

# Western Bay of Plenty District Council

## Minutes of Meeting No. WB18 of the Waihi Beach Community Board held on 11 February 2019 at the Waihi Beach Community Centre commencing at 6.30pm

### Present

M Roberts (Deputy Chairperson), B Hepenstall, and Councillor M Williams

### In Attendance

M Taris (Chief Executive Officer), K Elder (Governance Manager), A Hall (Roading Engineer West) and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

### Others

27 members of the public

### Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Member Parsons. It was noted that Board Chairperson Sole and Councillor Marshall were on leave of absence.

**Resolved:** Councillor Williams / Member Hepenstall

*THAT the apology for absence from member Parsons be accepted.*

### Public Forum

**Resolved:** Member Hepenstall / Councillor Williams

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

### Future Community Collaboration at Waihi Beach

Don Fraser advised the Board that he was the president of a Focus Club that met on the first Thursday of the every month. The membership was increasing and there were 150 members on the data base of the group.

Don Fraser spoke to the Board about a proposal to set up a Waihi Residents and Ratepayers Association – totally independent and not part of the Katikati Waihi Beach Residents and Ratepayers Association (formally the Wester Ward Residents and Ratepayers Association). The aim of the new group was to work with everyone in the community in a collaborative and positive fashion, and provide correct information to members and the community alike. The group would also encourage positive liaison with Council staff, Councillors and Community Board members.

### **Proposal to Develop a Waihi Beach Mens Shed Facility**

Brian Baynes advised that a committee would be formed to establish a Mens Shed facility at Waihi Beach. The concept of an operating Mens Shed would bring:

- A community space for people to share their skills and ideas and enjoy the company of others and build relationships with other community groups.
- Be a facility within the community fostering health and wellbeing, practical skills and the development of new friendships.
- Tools and machinery for a Mens Shed had been offered.
- Prices for the establishment of a 80 sqm removable shed ranged from \$50,000 to \$90,000.
- There was a signalled preference that a Mens Shed be located in the central community (behind the existing Waihi Beach Community Centre).

The facilitators of the proposal for a Mens Shed at Waihi Beach sought the support of the Waihi Beach Community Board in the first instance.

Brian Baynes and Don Fraser were advised that they should formalise a committee of interested people to put forward a future plan for the establishment of a Mens Shed at Waihi Beach.

Board members thanked the speakers for their presentation and advised that at this point in time the future plans for a medical centre and the future skatepath development in the immediate vicinity of the Waihi Beach Community Centre were not known. Early plans and options for a Mens Shed should be referred to the Reserves and Facilities Manager at the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Office for guidance and advice.

### **Update on Kiwi Camp Proposal**

Ian Smith, the owner of the Waihi Beach Top Ten Motor Camp advised the meeting he asked for an update on the proposed Kiwi Camp facility to be located in the Waihi Beach Community Centre car park. Mr Smith noted that the community as a whole were not in favour of the Kiwi Camp and the chosen location of the facility.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the Kiwi Camp company were currently proceeding with construction of the facility but she was not advised of a definite deliver date. Council contractors had completed the required infrastructure work for the facility. It was clarified that the Kiwi Camp facility was to be placed in the car park of the Waihi Beach Community Centre and this was Council land and was not managed by the Waihi Beach Community Centre in any way.

Members of the public noted that MBIE (Ministry of Business, Environment and Innovation) had stipulated that the facility had to be implemented by 1 December 2018 otherwise Council would lose the \$200,000 grant for the project. Questions were asked as to whether the whole proposal could now be reconsidered and the community given the opportunity to be consulted about the Kiwi Camp facility.

There was great concern within the community about the specific placement of the proposed kiwi camp facility noting that:

- It was very close to the community centre that was used regularly by community members
- It was close to where children gathered and played at the skate park and playground area
- The local school had written to Council indicating that they did not support the Kiwi Camp facility being placed in the area
- People who used the public areas when camping generally slept in vans that were not self contained
- Many of the 'sleeper vans' showed self contained stickers that were purchased on the internet with no compliance checks required
- The campers were not being monitored by inspectors
- If more people were to come and use the Kiwi Camp facility there would have to be more consistent/regular monitoring
- There were anecdotal reports that campers had been observed having parties, being loud late into the night
- Drinking alcohol in a public area attracted others to join in
- Drunk men had been observed in the area in the morning
- Local Community Patrol members had observed the behaviours on a regular basis
- The community is extremely concerned regarding the whole concept of the kiwi camp facility in the proposed location.

