



# MINUTES

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| <b>MEETING OF THE:</b> | Waihi Community Forum   |
| <b>MEETING DATE:</b>   | Tuesday 25th March 2025   |
| <b>VENUE:</b>          | Oceana Gold   |
| <b>TIME START:</b>     | 5:00pm  |
| <b>TIME FINISH:</b>    | 6:45pm  |
| <b>MEMBERS:</b>        | Belinda Burke, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Mike Hayden, Rangi Honey, Ernani de Ocampo, Anne Marie Spicer, Donna Fisher, Paula Trubshaw, Paul Anderson |
| <b>INVITED:</b>        | Paula Blackman - WCF Coordinator, Lisa Moore HDC, Karolina Kirova HDC   |
| <b>FILE REF:</b>       | WCFMOM2025-03-25  |

## 1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Ernani de Ocampo

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 13-02-2024, ref #WCFMOM2024-02-13  
**BB and BR confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct.**

## 3. CORRESPONDENCE

Attached Invoice - The Waihi Community Forum Charitable Trust agrees to pay this deposit invoice to the HDC for payment to Velo Solutions.  
(\$54,029.04 coming from Lotteries Funds that WCF holds, \$26,086.96 from Lion Foundation funds that HDC was holding = Total \$80,000).

**ACTION: BB will arrange payment 26 March 2025**

## 4. MEDIA & WEBSITE

4.1 WCF and Media

4.2. Website and Facebook post ideas.  
Update FB post on pump track progress

**ACTION: DF ask Josh to put the drone up for a new pic to go on FB**

**ACTION: Add WCFCT Trust Deed to the website.**

## 5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1. Rail Trail Discussion

- Karolina Kirova and Lisa Moore from HDC gave an update of current Rail Trail progress
- Lisa confirmed circulation path to back of carpark would be funded by Rail Trail. Path to road would not be funded at this stage.
- Talked about using same people that do Rail Trail to do the path from car park to pump track. Lisa confirmed they would talk with Terri HDC about which contractor to use.
- Rail Trail can be done as soon as pump track completed.

- Discussion had about fencing pump track and rail trail to separate from dog park.
- Agreed to make a site visit with Lisa, Karolina and Craig Velo after pump track completed to check Rail Trail location etc.
- Lisa and Karolina exited meeting at 5.30pm.

#### 5.2. Discuss Comms plan around engagement and what the community would like from WCF.

**ACTION: AMS will email comms plan draft to WCF members for feedback**

**ACTION: Arrange separate meeting to discuss approach - Tuesday 15/4/2025**

#### 5.3. Updates to Terms of Reference

- Discuss the relationship between the Charitable Trust and the Forum
- Discuss the requirement for the Trust to have a Trust Deed or some form of documentation stating its purpose.

**ACTION: add Trust Deed to Website**

#### 5.4. Basketball Court Markings

Sport'n'Action were successful with funding application, basketball courts will have lines painted in March 2025 (NZ design rather than USA design).

#### 5.5. Administrator/Fundraiser required to replace PB by the end of April 2025

- Look at a replacement who can do fund raising and has writing skills.
- Advertise - Facebook
- MH exited meeting at 6.24pm.
- AMS exited meeting at 6.30pm.
- BR exited meeting at 6.35pm.

**ACTION: PB create ad for FB/Seek and email to BB and RH for checking**

#### 5.7. OceanaGold Update

### **Martha Mineral Zone (MMZ) Hearings**

The outcome of the application for the Proposed Plan Change 6 Extension of Martha Mineral Zone (MMZ) is expected to be made public by the end of March.

Submitters on the proposed plan change can appeal Council decisions in the Environment Court. Further information about the appeal period and process will be included in decision letters to submitters.

More information on the proposed plan change can be found [here](#)

### **Waihi North Project Update**

The Waihi North Project Fast-track application has been lodged and is now with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). We are anticipating a decision on the application's completeness before the end of March (currently between Step 1 & 2)

### PROCESS OVERVIEW



Read more about the Fast-track Approval Process.

### Amenity Effects Programme (AEP)

The Amenity Effects Programme calculations for Amenity Effects Programme (AEP) payments covering 1 July to 31 December 2024 have now been processed.

Although OceanaGold's mining operations are being conducted within consent compliance limits, we recognise that some residents close to mining activities may experience a perceived reduction of amenity from time to time. The Amenity Effects Programme was established in 2007. We make payments twice a year to qualifying residents, based on any vibration effects measured over the previous six-month period. [Read more about AEP](#)

### Six Monthly Community Meeting

The six-monthly Community Meeting took place on Thursday 13 March, at 5.30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to present information from the preceding six months on activities relating to the Correnso/SUPA and Project Martha consents. Once available, full minutes of these meetings are published on our [website](#)

### Waihi Gold Mining Education Trust Scholarships

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 32nd year of scholarships being presented to Waihi College students, with the top five academic students receiving \$4,000 each to Academic scholarship awards.

