



Minutes

of the

Whangamata Community Board

Ordinary Meeting

Date 25 August 2016
Venue Whangamata Service Centre
620 Port Road
Whangamata

Present

KA Johnston(Chairperson)	HD Bartley	PS Kerr
	T Walker	R Thompson
	JT Wells	

In Attendance

Name	Item(s)
Garry Towler (Area Manager Whangamata/Tairua-Pauanui)	All Items
Eileen Hopping (Community Development Manager)	All Items
Jennifer Mahon (Community Coordinator - Whangamata)	All Items
Peter French (Deputy Mayor)	4.1, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3
Hannah Ngamane (Youth Representative) Volunteer	All Items
Tonia Clarkson (Waikato Regional Council - Zone Manager)	4.1
Pete Williams (Waikato Regional Council - Coastal Scientist)	4.1
Justine Baverstock (Sport Waikato)	4.2

Apologies Nil

Meeting Commenced 13:00

Adjournments and Absences Nil

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

No apologies received.

1.2 Public Forum

1.2.1 - Whangamata Info Plus Visitor Centre

- Dave Smith, the recently appointed Manager of Whangamata Info Plus introduced himself to the Whangamata Community Board and spoke about promoting tourism, events and increasing membership.
- Mr Smith confirmed that promotion of events was a priority for Info Plus but he noted a need for better communication with organisers to ensure the Whangamata events calendar is updated.
- He confirmed that international tourists were interested in both local and district information.
- He said there was a strong interest in local walks for all visitors.
- The Whangamata website business App. was confirmed to be active.
 - Eight local businesses had signed up to be part of this initiative.
 - A subcommittee was formed to discuss the App, its uses and costs.
- Recent renovations including the installation of a hot water cylinder had taken place and lighting would be completed next week.

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Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:
1. Received the speaker in public forum.

Moved/Seconded By: Thompson/Wells

1.3 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda

1.4 Conflict of Interest

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The following interest was declared:
Board Member Terry Walker
Item 2.2 - 2016-2017 Community Grants

Moved/Seconded By: Bartley/Kerr

1.5 7 July 2016 Whangamata Community Board Minutes for Confirmation

The Whangamata Community Board confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting.

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Confirmed the following Minutes:
Whangamata Community Board Minutes – 7 July 2016

Moved/Seconded By: Thompson/Kerr

2 Governance

2.1 Whangamata Youth Representative (Volunteer) Report

Community Board members were introduced to the newly elected Youth Representative Volunteer, Hannah Ngamane.

Key Discussion Points

- The Area Manager introduced the Youth Board Representative and invited her to speak.
- Ms. Ngamane stated the following:
 - She was 22 years old and a qualified Chef.
 - She currently lived in Whangamata.
 - She had been a long standing member of Youth Forums around the district.
 - She noted her participation in a funding bid which resulted in \$180,000 for the skate park project in Thames.
 - She looked forward to being able to provide a youth perspective on community issues and projects.

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.

Moved/Seconded By: Thompson/Walker

2.2 2016-2017 Community Grant Report

The Community Board was asked to consider the allocation of Community Grant funding to organisations who have applied for funding assistance through the 2016/2017 Community Grant round, to the amount specified in the 2016/2017 Annual Plan.

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the 2016/2017 Whangamata Community Board Grants report.
2. Confirmed the allocation of community grant funding from the 2016/2017 Community Grants budget to organisations who have applied for financial assistance. Grants allocation table below:

Organisation Name	Details of grants given	Approved 2016/2017
All Saints Whangamata Community Church	The costs associated with advertising, printing and prizes for the Christmas Eve 'Carols in the Park' event.	\$ 400.00
Arts Collective Whangamata	The cost of Whangamata App. annual fee	\$ 1,000.00
Ella Williams Trust Fund	A contribution towards the development of specialty advanced surfboard technology.	\$ 2,000.00
Onemana Ratepayers Association Inc.	A contribution towards the cost of new plants, pest and plant eradication, newsletters, postage and a Market Day permit.	\$ 1,604.00
Onemana Surf Life Saving Club	A contribution towards the cost of lifeguard apparel.	\$ 1,000.00
SANZ Whangamata Scout Group	The cost of the Whangamata Scout Hall lease.	\$ 403.00
The Parenting Place - Attitude Youth Division	No grant awarded	\$ -
Trust Waikato Whangamata Surf Life Saving Club	A contribution towards defibrillators.	\$ 3,000.00
Whangamata Bowling Club Incorporated	A contribution towards vinyl replacement in the Club bathroom.	\$ 500.00
Whangamata Community Services Trust	The cost of strategic advice for external funding applications.	\$ 2,500.00
Whangamata Community Services Trust	A contribution towards the 'Living Without Violence' programmes	\$ 1,000.00
Whangamata Croquet Club Inc.	A contribution towards lawn maintenance.	\$ 500.00
Whangamata Lions Club	No grant awarded	\$ -
Whangamata Lions Club	A contribution towards the Whangamata Run Walk Festival including race timing and traffic management plans	\$ 1,500.00
Whangamata Lions Club	A contribution towards the Whangamata annual Santa Parade.	\$ 2,000.00
Whangamata Multi Sport Club Incorporated	No grant awarded	\$ -
Whangamata Pony Club	A contribution towards specialty all-weather arena sand and coaching costs for the 2016/2017 season	\$ 1,200.00

