

# WCF Minutes

<b>MEETING OF THE:</b>	Waihi Community Forum
<b>HELD ON:</b>	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
<b>HELD AT:</b>	Education Centre, Waihi
<b>TIME STARTED:</b>	6:00pm
<b>TIME FINISHED</b>	8:50pm
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	<p><b>Members:</b> Anne Marie Spicer, Belinda Burke, Tara Parker, Max Mclean, Donna Fisher, Kit Wilson</p> <p><b>Invited Attendees</b> Deborah Wilson – WCF Coordinator</p>
<b>ABSENT / APOLOGIES:</b>	Kerry Watson, Michelle Tai, Bhavesh Ranchhod
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</b>	January 2017 (TBC)
<b>FILE REF:</b>	WCFMOM2016-11-10

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

1.1 Michelle Tai, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Kerry Watson

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

2.1 Confirmation of the minutes from the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Ref. # WCFMOICM2016-09-08.

**RESOLVED**

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

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

3.1 Resident – Streets Ahead – 02/11/2016

**RESOLVED**

**Action: AMS to respond to the Resident.**

4. **STREETS AHEAD**

4.1 Streets Ahead Funds - GST Update from Bhavesh  
Not discussed at this meeting as Bhavesh was absent.

**RESOLVED**

**Action: Bhavesh to advise at next meeting**

4.2 Streets Ahead Ideas

The Forum discussed the ideas that have been put forward and have agreed which ones should be looked into further and those that are not feasible/within the Streets Ahead objectives. Forum members will each investigate one or two projects further and report back to the group.

**RESOLVED**

**Action: Deb to contact all those that submitted an idea to the Forum and advise outcome of discussions.**

**Action: Members to investigate project idea/s further and bring information to the first meeting of 2017.**

**Ideas received for use of the remaining streets ahead funds (including past, feasible, ideas) that are to be looked into further:**

Idea	Project Idea	Comments from Forum	Project Head
<p><b><u>Community Orchard</u></b></p> <p>Project idea submission form completed and received by the Forum</p>	<p>Fruit trees to be planted and that the community could sponsor and take care of, which would gain commitment and enthusiasm for the project as well as benefits to the community which would include eating the fruit.</p>	<p>This is within the scope of the Streets Ahead Scheme. The Forum discussed the possibility of Slevin Park. It was mentioned that beautifying Slevin Park may encourage to linger. The Forum agreed that this should be looked into further.</p>	<p><b>DF/KW</b></p>
<p><b><u>Tree planting</u></b></p>	<p>Native trees within the east and / or fruit trees at School / day-cares</p>	<p>This is within the scope of the Streets Ahead Scheme. The Forum agreed that this should be looked into further.</p>	<p><b>DF/KW</b></p>
<p><b><u>Cherry Blossom planting</u></b></p> <p>Project idea submission form completed and received by the Forum</p>	<p>Cherry Blossom Festival Society have suggested 3 areas, Barry Road, East School and surrounding areas and Northern Entrance.</p>	<p>The Forum agreed that this is a well put together Project Idea Submission, that meets the Streets Ahead Objectives and should be looked into further.</p>	<p><b>MM</b></p>
<p><b><u>Renovation of Miner's Cottages</u></b></p> <p>Project idea submission form completed and received by the Forum</p>	<p>Using local tradespeople and businesses whilst offering apprenticeship schemes for Waihi Youth, working in conjunction with Work and Income, secondary/further education providers, etc creating tourist attraction but also enhance the east area. Project Idea submission form completed and sent to Forum.</p>	<p>This maybe beyond the scope of the Forum, but could potentially meet the Streets Ahead Objectives. The Forum asked if there are any old miner cottages within the east? The Forum felt this is a great idea and needs to be looked into further. Bindy to discuss with Margaret further and also see how much time she can put into this.</p>	<p><b>BB</b></p>
<p><b><u>Improving Footpaths, curbs, driveways</u></b></p>	<p>Footpaths, curbs and concrete driveway entrances would be a great improvement. Council seem to do this in other parts of the town but not East End so maybe Streets Ahead could take up the cost.</p>	<p>The Forum agreed this could meet Streets Ahead objectives and should be looked into further. The Forum could also look into street signage.</p>	<p><b>MM / New Rep</b></p>
<p><b><u>Street Art</u></b></p>	<p>Employ an artist to produce Street Art for the area – eg: along fence line along Warmesley/Kenny Road. Max advised that Shane Walker is keen to do a pictorial history of the area but would need to find the right location.</p>	<p>This would meet the Streets Ahead Objectives and should be looked into further.</p>	<p><b>MM / TP</b></p>

