

MEETING OF THE:	Waihi Community Forum
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 30th March 2017
VENUE:	Golden Legacy Centre, Waihi
TIME:	6:05pm
MEMBERS:	Belinda Burke, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Mike Hayden, Linda Lewis, Max Mclean, Anne Marie Spicer, Donna Fisher, Kit Wilson
INVITED:	Joyce Taylor, WCF Coordinator
FILE REF:	WCFMOM2017-03-30

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

1.1 Kerry Watson, Tara Parker

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

2.1 Confirmation of the minutes from the meeting of 2nd March 2017, Ref. # WCFMOICM2017-03-02 (sent under separate cover) **RESOLVED**

LL/LM confirmed the minutes as read are true and correct

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

3.1 Nothing received to date

4. **STREETS AHEAD**

4.1 Streets Ahead Project Updates

- Cherry Blossom Society:

Max has been looking at reducing the cost of the Cherry Tree. Trees can be purchased from Ramarama for a reduced fee if paid via HDC. The Cherry Blossom Festival Society will reimburse the HDC.

Gordon Rodgers is coming to Waihi in June to discuss this further. Forum members are going to meet with Paul Matthews on Friday 31st at 1pm to discuss ongoing maintenance of trees by HDC.

RESOLVED

Action: Forum to discuss further

- Home Improvement Grant Proposal

The Forum is going to re look at a new Home Improvement Grant focusing on Street Frontage. Improvements could include: new fencing, painting, new letterbox etc. Joyce is to be the first point of contact via email.

RESOLVED

Action: Bhavesh, Bindy and Joyce to meet and discuss further.

- Community Orchard

The Forum are going to look into the possibility of setting up a community orchard. Citrus, feijoa and nut trees grow well in the Waihi climate.

RESOVLED

Action: Forum to discuss further

- Street Art – Sculpture Competition

A letterbox design could be successful. It could be feature to drive down the street and look at letterboxes. An annual competition could be run and a plaque put on the winning letterbox.

The council has an Art funding which could be available to the Forum.

Local art workshops: already one at the Waihi museum and the Pye building.

Behind the theatre (drama society) could be extended.

The school could have murals.

We would need resource consent to put up sculptures.

RESOLVED

- Art Trail

Mike advised most art trails here and overseas, artists have it in their own studios and galleries therefore the East doesn't qualify for art trail as there are no studios or galleries in that area

RESOLVED

- NZTA – Awaiting further correspondence from Liam from NZTA.

RESOLVED

Action: Joyce to follow up with Liam.

- **Action: Anne Marie to follow up with the concerned resident when reply from NZTA received.**

4.2 Housing Statistics

Reports to be reviewed and discussed for house sales and ownership in CEPA, Waihi and Waihi East areas.

RESOLVED

Action: Bhavesh, Bindy, Joyce, Donna to meet and discuss.

5. **IRP / PROPERTY PURCHASE – NOT FOR DISCUSSION AT THIS MEETING**

5.1 IRP Terms of Reference

Currently with Waihi Gold Legal team – to be discussed once comments/amendments received back. Kerry following up.

6. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

6.1 Forum Community Representative Vacancy

To start looking at advertising this position.

RESOLVED

Action: Bindy and Joyce to discuss advertising.

6.2 Meeting Times

It was queried at last meeting if further meetings could start at 5pm or 5.30pm

All agreed for future meetings to commence at 5.30pm.

RESOLVED

6.3 Oceana Update

- Martha North Wall

Work is continuing on the North Wall as rain events permit.

- Exploration Drilling

We currently have eight drill rigs working (three underground and five on the surface). These rigs are investigating deeper and broader extensions of known veins. Over 35,000 metres of surface and underground exploration drilling was completed in 2016.

- SIMP

The company requested an extension to the date that the Social Impact Management Plan survey data is required to be with HDC. Originally the date was 31 March. This has been extended to 6 April.

- Correnso/SUPA Community Meeting

The six-monthly Correnso/SUPA Community Meeting was Friday 24 March at 2.30pm at the Education Centre. 15 members of the public attended. Minutes will be available in a week.

- Mining Licence 32 2388

The proposal to vary some conditions of the above Mining Licence is proceeding following the one objection being withdrawn. These variations address typos in the original consent, address technology changes etc. The changes are largely administrative and do not extend the licence area or alter the activities that are allowed by the consent.

- Miners' Reunion

The annual Miners' Reunion was held during March. The visitors toured the site and had lunch at the Grand Junction Refinery Building.

- Beach Hop

OceanaGold was again the major sponsor at the year's Beach Hop Warm Up Party.

- Heritage Rescue

The company is assisting the Waihi Arts Centre and Museum which is a subject of a 'Heritage Rescue'. We have provided labour and historical information.

7 **MEDIA & WEBSITE**

7.1 Facebook update

To be discussed and updated as agreed at this meeting

7.2 Website Update

Add new photos of the WFC new members,

RESOLVED
Action: Joyce to update

8 **DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS**

Next Meeting: 27th April 2017 at 5.30pm,
Meeting closed 8.10pm