Councillor Williams suggested that the item be discussed at the Board's next workshop to be held on 1 March 2019 and if agreed, a recommendation requesting Council to reconsider the proposal be included in the Chairpersons Report for the next Community Board meeting to be held on 25 March 2019.

### **Pest Eradication**

Helen Micklejohn advised that over recent months 864 mainly rats and possums had been trapped. Trapping had been carried out in residential and commercial areas.

### **Intersection Visibility**

Mike Hickey advised that the sight line for cars turning at the intersection of Fyfe Road and Ocean Beach Road was hindered by cars parking too close to the intersection.

The Roading Engineer advised that he would check the area.

### **Compliance Monitoring Costs and Duties**

As a ratepayer Mike Hickey asked for the cost of the compliance monitoring undertaken at Waihi Beach during the 2018/2019 summer period. He noted that the information had been made public for the 2016/2017 but not the 2017/2018 period. In his opinion problems with uncontrolled dogs on the beach continued and he felt that enforcement was not effective because Dog Control staff were based out of town.

### **Community Board Grant Application**

Terelle Carroll spoke to the meeting outlining the basis for the Community Board Grant Application from the Arty/Bra Wearable Art function, which was planned to be held later in the year as a fund raiser for the CanTeen organisation. The funding would assist teenagers who wanted to come to the Annual CanTeen surf event held at Waihi Beach.

She advised that the Wearable Art function had been held at Waihi Beach over the last twelve years and had raised funds for specific local charities over that time.

The Deputy Chairperson thanked Ms Carroll for her address and advised that the application would be considered later in the meeting.

### **Smelly Rubbish**

Jim Cowern advised that he had put in two Service Requests about a dead/smelly item in the vicinity of the Trig car park.

A follow-up on the actions relating to the service requests would be undertaken and advised to the Community Board.

### **Smelly Sewerage Drains**

Jim Cowern advised that the sewerage drains in the vicinity of Dillon Street were very smelly and needed some water flowing through them.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that in the extreme hot/dry weather that was being experienced over the past weeks this was a common problem.

### **Design of future walking track**

Jim Cowern noted that the sign by the Reservoir Dam showing the future walking track indicated that a number of steps would be built. He felt that it was better just to have a developed track rather than any built structures on the track.

### **Replacement Fence at Dangerous Corner at Pio Shores**

The Board was advised that the replacement fence put up after the original fence was demolished by a vehicle was a wire and post fence. The corner was dangerous and sharp and the roadway was used by pedestrians and needed a more substantial structure.

A service request would be initiated for this item, for referral to the Roading Engineer (West).

### **Maranui Pond Clearing**

A resident advised that contractors who had recently been clearing/cleaning out the Maranui Pond had done a 'poor' job. Silt came down from the gully above the pond and blocked the pond which needed regular and efficient clearing.

A service request would be initiated for this item, for referral to the Utilities Manager.

### **Sand Pillows at the Waihi Beach Surf Club Bridge**

The Board was advised that the sand pillows by the Waihi Beach Surf Club bridge had not moved in the recent extreme high tides.

**Resolved:** Members Roberts / Hepenstall

*THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 7.18 pm*

WB18.1            **Minutes of meeting no. WB17 of the Waihi Beach Community Board held on 19 November 2018.**

The Board considered the minutes of meeting no. WB17 of the Waihi Beach Community Board Meeting held on 19 November 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:**            Members Roberts / Hepenstall

*THAT the minutes of meeting no. WB17 of the Waihi Beach Community Board held on 19 November 2018 as circulated with the agenda be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

WB18.2            **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 21 January 2019.

