

- 1. THAT the Democracy Advisor's report dated 15 January 2018 and titled Anzac Day Commemoration 2018 be received.*
- 2. 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 \$200).*
- 3. THAT The Waihi Beach Community Board Members represent the Waihi Beach Community Board at the ANZAC Day Service at Waihi Beach on 25 April 2018.*



**WB10.5 Infrastructure Services Report Waihi Beach - February 2018**

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 18 January 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**WB10.5.1 Waihi Beach Trig Walkway**

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that during the holiday season in excess of 6,000 people had walked the Trig Walkway during a 15 day period. It was pleasing to see these figures which supported the development of this specific walkway.

**WB10.5.2 Emergency Management**

Member Roberts advised that she had spoken to Emergency Management Administration staff to ensure that it reported the correct status of the Waihi Beach, Athenree and Bowentown Community Response Plans in the future.

**WB10.5.3 Waihi Beach Cycleways**

Board Members requested clarification of the summary within the Priority Project List – No. 9 Waihi to Waihi Beach Cycle Trail that showed \$100,000 with the comment “part constructed and funds expended. Land Negotiations stalled.”

**WB10.5.4 Wilson Road Flooding**

The Board request clarification relating to this item.

**WB10.5.5 Broadlands Block Pathway**

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that reinstatement and finishing of the Broadlands Block pathway was programmed to be undertaken in the near future.

**WB10.5.6 Christmas / New Year Rubbish Collection - MAS Reference WB917 4.8**

The Board was advised that the published rubbish day collection dates were adhered to except during 30 December and 8 January when a significant number of green rubbish bags left outside properties had not been collected. Given that there was a ten day period between collections the Utilities Manager organised a separate contractor to pick up the bags and deliver these to the Athenree Recycling Centre. The Chief Executive

Officer advised that this collection was undertaken at an extra district cost to Council.

The management of rubbish collection at Waihi Beach that went from a usual small town collection to the volume of a city sized collection during the peak holiday season needed to be addressed.

The provision for future rubbish collection over the peak summer period (generally from the second week in December to the second week in January) needed to be discussed by the Board in a workshop forum. If extra collections were wanted then there would be an associated cost for these.

The Chairperson reiterated acknowledgement of the great job that staff at the Athenree Recycling Centre did.

WB10.5.7      **Seaforth Road Footpath Cross Fall Number 140 to 170 - MAS Reference WB917 6.1**

The Board requested that the status of this Minute Action Sheet show the item as being Under Action as there were still considerations to be discussed in regard to future action that may be required to remedy the footpath slope and affected driveways that needed to be corrected.

The Roding Engineer (East/West) had advised that Seaforth Road footpath renovation would be further looked at.

Comment was made that if the slope of the footpath was unacceptable then perhaps thought should be given to putting a footpath on the other side of the road.

WB10.5.8      **Cycle / Walkways - MAS Reference WB917 4.3**

The Board requested that the status of this Minute Action show the item to be Under Action (in addition to being reported on in the Infrastructure Services Report) so the Board is able to see a running history of this item.

The Board was advised that the Bay of Plenty Regional Council had requested further information regarding the Brighton Reserve Cycleway route across the rear of the dunes. The only section of the proposed Waihi Beach cycleway that could be constructed now was between Plom Road and Wakanoi Place. Timing of the construction would depend on contractor pricing and resources which had not been programmed/scheduled at this time.

WB10.6      **Financial Report Waihi Beach - November 2017**

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 5 January 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Member Parsons / Councillor Williams

*THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 5 January 2018 and titled Financial Report Waihi Beach - November 2017 be received.*

WB10.7

**Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings**

The Board considered a schedule of meetings for the months of January and February 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Members Parsons / Roberts

*THAT the schedule of meetings for January and February 2018 be received.*

The meeting concluded at 8.46pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

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A Sole  
Chairperson  
Waihi Beach Community Board

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