

To: Waihi Ward Committee
From: Community Services Department
Date: 25 May 2015

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Meeting date: 9 June 2015

Subject: **Monthly Report on activities for the month of May 2015**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received, and

THAT the correspondence from Waihi Friendship Club, Waihi Community Resource Centre, St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army Waihi and Sport 'n' Action Waihi be received and that consideration is given to the requests, and

THAT the request from Sport 'n' Action Waihi for a further advance of \$40,000 from the Waihi Community Facilities and Recreational Development Fund for additional costs involved in the resource consent and applications process towards Stage 1 of the Waihi Recreation and Community Centre project be approved.

Community Development

Requests for Financial Assistance [CDV-30-100]

The Waihi Ward Committee has been allocated \$8,218 for discretionary grants for the 2014/15 financial year. Grants have been made to the following:

Organisation	Amount Granted
Open Doors Christmas Dinner committee (hall hire)	\$336.50
Will Balchin	\$200.00
Waihi Nugget Multi-Sport Festival	\$500.00
ECHO Walking Festival	\$500.00

Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$145.00
Waihi Art Club (hall hire)	\$150.00
Waihi Community Resource Centre	\$2,500.00
Aged Concern Thames Inc.	\$300.00
Goldfields Railway	\$714.25
TOTAL ALLOCATED	\$5,345.75
BALANCE	\$2,872.25

There are four requests for financial assistance this month.

Waihi Friendship Club [1365734 – Appendix A]

The Waihi Friendship Club secretary/treasurer writes seeking financial assistance for their rates. The organisation is not eligible under Council's remission policies for rates relief.

Currently the rates for the hall is \$1681.29

Waihi Community Resource Centre [1368233 – Appendix B]

The Manager writes seeking financial assistance for an upgrade of their computer system. The organisation has received a quote of \$14,890.96.

The society would be appreciative of any contribution.

St. Vincent de Paul [1369991 – Appendix C]

The secretary writes seeking financial assistance for their food bank. The organisation provides an average of 5 food parcels a week.

Salvation Army Waihi [1370214 – Appendix D]

The Corps officer writes seeking financial assistance for the replacement of a furniture trailer. The trailer is used weekly to collect donations of food and pick up and deliver furniture items.

A cost for a new purpose-built trailer has been quoted at \$7,450 GST exclusive.

Other Grants:

Sport 'n' Action Waihi Trust [1369690 – Appendix E]

The Chairman for Sport 'n' Action Waihi Trust writes requesting the further release of funds for the Waihi Recreation and Community Centre (Morgan Park) project.

In November 2012 Council resolved to fund \$455,000 towards Stage 1 of the Waihi Recreation and Community Centre Project from the Waihi Community Facilities and Recreational Development Fund; to date Council has released \$66,000 that was used to advance the resource consent process leaving a balance of \$389,000.

The Trust seeks a further advancement of \$40,000 for the additional costs involved in the Resource Consent and Lotteries applications process.

Ward Discretionary Social Fund [CDV-30-31-105]

The Waihi Ward Committee has \$5,000 for the 2014/15 term for discretionary grants of a social services nature. To date the Ward has not committed any of this funds as are awaiting the outcome of the Social Initiatives Scoping project.

Significant District Funded Projects:

No projects to be reported on.

Ward Funded Projects

Waihi Ward - Projects 2014/15	Start Date	Completion Date	Completed Project Cost	Approved Funding - \$000
New Waikino community swing bridge Carpark	2014/15	2014/15	-	88
<i>Project Status: The swing bridge Carpark is still under consideration from NZTA, who are conducting a wider investigation into traffic movements in the Karangahake Gorge.</i>				

Waihi Community Facilities and Recreational Development Fund Projects

Morgan Park Redevelopment Project

The Sport 'n' Action Morgan Park Committee has been granted a resource consent for stage one of the redevelopment of Morgan Park.

