

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Minutes of Meeting No. WB13 of the Waihi Beach Community Board held on 11 June 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

G Allis (Deputy Chief Executive Officer), K Hill (Utilities Manager) and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

Others

Eight members of the public.

In welcoming all to the meeting the Chairperson acknowledged the prompt action by local farmers in clearing away rock debris blocking the roadway on Waihi Beach Road as a result of the extreme heavy rain on 2 June 2018. The combined effort of the local farmers enabled the road to be opened much sooner than expected.

Public Forum

Resolved: Member Roberts / Councillor Marshall

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

Helen Meiklejohn spoke to the following items:

Coastcare - Dune Planting

Coastcare volunteers had undertaken some planting over recent weeks with a further project planned for 24 June 2018 at the Ayr Street sand dunes.

Flooding Event 2 June 2018

Mrs Meiklejohn noted that in all the years she had lived at Waihi Beach she had never seen the extent of flooding that was a result of the heavy rain on 2 June 2018. Flooding on the corner of Didsbury Drive and Citrus Avenue was extreme. The flooded area was in a dip and water poured into the immediate area from the surrounding hills. It was her opinion that the drainage grills further up from this immediate area were not being cleaned out properly and were blocked with leaves and debris. She also noted that gravel from driveways further up the street were being washed out by the heavy rain and subsequently also contributed to blocking drainage grills.

She asked what options could be put in place to enable the placement of warning cones and flooding signage to be put out as quickly as possible in future similar situations.

Pest Trapping

Mrs Meiklejohn advised that since November 2017 over 480 rodents and pests had been trapped. This was a significant number of pests eradicated from the community undertaken by the five volunteer members of the group.

Waihi Beach Community Clinic

Mrs Meiklejohn thanked the Chairperson and Board members for making themselves available for the Waihi Beach Community Board Clinic on a regular basis. The next Community Board Clinic would be held on Saturday 16 June 2018 at the Waihi Beach RSA from 9.00 to 10.00am.

Plastic Dog Bags

It seemed an anomaly that while the community was trying to become plastic bag free, Council provided plastic bags for dog owners to use pick up their dog waste. Surely dog owners should provide their own plastic bags rather than Council providing this service.

Dumped Tyres

The Board received advice that there were some dumped tyres 600 metres north of the quarry site on the opposite side of the road in a pull-off area. It was important that these were cleared away as soon as possible so other people were not encourage to dump further tyres in this vicinity.

A service request to have the tyres removed would be instigated.

Dog Ranger based at Waihi Beach

Kevin Wright if the Council would consider a total dog ban across Waihi Beach and Anzac Bay during the period 2 December to 7 February and that a dog ranger be based at Waihi Beach and that the fees collected by the ranger pay for the duties of that appointed person.

Poll to Establish Māori Wards in the Western Bay of Plenty District

Mr Wright asked if the names of those who voted for the Establishment of Māori Wards in the Western Bay of Plenty District had been published. Mr Wright was advised that the information was publicly available through the Council Minutes and news various publications.

Walkways and Cycleways

Mr Wright felt that there had not been public notification about the proposed walkways and cycleways, and ratepayers had not been given enough opportunity to advise if they wanted this work to proceed.

The Chairperson advised that there had been numerous opportunities to see future proposals for walkways and cycleways at the Long Term Plan and Have Your Say public consultation meetings held at Waihi Beach over the past twelve months. The plans were proceeding after input from the various public consultation processes.

Traffic Chicanes

Jim Cowern advised the Board that a traffic chicane outside his property had been hit numerous times and he asked if the chicane at 65 Dillon Street could be inspected to ascertain if it had been put in correctly.

He suggested that the edges of the chicanes be painted or have reflectors attached so they were more easily seen.

Traffic Speed

Mike Hickey advised that Board that there was a problem with speeding drivers at various points throughout Waihi Beach. There were specific incidents where drivers were speeding and cutting the corner at the junction of Scarborough Road and Beach Road and Fyfe Road and Jenkinson Road.

The Chairperson advised that the Board considered speed limits for the area on an annual basis and would keep these comment in mind when addressing this later in the year.

Loose Dog

Mr Hickey advised that when he was on his bike recently he had been chased by a dog running loose in Savage Crescent. He had not reported the incident.

