

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

WAIHI WARD COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAIHI WARD COMMITTEE HELD AT THE WAIKINO SCHOOL HALL, ABBOTT ROAD, WAIKINO ON THURSDAY, 08 APRIL 2021 COMMENCING AT 2.00PM

PRESENT Cr A Spicer (in the Chair), B Gentil, S Howell and His Worship the Mayor, D A Adams

IN ATTENDANCE S Holmes (Strategic Planner) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

Karakia timatanga

Waikino school students opened the meeting with a karakia.

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of Cr D Smeaton and Cr P Anderson be received and sustained.

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Howell/Gentil

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations.

Community Matters - Responses

Cr Spicer advised that the Waihi Ward Committee would hold committee meetings up to 4 times per year, the location of these meetings will be publicly notified and welcomed attendance and feedback from the Ward communities at these meetings. She also advised of the monthly clinics the Ward Committee holds at the Waihi Service Centre and invited community feedback to this forum also.

Cr Spicer highlighted the various projects the Waihi Ward has funded over the past year, including:

- Waihi Community Patrol
- Waihi Heritage Vision
- Waihi Art and Street Festival
- Waihi Town Cats (for trapping and de-sexing)
- Annual Open Door Christmas
- Boomerang Bags
- Waihi Resource Centre (funding for a driver training courses for youths in need)
- Echo Walking Festival
- Waikino School - \$1,000 to help with the fire damage

Cr Spicer provided responses to questions received from residents of the Waikino community as follows:

- Grant from the WRC Environmental Initiatives Fund of \$10,000 - part of which will go to the Waikino Domain
- Creative Community Scheme
- Waitawheta Bridge and approaching roads – the speed limit will be addressed as part of the Speed Management Plan. For the current financial year Council is working on improving the signage at the approach to the bridge. Council is also planning to do a rehabilitation project on this road in the next two financial years, which will include some safety improvements. This is however pending approval of budgets through the Long Term Plan process.
- Concern about subdivision in Waitewheta. It was advised that there have not been many subdivisions and they have been in keeping with Council’s Operative District Plan rules.
- Roaming animals – any issues involving animals roaming must be dealt with by Animal Control Officer via a service request.
- Access way to the Waikino Hotel - NZTA will be consulted with by HDC as it on the state highway.
- General speed management – Council will be going out to consult on NZTA’s proposed speed limit review proposed for the section of (SH2/SH25 Mangatarata to Katikati).

Long Term Plan 2021-2031 – Strategic Planning Staff - Sarah Homes

Strategic Planner, Sarah Holmes presented on the new communication initiative ‘Alice in our Place’ Consultation document that Council have released as a way to encourage the public to engage with Council and the purpose of the Long Term Plan 2021-31 which is reviewed every 3 years. Attendees were invited to give feedback via the submission process either online or in paper form as part of the consultative procedure on the plan.

The Strategic Planner provided an overview of what is covered in the Consultation document.

Key points noted:

- Changes to the 3-waters review. Council will not provide water in the future. This will be considered in detail over the next 3 years.
- Waihi and Waikino – there are proposed changes to the funding of information centres and Council is reviewing a number of options for funding centres.
- Streetscape in Waihi – Council is currently proposing a town centre upgrade which will incorporate the top of Seddon Street along Rosemont Road to Kenny Street. Rates associated with this project are \$23.00 per property.
- Extending the rail trail through Waihi from Goldfield’s along Ohinemuri River to Gilmour Lake as a new scenic route. Council is asking for feedback from the community on this proposed route. Rates associated with this project are an extra \$42.15 per property.
- Capital works – entranceway to Waikino Domain scheduled for next year 2022-23.
- New weigh bridge for Waihi Transfer Station.
- Adult fitness equipment to be installed at Morgan Park, Waihi.

- Hearing of Feedback on the Long Term Plan is to be held on 18th and 19th May. Submissions can be notified a number of ways which is outlined on Council's website. Staff can assist anyone wanting to submit on the plan prior to the close of consultation date of 30 April 2021.

The school students were invited to give their feedback on what they would like to see in the Waikino community:

- Waikino Hall – rehabilitation and refurbishment
- Traffic lights and upgrade of the Waikino Hall
- Pedestrian access from the rail trail across to the hall
- Pedestrian crossing at the Daffodil Dairy
- Speed bumps in front of Waikino School by the carpark
- Request a recreation area/playground in Waikino
- Waikino school buildings upgrade
- School playground upgrade to be more challenging
- Increased size of swimming pool
- Dairy for the community
- Facility for recycling and composting options
- Community library to be run by volunteers
- Laundromat
- More public rubbish bins by the Waikino Hall and along walkways
- Native only plantings in the area
- Footpath along Poland Street
- No littering signs by the footbridge by the Waikino Hall
- Bus stop

Waikino Community Update

Waikino Domain – Brian Habberfield

New pastoral cut - goat farm has been tidied up.
Tennis Court Area is overgrown with weeds.
De-slumping on old tennis court area needs attention.
Fencing needs to be removed.

Extension of native planting area where the area is not suitable for mowing – approx. 0.65 of ha. Volunteer's to undertake spot spraying and school children to assist volunteers in the planting of the area. Brian will contact Paul Matthews, Council's Parks and Reserves Manager to discuss details of this project further.

The Committee will seek funding from Council using 'HELP' Waihi to assist with the managing of the weeds.

Cr Spicer noted that the slip on footpath on Waitekauri Road is being investigated and repaired.

Jo Moriarty supported Council's new communications roll out of the Long Term Plan 2021-31 'Alice in our Place' as being an innovative way of reaching members of the public that would otherwise not engage or show an interest in this process. She also spoke of the community's interest for establishing a pathway around the Waitekauri River but noted that this land is under treaty settlements and LINZ.

Goldfields Railway proposed project – the railway have received all documentation from Council. The proposal needs to be consulted on with iwi etc.

Water supply in Waikino – concern was raised regarding the effect new builds will have on the water supply. There needs to be more emphasis placed on collecting rainwater in tanks as a main source of water supply if the number of new builds is increasing.

The Mayor responded that the 3-Waters reform coming in will regulate this issue and commented that quality drinking water should be used for drinking as main water supply and stormwater for other use.

The Strategic Planner advised that Council will be releasing 'smart water' campaigns throughout the district to educate people on water usage in the near future.

Princes Street

Resident in attendance (141 Princes Street) advised he does not receive reticulated water and was dissatisfied that he is being rated for this. He accepted that due to the height level of his property, water reticulation is not possible. Dissatisfied with the condition of Princes Street. He considered it needs to be sealed or better maintained. The Mayor clarified that if you are not receiving services you do not pay for them.

Footpaths are needed along the road up to the school in Abbott Road as the school is growing. School board member in attendance supported this view. Members suggested they put in a service request which would be reviewed by the roading department.

The headmistress of the school commented that the school requires more car parks at the front of the school. She advised she has met with Council's Transport Manager for discussions on how they could achieve this.

Brian Habberfield raised the matter of Climate Change – what initiatives is Council implementing to address Climate change. He emphasised the need for Local Government to acknowledge the effects of climate change and take steps to address it. He hoped that councils are considering measures such as 'managed retreat' from coastal areas due to sea level rise and the reduction of carbon emissions.

Cr Spicer provided a brief overview of what strategies Council is putting in place to address carbon emissions and climate change. Council has a Climate Change Working Party which meets monthly to discuss matters around climate change.

Waikino school children closed the meeting with a karakia at 3.08pm.

CONFIRMED

A Spicer
Chairperson

28 April 2021