



MINUTES

MEETING OF THE:	Waihi Community Forum
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 18th April 2024
VENUE:	OceanaGold
TIME START:	10:30am
TIME FINISH:	12 noon
MEMBERS:	Belinda Burke, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Mike Hayden, Rangi Honey, Ernani de Ocampo, Anne Marie Spicer, Donna Fisher, Kyle Welten, Paul Anderson
INVITED:	Paula Blackman - WCF Coordinator, Shay Perkinson (from 10.30 for 30 minutes)
FILE REF:	WCFMOM2024-04-18

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Donna Fisher, Mike Hayden, Bhavesh Ranchhod, Rangi Honey

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 07-03-2024, ref #WCFMOM2024-03-07
BB and PA confirmed the minutes as read are accepted true and correct.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Charities Services

- Email reminder received for 2023/2024 Financial Accounts required by Charities Services.

ACTION: BR to create financial accounts for the forum, PB will then upload to Charities Services website and DIA grants portal.

4. MEDIA & WEBSITE

4.1 Get individual and group photos of all Forum members for website

- Next meeting

4.2 WCF and Media

- review generic media statement.

ACTION: KW to review.

4.2 Website and Facebook post ideas.

- Nothing for this month

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

5.1 OceanaGold Update

Correnso & Project Martha Community Meeting

The six-monthly Correnso and Project Martha Community Meeting was held on Thursday the 14th of March. This public meeting is open to everyone, and is designed to provide an update about works in the existing Correnso and Project Martha (including Rex) mining areas.

Minutes from the meeting are available on our website:

[https://www.waihigold.co.nz/uploads/documents/community/Combined-Community-Meeting-\(Martha-&-CEPA\)-14-March-2024-\(Final\).pdf?_cchid=2ab560e0ccb02e416356733fc26685c9](https://www.waihigold.co.nz/uploads/documents/community/Combined-Community-Meeting-(Martha-&-CEPA)-14-March-2024-(Final).pdf?_cchid=2ab560e0ccb02e416356733fc26685c9)

Proposed Change to the Martha Mine Mineral Zone: *Submission Period Ended*

The submission period for the proposed Martha Mineral Zone Plan Change has now ended. OceanaGold is awaiting further detail from HDC as to a summary of the submissions received, and the next steps in the process.

A summary of the communications and engagement activities related to the proposed plan change, prior to the notification period, can be found here: [OceanaGold Engagement Summary: Proposed Change To The Martha Mineral Zone](#)

All the supporting documentation related to the proposed plan change is publicly available, and can be found here: <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/council/plans-strategies/hauraki-district-plan/dp-changes-6>

Any specific questions on the submissions process should be, in the first instance, directed to either Marina van Steenberg or Leigh Robcke at Hauraki District Council (07 862 8609).

The Waihi North Project

The Waihi North Project was first announced in June 2021, with a resource consent application lodged a year later in June 2022. Since that time, we have been undertaking work to answer a Request for Information (RFI) that was subsequently received from the Hauraki District and Waikato Regional councils.

With the recent announcement of the Fast-track Approvals Bill by the New Zealand Government, OceanaGold has now decided to pause the existing RFI process for the Waihi North Project while we learn more about Fast-track.

More detail on this decision was included in our most recent *Update*:

https://www.waihigold.co.nz/uploads/documents/updates/2024/OceanaGold-Waihi-Update-28-March-2024.pdf?_cchid=addbb91a75e4c8e172f6f4ebf1e916fb

The full suite of application documents is publicly available, and can be found here:

<https://oceanagold.com/interactive-documents/>.

Similarly, the RFI's received from Council are available for review on HDC's website:

<https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/community/mining-in-hauraki/new-mining-proposals>

Ask the Experts: *WSP Social Impact Assessment, Waihi North Project*

On Wednesday the 17th of April, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, Hilary Konigkramer from WSP will be available in our Project Information Office (86 Seddon Street, Waihi) to answer any questions people might have on the predicted social impacts related to the Waihi North Project.

https://www.waihigold.co.nz/uploads/documents/updates/2024/OceanaGold-Waihi-Update-28-March-2024.pdf?_cchid=addbb91a75e4c8e172f6f4ebf1e916fb

Crest Raise at Tailings Storage Facility 1A

In November 2023, works commenced on a crest raise for Tailings Storage Facility 1A. This work will make the storage facility 1.8 m higher and provide additional tailings capacity for our existing mining operations.

We had expected to have completed these works by the end of March 2024, but the activities will now likely continue through to the end of April (delays due to weather).