Report from Waihi Beach Events and Promotions

The Board received a tabled report from the Events Co-Ordinator of Waihi Beach Events and Promotions Society. The Board extended congratulations to Teresa Qualtrough who had taken over the role at the Events and Promotions Society from Kelly Moselen.

The Board appreciated the informative report and looked forward to working with Teresa in the future.

Resolved: Members Sole / Parsons

THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 6.58pm.

WB13.1 Minutes of Meeting No. WB12 of the Waihi Beach Community Board Held on 23 April 2018

The Board considered the minutes no. WB12 of the Waihi Beach Community Board Meeting held on 23 April 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Member Sole / Councillor Williams

THAT the minutes of meeting no. WB12 of the Waihi Beach Community Board held on 23 April 2018 as circulated with the agenda be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

WB13.2 Chairperson's Report

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 28 May 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

WB13.2.1 New Flood Maps

The Chairperson had received a copy of the draft letter that was to go out to property owners updating the natural hazard maps for the District. The letter were sent out because of the changes to the Resource Management Act and Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement which have brought in new requirements relating to how we manage risks from natural hazards.

The Chairperson advised that he felt that the letter he received was confusing and alarming and he had had several calls from other local residents expressing the same concerns.

The Board was advised that the letters were different for each landowner depending on how their property or properties were affected by the new flood mapping. Council staff identified four different scenarios to better explain to landowners how the flood maps affected their property.

It had been clearly stated in the letters that recipients were encouraged to contact Council if they had any queries or could not easily navigate the new natural hazards webpage.

WB13.2.2 **Waihi Beach Dam - Car Park and Toilet Installation**

The Board was advised that a recommendation within the Long Term Plan would be put forward to Council for approval in regard to funding for the provision of a car park and toilet block at the Waihi Beach Dam Reserve.

WB13.2.3 **CCTV**

The Chairperson advised that he would investigate further quotes associated with the installation of a CCTV system at Waihi Beach.

WB13.2.4 **Extensions to the Skatepark**

The Board would consider options relating to the extensions to the Waihi Beach Skatepark in the review of the Waihi Beach Reserve Management Plan.

Resolved: Members Sole / Parsons

THAT the Waihi Beach Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 28 May 2018 be received.

WB13.3 **Councillor's Report**

The Board considered a report from Councillor Marshall dated 29 May 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Long Term Plan

Council was now in the final phase of deliberations before adopting the Long Term Plan 2018 - 2028 on Thursday 28 June 2018. The process had been a long and exhaustive process for staff and representatives. A feedback document of over 400 submissions and the subsequent Council responses would be made available to the public.

Draft Reserves and Facilities Bylaw 2018 - Have Your Say

The Board was reminded that the Western Bay of Plenty District Council was amending its Reserves and Facilities Bylaw 2012 and was seeking views on the proposed changes. Following this review, Council would revoke its Reserves and Facilities Bylaw 2012 and replace this with the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Reserves and Facilities Bylaw 2018.

The purpose of the bylaw was to provide for the orderly management and control of Council reserves and facilities for the benefit and enjoyment of all users of these areas. This helps us to:

- protect the public from nuisance,
- protect, promote, and maintain public health and safety, and
- minimise the potential for offensive behaviour in public places.

Tuapiro Point

A change is proposed to the provisions that currently allow horses on Tuapiro Point. The bylaw identifies where horses can go and requires the removal of horse waste to protect significant cultural and ecological values at Tuapiro Point.

Systems (including drones) on Council owned land.

Have Your Say

Feedback opened on Monday 14 May and closed on Monday 9 July 2018.

Representation Review - Community Engagement

The next phase of the representation review focuses on whether current representation arrangements (Mayor, 11 Councillors, three wards, five community boards and 20 community board members), provides for fair and effective representation, or if changes can be made to improve the District's representation. Council is considering feedback and will go back to the community with an initial proposal for future representation arrangements in the second half of 2018.

State Highway Two Update

The Draft Regional Land Transport listing would be adopted on 15 June 2018 showed the roading priorities for the region being:

1. State Highway Two Northern Link
2. The Omokoroa Interchange
3. Safety treatment measures for the State Highway Northern Link highway between Waihi and Tauranga
4. The Tauriko Interchange
5. The Katikati Bypass

Strong lobbying from Council staff, Councillors and Community Board members and residents had been a major factor in a review of the majority priorities for the region. It was encouraging to ensure that a future coordinated approach for the future was in place.