Organisation Name	Details of grants given	Approved 2016/2017
Whangamata Spinners & Weavers Club	A contribution towards hall hireage and promotion of a two-day non-profit event.	\$ 500.00
Whangamata Summer Festival Incorporated	No grant awarded	\$ -
Whangamata Youth Forum	A contribution towards activity resourcing, venue hireage cost and security for a promotional Youth Forum event.	\$ 850.00
Total funds awarded		\$ 19,957.00

Moved/Seconded By: Thompson/Bartley

2.3 Non-notified consents Report

The Community Board was informed of resource consent applications that had been referred to it by the Planning Group within Council and any comments made by its delegated member.

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.

Moved/Seconded By: Thompson/Wells

2.4 Application for Commercial Concession

The Whangamata Community Board was asked to revisit an application for a commercial concession from 'The Roaming Kitchen' in light of new information being received post previous (7 July 2016) resolution.

Key Discussion Points

- The current level of investment by 'The Roaming Kitchen' was queried and clarification was sought as to whether or not the applicant had invested further after the first resolution was passed.
- The Area Manager confirmed the applicant was engaged with right away and advised of the situation in-advance of any potential further investment.

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report,
2. Declined the application for a licence to be issued to 'The Roaming Kitchen' to operate a commercial activity on Onemana Beach Reserve by the tennis courts and playground area in Onemana 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

Moved/Seconded By: Kerr/Bartley

2.5 Public Notification of Resource Consent Report

The Whangamata Community Board was asked to consider whether or not to make a submission to a Spark New Zealand Limited publicly notified resource consent application.

Key Discussion Points

- The Board expressed its support for this application as long as the location of the tower did not interfere with the needs of residents.
- It was noted that Onemana residents had requested improved cell service for many years and would likely welcome this opportunity.
- It was noted that Durrant Drive residents had been experiencing service interruption issues recently.
- Chorus was considered the appropriate contact to help mitigate these issues.

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Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report. .
2. Delegated the Area Manager and Deputy Chair to prepare a submission in support of the Spark New Zealand Limited application.

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/Kerr

2.6 Mangroves Management

The Whangamata Community Board's endorsement of the joint action plan with the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) for managing mangroves was sought.

Key Discussion Points

- The Chair spoke about the effort put forth by the Statement of Intent contributors to establish appropriate wording for this document and he noted the intentionally heavy emphasis on 'partnership'.
- The Deputy Chair spoke about the importance of using the current momentum, created by the document, to help progress the mangrove issue.
- The Chair suggested that the very first action after the elections should be a meeting between elected officials and TCDC Chief Executive to ensure priorities were understood and that progress continued.

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Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Endorsed the Waikato Regional Council and Thames-Coromandel District Council Statement of Intent and Action List. This represents a partnership approach to the Management of Coromandel Harbours Mangroves.
2. Directs the Area Manager to bring the Statement of Intent to the new incoming Community Board to enhance/reinforce the action schedule.

Moved/Seconded By: Bartley/Thompson

3 District Activities: Local Input Policy/Levels of Service

3.1 April - June 2016 District Libraries Quarterly Report - Thames, Mercury Bay and Tairua Libraries

The Whangamata Community Board was presented a report on the activities and performance of the district libraries (Thames, Mercury Bay and Tairua) for April, May and June 2016.

Key Discussion Points

- The Area Manager expressed no concerns with the Whangamata Community Library and noted that Community Libraries in general were running very efficiently.
- Councillor Wells mentioned the evolving need for libraries moving into the future.

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the 'April - June 2016 District Libraries Quarterly Report' dated 11 July 2016

Moved/Seconded By: Kerr/Walker

3.2 March 2016 - June 2016 Information Centre Reports

The Whangamata Community Board was asked to receive the quarterly reports for the Whangamata Info Plus Visitor Centre for the periods 1 March to 30 June 2016.

Key Discussion Points

- Enterprise Whangamata membership fees were discussed.
- Annual fees were deemed high and it was suggested they could be negatively affecting membership growth.
- The Area Manager reported that the current membership fee is considered all-encompassing with very few additional benefits requiring subsequent funds and this needed to be considered.

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.

Moved/Seconded By: Walker/Thompson

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4 Reports

4.1 WRC Coastal Water Quality Report

Waikato Regional Council presented the results of a snapshot survey of coastal water quality that was conducted in 18 coastal stream mouths in the Thames–Coromandel district during January and February 2015.

WRC Coastal Scientist, Pete Williams presented this report.