More information on the Crest Raise can be found here: https://www.waihigold.co.nz/uploads/documents/updates/2023/OceanaGold-Waihi-Update-2-November-2023.pdf?_cchid=8cc67f79c1eccab91cc150cc20458588

Summary of Sponsorships and Donations from the Previous Month

SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS APPROVED IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH

Waihi Performing Arts Competition Society	Stage deck for competitions	\$2,000.00
Waihi Association Football Club	Lawn roller	\$964.90
Waihi Amateur Athletic Club	Ribbons, trophies, singlets, certificates	\$1,799.55
Life and Hope Trust	Boxing bags, gloves, wraps	\$2,000.00
Waihi Community Forum	Launder towels: 'Kai & Showers' programme	In Kind
Waihi Volunteer Fire Brigade	Accommodation for Sky Tower Challenge	\$1,500.00
	TOTAL	\$8,264.45

Complaints and Concerns

In March, we received one concern relating to vibration from blasting, and eleven complaints relating to helicopter noise.

Whanau Open Day

Our Whanau Open day took place on Sunday 7 April, 10am – 2pm, with over 750 people visiting site during that time. It was a great opportunity for our staff to show their families where they work and what they do.

6. STREETS AHEAD

Bank balance \$215,252.14 CR

- Tagged Funding (Hub) - \$195,000

ACTION: BR to apply to the bank to cease deduction of resident withholding tax as per charity status.

ACTION: End of financial year, BR apply for return of deductions.

6.1 Outdoor Recreation Hub

- Awaiting Lottery Community Facilities Fund decision regarding pump track funding, expected in June 2024.
- Ruth Vivian (HDC) will apply to Lion Foundation for seed funding of \$30k for the hub in April (decision made 8 weeks from application). Awaiting specific resolution granted by HDC before applying)
- PB researching COGS funding for stage 2 of the hub (round 2, opens 23 October, closes 20 November 2024, decision 19 March 2025)
- James Searle Say Foundation funding is via Perpetual Guardian, they require an IRD number to register on their portal. Funding round opens in September, closes in October.

ACTION: BR to inform PB of IRD number
ACTION: PB to register with Perpetual Guardian once all information is available

6.2 Bench seats around the pit rim.

- Seats have been picked up from supplier and invoice has been paid in full.
- OceanaGold Forum has reimbursed the Forum for two of the seats (\$2200, Remittance advice 38095).

ACTION: OG to choose sites and install seats

6.3 Towels and Laundry Costs for Waihi Community Kai and Shower night.

- Forum agreed to reimburse BB for towels via Streets Ahead account.

ACTION: BB to set up reimbursement payment for 2 others to authorise

6.4 Basketball Hoop Funding

- Request from Jess O'Brien Waihi College for funding for a basketball hoop to be used and stored at Waihi Events Centre - see correspondence attached

ACTION: AMS contact Jess and propose that she and Sport 'n'Action apply directly to Oceana Gold for funding.

Dates for future meetings

Next Meeting: Wednesday 15 May 2024

Future Meeting: Thursday 13 June 2024

6.4 Request for Basketball Hoop Funding

From: Jess O'Brien <jesso@waihicol.school.nz>
Sent: Monday, 15 April 2024 2:13 PM
To: Anne Marie Spicer
Subject: Sponsorship

Kia ora Anne Marie, Further to my email, we've received some good news! The Lions Club of Waihi has agreed to sponsor one hoop. We also have secured funding from the Hauraki Maori Trust board for four more hoops (so five in total), which is ideal, as we can run a much better community service with six hoops.

We are therefore seeking funding for one more hoop. Would the Waihi Community Forum be interested in sponsoring this last hoop? This is the only programme in Waihi that caters to this age group, and we plan to run it annually.

The hoops will be strategically stored in the Sport n' Action cupboard at the Events Centre, ensuring their availability for future programmes run by us or other community groups via Sport n' Action. We will be able to have six at these sessions and plan on keeping fees affordable for our whanau by applying to Hauraki District Council's Waihi Ward to ask for a remission on Event Centre hire costs.

This programme will significantly benefit our local community and fill a much-needed gap in a sport that has become very popular these past few years and continues to remain strong. It will also keep these Tamariki in good standing when they start college and continue with basketball there, a popular sport amongst our Rangatahi.

We would ensure the Waihi Community Forum was mentioned in all publicity promoting this after-school programme, if the forum was interested.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Nga mihi nui,

Jessie O'Brien
Sports Activities Coordinator
PIC Basketball
PIC Rugby
PIC Volleyball