

WCF Minutes

MEETING OF THE:	Waihi Community Forum
HELD ON:	Thursday 13 th October 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, Max Mclean, Donna Fisher, Kit Wilson</p> <p>Invited Attendees Deborah Wilson – WCF Coordinator</p>
ABSENT / APOLOGIES:	Kerry Watson, Michelle Tai
DATE OF NEXT MEETING:	10 th November 2016
FILE REF:	WCFMOM2016-09-08

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED

1.1 Kerry Watson, Michelle Tai

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Confirmation of the minutes from the meeting of 8th September 2016, Ref.# WCFMOICM2016-09-08.
RESOLVED
DF/BB confirmed the minutes accepted as read are true and correct.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Resident – Streets Ahead Project Idea 16/09/2016 (WCF IC/2016/15)
RESOLVED
No action required as response already sent.

3.2 Resident – Streets Ahead Project Idea 29/09/2016 (WCF IC/2016/16)
RESOLVED
Action: Response to be sent to resident.

3.3 Resident – Property Purchase
RESOLVED
Action: Response to be sent to resident.

4. STREETS AHEAD

4.1 Streets Ahead Ideas Received
Restoration of the Miner's Cottages – idea received from a resident to identify all miner's cottages in the East area and use local business to restore them whilst providing a training/apprenticeship scheme for local youth

as well as reinventing the appeal and value of the streets for tourists and homeowners. Working in partnership with the likes of OceanaGold Waihi, Work and Income, Hauraki District Council, Local Tradespeople and business.

Cherry Blossom Festival Society have completed their submission form – they are wanting to plant in 3 locations, Barry Road, East School and surrounding areas and Tauranga Entrance.

RESOLVED

Action: Copy of the submission form forwarded to the Forum for discussions at next meeting.

Action: Ideas received forwarded to the Forum for review prior to discussion at next meeting.

4.2 GST Claim

Bhavesh advised that he has been working with OceanaGold Waihi on this, and should have something at the next meeting.

5 **IRP / PROPERTY PURCHASE**

5.1 IRP Round 2 Costs

Bhavesh advised that \$946,245 was used on 3 properties out of the \$4m in the last Property Purchase Round, leaving \$3,053,755 remaining for the next round.

RESOLVED

Action: To be included on the agenda of the first meeting of 2017.

5.2 IRP Round 3 – SUPA announcement/next purchase round

The Forum agreed that this should be discussed in the New Year.

RESOLVED

Action: To be included on the agenda of the first meeting of 2017.

5.3 IRP Panel

The Forum agreed that appointing new IRP members must take place in the New Year.

RESOLVED

Action: To be included on the agenda of the first meeting of 2017.

6 **GENERAL BUSINESS**

6.1 Counselling Services Update

Still have not heard back from the other two practices

RESOLVED

Action: Deb to call and make an appointment.

6.2 OceanaGold Waihi Update

SUPA

The decision from the Independent Commissioner is expected towards the end of this month.

Martha north wall

No change here. Some material continues to fall from the north wall. No plan to return to the open pit in the near future.

Underground

Some problems with commissioning of new underground pumping system. These are currently being addressed.

Exploration

Oceana Gold, Waihi continue to have three drill rigs around the open pit and also have three rigs working underground.

SIMP

Staff survey completed. Public survey underway within the next two weeks.

Correnso Community Meeting

The meeting was attended by 25 people, including the two HDC mayoral candidates. The two main topics of conversation were blast vibration and SUPA being applied for non-notified. Minutes are available at www.waihigold.co.nz. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2017.

Real Estate Meeting

The Oceana Gold, Waihi Community team met with 18 real estate agents at their regular six-monthly meeting. Agents from Katikati and Waihi Beach also attended.

General

The site recorded 554mm of rain during September and has recorded rainfall for 70 of the last 85 days.

6.3 Community Representative Vacancy / Chair Person to be elected

Congratulations to Anne Marie who has been elected as a Ward Waihi Councillor and to Max for being re-elected. Max and Anne Marie will represent Council on the Forum. Anne Marie will step down as Chairperson as she feels the role should fall to a Community Representative. Anne Marie has offered to be Deputy but has requested that the four remaining Community Representatives report back at the next meeting with new Chairperson and Deputy nominations.

RESOLVED

Action: Bhavesh to coordinate discussion with Tara, Bindy and Michelle and bring nomination to the next meeting.

Advertisement for Community Representative position to run in the Waihi Leader for 2 weeks, all applications to be received by 3rd November 2016.

RESOLVED

Action: Deb to contact Waihi Leader

7 MEDIA & WEBSITE

7.1 Communication

The Forum agreed that it would be useful to have a Facebook Page.

RESOLVED

Action: Deb to set up the page

8 DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS

Next Meeting: 10th November 2016 at 6pm; 8th December 2016 at 6pm