

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Minutes of Meeting No. WB12 of the Waihi Beach Community Board held on 23 April 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), S Harvey (Roading Engineer East/West) and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

Others

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

Public Forum

Resolved: Member Hepenstall / Councillor Marshall

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.

Draining of Reservoir Dam at Waihi Beach

Stephanie Duncan thanked the Board for the response to the concerns of residents raised relating to the draining processes of the reservoir dam at Waihi Beach. A new procedure for management of the dam provided clear processes of steps to be taken when any water release from the dam was required. The procedure would be managed by Council Utilities staff and the approved maintenance contractor.

Ms Duncan advised that as recently as last week, the commitment to empty the dam to 30% containment had not been met. She also asked why the water was being released with such

frequency when there had not been any significant rain events/warnings over recent months.

Ms Duncan noted that there was an opinion that there may be a correlation of the drained water spilling onto the northern end of the beach and the incidents of an increase in dead shellfish in the same area.

The Chairperson noted that it was important to remember that the dam level must be professionally managed under emergency and civil defence requirements and reflection of the Edgcombe floods in 2017 endorsed how important it was to monitor and manage dam structures in heavy rain and potential flood situations.

Water Pressure at Waihi Beach

Jim Cowern advised that there seemed to have been an increase in water pressure in some areas of The Crescent at Waihi Beach, and a local plumber had suggested that affected properties needed to install a pressure-reducing valve which could cost in excess of \$100.00 for affected households and he asked how this should be managed.

The Board was advised that there had been no increase in the water pressure supply to properties and normal pressure settings had not been increased. Any decision to install a pressure-reducing valve was at the instigation and cost to the householder. The Utilities Manager would reply directly to the Chairperson regarding this query.

Dog Owners Behaviours

Helen Micklejohn noted that, while Western Bay of Plenty District Council promoted socialisation for dogs by way of Doggy Day Out activities, for example, it was dog owners that really needed training in many cases. The behaviour of owners not picking up dog poo or randomly casting aside used plastic bags with dog poo in rather than putting the bags in rubbish bins was increasing. Dog owners needed to be responsible and the Dog Control Bylaw enforced.'

Private Property Development at No. 10 Beach Road - Location of Pohutukawa Trees

Mike Hickey advised that there was development being undertaken on private property (next to where the old picture theatre used to be) at No 10 Beach Road, and there were two pohutukawa trees on Council property that may be affected by the construction/development. It was important that the trees be protected as much as possible.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager would be asked for comment relating to this item.

Disturbance to Rock Revetment Wall - Unfenced Swimming Pool

Kevin Wright advised that he had had a reply in regard to his query about repairs to the rock revetment wall that were required to be undertaken by the property owner after a swimming

pool had been installed on a beachfront section. He noted that the swimming pool had been installed for some months now and there was no safety fencing around the pool.

An inquiry would be made to ascertain the status of the required fencing for the swimming pool.

Resolved: Member Sole / Councillor Williams

THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 6.56pm.

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.

WB12.1 **Minutes of Meeting No. WB11 of the Waihi Beach Community Board Held on 12 March 2018**

The Board considered the minutes no. WB11 of the Waihi Beach Community Board Meeting held on 12 March 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Member Sole / Councillor Marshall

THAT the minutes of meeting no. WB11 of the Waihi Beach Community Board held on 12 March 2018 as circulated with the agenda be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

WB12.2 **Council Decisions on Board Recommendations - April 2018 Decision Report from Operations and Monitoring Committee Meeting OP10 28 March 2018 - Waihi Beach Cycleways**

The Board considered a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 3 April 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members Sole / Parsons

THAT the report of the Democracy Advisor dated 3 April 2018 titled Committee Decisions on Board Recommendations March 2018 in regard to Waihi Beach Cycleways be received.

WB12.3 **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 9 April 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

WB12.3.1 Stormwater Holding Pond

The Chairperson advised that the work on Maranui Stormwater Pond had started and would be undertaken by a local contractor and overseen by Council staff.

