



UNCONFIRMED Minutes

of the

Whangamata Community Board

Ordinary Meeting

Date	11 April 2017
Venue	Whangamata Service Centre 620 Port Road Whangamata

Present		
KC (Chairperson)	HD Bartley R Thompson E Adams	K Baker

In attendance

Name	Item(s)
Garry Towler (Area Manager Whangamata/Tairua-Pauanui)	All Items
Angela Jane (Governance and Strategy Group Manager)	All Items
Eileen Hopping (Community Development Manager)	All Items
Jennifer Mahon (Community Coordinator - Whangamata)	All Items
Amber Baker (Digital Communications & Marketing Assistant)	All Items

Apologies
TM Walker

Meeting commenced	14:00
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1 Meeting conduct

1.1 Apologies

12/17
WCB

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Receives the apology from Councillor Terry Walker for the 11 April 2017 Whangamata Community Board meeting.

Moved/seconded by: Thompson/Baker

1.2 Public forum

Security cameras

Helena Van der Moore spoke in favour of the installation of security cameras in Onemana and noted that the Onemana Ratepayers Association had been investigating options but that the cost was a significant consideration for them. She expressed concern about security matters in her community and noted that licence plate recognition would be a real asset in a system for Onemana. She was pleased that the wider Whangamata community was also investigating security camera systems.

Onemana public toilets

Helena Van der Moore requested an update on the plans for the public toilets in Onemana. Area Manager Garry Towler explained TCDC's intention was to wait for the Onemana Surf Club to lodge a resource consent application for a renovation of the current facility which housed TCDC toilets. While it was expected that the Club would meet this milestone by the end of the year, the Community Board could alternatively approve the construction of new Onemana toilets as a project to be completed through the Ten Year Plan process.

Whangamata Croquet Club

Roger Buchannan spoke on behalf of the Whangamata Croquet Club and stated that the club had outgrown its current venue because of a rising membership and that the Club was keen to get Community Board support to build a new facility on Council's Park Avenue Reserve. He acknowledged the flooding concerns at the park and suggested a specific design method to improve usability of the land. He described digging a moat around the perimeter of the land and using the fill to increase the height in the centre which would protect it from flooding. The proposed design would increase the Club facility from 2 to 5 greens. Mr Buchannan reported that the Club had investigated some sponsorship options to help support this project.

Andrew McGee spoke against the Whangamata Croquet Club's proposal to relocate to the Park Avenue Reserve noting the following:

- There were examples of similar proposals which failed due to the soft and often flooded grounds at Park Avenue Reserve.
- There was limited infrastructure to support this type of development at Park Avenue Reserve.
- There was the potential for budget blowouts because of ecological, archaeological, drainage, geotech and planning reports which would likely be required in the pre-design phase of this project which could be costly.

- The proposed project could have questionable financial benefit to Whangamata especially when considering the current Club membership was approximately 45 members and that the pull for out of town visitors to participation would also likely be low.
- The Club's current financial records showed minimal funds to support this proposal.

Waireka Place

Leigh Rapson spoke on behalf of approximately 23 Waireka Place residents in Whangamata seeking answers and action as a result of the local damage from the recent rain event. Mr Rapson raised a specific concern about earthworks taking place at a nearby property and noted his group believed the works could result in damage to their properties and to others. He expressed disappointment in the response he had received from Council about this matter thus far and tabled an email thread, group letter to the TCDC Chief Executive and a response.

The Link

Bryce Shiereson spoke about significant flooding at his property on Link Road in Whangamata which he attributed to an ill equipped storm water pond at Williamson Park and other Council projects such as the nib kerbing. He explained that he had never experienced flooding like this before despite being a long time property owner in Whangamata and suggested the cause was "man-made".

13/17 **Resolved**
WCB That the Whangamata Community Board receives the speakers in public forum.

Moved/seconded by: Baker/Thompson

1.3 Items not on the agenda

No further items were added to the agenda.

1.4 Conflict of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.5 28 February 2017 - Whangamata Community Board minutes for confirmation

14/17 **Resolved**
WCB That the Whangamata Community Board confirms the minutes of the Whangamata Community Board meeting held on 28 February 2017.

Moved/seconded by: Baker/Adams

2 Governance

2.1 Whangamata skate bowl upgrade - investigation

The Community Board was asked to approve a grant of \$4,650 from the Discretionary Fund to prepare a concept design plan for the refurbishment of the Whangamata skate bowl.

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WCB

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Whangamata Skate Bowl upgrade - investigation' report dated 7 March 2017.
2. Approves the grant of \$4,650 from the Discretionary Fund to prepare a concept design plan for the refurbishment of the Whangamata skate bowl.

Moved/seconded by: Baker/Bartley

2.2 Application for community grant - Whangamata Returned Services Association

The Community Board was asked to consider a community grant application for a contribution of \$3,400 towards the rental fee for sound equipment, a procession band and a classic aircraft fly pass for the 25 April 2017 ANZAC Day commemorative service.

The Community Board approved the application but withheld the cost of contributing towards a classic aircraft fly pass.

