



MINUTES

MEETING OF THE:	Waihi Community Forum
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 14th December 2023
VENUE:	Down Thyme, Waihi
TIME START:	11:00am
TIME FINISH:	11.45am
MEMBERS:	Belinda Burke, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Mike Hayden, Rangi Honey, Ernani de Ocampo, Anne Marie Spicer, Donna Fisher, Kyle Welten
INVITED:	Paula Blackman - WCF Coordinator
FILE REF:	WCFMOM2023-12-14

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Paul Anderson

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Confirmation of the minutes from the meeting of 02-11-2023, ref #WCFA2023-11-02

MH and DF confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1.1 NZ Post invoice received for PO Box 142 renewal.

Please approve attached Forum decided to not renew PO Box at this stage.

Use BB address for future post, but people can email in the first instance.

Action - PB to cancel PO Box, and remove from FB and website

4. **MEDIA & WEBSITE**

4.1 Get individual and group photos of all Forum members for website

Arrange for photos to be taken on a Friday afternoon in the New Year in town somewhere.

4.3 Website and Facebook post ideas.

Thanks to Viv for new website

Thanks to Valder Ohinemuri Trust, Lions and Oceana Gold

Thanks for community support throughout the year and to those who completed the survey

Action: Paula to put together draft for post on FB then email to AMS to post to Facebook

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

5.1 WCF Terms of Reference

- Amendments required to existing Terms of Reference. Proposed wording for the ToR re Community Member appointments - option 1 and option 2 (attached) - Forum agreed to option 1.

ACTION: BR to send PB charitable trust section wording

ACTION: PB to update Community Members section wording from KW

5.2 Forum member review

- Forum to consider reappointing members for further terms as per Terms of Reference 1.1
- Update meeting fees discussion.

AMS nominates all community members to stay on the Forum for another 3 years
BH seconded the motion

5.3 Insurance

- Forum to discuss if insurance is required for Waihi Community Forum Charitable Trust
- Who will organise
- Who will pay

Action - PB to ask Sarah Gibb Community Waikato about Insurance

Action - KW to ask OG about Trust Insurance

5.4 OceanaGold update

Staff Surveys

Our consent conditions require us to report to Council how our staff are involved in the community, we collect this data through an annual staff survey. The survey is anonymous, nobody at OceanaGold reads them. They are collated by an independent survey company, and we get tabulated results i.e., we never see that we have an EASP Superintendent, who lives in Waihi Beach, and has two children. We only see data that says there is 1 EASP Superintendent at site, there are X% of our staff who live in Waihi Beach, and X number of children of mine staff who attend local schools.

Questions also included, where do you do most of your shopping, medical visits, entertainment, petrol etc. We also asked what Iwi do you come from and where do your children attend school. The results of this survey will be handed to Council once they have been collated.

Mines Rescue – Sky Tower Stair Challenge

Each year Mines Rescue Teams from the Macraes and Waihi Operations travel to Auckland to climb the Sky Tower as part of a nation-wide fundraising effort for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand. The teams from both sites have an enviable record for both fundraising and climbing times.

As well as winning recognition for their fundraising efforts, in May of this year the Waihi Mines Rescue Team was presented with the Taiaha Award for community participation and service. As part of this award, they are now required to commission and have carved a new taiaha which they will present to next year's recipients at the 2024 event.

A taiaha is a traditional Māori weapon which was originally used for striking or stabbing in close-quarter combat. Nowadays it is often used as a ceremonial piece, usually seen during official welcomes onto marae.

In November the Mines Rescue Team was joined by their colleagues from emergency and rescue services and local iwi at the Waihi Community Marae where the taiaha the team received in May was blessed along with the wood, they have selected to be used to carve the new piece. Once this taiaha is carved it will be blessed again, before being taken by the team to the Sky Tower Stair Challenge in May 2024 and presented to next year's recipients.

Donations to Food Banks

This year OceanaGold has again donated funds to the Salvation Army and the St Vincent de Paul food banks for the purchase of food and gifts for their community hampers. This year more than ever community members are struggling to feed their families, so it is a no brainer for OceanaGold to donate this money to such a worthwhile cause.

Holiday Hours

Our Project Information Office at 86 Seddon Street and Admin Office at 43 Moresby Ave will be closed from Friday the 22nd of December, reopening Monday the 8th of January. There will be no blasting of any type on Sundays or public holidays. Our Community Engagement line will still be active throughout the holidays for any queries or concerns.

We thank the Forum for a year of hard work and dedication and look forward to the new year watching our next community asset the Pump Track Project take shape.

6. STREETS AHEAD

Bank balance - \$177,848.55 CR

- Tagged Funding (Hub) - \$165,000
- Tagged Funding for Pit Rim Seating - \$5,000

6.1 Outdoor Recreation Hub

- One Foundation funding to be applied for in January 2024
- Lions Foundation funding to be applied for in January 2024 (\$500,000.00)
- Lotteries Community Facilities Fund funding to be applied for in January 2024 (\$1m)
- Rich Landscapes to provide concept plan by end of December 2024 for inclusion in funding applications. There is an additional cost of \$1-2k to the concept plan for unforeseen issues with Rich Landscapes receiving the data in a format they require. This additional payment approved by Forum.

6.2 Bench seats around the pit rim.

The forum has organised five bench seats to be built that would be able to be moved in the future if needed. Sites are now chosen, a quote for a longer seat and a shorter seat to be fixed by bolts onto concrete supports suitable for moving in the future should they need to be (as advised by OceanaGold.) WCF will pledge up to \$5000 to purchase seats. OceanaGold commits to organising, and paying for installation, of the seats (email from KW 14 Dec 23).

ACTION: KW to send PB email with bench choices for circulation to forum.

7. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Next Meeting: 8 February 2024

Future Meeting: 14 March 2024



01 December 2023

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Waihi 3641New Zealand Post Limited
Private Bag 39990
Wellington Mail Centre
Lower Hutt 5045Email: boxandbag@nzpost.co.nz

GST Reg. No. 27-351-767

Renewal of annual PO Box or Private Bag service contract from 31 January 2024 to 30 January 2025

Customer number:	65702395
Invoice number:	227820000930
Annual Fee (excl GST):	\$243.48
GST:	\$36.52
Previous amount still owing:	\$0.00
Amount due:	\$280.00

Due date: 31 December 2023

Please note, the amount due may be different to the annual PO Box or Private Bag fee due to over/under payments from previous year(s).

1. If the amount due is a negative amount, this is the amount owed to you from NZ Post. To request your refund, please email boxandbag@nzpost.co.nz, providing your customer number and bank account details.
2. If you do not agree with the amount due, please get in touch by emailing boxandbag@nzpost.co.nz

How to payBy credit/debit card online at nzpost.co.nz/privatebox

By Internet banking

- NZ Post bank account number: 02-0500-0821622-00
- Particulars: 65702395
- Code: 227820000930
- Reference: Waihi Community Forum
- Send your remittance advice by email to remittance@nzpost.co.nz

At a NZ Post store that offers bill payment services nzpost.co.nz/locator

Please ensure you bring your invoice or reminder notice in-store to pay your invoice.

Updating your customer account details

Notify us if any of the information specified in the Application changes, for example, your address or phone number or customer category (for example, Personal to Business PO Box or Private Bag).

Please use the customer update form to detail changes and send to the Box Bag Team at the address at the top of the invoice.

No longer require the PO Box or Private Bag service?

Notify us in writing 30 days before the renewal date that you no longer require the PO Box or Private Bag service by completing a PO Box closure form at your box lobby or nearest NZ Post store.



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