WB12.3.2 Wilson Park Stormwater Pump

The Utilities Manager advised that Wilson Road Reserve and the surrounding property areas were part of a stormwater assessment on potential solutions for managing stormwater collection. Any solution and the associated expenditure would need to be assessed on a cost / area of benefit ratio. i.e. (Greater expenditure should benefit more than an individual property). As such any infrastructure solutions involving mechanical equipment (pumps) would significantly add to the physical and operational costs and would need to benefit a wider area.

WB12.3.3 Installation of Pedestrian Refuge Crossing

Board members noted that consideration needed to be given to the type of pedestrian refuge best suited for the specific roadways to ensure protection to pedestrians when crossing wide roads to access the beach.

The Roding Engineer (East/West) advised that he would include consideration for the most suitable type of refuge in the requested pricing from Westlink for pedestrian refuges to be installed at the roundabout corner of Emerton Road and Seaforth Road, Tuna Avenue and between 10 and 18 Seaforth Road.

WB12.3.4 Athenree Wetlands Access

It was advised that the Reserves and Facilities Manager had been in contact with a Department of Conservation representative advising the Board's request to have the Athenree Wetlands access and parking area cleaned-up.

It was noted that Council staff had a good working relationship with the Department of Conservation and there was a will to see the area cleaned up.

WB12.3.5 Dam and Trig Walkway Signs

The Board advised that they were happy with the draft signage designs forwarded from the Reserves and Facilities Management.

WB12.3.6 Dam Water Level Control Process

The Board was advised that a public information item was being put together and this was expected to be included in the local newspaper in the near future.

WB12.3.7 Volunteers Afternoon Tea

The Community Board advised their intention to acknowledge the work of volunteers in the community by hosting an afternoon tea. The date and venue for the function was to be advised in the near future.

Resolved: Members Sole / Hepenstall

THAT the Waihi Beach Community Board allocate up to \$1,000 from the Waihi Beach Community Board Contingency Account for the provision of an afternoon tea to acknowledge volunteers in the Waihi Beach Community.

WB12.3.8 Long Term Plan

The Chairperson advised that he had presented the Waihi Beach Community Board submission to the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan to Council on 19 April. He also advised that the final Have Your Say consultation event would be held at Waihi Beach on 28 April 2018 at the Waihi Beach RSA.

Resolved: Members Sole / Parsons

THAT the Waihi Beach Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 9 April 2018 be received.

WB12.4 Councillor's Report

The Board considered a report from Councillor Williams dated 9 April 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

WB12.4.1 State Highway Two Update

Councillor Williams advised that Council supported and approved in principle an initiative by SmartGrowth and the New Zealand Transport Agency for the preparation of a project plan for a Western Bay of Plenty centre for transport to present a united voice to government to advocate for the roading needs of the district.

WB12.4.2 Representation Review

Informal community engagement on the Representation Review closed on 6 April and Council would consider all the feedback received in the development of a future representation proposal for the Western Bay of Plenty District.

WB12.4.3 Māori Representation

Council was holding a binding poll to see whether Māori wards should be introduced for the next two triennial elections in 2019 and in 2022. In November 2017, Councillors voted to establish one or more Māori wards. Consequently, a valid independent petition from over five percent of Western Bay District electors against the move was handed to Council, requiring a poll. The poll would open from Friday 27 April to midday on Saturday 19 May 2018, and would be conducted by Council's electoral officer.

WB12.4.4 Rubbish and Recycling

Council was undertaking a study to investigate alternative recycling and rubbish collection models along with the management of solid waste and recycling across the District.

Residents have been urged to make use of the various recycling facilities in the District to help ensure waste was managed in a sustainable way in the future. Further public consultation would be undertaken in regard to this topic before any final Council decisions were put forward.