The Government Policy Strategy on Transport giving direction to the New Zealand Transport Agency relating to the national plan for all national state highway works would be announced by the end of August 2018.

Resolved: Councillor Marshall / Member Sole

THAT the report from Councillor Marshall dated 29 May 2018 be received.

WB13.4

Community Board Grant Application - June 2018

The Board considered a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 23 May 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

The Waihi Beach Environment Society had submitted a Community Board Application for grant funding assistance for the purchase of traps, gas canisters, pumps and counters to assist with pest control at Waihi Beach.

Declaration of Interest

Board member Brian Hepenstall declared an interest in this item, as a member of the Waihi Beach Environment Society and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Resolved: Member Sole / Councillor Williams

1. *THAT the report from the Democracy Advisor dated 23 May 2018 and titled Community Board Grant Application - June 2018 be received.*
2. *THAT the Waihi Beach Community Board approve the following grant to be funded from the Waihi Beach Community Grants 2017/2018 account subject to all accountabilities being met.*

Waihi Beach Environment Society \$1,000.00

WB13.5

Infrastructure Services Report Waihi Beach - May 2018

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 10 May 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

WB13.5.1

Water Metre Charges

The Board was advised that the installation of water meters in the Waihi Beach, Pio Shores, Athenree and Katikati areas was all but complete. Reading would be taken and after checks had been made for any leakages, water meter charges would be implemented.

WB13.5.2 Two Mile Creek

The Board was advised that the Bay of Plenty Regional Council had consented to the project and it was expected to resolve outstanding issues with the one remaining property owner who had initially made a submission against the consent process.

WB13.5.3 Trig Walkway Use Statistics

The Board noted that it was pleasing to see the users statistics for the Trig Walkway from the period 1 August 2017 to 21 May 2018 being 49,816.

WB13.5.4 Waihi Beach Cycleways

The Board asked when they could expect a start made to the proposed Waihi Beach Cycleways.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer advised that the contractor would be bringing in a work crew from the Waikato region to start the work in mid-July.

WB13.5.5 Waihi to Waihi Beach Cycleway - MAS Reference WB12 18 5.3

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that Council continued to work with various parties associated with the proposal.

WB13.5.6 Waihi Beach Community Response Plan

The Chairperson thanked Board member Roberts for her work in completing the Waihi Beach Emergency Response Plan. Plans for Bowentown and Athenree are currently being finalised.

WB13.5.7 Walking Track Signage - Minutes Action Reference WB5 17 3.2

The Board asked for confirmation that the track signage had been installed.

WB13.5.8 Broadlands Block Pathway - MAS Reference WB7 17 4.4

Board Members advised that the finer chip placed on the pathway surface was working well and much easier to walk on. A concern was noted that some of the nova flow drainage put in at various points along the pathway was sticking out and was likely to be run over by mowers and the drainage holes clogged with grass and debris.

WB13.5.9 Broadlands Block Planting - MAS Reference WB11 18 4.1

The Board would arrange to meet with Reserve Management staff to discuss an implementation plan for managing plant pests and native species planting.

WB13.5.10 Athenree Wetland Access - MAS Reference WB12 18 3.4

It was reinforced that Council and the Department of Conservation staff had a good working arrangement and it would be good to see the Athenree Wetland access tidy-up proceed as a collaborative project and achieve a joint outcome.

The Community Board could looking at funding some of the budget for the required work from their Community Roading Account.

Resolved: Member Sole / Councillor Marshall

THAT the Deputy Chief Executive's Report dated 10 May 2018 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Waihi Beach June 2018 be received.

WB13.6 Financial Report Waihi Beach - April 2018

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 15 May 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members Sole / Parsons

THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 15 May 2018 and titled "Financial Report Waihi Beach - April 2018" be received.

WB13.7 Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings

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

Resolved: Members Parsons / Roberts

That the schedule of meetings for the months of June and July 2018 be received.

The meeting concluded at 7.41pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

A Sole
Chairperson
Waihi Beach Community Board

Date

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