

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Minutes of Meeting No. OM2 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 7 February 2017 at the Omokoroa Community Church Hall commencing at 7.00pm

Present

Members M Grainger (Chairperson), T Sage (Deputy Chairperson), P Presland and D Sage and Councillors M Murray-Benge and J Palmer

In Attendance

R Davie (Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services) and P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager) and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

Others

His Worship the Mayor Garry Webber, Councillors Mackay and Thwaites and four members of the public

Public Forum

Resolved: Members Grainger / T Sage

THAT the meeting adjourn for the purpose of holding a public forum.

Precious Family Reserve

Shirley Dunford read from a prepared statement in regard to the Precious Family Reserve with a request that the reserve area be kept car free and noted the following:

- Suggestions had been made for car parking locations outside the reserve at the end of Hamurana Road and near the Anderley Avenue access.
- Permitting cars on the reserve would disrupt the safety of young adults and families.
- Wildlife would also be affected.
- To avoid cars parking on the reserve – it had been requested that bollards be placed at the Hamurana Road and Anderley Avenue ends of the area.
- Vehicles had been observed driving through the Goldstone Housing development to the pump station. The Anderley Avenue gate used to be locked and it was suggested that a

combination lock be used on the gate for those with approved access. Council staff would be able have the combination to get to the pump station.

- The new sign near the pinch point stating No Vehicles Permitted on the Reserve was misleading and in the wrong place. The Reserve beginning at the end of Hamurana Road and by the bend in Anderley Avenue is where the 'No Vehicles' sign should be.
- It was suggested that another seat be installed on the Precious Reserve.
- The growth at Omokoroa would continue to bring more vehicles to the peninsula so it was important that the Precious Reserve remain car free now and for the future.
- It was pleasing to note that Council had agreed to re-naming the walking track the Mabs Kelly Walkway.
- Future population growth at Omokoroa would bring more vehicular traffic in the immediate area which was all the more reason to keep Precious Reserve vehicle free.

Rats at the Precious Reserve Pond

Mrs Dunford advised that there was a serious problem with rats in vicinity of the Precious Reserve Pond area. The pond was surrounded by overgrown flax and bushes and had become a haven for rats and these needed to be eradicated.

A service request would be initiated for this item.

Cleaning out Precious Reserve Stormwater Pond

Mrs Dunford noted her earlier request to have the Precious Reserve Pond cleaned out as it was in a poor state with rampant growth clogging and stagnating the water, which was, in turn, not encouraging to bird life in the area.

A service request would be initiated for this.

The Chairperson thanked Mrs Dunford for her address to the Board.

Cycle Track between Cooney Reserve and Tinopai Reserve at Omokoroa

Fran Ashley advised that she had met with the Reserves and Facilities Asset Manager, the Community Relationship Advisor, the Board Chairperson and a contracting consultant who explained the Cooney Reserve/Tinopai Reserve cycle track route. She noted that some large pine trees along with one unhealthy Macrocarpa tree adjacent to the route were to be removed. She would like to see the large pine tree (next to the leaning Macrocarpa tree) left standing as it provided shade to the immediate beach area.

While she felt that the development of the track was excellent she suggested an alternative to the boardwalk section of the route be a gravel pathway, and noted that Council staff were to be congratulated on the work being undertaken in the development of the cycleway.

The Board was advised that through Project Crimson and public donations a number of pohutukawa seedling trees were to be planted along the cycle track route which while slow growing would give an impressive glade effect in the future.

Resolved: Councillors Murray-Benge / Palmer

THAT the meeting reconvene in formal session at 7.15pm.

OM2.1 **Minutes of Meeting No. OM1 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 29 November 2016**

The Board considered the minutes of OM1 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 29 November 2016 as circulated with the agenda.

The Chairperson requested an amendment to the minutes for clarification to Item OM1.6.4.

Resolved: Members Grainger / T Sage

THAT the minutes of meeting No. OM2 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 29 November 2016 as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and accurate record with the following amendment.

OM1.6.4 to read:

The Board received a letter from Alison Badger outlining concerns as a regular user of the Omokoroa – Tauranga commuter bus that Council had not provided bus shelters for commuters on the south side of Omokoroa, particularly by the hot pools, Lynley Park and opposite the 'gravel pit' park and ride area.

Resolved: Members Grainger / T Sage

THAT the minutes of meeting No. OM2 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 29 November 2016 as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and accurate record with the noted amendment.

