

WCF Minutes

MEETING OF THE:	Waihi Community Forum
HELD ON:	Thursday 8 th September 2016
HELD AT:	Education Centre, Waihi
TIME STARTED:	6:00pm
TIME FINISHED	7:30pm
IN ATTENDANCE:	<p>Members: Anne Marie Spicer, Belinda Burke, Tara Parker, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Harry Shepherd, Max Mclean, Donna Fisher</p> <p>Invited Attendees Deborah Wilson – WCF Coordinator</p>
ABSENT / APOLOGIES:	Kerry Watson, Michelle Tai
DATE OF NEXT MEETING:	13 th October 2016
FILE REF:	WCFMOM2016-09-08

As Harry is retiring from his position as a Waihi Ward Councillor, Anne Marie, on behalf of the Forum, thanked Harry for all his efforts and contribution to the Forum as well as a Council representative.

Forum members were very sorry to learn of the passing of Michael Scahill. Members attended Michael's funeral, and, as Chairperson, Anne Marie spoke at the funeral.

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

1.1 Kerry Watson, Michelle Tai.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

2.1 Confirmation of the minutes from the meeting of 11th August 2016, Ref. # WCFMOM2016-08-11.

RESOLVED

BB/TP confirmed the minutes accepted as read are true and correct.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

3.1 Resident – Property Purchase – 06/09/2016 (WCF IC-2016-14)

A resident wrote to the Forum asking about the next property purchase round. The Forum responded by advising there is a strictly limited budget for property purchases and the Forum must therefore be extremely careful with how and when it holds property purchase rounds. The Forum understands that properties in Waihi East are currently selling well, and so it has decided to delay the next round until at least next year, or the property market slows.

RESOLVED

No further action required.

4. STREETS AHEAD

4.1 Streets Ahead Project Ideas

The Cherry Blossom Society are working to enhance Waihi, and also attract visitors to the town, they have been planting around Gilmour Lake and Gilmour Street and are looking at planting the entrances to town. The Forum felt that Barry Road would be ideal and potentially could plant the whole length of the street.

It was asked what maintenance requirements would be involved with this. The Forum were advised that currently the Cherry Blossom Society have been checking the trees they have already planted for any issues/maintenance requirements and have been dealing with any issues arising themselves..

RESOLUTION

Action: Max to ask the Cherry Blossom Society to complete the Streets Ahead Submission Form on the website.

4.2 Streets Ahead Funds

Bhavesh is working with the accounts team at OceanaGold to claim back the GST spent on the last Streets Ahead Project.

The Forum have now received an invoice from Waihi Accounting for their services provided to date for administering the Streets Ahead Fund. The Forum felt that the invoice was fair and agreed that payment should be made as soon as possible.

RESOLVED

Action: Deb to instruct payment of invoice.

4.3 Streets Ahead Project 2

The new principal from the Waihi East School has raised health and safety concerns over the position of the BBQ will be putting up trellis behind the BBQ to stop children from climbing onto the BBQ. It was also noted that the BBQ is switched off during school hours to eliminate potential safety hazards.

We have received positive feedback with regards to the new playground:

One resident advised that she often takes her kids there and uses the free BBQ, which she is particularly happy about.

Another resident writes: "I must say that it is such a fantastic facility that as an east end resident, has become a part of our weekly schedule for family time. A great asset to the community!!

Waihi Community Kindy also advised that weather permitting, the children play there every day while school children are in class. The new playground has been fantastic for the kids and the kids enjoy it much, than the last one, and that they particularly enjoy the new bike track extension. What the kindy loves about it all most is that the Kindy kids are able to mix with some of the schoolchildren whilst there too.

The Forum is happy to hear that these children and their families are using these facilities.

5 IRP / PROPERTY PURCHASE

5.1 IRP Round 2 Costs

Bhavesh has requested more information and is waiting for a reply. All costs will be presented at the next meeting on an Excel spreadsheet.

RESOLUTION

Action: Bhavesh to bring spreadsheet to next meeting.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Counselling Services Update (if any)

We have received a response from Tineke and waiting to hear from other doctors within the area.

RESOLUTION

Action: Deb to chase up information before next meeting.

6.2 OceanaGold Waihi Update September 2016

Blessing

Over 40 staff travelled to Tauranga for the blessing of the bogger (underground loader) on 22 August. On the return to Waihi the core shed at Moresby Ave was also blessed.

SUPA

A consent application for the small area between CEPA and the Martha open pit was lodged with Hauraki District Council last week. Given that all affected parties have agreed to the proposal, the company has applied for this consent to be non-notified. We await Council's determination on this.

Martha north wall

Some material continues to fall from the north wall. No plan for a return into the open pit has yet been finalised.

Underground

New pumping system has been commissioned. Initial trials have gone well. This dewatering system provides us with the opportunity to mine deeper at Correnso

Exploration

We have three drill rigs around the open pit and also have three rigs working underground.

AEP

AEP cheques have all been distributed to qualifying residents.

Social Impact Management Plan

Staff survey will be underway next week. Public survey will be in October.

Correnso Community Meeting

Next Thursday, 15th September 2016, at 3.00pm at Education Centre

7 MEDIA & WEBSITE

7.1 Waihi Leader

The Forum agreed with the Streets Ahead advert being placed in the paper on 15th and 22nd September. Deb to look into a post for Waihi Info Grapevine, asking for ideas for Streets Ahead.

8 DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS

Next Meeting: Thursday 13th October 2016 at 6pm