The Committee was required to have resource consent in order to file application to Lotteries for funding. The funding application has been lodged and is awaiting a response from Lotteries, which is due May/June 2015, as to the success of their application. Staff will notify Council once any decision or information is available.

Ward Funded Recreational Reserves

Waihi Ward Recreation Projects 14/15.	Start Date	Completion Date	Completed Project Cost	Approved Funding
Project: Morgan Park Miscellaneous Renewals	May 2015	June 2015		\$3,000
<i>Project Status: This project has been completed.</i>				

Town Centres

Waihi Ward Main Street Projects 14/15.	Start Date	Completion Date	Completed Project Cost	Approved Funding
Project: Waihi Main Street Miscellaneous Renewals	November 2014	February 2015		\$16,000
<i>Project Status: This project has been completed.</i>				

GENERAL

Corridor Improvement Plan for the Karangahake Gorge (Waihi to Paeroa)

Council has received a preliminary draft report from NZTA that requests initial feedback from Council with regards to the recommendations made. Staff has set up a stakeholder representative group meeting where the recommendations can be reviewed and feedback provided to NZTA.

Morgan Park – Netball Courts

With regards to the recent ground subsidence at the Waihi Netball Courts, Council staff have worked with Waihi Netball and completed remedial works that allows games to continue on the number three court. The number one court is still deemed to be unfit for play.

The Parks and Reserves Manager will monitor the situation with regards to any further ground subsidence and will continue to work with Waihi Netball and inform Council should the situation change.

Waihi Cemetery Signage

Staff are currently relocating recently installed signage to inside the Cemetery boundary as required by NZTA. These works are expected to be completed by the end of June.

Hauraki Rail Trail –Waihi Railway Station to Waihi CBD

A report on the route options for taking HRT riders from the railway station to the Waihi CBD has been forwarded to NZTA for their consideration. Resulting feedback has still not been received but this is expected by the end of June. A further update will be presented to the Ward Committee in July.

Steve Fabish
Community Services Manager

The Waikato Friendship Club
School Lane
Waikato 14/5/15

The Mayor
Hauraki District Council
Ruroa

Dear Sir

Regarding our conversation
about the Rates for Hall would it be
possible for a relief of paying Rates, we
are a small group enjoying going to the
hall for company, finding it Rates hard
to pay, it would be very much appreciated
if you were able to see your way clear
to help us older people to continue
to meet for company etc. Thanking
you for your time and consideration
Sincerely

Cedree Seeford
Sec Treasurer
Waikato Friendship Club.

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21 MAY 2015

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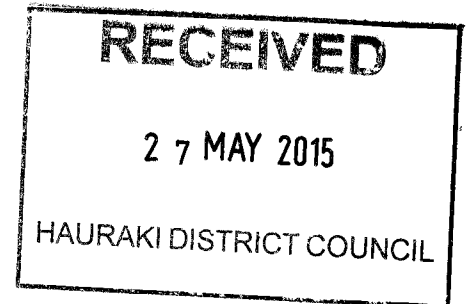


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20th May 2015

John McIver
Hauraki District Council
P O Box 17
Paeroa



Dear John McIver,

I am writing to make a further application for funding to be considered by the Waihi Ward Councillors. I am seeking a contribution towards the cost of a computer upgrade at the Centre.

During earlier discussions with Mayor John Tregidga and the Waihi Ward Councillors I have talked about the need for a computer upgrade at Waihi Community Resource Centre. We have very old computers, an unreliable internet connection, and computer systems and software that are not very compatible with most of the organisations we interface with. We also have an inadequate phone system. Every week we experience frustrations and difficulties with our systems which is a huge hindrance in terms of our efficiency and effectiveness as an organisation.

We have received a quote for an upgrade from a local provider, recommended by one of our committee members and able to provide us with ongoing accessible support. Despite my best efforts I have not been able to entice out of town providers to quote – I think the job is too small for them and a further concern for us is that they wouldn't be able to provide adequate ongoing support.