WB18.2.1        **Traffic and Parking Enforcement Bylaw Review**

**Resolved:**            Member Hepenstall / Councillor Williams

*THAT the Waihi Beach Community Board request that the itemised listing below be referred for consideration at the forthcoming Traffic and Parking Enforcement Bylaw Review:*

**Traffic and Parking Enforcement Bylaw Review**

- (1) Wilson Road opposite The Crescent (seaward side).  
Extend the No Stopping Lines 50 meters north.
- (2) Wilson Road from The Crescent (western side).  
Extend the No Stopping lines 50 meters north.
- (3) Residents parking only signs at the roundabout and directions for people wishing to go on the Trig Walk to go to the Reservoir parking area. Ocean View Road top end cul-de-sac from 58a to 61a from roundabout.
- (4) Wilson Lane (Unnamed laneway) to 25 Wilson Road.  
Line down the middle to keep people to the side of the road.  
Install No Stopping lines by the buildings so the roadway is kept clear.
- (5) No skateboard/Scooters/cycling signage for the central Business District.

WB18.2.2        **Parking Signs - Dillon Street**

The Roading Engineer (West) advised that the signs had been ordered and were expected to be installed in the near future.

**WB18.2.3 Wilson Road / Lane Footpath Remodelling**

It was expected that the work for the footpath remodelling would commence after Waitangi Day. The Roding Engineer (West) Meeting with contractor on 12 Feb to discuss minor design issues.

**WB18.2.4 Pedestrian Refuge sites on Seaforth Road**

The Roding Engineer (West) advised that he would meet with the dairy owner in the immediate vicinity of one of the proposed pedestrian refuges on Seaforth Road to discuss carpark options. It was estimated that the physical work to install the two pedestrian refuge sites on Seaforth Road would start in the near future.

The Roding Engineer (West) would advise Board members of the final pedestrian refuge designs.

**WB18.2.5 Cycleway/Walkway on Emerton Road**

The Board was advised that the Bay of Plenty Regional Council consent and Heritage New Zealand approval had been issued for the cycleway/walkway on Emerton Road. The detailed design was underway with construction being aligned to road rehabilitation.

The Board asked that they be advised when the rehabilitation of the Emerton Road would be undertaken.

**WB18.2.6 Community Organisation Reports**

The Board received reports from the following community organisations:

- Waihi Beach Community Patrol
- Athenree Action Group
- Waihi Beach Events and Promotions
- Athenree Historic Homestead

**WB18.2.7 Recycling and Waste Management**

The Board was advised that Western Bay of Plenty district communities views would be sought on the preferred options on waste minimization and management as part of a formal consultation process to be held during March/April 2019 in tandem with the Annual Plan 2019/2020 consultation.

**Resolved:** Members Hepenstall / Roberts

*THAT the Waihi Beach Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 21 January 2019 be received.*

**WB18.3 Councillor's Report**

The Board considered a report from Councillor Marshall dated 29 January 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Councillor Williams / Member Hepenstall

*THAT the report from Councillor Marshall dated 29 January 2019 be received.*

**WB18.4 Community Board Grant Applications - February 2019**

The Board considered a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 16 January 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Two applications were presented for consideration:

**WB18.4.1 Terelle Carroll**

**Terelle Carroll** – Application for funding of \$2,000 to assist with the associated costs for organising the Arty/Bra Wearable Art Show to be held on 31 August 2019 as a fund raiser for CanTeen teenagers who participate in the Waihi Beach CanSurf Programme.

Board members raised a number of questions relating to the application and these would be conveyed to the applicant by the Deputy Chairperson. It was agreed that in light of the absence of three Community Board Members at this meeting, and in order to receive a response to the questions raised, the application would be re-considered at the next Board meeting.

**Resolved:** Members Roberts / Hepenstall

*THAT the Community Board Grant Application from Terelle Carroll lie on the table pending a response to specific questions about the application, for re-consideration at the next Community Board meeting to be held on 25 March 2019.*

**WB18.4.2 ECHO Walking Festival**

**ECHO Walking Festival** – Application for \$500.00 to assist with costs related to the promotion of the ECHO Walking Festival Event to be held during April 2019.

