

MEETING OF THE:	Waihi Community Forum
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 17th August 2018
VENUE:	OceanaGold, Waihi
TIME STARTED:	10.30am
TIME FINISHED	12.45pm
MEMBERS:	Belinda Burke, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Max Mclean, Kit Wilson, Mike Hayden, Anne Marie Spicer
INVITED:	Joyce Taylor, WCF Coordinator
FILE REF:	WCFMOM2018-08-17

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED

1.1 Donna Fisher

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Confirmation of the minutes from the meeting of 26th July 2018, Ref. # WCFMOM2018-07-26

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

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 OceanaGold update

To be provided at the next meeting 30-08-2018.

4.2 Future Coverage Area for WCF

The Forum to discuss:

- 1) The information/content required for a written proposal to OceanaGold Waihi as requested in Bernie O'Leary's letter.

RESOLVED

Action: Bindy to write a draft letter.

4.4 What is in the current consent submission (Kit and Donna to provide information) prior to writing proposal.

RESOLVED

Action: Submission to be written by Community Reps, Bindy, Bhavesh and Mike Meeting on Tuesday 21/08/2018 to discuss.

4.5 Community Representative Vacancies

Advertising for two community representatives has commenced in the Waihi Leader, Facebook, Website and the Waihi Community Grapevine. The Forum to discuss the status of the applications received to date. Applications close 31st August 2018. A sub-committee to be chosen and a date to meet to review applications.

RESOLVED

Action: The Forum to attend OceanaGold public meetings and hand out copies of the Community Representative advertisement for the current two vacancies.

4.6 300- word article for the Waihi Leader.

The forum to write an article about how the Waihi Community Forum came into existence and how we see our role in the community and ask for anyone community minded people to put their hands up to join us.

RESOLVED

Action: This is to be published as soon as possible.

4.7 WCF Awareness

Increase community awareness of the Waihi Community Forum and vacancies.

Action: Letter drop to residents introducing the Forum and requesting ideas for community projects the Forum can assist with.

5.0 **STREETS AHEAD**5.1 Streets Ahead Projects• Cherry Blossoms:

The forum to write to John Tregida and ask if some more cherry trees can be planted around the Gladstone Road-Whangamata Road area and Tauranga Road side of Waihi.

RESOLVED

Action: Letter to be written

**Action: WCF to pay \$8000.00 to the Cherry Blossom Festival Society
Joyce to contact Gordon Rogers to arrange payment and get receipts.
GST to come back to the Forum. (Trees and stakes).**

5.2 Streets Ahead Funds

- Current balance at 7/8/2018 is \$113,782.00 as the GST has now been refunded into the bank account. Discuss whether any of the suggestions below from the previous meeting are suitable for the next project.

Suggestions:

- Garden boxes on street corners.
- Enhance the entrance to Waihi from Whangamata, WFC to write a letter to the Mayor with a plan.
- Mining themed outdoor statues.
- Exercise equipment – fitness area suitable for the elderly.
- Road safe circuit. Mobility scooter friendly.
- Basketball court: "Sport n Action". WCF could fund so this can be completed in the near future.
- Signage to show "sponsored by "Waihi Community Forum"
- Pub Charties: perhaps WFC could apply for funding if funds run out.

(Netball courts - 2249 per hoop)

Action: To be discussed further at a future meeting

5.3 Wireless Broadband:

Richard Hanlan asked if the Forum would be interested in assisting financially. Money paid would go back to the trust. The trust could help people that need financial assistance. This would be available for the entire Waihi community. Richard gave a presentation:

Community Wireless Trust (CWT) creates funds for communities. Richard explained the history and collaboration of information, internet and software. CWT take the necessity, create funds, offer their service and return funds to community. High speed wireless broadband. Use high performance equipment. 10gb per second up to 50km. Wireless load balance over the whole network.

There will be regular updates and low cost start-up/installation. Waihi resident Duncan Smeaton has offered to put a solar tower on his farm. This is a future proof system.

Costings to date are:

East Side Total stage 1 cost \$11,500.00.

School \$3500, Pit 6500.00, Install and miscellaneous \$1500.00.

East Side Total stage 2 cost \$19,000.00. (could be up and running within a month)

Hill site \$6500.00, Solar site \$10500.00, Install and miscellaneous \$2000.00

HDC will assist if other funding is found within the community.

\$40 per subscription per month goes back into the trust which benefits all the community.

The Stewardship Committee would choose what to do with the funds to best benefit the community.,

Equipment replacement budget, most should last 20 years. \$70 per month unlimited.

Install fee approx. \$320.00. CWT are working on trying to reduce this.

A suggestion was made that the Forum could donate funds and then assist residents with the set up cost. It was suggested that the Forum could request funding/top up from Internet NZ.

HDC to contribute to Stage 2 – rural.

Action: WCF to discuss further and read the Portfolio provided by Richard.

5.4 Merry Go Round in the community playground at Waihi East School

The forum to donate \$12870.00 (GST returned) to the school to assist with upgrading the Merry Go Round.

RESOLVED

Action: Joyce to arrange payment once invoice is received.

6. **IRP / PROPERTY PURCHASE**

6.1 IRP Terms of Reference

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

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

7.0 **MEDIA & WEBSITE**

7.1 Facebook and Website update

- Both updated with the community representative advert and application form.
- The WCF website had 79 views in July.
- Website updated with Martha Policy, Area Map and Top up Form.

RESOLVED

Action: Joyce to re-word on the Waihi Community Grapevine

7 **DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS**

Next Meeting: 30th August 2018 at 10.30am

Future Meeting: 18th October 2018 at 10.30am