

MEETING OF THE:	Waihi Community Forum
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 14th June 2018
VENUE:	OceanaGold,Waihi
TIME STARTED:	10.30am
TIME FINISHED:	12.10pm
MEMBERS:	Belinda Burke, Donna Fisher, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Max Mclean, Kit Wilson
INVITED:	Joyce Taylor, WCF Coordinator
FILE REF:	WCFMOM2018-06-14

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED

- 1.1 Mike Hayden, Anne Marie

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 2.1 Confirmation of the minutes from the meeting of 10th May 2018, Ref. # WCFMOM2018-05-10.

DF/MM Confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 Streets Ahead Home Street Front Home Improvement Grant: invoices and receipts.
 3.2 Letter from Bernie O’Leary to WCF re the possibility of increased coverage area for the Forum to manage.
 3.3 Letter from John Tregida to Parliament regarding distribution of Mineral Mining royalty payments.
 3.4 Email from Anne-Marie: extra parking at Somerset House Daycare.

4. STREETS AHEAD

- 4.1 Streets Ahead Project Updates:

RESOLVED

Action: WCF to give thought as to future projects for discussion later this year.

- Home Improvement Grant

Street Front Home Improvements – still a few applicants requested more time to send in receipts.

RESOLVED

Action: Wait another few weeks for receipts then Joyce to archive the paperwork.

- Somerset House Daycare: Increased parking. There are only 3 at present and reversing is hazardous. The Forum to discuss if this is a suitable project for Streets Ahead.

Action: Postpone discussion until the next meeting.

- Cherry Blossoms:

- Cherry Blossom Festival Society:

Gordon Rogers is in Australia at the moment therefore planting could be end July/August. 400 trees have been ordered. Up to 150 to be planted in Barry Road. Trees could also be planted on both sides of Mataura Road but we would need to check how many could be planted there. Max suggested offering any excess trees to the Paeroa and Ngatea areas. Fertiliser and stakes still need to be purchased.

RESOLVED

Action: Max to organise collection of all the trees from McGrath Nurseries in July.

Action: Max to spray weeds and mark where holes need to be dug for the trees.

5. IRP / PROPERTY PURCHASE

5.1 IRP Terms of Reference

Currently with Waihi Gold Legal team – update when further correspondence received.

5.3 Property Divestment Strategy

The Forum would like an update from OceanaGold Waihi on how the property divestment strategy is at present.

RESOLVED

Action: Kit to follow up

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 OceanaGold update

Project Martha

The application for consent was lodged with HDC on 28 May. The date for submissions has not yet been announced.

Martha Drill Drive

The drill drive is still under construction. Progress can be followed on the maps in the East Ender.

Exploration Drilling

Exploration drilling continues both on the surface and underground.

Reparations to be appealed by company insurers

OceanaGold's insurance company has decided to appeal the amount of reparations awarded to Tipiwaiti Stainton's family by the District Court. The company understands why the insurers have decided to test the new legislation, but we do not support this action. We will ensure that the family gets the full amount awarded, irrespective of the outcome of the appeal.

30 Year celebration

The company celebrated the 30th anniversary of the first gold pour from the modern Martha Mine with a spit roast meal and a commemorative coin for staff and a fireworks display for the community. The 30th anniversary of the official opening of the modern Martha mine is tomorrow,

6.2 Future Coverage Area for WCF

The Forum to discuss a proposal to OceanaGold Waihi as requested in Bernie O'Leary's letter. If consent is granted (possibly 2019) the WCF should be prepared and engage two representatives from the proposed future mining areas so they are experienced in the role of community reps and aware of the needs of the community.

RESOLVED

Action: WCF to write a proposal to Bernie O'Leary outlining what WCF has to offer as well as providing information on tasks/projects previously achieved by the Forum. The proposal will also include potential future requirements i.e. funding, projects ideas, community improvements and sustainability.

Action: Kit/Donna To see what is in the consent submission before commencing.

6.3 Crown Mineral Submission

The Forum to discuss the latest Bill:

John Tregida, Mayor of Hauraki District Council has written to Hon Grant Robertson and Hon Megan Woods at Parliament regarding the importance of mining royalties for Waihi and Karangahake.

RESOLVED

7 MEDIA & WEBSITE

7.1 Facebook and Website update

Discuss ideas for new information and how to make the Website more interesting now the Streets Ahead Project is completed.

- There are still regular viewings. 45 last month on the Website and several likes on FB.

7 DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS

Next Meeting: 26th July 2018 at 10.30am

Future Meeting: 23rd August 2018 at 10.30am