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<b><u>Home improvement Grant</u></b>	This proved a very popular and was a successful first project, however more funds were available at the time for this scheme.	<p>This does meeting with the Streets Ahead Objectives and is to be looked into further.</p> <p>The Forum did note that they would need to look further at the following in more depth/detail: ie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• what area would the funds be distributed to? CEPA only or the area that was previously known as GLPA area?,</li> <li>• house sales and sale prices in the area,</li> <li>• amount remaining in the funds etc (approx. \$150k remaining, if used over GLPA area (approx. 550 houses) then roughly only \$270 per household),</li> <li>• cost of accountant managing the scheme.</li> <li>• what the distributed funds could be put towards eg: painting houses, erecting fences, replacing the roof, etc.</li> </ul>	<b>BR</b>
<b><u>Tunnel / By Pass</u></b>  Project idea submission form completed and received by the Forum	An underground tunnel to establish a safe connection of Waihi east which would transect the State Highway. This idea has also been received previously.	This idea may be beyond the scope of the Forum as NZTA is responsible for the state highway, but the Forum felt that this would meet the Streets Ahead Objectives and should be looked into further.	<b>BB - talk to Gene Thompson at Council</b>
<b><u>Streets Alive – Waihi East</u></b>	Invercargill have a wonderful community hub where things are made to happen for the better of the community and it started with one resident's motivation and enthusiasm. With the right start in the East, residents here could implement something similar.	When this was previously raised the Forum already had a lot on it's plate with the Community Greenspace and with the IRP and Property Purchases. The Forum felt that now was a better time to look further into this idea, as a project like this could definitely fit the Streets Ahead Objectives as well as incorporate some of the ideas we are already looking into.	<b>AMS / New Rep – talk to resident and obtain more information</b>
<b><u>Senior Park</u></b>	A Seniors Activity Playground (the resident understands there is something like this at Mt Maunganui and Matamata, but not sure what it entails.)	The Forum agreed that this could well fit in with the Streets Ahead Objectives and can be looked into further.	<b>TP / New Rep</b>

**Ideas received for use of the remaining streets ahead funds that do not meeting the Streets Ahead Objectives and unfortunately will not be looked into further:**

Idea	Project Idea	Comments from Forum
<u>Free broadband</u>	In partnership with Connect IT. For those residents receiving the free broadband the positive effects would be one less bill per month. 2016 statistics show (HDC) that 87% of Waihi have access to the internet.	The Forum agreed that this project will not be feasible for early 2017 as the project has been placed on hold.
<u>Community Van</u>  Previously suggested, as well as a project idea submission form completed and received by the Forum	A van or vehicle be purchased for use by the citizens of Waihi east. Collect and deliver small grocery orders from countdown click and collect. Transport the elderly or young families to the shops or for an outing to the beach. Project Idea submission form completed and sent to Forum.	Unfortunately this is not feasible - This would not be within the scope of the Forum or the Streets Ahead Objectives. The Forum also noted that there would need to be a paid driver - depending on size of the van possibly special licence required? The Forum would need to house the van which may come with an ongoing cost, as wells as servicing & maintenance costs, insurance etc. There is currently a St John Health shuttle in Waihi that will take residents to medical appointments etc, which is free of charge, however donations are accepted.
<u>Community Trailer</u>  Project Idea submission form completed and received by the Forum.	Use of a free trailer to residents that have a fully registered and insured vehicle. Project Idea submission form completed and sent to Forum.	Unfortunately this is not feasible - As with the Community Van, this would not be within the scope of the Forum or the Streets Ahead Objectives. The Forum also noted that here would need to be a person responsible for the usage of the trailer, somewhere to house the trailer which may come with ongoing costs, as well as ongoing maintenance costs, insurance etc.
<u>Bike track in the East</u>	To tag onto the extended beach rail trail, may tag onto Hauraki Rail Trail	The Forum agreed there is adequate safe cycling ways that they can get within Waihi and that this would be a project for the Hauraki Rail Trail Trust.
<u>Addition to the new Sportsground</u>	A feature or enhancement	As the sportsground has not yet been built it is impossible to determine what that enhancement could be. The sports park will not be completed by 2017 and so this idea is currently not feasible.
<u>Gecko exhibition space</u>	A resident already breeds geckos and skinks and would like to expand the project	Unfortunately this is not feasible. This would not be within the scope of the Forum or the Streets Ahead Objectives. However, the Forum agreed that this could be a wonderful project for Waihi.