Key Discussion Points

- The 18 sites sampled were selected based on their popularity and whether or not members of the community had previously raised concerns regarding water quality.
- The investigation provided an initial assessment of ecological health and suitability for contact recreation.
- Most sites were found to be within the recreational water quality guideline value most of the time but exceeded the guideline value following heavy rainfall or during spring tides.
- The Deputy Chair noted that some of the study results could have been impacted by peak holiday populations.
- Work was being planned to conduct further investigations during 2016/17.
- It was clarified that WRC was not responsible for maintaining healthy drinking water as that was the responsibility of the WDHB.
- There was a process being developed between WRC, TCDC and WDHB to better manage study results that may have implications for public health. This included better communication of results to the public.
- A regional-scale, state of the environment coastal water quality monitoring programme was in development and it would include open-coast beach bathing monitoring over the summer months. It was likely that Whangamata would be included in the programme based on the popularity of the town as a holiday destination.

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Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/Kerr

4.2 Sport Waikato Annual Report 2015/2016

The Whangamata Community Board was provided with the Sport Waikato 2015/16 Annual Report for consideration.

Justine Baverstock from Sport Waikato presented this report.

Key Discussion Points

- Ms Baverstock expressed interest in meeting and working with the incoming Board.
- It was noted local Ella Williams was recipient of the Waikato Sports Person of the Year Award.
- The Eco Walking Festival is scheduled for April 2017
 - The final list of approved walks will close this month.
 - Whangamata Ramblers supported this event last year and it was well-attended in Whangamata
 - Easy local walk options have been requested to encourage wider participation in this event.
- It was confirmed that there were no official harbour swims in this area.
 - The expense of these types of events was noted as being \$20,000-\$40,000.
- It was confirmed that Sport Waikato was not a funder but they did help promote grants such as *Kick Start* to ensure funds get used in local communities.
- Board Thompson praised Sport Waikato and the good works the organisation did.
- Ms Baverstock expressed gratitude to Board member Thompson for his contribution.

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Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Received the Sport Waikato 2015/16 Annual Report, dated 26 July 2016.

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/Kerr

4.3 2016-2017 Whangamata Community Board Work Programme Endorsement Report

The Whangamata Community Board was asked to comment and endorse the Community Board's 2016/2017 Work Programme.

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Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Endorsed the Whangamata Community Board 2016/2017 Work Programme.

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/Kerr

4.4 Members' Reports

The Chairperson invited Board members to provide a brief verbal report on activities undertaken and meetings attended in the period since the last meeting.

Deputy Chair Walker

- On behalf of the Arts Collectives, he thanked the Board for receiving their presentation on 18 August 2016.
- Advised he was scheduled to attend the Enterprise Whangamata AGM.
- Noted he was pleased that the Moana Anu Anu walkway would be progressed.
- Noted that in Opoutere there was a sign that read "Dust is a nuisance....please slowdown" confirming concern from residents re: road sealing.

Councillor Wells

- Spoke about his experience as an elected member and said he enjoyed his time but that he was looking forward to the next chapter of his life.

Board Member Kerr

- Complimented the current Area Manager and his predecessor Sam Marshall on the way in which they worked to progress the town of Whangamata.

Councillor Bartley

- Expressed disappointment re: the proposed closing of WestPac bank in Whangamata.
- Acknowledged the retiring Board members and their efforts.
- Promoted the importance of a strong relationship between elected members and staff going forward.

Board Member Thompson

- Attended the Youth Training Forum.
- Welcomed Hannah the Whangamata Youth Board Member

Board Chair Johnston

- Thanked the Board members for their service and noted key milestones including the Whangamata Community Strategic Plan and the Statement of Intent.

Board member Kerr, Councillor Wells and Board Chair Johnston were all presented with 'Certificates of Appreciation' for their time on the Community Board.

5 Public Excluded

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Resolved

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>General Subject of each matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this Resolution in Relation to Each Matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) Under Section 48(1) for the Passing of the Resolution</i>
5.1	Public Excluded - 3 March 2016 - Whangamata Community Board Minutes for confirmation	(7)(2)(i) – Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	(48)(1)(a)(i) – That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist. Where the local authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act, under section 6 or section 7 (except section 7(2)(f)(i) of this Act.
5.2	Right of Renewal and Rent Review - part 101 Lindsay Road, Whangamata		
5.3	Wentworth Valley Road Business Case (draft)	(7)(2)(i) – Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	(48)(1)(a)(ii) – That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist, where the local authority is named or specified in the Second Schedule to this Act, under section 6 or section 7 or section 9 (except section 9(2)(g)(i)) of the Official Information Act 1982.

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/Walker

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That the public be re-admitted to the meeting and resolutions taken with the public excluded be confirmed in the public session except for the following items which are to remain in the Public Excluded Minute Book.

Item	Description
5.1	7 July 2016 - Public Excluded Whangamata Community Board Minutes for Confirmation Minutes
5.2	Right of Renewal and Rent Review - part 101 Lindsay Road, Whangamata Rent
5.3	Wentworth Valley Business Case Report

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/Bartley

Meeting Closed at 3:16pm

The foregoing Minutes were certified as being a correct record of the proceedings of the Whangamata Community Board held on 25 August 2016.

TCDC Chief Executive _____ **Date** _____