

MEETING OF THE:	Waihi Community Forum
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 14th February 2019
VENUE:	OceanaGold Waihi
TIME STARTED:	10.45
TIME FINISHED:	12.15pm
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:	WCFM2019-02-14

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED

None

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 2.1 Confirmation of the minutes from the meeting of 13th December 2018, Ref. # WCFMOM2018-12-13
AMS, EdC/Confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct.

3.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 Hauraki District Council – Project Martha Decision Notice
3.2 Thank you email for Pressie Card from Pam Edwards.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 4.1 OceanaGold update:

Project Martha

Project Martha was approved in late December 2018. There were no appeals received by the cut-off date of 1 February 2019. This means that work can now commence. There is much to do before we will see any activity in the open pit or the North Wall.

Martha breakthrough

The underground drive daylighted in the south wall of the Martha open pit in late January. This drive will be used for ventilation for existing workings.

Exploration Drilling

Exploration drilling in Waihi continues both on the surface and underground. Piezometer holes

are also being drilled around Waihi. The company is planning on drilling on forestry blocks on the lower Coromandel Peninsula.

Wharekirauponga

Exploration drilling continues at Wharekirauponga. There are currently two rigs on site.

Project announcements

Other projects are still being finalised. No dates have been confirmed for any announcements.

AEP

AEP calculations have been completed and initial letters sent out. We expect cheques to be delivered late February or early March.

Rex Residents' meeting

Rex residents meeting Wednesday 13 February, 7.00pm, Baptist Church.

General

2018 donations, sponsorships and partnerships listed in January *Waihi Leader Update*.

Recently we have had site visit from representatives from Merdeka Copper Gold who have five mines in Indonesia.

Gold Discovery Centre minibus returned to OceanaGold.

Correnso Community Meeting coming up in March, date TBA.

Miners' Reunion 22 March.

4.2 Future Coverage Area for WCF – Project Martha area.

Information/content required for a written proposal to OceanaGold Waihi now the survey has closed.

Action: To be discussed at a future meeting.

5.0 **STREETS AHEAD**

5.1 Streets Ahead Projects

Suggestion of Waihi Heritage buildings in the East visits and tours.

RESOLVED

Action: Mike is still collating information and will report back at a future meeting.

5.2 Basketball Court: Sports n Action

- The Forum to provide funds to purchase 4 basketball hoops for 2 courts.

RESOLVED

- **The wrong hoops and bolts were delivered. The correct goods should arrive this week.**
 - **Preparation on site is progressing well and awaiting arrival of the correct hoops.**
- **The courts will be marked once the hoops are erected. A proposed shelter could be built once the courts are completed which will provide shade and an area for picnics and bbq's.**

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

Warwick Buckman says it will be a 3 year process for planting. Union Hill will not be included.

The cost will be approximately \$30,000.00

Action: Anne-Marie and Donna to have a meeting with Kevin Storer to discuss further.

Action: The WCF to go have a look at the site/area to be planted before meeting with Kevin.

Action: Boundaries will need to be checked with HDC.

5.3 Wireless Broadband:

Wireless Community Trust (WCT).

The Forum to discuss further the process of supporting this project

RESOLVED

No further action until the Forum receives more information from WCT.

5.4 Mike suggested that the Forum purchases a defibrillator. There are several defibrillators in town but not in the outer Waihi area. Perhaps we could place one at Waihi East School.

The Forum criteria is to enhance the area and maintain property prices however this could be a good community based purchase for residents in the out of town area.

The cost is \$2500.00-\$3000.00 via St John.

On-going servicing is required for defibrillators, therefore the recipient would need to cover this cost.

RESOLVED

Action: Discuss further at the next meeting

7.0 MEDIA & WEBSITE

Discuss content for a newsletter and advertisement in the Waihi Leader.

RESOLVED

Action: A newsletter and an advert in the Waihi Leader re-introducing the Forum to be written for distribution in March.

8.0 DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Next Meeting: 21st March 2019

Future Meeting: 18th April 2019