

To: Waihi Ward Committee
From: Community Services Department
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Meeting date: 11 March 2014
Subject: **Monthly Report for February 2014**

RECOMMENDATION
 THAT the report be received.

Invited Speakers

No invited guest speaker will present at this month’s ward meeting

Significant District Funded Projects

No projects to be reported on.

Ward Funded Projects

Councillor Harry Shepherd and the Community Services Manager will update the Ward members on the progress of Sport ‘n’ Action Trust redevelopment of Morgan Park.

Waihi Ward - Projects 13/14	Start Date	Completion Date	Completed Project Cost	Approved Funding - \$000
New Waikino community Swingbridge Carpark	TBC	TBC	-	88
<i>Project Status: The swingbridge carpark is still under consideration from TNZ, who are conducting a wider investigation into traffic movements in the Karangahake Gorge. Staff anticipates that once the Preliminary Traffic Assessment report has been reviewed by TNZ that we shall receive feedback with regards to this project and its viability.</i>				

Waihi Community Facilities and Recreational Development Fund Projects

Siting of the Mining Bogger to central Waihi Carpark

A project manager has been assigned this project and the work will be undertaken in April 2014. The Ward has requested an onsite meeting to determine the positioning of the machine. This was included on the Ward Workshop and Tour on the 10 March 2014

Ward Funded Recreational Reserves

Waihi Ward Recreation Reserves - Projects 13/14	Start Date	Completion Date	Completed Project Cost	Approved Funding - \$000
Victoria Park Play Renewals Seesaw & Modular	Nov 2013	March 2014	11	11
<i>Project Status: This equipment has been ordered and will be installed when it arrives.</i>				
Waihi Waitete Stream Walkway	Oct 2013	Dec 2013	10.5	10
<i>Project Status: This project has been completed.</i>				
Whiritoa Surf Club Reserve Modular Play Renewals	Nov 2013	March 2014		6
<i>Project Status: Furniture and play equipment across the district are purchased collectively; providing savings. As product is delivered it shall be installed.</i>				
Consol St Reserve Furniture Renewals	Nov 2013	March 2014	3	3
<i>Project Status: This project has been completed</i>				
Whiritoa Reserve Rubbish Bin Renewals	Nov 2013	March 2014	3	3
<i>Project Status: This project has been completed</i>				
Waihi Main St Misc Renewals	May 2014	June 2014	0	8
<i>Project Status: This project is due for completion by June 2014</i>				

Ward Consultation (actions)

A Plains Ward workshop and ward tour was undertaken on 19 March 2014. Actions from this tour will be included in the following Ward reports.

Town Centres

Nothing to report on this section

General Matters

Notes from Whiritoa Public Meeting held on Auckland Anniversary Day 27 January 2014

Councillors Present: H Shepherd (Chair), A Tubman, M McLean

Staff Present: L Cavers

There were approximately 35 people present when the meeting commenced at 10:30am and up to 10 additional people entered after the meeting started.

H Shepherd acknowledged the previous work of former Councillors Sel Baker and Mary Carmine who did not stand at the last elections.

Apologies from the Mayor and Councillor Pam Keall were received.

REPORTS

Council

Langley Cavers presented the staff report.

Waihi Community Library

Val presented a report on the Whiritoa Community Library.

Whiritoa Life Guard Service

Gary Christopherson presented the Whiritoa Life Guard Service report. Key matters of note were:

- The upgrade of the club has commenced with the creation of a private space for the members
- Stage 2 will involve internal changes to the building and funding in the order of \$150,000 is needed for this
- The IRB has been replaced recently
- The summer programme was very successful this year
- Thanks were given to the council for its support.

Beach Care

Gerry Davis gave a verbal report on the activities of the beachcare group. Langley Cavers added additional matter from an email report that Jim Dahm had provided.

First Response

The first response representative gave a verbal report. At the moment there was only one person providing the first response service and anyone interested in being involved in this should put their name forward. There had been 4 to 5 call outs during the year.

Rural Fire Force

Harry Shepherd read out a thank you letter from Kevin Ryan from the Whangamata Fire Brigade.

Pat Cropp provided a verbal report on the activities of the Rural Fire Force. There had been 9 call outs including the Wentworth Valley Lodge Fire. The fire force were in attendance at the Wentworth Valley Lodge fire for a period of 10 ½ hours.

The fire force has been active now for 16months and Pat noted that Peter Smith from Council staff had been a great help.

General Discussion

The following items of interest were raised from the floor:

Hauraki Long Term Plan Workshops

A request was made for a workshop on the development of the Long Term Plan to be held in Whiritoa. The Waihi Ward Chair confirmed that one would be.

Summer Refuse Collection

There was a general consensus that the instructions that were given outlining the summer refuse collections schedule was difficult to follow and that there was a preference that a specific leaflet delivered to each property in the Whiritoa Community would be a more effective option of informing residents and holiday makers of the refuse collection times but more importantly which bins were being collected on a given day.

It was reported that the Whiritoa Community does not get delivery of the Hauraki Herald or Waihi Leader and in this regard any public notices specific to them should be in the coastal news.

Gerry offered to put any information that the Council would like circulated to the community into the Community Newsletter.

Security Camera

There was a concern expressed that the security camera was not of sufficient quality to allow for the 24 hours recognition of the number plate details of vehicles and that better quality ones are available at a reasonable cost that would allow for this.

Security of Power Supply

It was reported that there had been 17 disruptions to the power supply over the last year.

Mobility Scooter Access

It was reported that the ROW off Marlin Place providing access to No's 9, 11 and 13 was uneven and that it was dangerous when traversing in a mobility scooter.

Exhaust Brakes on State Highway

The meeting requested that a letter be sent to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) requesting that engine braking be prohibited on the section of State Highway that goes past Whiritoa.

Civil Defence – Community Response Plan

Bill Doyle addressed the meeting and advised that he was assisting in preparing a Community Response Plan for the Whiritoa Community and as part of the development of the plan he would like assistance from members of the community who would be able to provide assistance during civil defence emergency events.

Fireworks

There was concern expressed that despite the fire ban being in place fireworks were being let off over the Christmas and New Year Period. There was a call for more signage and information to be provided to the community outlining that as part of the fire ban fire works were not permitted.

It was noted by Hauraki Chief Executive that it was an offence to let fireworks off during a fire ban without a permit from the Council and that some communities organise community events which get the necessary approvals.

Recycling Bins

It was queried as to whether it was necessary for the Refuse Collections Contractor to place the recycling bins upside down after they were emptied into the collection trucks as any rubbish that was left in the bins ended up on the road berm.

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