Last week, Jason Mills from Hauraki District Council, came to view our computer systems at Mayor John's request, and he is currently reviewing the quote we received.

Since February we have focused on a 'rescue plan' and funding applications to support this are progressing well. The next step is to upgrade our systems. We recognise that we are unlikely to raise enough money to further this computer upgrade with a single grant so we are planning to make several applications for contributions towards the project, this application being one. The quoted GST inclusive price for the upgrade at present is \$14,890.96 (copy attached). I understand from both Bay Technology and Jason that this quote could be pruned by either purchasing computers with less capability or by undertaking the job in stages. I believe that we will still be seeking a total of \$10-12k and would be most appreciative of any contribution the Waihi Ward could make towards this.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Smeaton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jan Smeaton (Manager)

From: Bev Mulhern [bev.phil@clear.net.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 2 June 2015 6:25 p.m.
To: John McIver
Subject: Request

2/6/15

The Ward Chairman
C/o. John McIver
Hauraki District Council

Dear John,

As secretary of the Waihi St Vincent de Paul conference I am writing to ask if any assistance can be given in way of a monetary donation. Our conference assists the community of Waihi in many ways. We help with finding suitable housing, furniture, clothing, firewood, transport to hospital etc. However one of the biggest demands is for food parcels. We average around 5 parcels a week, each of which amounts to approximately \$200. It would be much appreciated if we could boost our food bank over the winter by a donation from the council.

Yours sincerely
Bev Mulhern

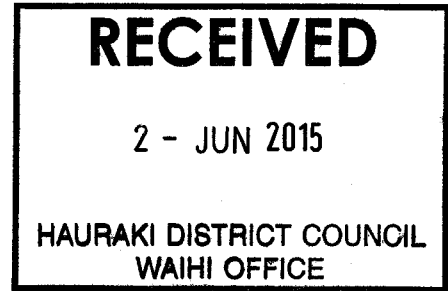
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28th May 2015

Waihi Ward
Hauraki District Council
WAIHI

Attention: Councillor Pam Keall



Dear Councillor,

Thank you for the opportunity to present an application for the Waihi Ward of the Hauraki District Council to support our work in the Hauraki District. We are, in fact, urgently in need of funds to replace our furniture trailer. This trailer, which was donated to us some years ago, has proven to be invaluable for our ongoing work in the community. It is used weekly to collect donations of food for our foodbank and furniture items from members of the public which are then sold in our family store to bring in much needed income to run our community ministry programmes. It is also used to deliver items to people who we have assessed as being in need of furniture items as part of our community social support. Most importantly, it enables us to dispose of much of the rubbish, including unuseable furniture, that is dumped at our premises under the guise of 'donations'.

However, we have recently been informed by a reputable mechanic that the aluminium canopy has been corroded by connection with the steel frame and is therefore unsafe for us to continue using as it could collapse. Unless funding can be found to replace it, we will have no option but to cease using the current trailer which will be a devastating blow to our community ministries programmes and family store operations.

We have received a quotation of \$7,450+GST for a new purpose-built trailer and are therefore writing to ask if the Council can help us with a grant towards the cost of us urgently purchasing a replacement furniture trailer. We hope you will look favourably on this request and look forward to your reply.

God bless you.

Heather R Kopu (Major)
Corps Officer

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Founders of The Salvation Army **Catherine and William Booth.**

General **André Cox.**

From: Mary [carminefamily@ihug.co.nz]
Sent: Friday, 29 May 2015 8:34 a.m.
To: John McIver
Subject: Sport'n'Action

Good morning John

The Sport 'n' Action Waihi Trust requests that Council releases the next \$40,000 of the money it has allocated for us as we need to pay some bills associated with the resource consent and lotteries application.

Thank you

Mary Carmine

Chairman

Sport 'n' Action Waihi Trust