OM2.2 **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 19 January 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

OM2.2.1 **Future Focus Meetings**

The Chairperson noted that Future Focus meetings would address a number of items at Omokoroa such as parking by the boat ramp, the Domain and Omokoroa reserves, the re-working of the Structure Plan and a number of other local issues and, in liaison with the Omokoroa Community Development Plan Review Group, will set up a day (or days) where these issues would be presented for engagement with the community for discussion, feedback and review.

The attending Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services advised that the timeframe and process to address community issues would be discussed at a Council workshop to be held on 8 February 2017. The discussion would give direction on how to manage one community conversation meeting to address many topics. The Future Focus meetings at Omokoroa may be in addition to the community discussion process.

OM2.2.2

Correspondence from Western Ward Residents and Ratepayers Association - Tsunami Warning System Across the Western Bay

The Board received a letter from the Western Ward residents and Ratepayers Association in regard to tsunami warnings in the Western Bay of Plenty including Tauranga city.

The Deputy Chief Executive had provided the following response:

Why are there no sirens in the Western Bay of Plenty?

The Council had previously investigated installing warning sirens and decided not to install them. There were a number of reasons why they did not proceed with sirens. Firstly, their efficacy was dependent on a number of variables (wind direction, infrastructure, local terrain, noise pollution and others). People also needed to know that the delay in authorisation and activation of sirens could lose valuable life-saving minutes. Council use a range of alerting tools (including text, email, social media, radio, television and mobile vehicle mounted sirens (stingers)) since we know there is no one fail safe system.

The best warning sign is that from Mother Nature; an earthquake that lasts longer than a minute or is strong enough to knock you off your feet. This was a sign to head immediately inland or to higher ground. The national advertising campaign for public safety in an earthquake stated '**If it's long and strong be gone**'.

Future public alerting options

The Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group supports a nationally consistent warning system and we are working with the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management on the development of cell broadcasting capability. The Council will continue to monitor the need and efficiency of sirens and whether or not neighbouring councils install them. As stated above sirens are only one of many alerting tools.

How can I find out if I am at risk from a tsunami?

Visit www.bopcivildefence.govt.nz and click on the 'Documents' tab (top right), select 'Tsunami Evacuation Maps' and then enter the word 'Maps' into the search bar. You will see a list of maps for the Bay of Plenty. Locate the suburb you live in and view the evacuation map.

Text alerts – How can I register for text alerts?

If you would like to register for text alerts you can visit our website www.bopcivildefence.govt.nz or you can use your mobile phone to

register. Simply text the two letters for the area you live to 2028 (ie text WB to 2028 if you live in the Western Bay of Plenty District Council area).

Councillor Murray-Benge advised the Board that she was aware of a Tsunado system that had been developed to provide a public messaging/alerting mechanism using existing broadcast infrastructures to distribute activation, and informational messages, geo-targeted to any region and any desired audience. She provided an information brochure on the system that would be passed on to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Emergency Management Manager.

OM2.2.3 **Precious Family Reserve - Car Parking**

The Board noted the address from Mrs Shirley Dunford in public forum that outlined her thoughts on car parking and access to the Precious Family Reserve.

OM2.2.4 **Community Organisations**

OM2.2.4.1 **Omokoroa Environmental Managers Group**

The Chairperson advised that the Omokoroa Environmental Managers Group had raised the following concerns at their meeting held on 31 January 2017:

- Irresponsible behaviour of dog owners had been highlighted with used doggie-bags being dumped in the bushes along the current Tinopai – Cooney walkway. There was the potential for this behaviour to worsen when the new walkway was completed.
- Dog owners were often seen flouting the 'Dogs on a lead' edict.
- The long term effects of equipment using the foreshore below the tide line for access purposes for the construction of the walkway.
- Motorbikes and horses using the pedestrian walkway at Cooney Reserve to access the dog-exclusion bird area.
- It was apparent that dogs were accessing the Peach Point bird roost area and the Environmental Managers asked if a Dog Ban sign should be erected in this area.
- Rats were leaving the developing subdivision land areas and posing problems for property owners in adjoining established areas throughout Omokoroa.

The History Group were keen to have signs about the history of Lynley Park erected in the reserve.

OM2.2.4.2 **Omokoroa Sport and Recreation Society**

Board Member Presland advised that the Omokoroa Sport and Recreation Society would be submitting an account for payment as outlined in Omokoroa Community Board Resolution OM22.7.2 August 2016 "approving drawing down up to \$7,000 (of \$100,000) committed towards the cost of

architectural plans for the new sports pavilion on the Western Avenue Sports Ground subject to the Council approving the site of the pavilion on the Western Avenue Sport Ground.”

