



MINUTES

MEETING OF	Waihi Community Forum
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 16 th March 2023
VENUE:	OCEANAGOLD, WAIHI
TIME STARTED:	10.30am
TIME FINISHED:	11.55am
MEMBERS:	Belinda Burke, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Paul Anderson, Ernani de Ocampo Mike Hayden, Anne Marie Spicer, Donna Fisher, Kyle Welton, Rangi Honey
INVITED:	Paula Blackman, WCF Coordinator, Joyce Taylor
FILE REF:	WCFMOM2023-03-16

1. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Kyle Welton, Rangi Honey, Bhavesh Ranchhod

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. Confirmation of the minutes from the meeting of 16-02-2023, Ref. # WCFMOM2023-02-16

BB/NdeO Confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct.

3.0 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

4. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

4.1 WCF Terms of Reference

Arrange a separate meeting to discuss appropriate amendments.

Action: Paula and Joyce to review and make amendments then forward to forum members for their additions or changes.

4.2 OceanaGold update

Waihi Gold Mining Education Trust

Established in 1992, the Waihi Gold Mining Education Trust was initiated by the Waihi College Principal at the time, Harry Shepherd, and Waihi Gold.

Initially, the trust was set up as a fund of \$25,000 per year for five years 'to be used to improve the educational opportunities of the youth in Waihi', however, the trust was able to be continued past this initial timeframe. In 2005 the donation was increased to \$40,000 per annum and increased again in 2022 to \$58,000 per annum.

This year marked the 30th year of scholarships being presented to Waihi College students, with five students receiving \$4,000 each, and the remaining \$38,000 to be used by Waihi College to provide additional equipment and materials for the wider school.

To date, over a million dollars (\$1,091,396) has been contributed to Waihi College, with 170 individual scholarships provided.

We're proud to be able to continue supporting Waihi College and we wish all the recipients well in their future endeavours.

Jumpstart

Jumpstart has just started up again for the year and Phil Salmon who is coordinating this programme would like to come and present to the Forum, could we please have some dates for upcoming meetings.

Earthquakes and Cyclone Gabrielle

The 5.1 magnitude earthquake located ~ 25km away in west Te Aroha triggered a TSF "Alert" level as defined in OG Waihi's TSF Operation Manual.

- Formal visual inspection undertaken
- Piezometers assessed
- Seepage flows monitored
- Engineering Geology consulted
- No issues identified

The OG meteorological station at Martha Pit recorded 1039mm of rain over 42 days. Over the same period last year, we received 160mm.

- Cyclone Hale – 1 in 20 year event (282mm in 48 hours)
- Cyclone Gabrielle – 1 in 10 year event (217mm in 24 hours)

The TSFs were fully compliant.

Waihi and Local Areas Entry Level Roles Sign Up

You can now register your interest to be automatically informed when entry level roles at the Waihi Operation become available to apply for.

There is now a link which is located on our Facebook page for people to register their interest.

There is also another link on our page where university students can apply for an internship over the holiday period.

Sign up here: <https://smrtr.io/d8wwD>

Amenity Effects Payments (AEP)

For the July – December 2022 payment period, 334 properties qualified for an AEP Payment.

These payments totalled \$204,928.34

A breakdown of these payments are:

- 305 properties in the Project Martha area qualified for a payment, totalling \$197,678.34
- 29 properties in the Correnso Project area qualified for a payment, totalling \$7250.00

All qualifying residents have now been signed up and are awaiting payment.
Since 2007 there have been 8,962 payments made, totalling \$5,786,138.87.

5.0 **STREETS AHEAD**

Bank balance \$53,218.25.

5.1 **Bike Park – Pump Track**

The WCF sub-committee and Paula had a meeting with Michelle Johns who suggested the forum gets a feasibility study prior to completing a funding application to Lotteries. A feasibility

study is usually required for projects over \$250,000.00.

Action: Paula to email with a forum members for information then email Lotteries Community Fund Advisor and find out if we need to do a feasibility study.

Action: If we do, then Paula to go ahead and complete a funding application to cover the costs of the feasibility study.

2. **Movie Theatre for Waihi**

- WCF would like to preserve the building and make improvements so it may be used by the community and visitors.
- Review feasibility.

The forum decided to re-visit this idea in the future.

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3. **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. The Menz Shed are happy to do the work and the sites are now chosen.

- **Action: Mike** to find out about the wood situation, condition and suitability.

4. **Maori Wardens**

Discuss what support/assistance the WCF could give if necessary.
The forum decided to re-visit this idea in the future.

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5.8 **WCF to manage community donations and sponsorship**

The forum would like to assist with managing these for OceanaGold, Waihi.

- **Kyle** to update regarding the Position Description for a Community Development Officer and review what tasks could be suitable for the WCF Administrator/Funding role.

6.0 **MEDIA & WEBSITE**

- Website and Facebook post ideas.

7. **DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Next Meeting: 13th April 2023

Future Meeting: 11th May 2023

