

# Western Bay of Plenty District Council

## Minutes of Meeting No. WB11 of the Waihi Beach Community Board held on 12 March 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

K Perumal (Chief Financial Officer), His Worship the Mayor Garry Webber and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

### Others

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

### Apologies

An apology for absence was received from the Utilities Manager Kelvin Hill.

**Resolved:** Councillor Marshall / Member Parsons

*THAT the apology for absence from the Utilities Manager be accepted.*

### Public Forum

**Resolved:** Members Parsons / 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 the advised speakers and any other attending members of the public to take part in the Public Forum.

### **Waihi Beach Cycleway**

Anthony Thompson asked about the current status regarding the proposed cycleway throughout Waihi Beach.

Mr Thompson was advised that the maps and information relating to the proposed cycleways had been posted on the Council website.

### **Disturbance to the Rock Revetment**

Kevin Wright advised the Board that prior to Christmas a swimming pool was installed at a beach front home at and the rock revetment wall was altered (moved) to accommodate the installation of the pool and the wall has never been put back to its original setting. Mr Wright asked what was the current situation to ensure the rock revetment was returned to its original placement and fixed properly.

The staff member dealing with this item would be asked to provide an update.

### **Cycleways throughout Waihi Beach**

Mr Hickey questioned if it was necessary to have defined cycleways around the town when cyclists had the ability to come and ride areas as they wished so let them explore without the expense of developing defined tracks which were lot of expense and unnecessary.

### **Dangerous Bridge Embankment**

At the last meeting Mr Hickey advised that the embankment of the bridge by the Waihi Beach Surf Club had been undermined by heavy tides/rain. He again stated that this was a 'tragedy waiting to happen'. Mr Hickey was advised that a service request had been initiated for this item.

### **Acknowledgement of work of Trudy Van Stee**

The work of Trudy Van Stee in organising and running the community group 'A Friends Place' at the Waihi Beach Community Centre was acknowledged. The Board recognised that there was a real need in the community for the services that were provided by Ms Van Stee.

### **Draining of Reservoir Dam at Waihi Beach**

Jo Donaldson, supported by other residents who lived close to the dam spoke of concerns relating to the draining of the reservoir dam being:

- The eco system was being damaged by the complete draining of the dam. There used to be an abundance of aquatic, frog, duck and bird life in the immediate area and the whole eco system was disturbed when the dam was totally drained.
- If the eco system was totally destroyed it would be hard to get back over time.
- The area smelt when the dam was completely drained.

- A lot of people now used the Trig Walkway and when the reservoir was empty it was a smelly desolate scene.
- Huge volumes of water traversed the creek when released from the dam and this was of great concern as children often played in the creek water, eeling and fossicking in the immediate vicinity.
- The drainage of the dam seemed to happen on a random basis without warning.
- What were the Health and Safety requirements relating to the release of water from the reservoir?
- Should a warning system be put in place?

Ms Donaldson advised that residents would like a report on the policy and management of draining the reservoir, asking who had the authority to undertake the draining, when and why. They had been advised that the draining was a computer generated operation and if this was the case why was it not done on a gradual controlled basis and did the reservoir actually need to be completely drained. Advice had been given that in the past a tap could not be turned off during draining. Residents advised that they had expressed their concerns for over two years now and felt that they were not been listened to or getting any answers or explanations to their questions that had previously been raised.

The residents reiterated that they were not against any flood control measures but asked if the reservoir could be drained in a more controlled manner and measures put in place to protect and preserve the eco systems and wildlife in the immediate vicinity.

**Resolved:** Members Sole / Roberts

*THAT the Waihi Beach Community Board request a report on the items raised relating to the draining of reservoir dam at Waihi Beach.*

### **Freedom Campers Water Use**

A resident stated that he had seen freedom campers filling large containers with water that they did not have to pay for and he had to pay for his water and in his opinion, this was unfair to ratepayers.

### **Armistice Day Commemoration**

A resident asked what the Council and the Community Board would be doing to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of Armistice Day on 11 November 2018.

The Chairperson advised that as far as he was aware this was not an event that the Council or Community Board would be organising.

**Resolved:** Member Roberts / Councillor Williams

*THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 6.50pm.*

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 Board members during the course of the formal meeting.

