

<b>MEETING OF THE:</b>	Waihi Community Forum
<b>HELD ON:</b>	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2016
<b>HELD AT:</b>	Education Centre, Waihi
<b>TIME STARTED:</b>	6:00pm
<b>TIME FINISHED</b>	7:30pm
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	<p><b>Members:</b> Anne Marie Spicer, Belinda Burke, Tara Parker, Michelle Tai, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Max Mclean, Kit Wilson</p> <p><b>Invited Attendees</b> Deborah Wilson – WCF Coordinator</p>
<b>ABSENT / APOLOGIES:</b>	Harry Shepherd, Donna Fisher, Kerry Watson
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> September 2016
<b>FILE REF:</b>	WCFMOM2016-08-11

## 1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

1.1 Harry Shepherd, Donna Fisher, Kerry Watson

Anne Marie thanked Kit Wilson for attending the meeting as an OceanaGold Waihi representative.

## 2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

2.1 Confirmation of the minutes from the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016, Ref. # WCFMOICM2016-06-17.

**RESOLVED**

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

## 3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

3.1 Resident – Property Purchase 22/07/2016 – WCF-IC-2016-13

A Resident would like to apply for property purchase. The Forum agreed that, because the property is outside the CEPA area, the resident would probably not meet criteria to be considered for an offer of purchase. The resident has also been turned down in a previous purchasing round. However, when the next purchase round is held, the resident is more than welcome to apply again. Anne Marie will contact the resident re the Forum's decision.

**RESOLVED**

**Action: AMS to respond to resident.**

## 4. **STREETS AHEAD**

4.1 Streets Ahead Funds

Mark Skinner forwarded the balance as at 29 July 2016. The balance remaining is more than what originally thought, also, GST has yet to be claimed back.

Bhavesh has met with Adam Barnett and Denisge Perera of Oceania Gold approx. 4 weeks ago, but due to the recent tragedy he has not heard back from them.

**RESOLVED**

**Action: Deb to request Mark Skinner's invoice for his services to date.**  
**Action: Bhavesh will contact in the next few weeks asking for a response.**

#### 4.2 Streets Ahead Project 4 More Ideas

- Community Van to run the residents in the east to appointments etc, however, the Forum acknowledges the short comings such as maintenance, driver, running costs etc
- Tree planting
- Bike track in the East to tag onto the extended rail trail
- Is there something that could be added to the new Sportsground

The newsletter on the website's homepage has been up for a while, we need to update this with a request for ideas as well as put something in the leader. When we do our advert we need to clarify that it would help if people came up with the whole project plan, not just an idea. We can upload a template for them to complete re their project idea, to help. Ideas are welcome from the whole of Waihi, not just the East.

**RESOLVED**

**Action: Deb to sign up to Waihi Grapevine**  
**Action: Deb and Anne Marie to get together to work on website and advert**  
**Action: Kit to provide template for Project Ideas**

## 5 **IRP**

### 5.1 Costs of Purchase Round.

OceanaGold Waihi to provide spreadsheet detailing costs associated with the purchase round (not just balance remaining) as the Forum require this information documented.

**RESOLVED**

**Action: Bhavesh to contact OceanaGold to obtain details and query invoices received from the IRP.**

## 6 **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### 6.1 Counselling Services

The Forum are looking into the validity of counselling as an option.

### 6.2 OceanaGold Waihi Update

Kit to provide an update for inclusion in the minutes.

**RESOLVED**

**OceanaGold Waihi representatives to bring an update to each meeting.**

### *Monthly report August 2016*

#### **Death on site**

On the evening of Thursday 28 July Tipiwai Stainton died when the bogger (underground loader) he was operating fell into an open stope while he was backfilling. Investigations into the accident are ongoing and will take some time. WorkSafe NZ has issued a prohibition notice on stope filling. Staff are currently working to develop a backfilling procedure that will see the prohibition lifted. We are working with Tip's family, workmates and colleagues as we all come to terms with this tragic accident. We have appreciated the support of the Waihi community during this time.

### **Marth open pit north wall**

Topsoil has been removed from the north wall to expose the underlying rock structure above the current slip face. This topsoil was several metres thick, and was a topsoil dump placed by the mine around 10+ years ago. We still expect some more rock to fall from either side of the existing slip as the stresses on the surrounding rock even out.

### **Underground**

New pumps and a completely new pipe system from the bottom of the mine to the surface are being installed to dewater the underground workings.

### **Exploration**

We continue to site drill rigs around the open pit. This week one of the rigs that was sited between the rugby club and the pit rim has been moved to the top of Martha Street. Another will be sited inside the pit near the west wall.

### **Pit Rim Walkway**

A section of the walkway has been rerouted along Savage and Cambridge Roads. Initially we had rerouted the path down through the 'Hidden Garden' and along Pitt Street, but residents on Pitt Street have reported regular and continued disturbance from some users of the track.

### **AEP**

AEP cheques will be distributed over the next few days.

### **SUPA**

The Slevin Underground Project Area is a small area between CEPA and the Martha open pit. The company has identified mineable and economic deposits under this area. Any mining activity would require a new consent.

## **7 MEDIA & WEBSITE**

### **7.1 Streets Ahead Project Ideas**

As per item 4.2 – Website home page to be updated, and an advert to be booked with the Waihi Leader.

## **8 DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS**

Next Meeting: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 6pm