



UNCONFIRMED Minutes

of the

Whangamata Community Board

Ordinary Meeting

Date 13 February 2014
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
Erin Schumacher (Community Coordinator - Whangamata)	All Items
David Hammond (Chief Executive)	All Items
Glenn Leach (Mayor)	1.1
Kirsten Williamson (Senior Planner)	2.1

Meeting Commenced 13:00

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

All members were present.

1.2 Public Forum

A period of up to 30 minutes is set aside for the public to raise matters falling within the terms of reference of the meeting. Each speaker may speak for three minutes but time extensions may be allowed on a vote of not less than 75% of members present at the meeting. Questions from members for information or clarification may be permitted by the Chairperson (Standing Orders Appendix F).

Mayor Glenn Leach

The Mayor spoke to the meeting noting the following key points:

- Great Walks - Council have withdrawn the Lottery application for funding on this project.
- NZTA change of subsidy - positive for Council.
- Coromandel harbour: Investigation work on this project is progressing.
- Unitary Authority: There will be change and this is likely to be before the next election or subsequent election.

John Coles

Concern regarding the number of rubbish collections held over Christmas. Felt that two Wednesday rubbish collections could be done away with as there were only 20 bags in his immediate area. Extra rubbish collections on the Thursday after the long weekends would be beneficial.

Board Member Bartley confirmed numbers and the situation will be looked at for next year

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the speakers in public forum.

Moved/Seconded By: Bartley/Thompson

1.3 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

1.4 Conflict of Interest

The Chairperson invited notice from members of:

1. Any interests that may create a conflict with their role as an elected member relating to the minutes item(s) for the meeting; and
2. Any interests in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as provided for in the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968.

There were no interests declared.

1.5 12 December 2013 - Whangamata Community Board Minutes for Confirmation

Key Discussion Points

Frederick Christianson - is now working with the Community Development Officer on a strategy for the Whangamata mountain bike park

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Confirmed the following Minutes:
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Moved/Seconded By: Wells/Walker

2 Governance

2.1 Proposed District Plan Update (Whangamata Community Board)

Key Discussion Points

District Plan has now been through review process. Staff will be putting together a submission covering technical issues and minor amendments. Issues to be discussed - cutting down of Manuka, sustainability, land parcels.

If the Community Board wishes to submit a submission it needs to be in by 14 March 2014. A template is available.

Resolved)

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Advised staff that the Whangamata Community Board intends to make its own submission to the District Plan

Moved/Seconded By: Johnston/Bartley

2.2 December 2013/January 2014 - Whangamata Community Board - Non-notified Resource Consents Comment Report

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/Thompson

3 Local Activities: Policy/Levels of Service Operational

3.1 Complaints/Requests Island View Playground

Key Discussion Points

- Suggestion that the flying fox did not need to be locked at night, to monitor it further and will look at again if necessary on the grounds of health and safety.
- The climbing wall section in question is not considered a view impediment being 200 metres from Mr Hall's property.

Board Member Kerr voiced his preference for the flying fox to be locked down.

Whangamata office received no complaints regarding extra rubbish but will look at providing a bin at the playground.

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Declined Mr Hutt's request to have the flying fox locked at night.
3. Declined Mr Hall's request to have the front section of the climbing wall removed.

Moved/Seconded By: Johnston/Wells
Against: Kerr

3.2 Removal of Large Oak Tree - Moana Point Whangamata

Key Discussion Points

Mr Tempest has presented additional support regarding the removal of the oak tree. Only addresses of supporters have been supplied. Mr Tempest will be requested to supply names.

As a result of pruning, the tree is safer and there is less debris on the ground. Light is not affecting properties at the moment. Continue to monitor the tree and if any serious health and or safety issues arise the tree will need to be removed.

The Chair was required to use his casting vote on this item.

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Directed the Area Manager to monitor the situation with regard to the amount of debris falling from the tree and its overall health. Should the Area Manager find that the tree is creating a health and safety nuisance for affected residents the Community Board be advised in order that further consideration is given to its future.

Moved/Seconded By: Johnston/Bartley

3.3 Application for Community Grant - Beach Hop Whangamata

Key Discussion Points

Negative reaction when Council launched its significant events fund for new events. Beach Hop has significant public good.

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Approved the request from Beach Hop Whangamata Rock'N'Roll Festival Society Incorporated for \$10,000 to assist with the supply of portaloos and road barriers

Moved/Seconded By: Kerr/Bartley

3.4 District Libraries Quarterly Report October - December 2013 Whangamata

Key Discussion Points

Linda Hayfield should be complemented on the content of this report.

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.

Moved/Seconded By: Kerr/Wells

4 District Activities: Local Input Policy/Levels of Service

No items received.

5 District Activities

No items received.

6 Reports

6.1 Work Programme 2012/2013 Whangamata Community Board

Key Discussion Points

- **Wentworth Safety Barrier** - NZTA have agreed to fund 50% of the cost of the safety barrier, 25% would come from subsidies and a further 25% needs to come from the footpath construction budget.
- **Otahu Road Carpark Seal** - will be completed by Easter.
- **Wharekawa Track to Boat Ramp** - after the results of the survey taken by the Opoutere Ratepayers Association the track will now proceed.
- **Capping of the Landfill** - the work is completed and will look at establishing a seagull centre.
- **Sealing - Port Road by Catholic Church** - this work is programmed to be completed this financial year.

Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Agreed to defer the construction of the Beverley Road footpath to allow the funds to be used for the Wentworth Safety Barrier.

Moved/Seconded By: Walker/Kerr

6.2 Members' Reports

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

Board Member Thompson

Has canvassed a number of teenagers between the ages of 13-16 years to ask their thoughts on the upgrade of the skateboard bowl. The conclusion was that the skateboard bowl's use was minimal and the preference would be given to having steps and rails.

Board Member Kerr

Asked if there had been a new manager of the Information Centre appointed. Advised that there is now two part time managers'.

Board Member Walker

Had received concern from the public regarding the access to the area of the pontoon - was it possible to have the access looked at.

Reminded the Board that Clyde Graf was to be asked to attend a workshop in the New Year.

Frederick Christianson - has he commenced work on tracks? The Area Manager advised that Mr Christiansen is working with the Community Development Officer on a strategy plan.

Was approached regarding a Bi-annual busking event - advised the person to talk to office staff.

Board Member Bartley

Freedom Camping has been measurably better than last year. Marina getting minimal use. Council staff have done a great job.

Board Member Johnston

Encouraged over the meaty, strategic issues that lay before us.

Recommendation

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the Members' Reports.

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/Walker

Meeting Closed at 15:22

The foregoing Minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Whangamata Community Board held on 12 December 2013.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____