WB11.1            **Minutes of Meeting No. WB10 of the Waihi Beach Community Board Held on 5 February 2018**

The Board considered the minutes no. WB10 of the Waihi Beach Community Board Meeting held on 5 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:**            Member Parsons / Councillor Marshall

*THAT the minutes of meeting no. WB10 of the Waihi Beach Community Board held on 5 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

WB11.2            **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 22 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

WB11.2.1        **Waihi Beach Cycleways**

The Board were unanimous in their agreement that any of the proposed cycleways throughout Waihi Beach should not traverse across any sand dunes and requested that any consent processes be modified to accommodate this requirement and that the proposed cycleways be progressed as soon as possible.

**Resolved:**            Councillors Williams / Marshall

*THAT the Waihi Beach Community Board advise the Operations and Monitoring Committee that the Board were unanimous in their agreement that any walkway/cycleway developments throughout Waihi Beach should run along-side the immediate landward side (inland side) of the sand dunes.*

WB11.2.2        **CCTV Cameras**

The Chairperson advised that he had discussed options relating to the placement of CCTV cameras in specific areas at Waihi Beach with Council's Community Development Officer and the local police. He had also been in contact with the Hauraki District Council as the police service for Waihi Beach was within the Waikato district and police call-outs to Waihi Beach were dealt with from Waihi and Paeroa stations.

The Board would further discuss this topic at a future workshop.

**WB11.2.3 Bay of Plenty Regional Council - Long Term Plan**

The Chairperson advised that submissions to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Long Term Plan were open until Monday 19 March 2018. Bay of Plenty Regional Council staff held a community forum at the Katikati Memorial Hall on Wednesday 7 March 2018. The Board would be making a submission to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Long Term Plan.

**WB11.2.4 Draft Regional Land Transport Plan**

The Draft Regional Land Transport Plan was available for public consultation and submission until 23 March 2018. The Bay of Plenty Regional Council will submit the final Regional Land Transport Plan to New Zealand Transport Agency on 30 June, with the agency releasing its National Land Transport programme at the end of August 2018.

**WB11.2.5 Town Centre Plan**

The Board would be giving consideration to a review of the Waihi Beach Town Centre Plan (2008) at a future workshop. This would be a first step in the process of developing a new and updated Town Centre Plan.

The Chief Financial Officer advised that the finance team were currently consolidating funding reports relating to the Waihi Beach Town Centre Development Fund. This information would be made available to the Board in the near future.

**WB11.2.6 Waihi Beach Historical Event**

The Board was advised that organising the forthcoming Waihi Beach Historical event to be held during a five-day period from 13-17 October 2018 at the Waihi Beach Community Hall was progressing well.

**WB11.2.7 Community Board Strategies - Future Directions**

The Long Term Plan Committee will adopt the Consultation Document on 15 March and this would be followed by a six-week consultation period from 23 March to 3 May 2018. A 'have your say' event will be held at the Waihi Beach RSA on Saturday 28 April from 10.00am to 12.00pm. The event would include a registration area, informal information area and a separate area for a roundtable discussion between the community and Councillors/Community Board Chairs.

It was important that members of the public were encouraged to attend the 'have your say' events.

**WB11.2.8 Representative Review**

An opportunity for the public to learn more about the forthcoming representation review had been held immediately before this Community Board meeting in the Waihi Beach Community Centre from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

**Resolved:** Members Sole / Parsons

*THAT the Waihi Beach Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 22 February 2018 be received.*

**WB11.3 Councillor's Report**

The Board considered a report from Councillor Marshall dated 28 February 2018. as circulated with the agenda.

**State Highway Two Update**

Councillor Marshall stressed the importance of members of the public being aware of the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan that was open for consultation and submission until 23 March 2018.

A recent bus tour to the northern corridor highlighted the dangers of the highway particularly in peak traffic periods.

The Board was advised that His Worship the Mayor, Western Bay Councillors and staff continued to lobby strongly for improvements to the highway to be undertaken as soon as possible

**Resolved:** Councillors Marshall / Williams

*THAT the report from Councillor Marshall dated 28 February 2018 be received.*

**WB11.4 Infrastructure Services Report Waihi Beach - March 2018**

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 21 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**WB11.4.1 Broadlands Block**

The Board noted that at this point in time the Broadlands Block golf proposal had not proceeded as expected. The Board would like the earlier approved funding of \$50,000 for projects relating to the Broadlands Block Reserve Concept Plan from the Waihi Beach Community Board Reserves

Account (Reference C10.4 28 July 2011) be specifically allocated for the enhancement of the Broadlands Block and a planting and maintenance plan presented to the Board as soon as possible.