**Resolved:** Members Roberts / Hepenstall

*THAT the Waihi Beach Community Board approve the following grant to be funded from the Waihi Beach Community Grants 2018/2019 account subject to all accountabilities being met.*

*ECHO Walking Festival 2018/2019* *\$500.00*

**Resolved:** Councillor Williams / Member Roberts

*THAT the report from Democracy Advisor dated 16 January 2019 be received.*

#### WB18.5 **Anzac Day Commemoration 2019**

The Board considered a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 16 January 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Member Roberts / Councillor Williams

- 1. THAT the report from Democracy Advisor dated 16 January 2019 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 \$200.00)*
- 3. THAT Waihi Beach Community Board Members represent the Waihi Beach Community at the ANZAC Day Service at Waihi Beach on 25 April 2019.*

#### WB18.6 **Infrastructure Services Report Waihi Beach - February 2019**

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 25 January 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

#### WB18.6.1 **Two Mile Creek Update - Upstream Dillion Street Bridge**

The Board was advised that an update of the current status of the Two Mile Creek discussion would be provided at the next Operations and Monitoring Committee.

#### WB18.6.2 **Wilson Road Footpath Bridge - Minute Action Reference WB17 18.2.1**

The Roding Engineer (West) advised that options for the design and installation of a pedestrian bridge on Wilson Road were being clarified and would be further discussed with the Board at their next workshop to be held on 1 March 2019.



Board members reiterated that the bridge should be included as part of the Waihi Beach Walking/Cycling Strategy and funded from the Community Roding Account.

**WB18.6.3      Waihi Beach Road Entrance - Minute Action Reference WB15 18 2.3**

- The Roding Engineer (West) advised that he had met with the Vegetation Manager who recommended leaving the vegetation at Wilson Road intersection as is and continue to eradicate the pest plants.
- The gorse at the 'first sight of the sea' sightline would be hand cut and mulched and sprayed. The Roding Engineer advised that he had spoken to the Board Chairperson regarding the future maintenance and regular litter clean-up of the area.
- Board members asked that this item be further discussed at their next workshop meeting to be held on 1 March 2019.

**WB18.6.4      CCTV - Minute Action Reference WB16.18 3.8**

- Board members expressed their frustration in the time it had taken to progress a request for the installation of a CCTV system. There were cameras in other Western Bay districts that were efficiently monitored and managed and this was requested for Waihi Beach.
- The Roding Engineer (West) explained that a CCTV system could not be installed onto a standard lighting column and it was expensive to provide a specific power source for CCTV in the first instance. While there were solar powered systems available, these were expensive units and prone to vandalism and it was not just a matter of strapping a camera on a pole.
- The Chief Executive Officer advised that the installation, monitoring and maintenance of CCTV was not a Council activity and the Policy Committee would be undertaking a review of CCTV in the Western Bay later in the year. The review would involve a recap of cameras currently in the Western Bay District, including the overall costs associated with placement, monitoring, management and maintenance

**WB18.6.5      Broadlands Block Planting Plan**

The Board was advised that staff were using the wetland planting plan that had been prepared in conjunction with the 2009 Broadlands Block Development Plan.

Board Members asked that shared/hard surface pathways linking with the Waihi Beach Walking and Cycling trails be developed across the Broadland Block. This item would be referred to the 2019-2020 Annual Plan.

**Resolved:** Members Hepenstall / Roberts

*THAT the Deputy Chief Executive's report dated 25 January 2019 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Waihi Beach - February 2019 be received.*

WB18.7 **Financial Report Waihi Beach - December 2018**

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 18 January 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Board members noted that they would discuss future commitments/project that may be funded from the Community Board reserves account at their next workshop

**Resolved:** Councillor Williams / Member Roberts

*THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 18 January 2019 and titled Financial Report Waihi Beach – December 2018 be received.*

WB18.8 **Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings**

The Board considered a schedule of meetings for the month of March 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Member Roberts / Councillor Williams

*THAT the schedule of meetings for February and March 2019 be received*

The meeting concluded at 8.04 pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

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M Roberts  
Deputy Chairperson  
Waihi Beach Community Board

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