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WCB

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Application for Community Grant - Whangamata Returned Services Association' report dated 22 March 2017.
2. Approves the application from the Whangamata Returned Services Association for a grant of \$1,400 towards the rental fee for sound equipment and a procession band at the 25 April 2017 ANZAC Day commemorative service.

Moved/seconded by: Bartley/Baker

2.3 Coromandel Arts and Creative Industries Advisory (CACIA) Board update

The Community Board was provided with an update on progress being made by the Coromandel Arts and Creative Industries Advisory Board (CACIA) to advance the adopted Arts and Creative Industries Strategy.

TCDC Strategic Planning team had advised the CACIA that it would have access to \$5,000 worth of funding from the Economic Development budget to support start-up costs this financial year.

It was confirmed that there was no contestable funding at the district level available for the CACIA and therefore it was suggested that Community Board grants be pursued to gain further funding.

It was confirmed that Councillor Terry Walker would represent the Community Board as the liaison person on the CACIA Board.

17/17 Resolved

WCB That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Coromandel Arts and Creative Industries Advisory Board (CACIA) update' report dated 27 March 2017.
2. Appoints Terry Walker Community Board representative as the Coromandel Arts and Creative Industries Advisory Board portfolio holder.

Moved/seconded by: Baker/Thompson

2.4 Annual Plan status update report April 2017 to all Community Boards

Community Board members were provided with the status of the 2017/18 Annual Plan and a summary of the rating projections within the April Council report. Community Board members were encouraged to read the Council agenda report for fuller details.

Coastal Management (erosion) was confirmed to be part of the Long Term Plan. Board members were made aware that Mercury Bay had secured district funding for their erosion control work this year. The funding scheme for erosion had yet to be confirmed as district or local and this decision would have an effect on rates.

The Board was informed about the New Zealand Transportation Authority subsidy for LED street lighting.

The Whangamata Community Board requested to include \$10,000 from its retained earnings in the 2017/18 Annual Plan for investigation/consultancy fees to install security cameras in Whangamata.

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WCB

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Receives the '2017/18 Annual Plan update' report, dated 31 March 2017.
2. Responds to the direction given by Council at the 4 April 2017 Council meeting.
3. Recommends to Council that \$10,000 from Whangamata Community Board retained earnings be included in the 2017/18 Annual Plan for investigation/consultancy for the installation of security cameras in Whangamata.

Moved/seconded by: Baker/Adams

3 Local Activities: Policy/Levels of Service Operational

No items received.

4 District Activities: Local Input Policy/Levels of Service

4.1 October 2016 - February 2017 Info Plus Visitor Centre report

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WCB
That the Whangamata Community Board receives the 'October 2016 - February 2017 Whangamata Info Plus Visitor Centre Report' report, dated 27 March 2017.

Moved/seconded by: Thompson/Adams

5 District Activities

No items received.

6 Reports

6.1 Whangamata Community Board 2016-2017 Work Programme update

The Area Manager reported the following:

There were two avenues being pursued for the removal of mangroves in Whangamata and they included:

- Waikato Regional Council was looking to revoke the current consent and replace it with a district wide consent.

- The development of a parliamentary local bill allowing for better management of mangrove removal.

Recent rain storm damage repairs were confirmed to be funded by an established district storm account and it was reported that Whangamata was approximately 65% recovered from storm damage at this point.

As a means to mitigate flood concerns, Williamson Park's storm water pond was partially drained.

Sand dunes beneath the Williamson Park boardwalk were compromised by the storm and sand push up would be required to remedy this.

A concern was raised about unsightly grass growth between berm and tar sealing on roads which had received nib edging. The Area Manager explained that the nib edging contractor would adhere to a one year maintenance clause in the work contract and said he would investigate the concerns.

20/17 Resolved

WCB That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Whangamata Community Board 2016-2017 Work Programme update' report, dated 15 March 2017.

Moved/seconded by: Baker/Adams

6.2 Members' reports

In Councillor Walker's absence, his report was presented by Board member Baker and Chairperson Coulam and it included the following items:

- Storm repairs on the Moanu Anu Anu track
- Mangroves in Whangamata
- The Predator Free 2050 programme
- A proposed Thames bus service

Councillor Bartley reported that Beach Hop was a successful event which supported the local community. He also discussed the possibility of town hall type meetings to open the lines of communication between the public, the Board and TCDC.

Board Member Baker attended a Whangamata community library meeting where the library's 70th Anniversary was discussed. She also attended a community pool meeting.

Board member Thompson attended a public meeting regarding the establishment of a local Mens Shed Club and a Marae Committee meeting.

Chairperson Coulam attended a Sea Change (Hauraki Gulf Forum) meeting.

21/17 Resolved

WCB That the Whangamata Community Board receives the Members' reports.

Moved/seconded by: Thompson/Baker

7 Public excluded

22/17 Resolved
WCB That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of the resolution
7.1 - Public excluded minutes	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.

Moved/seconded by: Baker/Bartley

24/17 Resolved
WCB 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

7.1 Public excluded 28 February 2017 Whangamata Community Board minutes for confirmation.

Moved/seconded by: Bartley/Baker

Meeting closed at 15:39pm

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Whangamata Community Board meeting held on 11 April 2017.

Chairperson _____ Date _____