**Resolved:** Members Parsons / Hepenstall

*THAT the Waihi Beach Community Board terminate any agreement relating to the proposed golf proposal on the Broadlands Block as it stands at this time, and request that an enhancement planting and maintenance programme be initiated and presented to the Board for approval.*

#### WB11.4.2 **Broadlands Block Pathways**

The Board was frustrated to read the advice that 'staff were sourcing suitable material as a final surface for the Broadlands Block pathways and that a trial example would be put in place and assessed.'

The Board was aware that a lime and fines surface mix had been successfully used for the Haiku pathway at Katikati and this was the type of surface that the Board sought to be used for the Broadlands Block pathways so the source should already be available and a trial example and assessment of the right mix of lime and fines should be unnecessary.

#### WB11.4.3 **Emergency Management**

Board Member Roberts noted that the reporting under this topic in the Infrastructure Report was still incorrect and she would speak directly to the Emergency Manager. The Community Response Plans for Waihi Beach, Athenree and Bowentown were all separate and specific to their respective areas and should be referred to in this manner.

#### WB11.4.4 **Waihi Beach Stormwater Model**

The Board was advised that the Waihi Beach Stormwater Modelling had been completed and the information applied to new building consent and resource consents processes to ensure future dwellings were not affected by flooding in specific identified areas.

#### WB11.4.5 **Edinburgh Street Inquiry - Formerly Referred to as Dillon Street Item**

It was ascertained that an earlier inquiry referred to a Dillon Street property whereas it actually related to a private property in Edinburgh Street. The Strategic Property Manager would be asked to advise if all necessary consents had been obtained for ground works undertaken on the property.

**WB11.4.6 Community Roading Budget - Budget Funding Information**

The Board would like a breakdown of the funding of \$100,000 (showing as expended to date - Page 27 of the agenda) for the Waihi to Waihi Beach Cycleway. The same item was referred as item 9 (page 28 of the agenda) with the following status "The Trig Walkway, Dam Trail and the Track construction in the forest are partly funded by this budget. The balance of expenditure to-date is funded by the District Cycleway Budget and the Lion Foundation Grant. Positive discussions were occurring with Ngati Tara Tokanui over a route for the balance of the loop from the forest track to the dam loop. Land negotiations were currently on hold."

The Board needed to have clarification showing what monies from the \$100,000 had been spent on what specific projects, i.e. the Trig Walkway Dam, the trail and the track construction.

**WB11.4.7 Walking Track Signage - Minute Action Reference WB517 3.2**

The Board expressed frustration as to why the earlier vandalised signage was taking so long to be put in place and requested that the replacement walking track signage be installed as soon as possible.

**WB11.4.8 Seaforth Road Footpath Cross Fall - Minute Action Reference WB917 6.1**

The Chairperson advised that the Board had discussed this issue at an earlier workshop and recognised that while aware of the problem the implications for land-owners, and subsequent cost to them to realign their own driveways, it was felt that it was unlikely that work would proceed to rectify the cross fall issue at this time.

The Board asked what was Council's liability and responsibility knowing that the footpath was difficult to negotiate. The question would be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer for comment.

**WB11.4.9 Infrastructure Service Report - Updating Items**

Board members suggested that where an item regularly appeared in the Infrastructure Service Report that had no change to the summary information from the previous report, the latest input should say - **No Change** (in bold). This would identify to members that the item was ongoing with no change between the last report and the current report included in the agenda.

**Resolved:** Member Sole / Councillor Marshall

*THAT the Deputy Chief Executive report dated 21 February 2018 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Waihi Beach March 2018 be received.*



**WB11.5 Financial Report Waihi Beach - January 2018**

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 21 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Members Sole / Parsons

*THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 21 February 2018 and titled Financial Report Waihi Beach January 2018 be received.*

**WB11.6 Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings**

The Board considered a schedule of meetings for the months of March, April and May 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Member Parsons / Councillor Williams

*THAT the schedule of meetings for March, April and May 2018 be received.*

The meeting concluded at 7.55pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

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A Sole  
Chairperson  
Waihi Beach Community Board

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