

<b>MEETING OF THE:</b>	Waihi Community Forum
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>Thursday 30th August 2018</b>
<b>VENUE:</b>	OceanaGold, Waihi
<b>TIME STARTED:</b>	<b>10.35am</b>
<b>TIME FINISHED:</b>	<b>12.15pm</b>
<b>MEMBERS:</b>	Belinda Burke, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Max Mclean, Kit Wilson, Mike Hayden, Anne Marie Spicer
<b>INVITED:</b>	Joyce Taylor, WCF Coordinator
<b>FILE REF:</b>	WCFMOM2018-08-30

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Mike Hayden, Anne Marie Spicer

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- 2.1 Confirmation of the minutes from the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Ref. # WCFMOM2018-08-17  
**KW/BR Confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct.**

3.0 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 3.1 Quote for Merry Go Round upgrade from Shane Rush.  
 3.2 Thank you email from Zac Taylor, Principal, Waihi East School  
 3.3 Rocket Spark Invoice 43157 - \$458.85 due 28/9/2018.

4. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

4.1 OceanaGold update

**Project Martha**

The Project Martha submission period is now open. Submissions close on 14 September. WCF and OceanaGold will hold a 'drop in' session for people would like additional information or assistance with completing the forms.

**Exploration Drilling**

Exploration drilling in Waihi continues both on the surface and underground. Our next major announcement was scheduled towards the end of the year, but this will move to 2019

**Wharekirauponga**

Exploration drilling continues at Wharekirauponga. Coromandel Watchdog organised a protest at the site last weekend. This gained limited media attention.

**Property Policy**

The Project Martha Property Policy is now active. To date, three Top Up requests have been made. All have been accepted. We are aware that there are others being prepared.

**New legislation**

The company continues to put its point of view re mining under DoC land and foreign ownership of land.

**Visits to site**

Recently we have had site visits from a number of MPs and the US Ambassador to New Zealand.

**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.

**4.1 Submission to be written by Community Reps**

Bindy, Bhavesh and Mike to report back on progress from the meeting on Tuesday 21/08/2018.

**RESOLVED**

**Action: Draft submission in progress – Bhavesh will give a brief speech with the submission.**

**4.3 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. A sub-committee to be chosen and a date to meet to review applications. The Forum to attend OceanaGold public meetings and hand out copies of the Community Representative advertisement for the current two vacancies.

**RESOLVED**

**Action: Continue to advertise. WCF to approach suitable members of the community.**

**4.4 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: In the Waihi Leader today.**

**4.5 WCF Awareness**

Increase community awareness of the Waihi Community Forum and vacancies.  
Discuss Letter drop to residents introducing the Forum and requesting ideas for community projects the Forum can assist with.

**RESOLVED**

**Action: Introduction to WCF letter completed and ready to distribute.**

**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. Review draft letter

**RESOLVED.****Action: Max to report back at the next meeting.****5.2 Streets Ahead Funds**

- Current balance at 7/8/2018 is \$113,782.00 as the \$12,870.00 GST has now been refunded, 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 Charities: perhaps WFC could apply for funding if funds run out.

(Netball courts -\$2249 per hoop)

**RESOLVED****Action: The Forum to provide funds to purchase 4 basketball hoops for 2 courts.****Action: Max see Mark Skinner – (Sport n Action)****5.3 Wireless Broadband:**

Richard Hanlan from Wireless Community Trust (WCT) gave a presentation at the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

The forum to discuss further and read the Portfolio provided by Richard. Compare other provider unlimited broadband pricing.

**RESOLVED**

**Action: The Forum is interested in going ahead with this project. It was suggested that the Forum could assist with half of the modem purchase cost. Public relations and advertising would need to explain ongoing community benefits to encourage residents to join up.**

**A Stewardship Trust would need to be set to manage this project.**

**Richard Hanlan to come to another WCF meeting and give further information regarding set up costs and the process for this project.**

**Motion: Propose Subsidising 2/3 connection fee in the East for first 200 people  
Moved Bhavesh, Seconded Kit.**

**WCF and OceanaGold Waihi to split the \$11500.00 cost towards the first repeater tower.**

- 5.4 Merry Go Round in the community playground at Waihi East School  
The forum to donate \$12870.00 (GST claimed from the cost of the playground) to the school to assist with upgrading the Merry Go Round. Awaiting invoice.

**RESOLVED**

- 5.5 Two-Stamper Battery – Mike Hayden gave a two-stamper battery and associated machinery to the Victoria battery for display and hopefully to operate several years ago. This hasn't been actioned due to lack of funding therefore Mike suggested this could be placed in a prominent place in Waihi township, perhaps the top of Seddon Street.

**RESOLVED**

**No further action at this time. Perhaps look at this again early 2019.**

## **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
- To update with submission information after public drop in day.

## **8.0 DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS**

Next Meeting: 20th September 2018 at 10.30am  
Future Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 10.30am