In regard to Waihi Beach it was important to consider how rubbish collection at Waihi Beach should be undertaken. It was clear that the volume of rubbish had increased in the area, over the whole year, not just at peak holiday times. More and more people were visiting and staying in the area which consequently meant more and more rubbish for disposal. If statistics could be collected on the volume of rubbish collected from the area, it would bear out that alternate collection options were needed.

The use of plastic rubbish collection bags also needed to be looked at, as damaged and ripped full plastic rubbish bags (by cats/dogs/birds and vermin) contributed to rubbish constantly being strewn about the area.

The Board needed to have discussions with the Environmental Solid Waste Team Leader and the Utilities Manager now to consider options for rubbish collection during the peak summer holiday period and ongoing rubbish management across the Waihi Beach area.

Resolved: Member Sole / Councillor Williams

THAT the report from Councillor Williams dated 9 April 2018 be received.

WB12.5 Infrastructure Services Report Waihi Beach - April 2018

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 6 April 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

WB12.5.1 Waihi Beach Walking Track Signage - MAS Reference WB5 17 3.2

The Board advised that they approved the signage designs for the walking tracks at Waihi Beach forwarded to them by the Reserves and Facilities Manager.

WB12.5.2 Community Roading Budget

Under topic - Less Expended to Date - the list priority reference numbers should read:

1. Wilson Road Carpark
2. Dam to Trig Walkway
9. (NOT No.3) Waihi to Waihi Beach Cycleway

The Transport Engineer (East/West) advised that pricing for Waihi Beach Priority Works No. 3 - Plom Road to Wakanoi Place and No.6 Island View Reserve to the Loop was currently underway.

Board members noted that consideration needed to be given for a walkway/cycleway along the section of roadway on Emerton Road might need to be relooked at in light of the subdivision development being undertaken in the immediate vicinity.

The Board would like to see the development of the approved Waihi Beach cycleways begin as soon as possible.

WB12.5.3 Waihi to Waihi Beach Cycle Trail

In relation to Priority No.9 - Waihi to Waihi Beach Cycle Trail the Board still wanted a breakdown of specific costs spent on this project to-date.

The Board would like to see this proposal progressed as soon as possible. It was something that members of the public were wanting and waiting to happen.

WB12.5.4 Emergency Management

Board member Roberts advised that she had spoken to a representative from Emergency Management to ensure the reporting under this section was correct for the Waihi Beach and surrounding area. The reported item within the Infrastructure Services Report was still not correct so she would again speak to the report writer of this item.

WB12.5.5 Planting Plan for Blocklands Block - MAS Reference WB11 184.1

The Board request a copy of a previous planting plan and would set up a meeting with Reserves and Facilities staff to 'workshop' options for future plantings and incorporate a visit the Broadlands Block to visualise how the area would look in the future.

An approved planting plan would be included in the Waihi Beach Reserve Management Plan.

WB12.5.6 Possible Future Parking Options for the Waihi Beach Township - Wilson Park Reserve Entrance Area

As car parking spaces within the Waihi Beach retail sector were at a premium and it was suggested that the wide entrance to the Wilson Park Reserve off The Crescent (before Citrus Avenue) may be able to be utilised for parking.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager would be asked to liaise with the Transport Engineer (East/West) to look at the viability of the suggestion. Any options would need to be considered in liaison with the Reserve Management Plan for the Wilson Park Reserve.

Resolved: Councillor Williams / Member Hepenstall

THAT the Deputy Chief Executive report dated 6 April 2018 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Waihi Beach April 2018 be received.

WB12.6 Financial Report Waihi Beach - February 2018

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 3 April 2018 as circulated with the agenda

Resolved: Councillors William / Marshall

THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 3 April 2018 and titled Financial Report Waihi Beach February 2018 be received.

WB12.7 Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings

The Board considered a schedule of meetings for the month of May and June 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members Parsons / Roberts

THAT the schedule of meetings for May and June 2018 be received.

The meeting concluded at 8.08pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

A Sole
Chairperson
Waihi Beach Community Board

Date

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