OM2.2.5 **Attendance at LGNZ Community Board Chairs Workshop**

The Chairperson advised that he had received an invitation to the LGNZ Community Boards Executive Committee workshop to be held at Taupo on 11 February 2017. The registration fee for the workshop was \$100.00. The Chairperson advised that he was unable to attend this workshop and Deputy Teresa Sage would attend in his absence.

Resolved: Councillors Palmer / Murray-Benge

THAT the Omokoroa Community Board approve the attendance of the Deputy Chairperson of the Omokoroa Community Board at the LGNZ Workshop to be held on 11 February 2017 funded from the Omokoroa Community Board Contingency Account.

Resolved: Member Grainger / T Sage

THAT the Chairperson's Report to the Omokoroa Community Board for February 2017 be received.

OM2.3 **Councillor's Report**

The Board considered the list of topics from Councillors Murray-Benge and Palmer as circulated with the agenda. Councillors Murray-Benge and Palmer reported the following:

Annual Plan 2017 - 18

Councillor Palmer noted that this year there would be no formal consultation meetings in regard to the Annual Plan but there would be information meetings as earlier referred to in the Chairperson's Report.

It was imperative that the Community Board and the Community Development Plan Review Committee work together to ensure community involvement to bring the review up to completion.

Omokoroa Road Upgrade

Councillor Palmer asked for clarification regarding the installation of underground power lines between Prole Road and the East Coast Main Trunk Railway that was confirmed by Council at meeting C2 on 15 December 2016. The Reserve and Facilities Manager advised that he would circulate the respective Council Minute (C2 15 December 2016) to Board members for information.

Community Committee - Community Matching Fund

Councillor Murray-Benge advised that the Community Committee had met and discussed the process that would be applied to Community Matching Fund Applications. There would be public notification calling for applications to the Community Matching Fund (most likely in July – with the date yet to be confirmed). She advised that a Working Group had been established to consider the applications received, with recommendations then put forward to the Community Committee for decisions.

Resolved: Members Grainger / D Sage

THAT the verbal report from Councillors Murray-Benge and Palmer be received.

OM2.4

Omokoroa Community Board Grant Application

The Board received a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 19 January 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

The Board considered a Community Board Grant Application from the Omokoroa Anzac Commemoration Committee, with the additional advice that an opportunity had arisen to bring the 'Unexpected Heroes Exhibition' to Omokoroa during March/April 2017, subject to confirmation of a suitable location for the display. There was a cost associated in the packing, travel and unpacking the exhibition (up to \$800.00) and the Anzac Commemoration Committee had requested that the grant application before the Board at this time, include this cost to bring the exhibition to Omokoroa.

A question was raised that if an application for funding support was made by the same organisation each year, why was a line item not created for such a recurring cost. It was pointed out that each funding application was put forward to the Board on an individual basis for consideration for allocation from the grant fund and there was no a guarantee that applications would be successful each year.

The Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services clarified that the Boards Budget line items were for operational expenditure and the grants budget was in place within that operational budget (with a specific allocation set by the Board) to be applied to grant applications received throughout the financial year.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member Grainger

- 1. THAT the report from the Democracy Advisor dated 19 January 2017 and titled Omokoroa Community Grant Application – February 2017 be received.*

2. *THAT the Omokoroa Community Board approve the following grant to be funded from the Omokoroa Community Grants 2016/2017 account subject to all accountabilities being met and a suitable location for the 'Unexpected Heroes Exhibition' being confirmed.*

Omokoroa Anzac Commemoration Committee *\$1,800.00*

OM2.5 **Anzac Day Commemoration 2017**

The Board considered a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 19 January 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members Grainger / D Sage

1. *THAT the Democracy Support Officer's report dated 16 January 2017 and titled Anzac Day Commemoration 2017 be received.*
2. *THAT the Omokoroa Community Board provide a wreath for the ANZAC Day Service, to be paid from the Omokoroa Community Board Contingency Account (up to the value of \$200).*
3. *THAT Members of the Omokoroa Community Board represent the Omokoroa Community Board at the ANZAC Day Service at Omokoroa on 25 April 2017.*

OM2.6 **Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa - February 2017**

The Board considered a report from Action Group Manager Infrastructure Service dated 18 January 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

OM2.6.1 **Update on Omokoroa Sportsground - Tennis Court 3 and 4**

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that a progress report on the proposed tennis courts 3 and 4 would be provided to the next Board meeting.