Trade scholarship awards to support further studies were also awarded with four scholarships of \$2,000 each awarded to students pursuing trade qualifications, and the remaining \$30,000 to be used by Waihi College to provide additional equipment and materials for the wider school.

To date, over 1.1 million dollars and 180 individual scholarships have been provided to Waihi College through the trust. We're proud to be able to continue supporting Waihi College and we wish all the recipients well in their future endeavours. To view the Waihi Gold Mining Education Trust Scholarship recipients please click the link [here](#)

### Sponsorships & Donations

Sponsorships and donations approved in the previous month:

|                                 |                                     |          |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Waihi Association Football Club | Uniforms, First Aid Kits, and Goals | \$2,102  |
| Karangahake School              | Adventure Playground Replacement    | \$14,500 |
| Go Waihi                        | Beach Hop Waihi Warm Up Party       | \$8,500  |
| Ngāti Tamaterā                  | Hauraki Māori Business Award Costs  | \$10,000 |

### Beach Hop Warm Up Party

The OceanaGold Beach Hop Warm Up Party is this Wednesday, 26 March 2025. OceanaGold Waihi are proud to once again be the main sponsor of the OceanaGold Beach Hop Warm Up Party. Celebrating its 25th year, Beach Hop has brought hundreds of thousands of New Zealanders together for an annual rock and roll festival and car show. Entry is free, with roads in the Waihi CBD closed from approximately 7am to 3pm.

### Echo Walking Festival

A Walk Inside the Martha Mine Pit Fence, Thursday, 10.00am, 10 April 2025. In partnership with the Echo Walking Festival, we're offering exclusive access to view the Martha Pit and the

crushing plant from inside the pit fence. The walk along our perimeter road is around 2km to 3km, taking approximately an hour. The walk is suitable for most walkers 12 years and over. Register here: <http://echowalkfest.org.nz>

### Complaints and Concerns for February

| Number of Complaints | Number of Complainants |          |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Helicopter Activity  | 1                      | 1        |
| Vibration            | 1                      | 1        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>2</b>               | <b>2</b> |

| Topic        | Number of Concerns | Number of stakeholders who raised Concerns |
|--------------|--------------------|--|
| Property     | 1                  | 1  |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1</b>           | <b>1</b>                                   |

## 6. STREETS AHEAD

### 6.1 Bank balance \$434,441.02 CR

- Tagged Funding (Hub) - \$409,697.36 (of which \$200,000 Lotteries, \$36,105 WCF, \$10k VO Trust, \$150k OG, \$10k Lions Club, \$2,592.36 Waihi Herb Society, \$1000 Waihi Beach RSA)
- Waiting for Westpac to process refund of resident withholding tax as per charity status.

### 6.2. Outdoor Recreation Hub

- One Foundation has granted \$11,500 to the pump track build.
- Discuss updates to MOU ready to forward to Terri
- Concrete path from carpark to pump track - funding coming from HDC Capex.
- Discuss potential funders/funding plan - COGS funding round open 16/4 - 14/5

**ACTION: BR and PB to audit costs-to-date for next meeting.**

**ACTION: PB draft revised MOU in preparation for when the time comes**

### Dates for future meetings

Next Meeting: Thursday 10 April 2025

Comms Meeting: Tuesday 15 April 2025

Future Meeting: Thursday 15 May 2025



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 William St Paeroa 3600 PO Box 17 Paeroa 3640

**TAX INVOICE**  
 GST NO 050-779-696

AREA OFFICES  
 Orchard Rd Ngatea  
 Rosemont Rd Waihi  
 PH: 07 862 8609 Fax: 07 862 8607  
 info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz

**To:** Waihi Community Forum Charitable Trust  
 no address allocated

Invoice No. 43254  
 Debtor Acc. 4757.01  
 Date: 14/02/2025

| DESCRIPTION  | AMOUNT           |
|--|------------------|
| Pump Track Deposit   |                  |
| Morgan Park Outdoor Recreation Hub                                       |                  |
| Balance of Velosolutions Invoice 54020                                   | 54,029.04        |
| TAX INVOICE TOTAL  |                  |
|  | 54,029.04        |
| Payment due on the 20th of the month following the date of this invoice. |                  |
| <i>Total Value non-taxable supply(s)</i>                                 | 54,029.04        |
| <i>Total Value taxable supply(s) excluding GST</i>                       | 0.00             |
| <i>Total GST Payable</i>   | 0.00             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |                  |
|  | <b>54,029.04</b> |



**HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL- REMITTANCE ADVICE SLIP**  
 (Please return this slip with your payment to PO Box 17, Paeroa 3640 )

**To:**

Waihi Community Forum Charitable Trust  
 no address allocated

Amount Due: **54,029.04**

Account No. 4757.01

Invoice No. 43254

Billing Ref : 12-475701

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 Reference: 43254  
 Code: 4757.01