

MEETING OF THE:	Waihi Community Forum
MEETING DATE:	Friday 19th October 2018
VENUE:	OceanaGold, Waihi
TIME STARTED:	10.30am
TIME FINISHED	12.05pm
MEMBERS:	Belinda Burke, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Max Mclean, Ernani de Ocampo Kit Wilson, Mike Hayden, Anne Marie Spicer, Donna Fisher
INVITED:	Joyce Taylor, WCF Coordinator
FILE REF:	WCFMOM2018-10-19

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED

None

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 2.1 Confirmation of the minutes from the meeting of 20th September 2018, Ref. # WCFMOM2018-09-20
MM.MH Confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct.

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 D Sinclair – withdraw application for Community Representative.

RESOLVED

Action: Joyce to email Dawn acknowledging withdrawal and thank you for her interest in the WCF and the vacancy.

- 3.2 C Boyd – Community Representative application.

RESOLVED

Action: Joyce to phone Clare and update status.

- 3.3 Waihi East School – Thank you letter for repair of Merry-Go-Round

- 3.4 Stockley Invoice – repair of Merry-Go-Round - \$12,870.00

4. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

4.1 OceanaGold update

Permitting and consenting for Project Martha continues on track. OceanaGold Waihi began community consultation in March 2018 shortly after publicly announcing the project. The company submitted the permit application for underground expansion in May. On 16 August, the Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Council opened the official public comment period. As required, this period ran for one month and closed on 14 September. The local Councils received 284 submissions with approximately 80% in support of the project. The Waikato Regional Council and the Hauraki District Council are the regulatory authorities responsible for consents and permits for water and land respectively. The two Councils will hold consent hearings starting on 12 November. The Councils will issue their decision in Q1 2019. Any appeals would be considered after this and the company anticipates that final approvals will conclude at the end of 2019. OceanaGold Waihi will continue to engage directly with community members and other stakeholders to address questions and concerns.

4.2 Future Coverage Area for WCF

The Forum to discuss:

Information/content required for a written proposal to OceanaGold Waihi as requested in Bernie O'Leary's letter. (To be discussed at a future meeting after submissions received/reviewed.)

RESOLVED

- Action. Bhavesh and Bindy meet to discuss what the WCF will say at the hearing.**
- Action: Bhavesh and Bindy to attend the submission hearings and consult with the community and get their views prior the hearing.**
- Action: Joyce to create a survey to be delivered next week to the affected areas. Completed surveys are in to win one of two \$50.00 pressie cards.**
- Action: Donna to arrange printing, envelopes and delivery of the survey.**

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 applications received to date

RESOLVED

No further action at time. The vacancy may be filled at a later date..

4.5 WCF Awareness

Increase community awareness of the Waihi Community Forum. Discuss suitable dates for an Open Day and information to present to residents.

RESOLVED

- Action: WCF to attend the Waihi Volunteers Expo – 31st October 2018**
- Action: Joyce to create a roster for Forum members who can attend.**
- Action: Donna to provide WCF posters.**

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.

- Max to update the Forum after his meeting with Paul Matthews from HDC.

RESOLVED

Approved and the trees will be planted next year in the autumn.

- Streets Ahead suggestion – Georgia Magyar

Planting of fruit trees for the community share. (Awaiting reply form HDC)

RESOLVED

The Forum to pay \$150.00 as a starting point for this project. Georgia to get back to WCF in the future if this proves successful for possible further funding.

Action: Joyce to phone Georgia.

5.2 Streets Ahead Funds

- Current balance at 7/10/2018 is \$95,881.23 at 3/10/2018.

- Basketball court: “Sport n Action”.
- The Forum to provide funds to purchase 4 basketball hoops for 2 courts.
Due to be delivered next week.

RESOLVED

It was suggested that a possible Stage 2 to this project is to have a covered seating area in the basketball courts as well as murals.

Action: Max to oversee installation of the hoops.

5.3 Riparian Planting:

It was suggested that this could be a new project in Waihi East around the stream that flows into the Ohinemuri river. This could be a great education programme in conjunction with Waihi East school and would educate students on native plants and aquatic life.

RESOLVED

Action: Anne Marie to get further information

5.3 Wireless Broadband:

Richard Hanlan from Wireless Community Trust (WCT).

The Forum to discuss further and get more information of the process of supporting this project.

Richard will be in Waihi in October and contact Kit.

RESOLVED

Action: Kit to contact Richard and get further information.

6. **IRP / PROPERTY PURCHASE**

6.1 IRP Terms of Reference

Currently with Waihi Gold Legal team – Subject to current consent application.

7.0 **MEDIA & WEBSITE**

7.1 Facebook and Website update

Action: Joyce to Advertise Waihi Volunteers Expo.
Action: Introduce Nani as a new member to the Forum.

7 **DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS**

Next Meeting: TBA

Future Meeting: 13th December 2018 – Christmas lunch & meeting.