OM2.6.2 **Omokoroa Road Construction: Future Landscaping - Tree Planting Along Omokoroa Road**

A question was asked if suitable landscaping and planting was proposed for the Omokoroa Road from the State High Two entrance to Prole Road in light of the extensive earthworks and land development being undertaken at the moment.

The Reserves and Facilities Officer advised that landscaping and tree scaping had been identified in the Omokoroa Structure Plan indicating that avenue tree planting and landscaping would be done when that section of road was upgraded.

OM2.6.3 Omokoroa Road - Suggestion for Bus Shelter

The Chairperson advised that information had been received from Alison Badger with suggestions to address the lack of facilities for outbound bus passengers opposite the current gravel pit Park and Ride. Ms Badger had also been in contact with a Bay of Plenty Regional Council representative in this regard.

The suggestion for a 'shed-type' construction that would sit on a base of compacted gravel that would be removable for relocation when improvements were made to the State Highway Two / Omokoroa Road intersection. It was also suggested that the shed could be painted by local artists to give a mural effect. An indication of cost (for a similar sized shed including a wooden floor from a nationwide building store) was given at less than \$1,000.00.

Resolved: Members Grainger / D Sage

THAT the information be included in the Chairpersons Report for the next Board meeting with a request that a report on the feasibility of the installation of a removable shed for a bus shelter with costings and a timeline for possible installation if the suggestion was a workable solution.

Resolved: Councillor Palmer / Member T Sage

THAT the Acting Group Manager Infrastructure Services Report dated 18 January 2017 and titled Infrastructure Services Report and Minute Action Sheet Report Omokoroa February 2017 be received.

OM2.7 Proposed Western Avenue Parking Bays

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 24 November 2016 as circulated with the agenda.

Councillor Palmer expressed concerns in regard to the report advising that there had been no prior notice or opportunity to discuss the recommendations to fund \$60,000 from the Omokoroa Community Rooding Account for this work. He noted that the report was dated 24 November, which was prior to the last Board Meeting in 2016 and, therefore, there had been plenty of opportunity to provide the information to the Board before this meeting.

Councillor Palmer stated that the original Long Term Plan (LTP Reference 294507) seemed to show a conflict with the proposed parking bays and the entrance to the Skate Path on the Western Avenue Sport Ground. The car park in the Long Term Plan was to be fully funded by Council but this proposal was to be funded by the Board. A comparison of both the Long Term Plan for the sports ground and the plan attached to the proposed Western Avenue Parking Bays Report needed to be checked.

Board Members noted the following:

- There were parking problems in the immediate vicinity of the Skate Path and these needed to be managed to address safety for children using the park, parking vehicles and through traffic.
- There needed to be specific signage indicating children at play in the reserve area.
- Further development of the children's play area were about to begin and the need for safe off street parking in the immediate area was urgent. The grass berms were already scuffed out and would become dusty throughout the summer and would then become boggy with autumn and winter rain and any rehabilitation should be undertaken sooner rather than later.
- Urgency should be applied in the construction of the carpark and if the application of a chip seal could be undertaken when contractors were in the area this would be timely and cost effective.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that staff recommended the application of a chip seal surface for the installation of formed parking bays on Western Avenue adjacent to the Skate Path that would formalise the parking, reduce the potential boggy areas and provide an alternative to parking on Omokoroa Road.

It was proposed that the resolutions be taken in parts:

Resolved: Councillors Palmer / Murray-Benge

1. *THAT the Deputy Chief Executive's report dated 24 November 2016 and titled "Proposed Western Avenue Parking Bays" be received.*
2. *THAT the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.*
3. *THAT the installation of sealed parking bays on Western Avenue proceed at an estimated cost of \$60,000 funded from the Omokoroa Community Roading account lie on the table at this time.*

Resolved: Member Preston / Councillor Murray-Benge

THAT the Omokoroa Community Board request a further report be presented to the next Community Board meeting on the Proposed Western Avenue Parking Bays addressing the listed concerns of the Board and the way forward for a decision to be reached in regards this item.

OM2.8

Financial Report Omokoroa - December 2016

The Board considered a report from the Financial Accountant dated 16 January 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

Councillor Palmer asked if the Community Rooding Account figures could be reported within the Board's Financial Report.

Resolved: Members Grainger / T Sage

THAT the Financial Accountant's report dated 16 January 2017 and titled "Financial Report Omokoroa – December 2016" be received.

OM2.9

Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings

The Board considered a schedule of meetings for the months of February and March 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members Grainger / D Sage

THAT the schedule of meetings for February and March 2017 be received.

The meeting concluded at 8.31pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

M Grainger
Chairperson
Omokoroa Community Board

Date

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