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<u>Theatre in Boyd Street</u>	Idea was put forward to purchase home theatre entertainment system that could be used with Boyd Street Theatre as a way of providing residents with entertainment and potential fundraising ability for groups / services. The Drama Society has been contacted and they would be willing to work with the Forum to get this project up and running.	This could be a great opportunity for the Drama society, or any other organisation as a fundraiser. But it needs a 'champion' to deliver this fundraising service. Unfortunately this is beyond the scope of the Forum and Streets Ahead objectives.
<u>Dog Walking Park</u>	So many elderly people walk their dogs here in the east. It's a long way to Gilmour Lake. It would be so great to have a park for walking our dogs in closer. Park with dog walking area could include deciduous trees, azaleas, rhododendrons, artificial shallow river and river stones for kids to paddle and dogs to drink from, seats, gardens etc.	This may meet the Streets Ahead Objectives but the Forum noted that as with the community garden, finding suitable land is not currently possible. The only potential vacant land that could be used is in Gladstone Road but the residents in and around this address have made it clear that they are not happy for the public to have access to the land. At this stage the Forum agreed that this could not be looked into further.
<u>Drive in movie screen</u>	I would like to see a "Drive-in-Movie" screen, American style, since we have to drive to TGA for movies.	Unfortunately this is not feasible. This is beyond the Scope of the Forum as well as outside the Streets Ahead Objectives as it is not a permanent enhancement. The Forum noted that someone would need to be responsible for the organising, setting up of all the equipment etc. These are really expensive to hire, again there would be a problem with land, and it is weather dependent.
<u>A dedicated central town facility of some kind</u>	Perhaps in conjunction with the Waihi Community Resource Centre (WCRC)	Unfortunately this is not feasible as it does not meet the Streets Ahead Objectives.
<u>A community garden in East Waihi</u>	Perhaps along the lines of that being run by the WCRC near the BP Station.	The Forum tried to get a project such as this off the ground through Streets Ahead last year. Unfortunately, due to being unable to find suitable land with which to have a community garden stopped this project from going ahead.
<u>Utilise the old (historic) Library Building in Seddon Street.</u>	A project in conjunction with the Council? Its location next to the Memorial Hall lends itself to a community project of some kind. In my opinion, it would be a crying shame for that building to be sold for private use, particularly given the lack of pressure for commercial property in the main street. I assume that the Council already has a plan for that building but it may not be too late for further consideration to be given to that.	Unfortunately this does not fit within the Streets Ahead Objectives of enhancing the Waihi East Area, therefore we are unable to look further into a project such as this.

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## 5 IRP / PROPERTY PURCHASE

To be discussed at the first meeting of 2017.

## 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 6.1 Counselling Services Update

The Forum has been in contact with two health practices in town and both have confirmed there is currently little, if any, need for an additional service. The Forum agreed that they would not pursue this matter any further at this time.

### 6.2 Community Representative Vacancy

The Forum received expressions of interest from 3 applicants and interviews are to be arranged for next week. It is hoped that a suitable candidate can be appointed prior to the end of the year, to start in 2017.

### 6.3 Chairperson to be elected

Bindy was nominated as Chairperson at the meeting and this nomination was accepted by all Forum members present. Bindy's handover will take place between this meeting and the first meeting of 2017. It was agreed that Bhavesh remains as Deputy Chairperson.

### 6.4 Oceana Update

Open Pit: Work expected to start on unloading weight from the top of the North Wall slip this month.

Underground: Pumps installed and up and running at Correnso. Slevin Underground Project Area (SUPA) granted a non-notified consent. Work expected to begin there late this month.

Exploration: Seven rigs operating at present, both on the surface and underground.

Other: Community survey required as part of SIMP close to being completed by Phoenix Research. First SUPA Community Meeting and also Blast Vibration Workshop to be held on Monday 21 November.  
Working with Gold Discovery Centre to revamp mine tours in the absence of open pit mining.  
Pit Rim Walkway and Union Hill base track resurfaced with fresh gravel.

## 7 MEDIA & WEBSITE

### 7.1 Communication

A Facebook page has now been set up. The page was set up so that the Forum could communicate better with the community. The Forum anticipates using this page more actively in 2017 - for Property Purchase updates and for Streets Ahead. A member has suggested that the Forum has a procedure and position statement for all social media activity which needs to be included in the ToR.

**RESOLVED**

**Action: Deb, Bindy and Anne Marie to discuss what is on Facebook and how/when it is updated.**

**Action: Procedure and position statement to be produced**

**Action: Website to be updated to show that we are on Facebook**

### 7.2 Newsletter

An end of year Newsletter is to be produced and circulated to the Waihi East community before Christmas.

**RESOLVED**

**Action: Deb/Bindy/Anne Marie to produce**

**8 DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS**

Next Meeting: Informal end of year meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 6pm

Future Meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 6pm.