

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Minutes of Meeting No. OM3 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 14 March 2017 at the Omokoroa Library and Service Centre commencing at 7.00pm

Present

Members M Grainger (Chairperson), T Sage (Deputy Chairperson), P Presland and D Sage and Councillor J Palmer

In Attendance

R Davie (Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory), J Paterson (Transportation Infrastructure Manager) and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

Others

Seven members of the public and two others as noted in the minutes

The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting and also noted the New Zealand Transport Agency announcement that a bypass would be added to the State Highway 2 Waihi to Tauranga roading development programme, which was positive news for Katikati. In the media statement, Mayor Garry Webber had advised "that Council would be working with the Transport Agency to develop the route to ensure our communities and all users get maximum benefit from it". The media statement also said "that the implications of the announcement were far reaching and include not only improved commuter times, but benefits in terms of economic development, urban growth planning and enhanced community wellbeing. The announcement to bring forward capacity improvements planned for Omokoroa and Te Puna was also welcomed."

Apologies

It was noted that Councillor Murray-Benge was on leave of absence. Member Presland advised his early departure if the meeting time extended past 9.00pm. His Worship the Mayor had registered an apology due to his required attendance at another engagement.

Public Forum

Resolved: Members Grainger / T Sage

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

Contacting Council

A member of the public inquired how he should contact the Council with a particular concern, citing an incident of overflowing rubbish bins after a very busy summer weekend when he wished to report this with an accompanying photograph.

The "Contacting Council" cards showing the 0800 926 732 contact centre number to register a service request were given to the speaker who was also advised that the contact information was on the Council Website and Facebook page.

Invasive Moth Plant

A resident of the Omokoroa Country Lodge advised that she had seen a number of areas where the invasive Moth Plant was growing. This was a rampant self seeding invasive plant that needed to be controlled and she had reported the instances she was aware of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

The Chairperson advised that the Moth Plant under the old barberry hedge had been sprayed and was now dying, and other areas where the plant was apparent had been sprayed and chopped where possible. If the plant was on private land, there were limits as to what could be done other than advising people of the invasive nature of the plant and encouraging them to take their own measures to eradicate it.

Precious Reserve

Mrs Shirley Dunford spoke to the meeting noting that she had suggested that four seats be installed on the Precious Reserve area. The Chairperson advised that Mrs Dunford could put forward her suggestions relating to the Precious Reserve to the Review of the Kaimai Ward Reserve Management Plan currently under consideration.

Access To and From Omokoroa in an Emergency Situation

Liz McKeown spoke to the Board advising that she had lived on the peninsula for three years and noted her concern that there was only one exit road out of (and into) Omokoroa and during a normal day to day situation the State Highway was continually congested and it could take up to an hour to get to the city. A number of locals had also expressed similar concerns.

She noted that the overall population projections for the Omokoroa peninsula were to markedly increase in the coming years and roading infrastructure should be designed now to cope with that projected increase.

A question was also asked about the way subdivision areas were developed and land stripped and defaced before any infrastructure and roadworks were build.

Member Presland suggested that Ms McKeown and members of the Omokoroa community approach the local Members of Parliament to voice their concerns on the impact on the quality of living affected by the rapid development and the congested highway, and also advocate that infrastructure should be built and in place to accommodate future development.

The Chairperson advised that New Zealand Transport Agency would be holding a public meeting at Omokoroa on **Saturday 1 April 2017** to update the community on the recent key announcements relating to the Omokoroa, Te Puna and State Highway roading improvements, and the Katikati Bypass.

Resolved: Members Grainger / D Sage

THAT the meeting reconvene in formal session at 7.17pm.

OM3.1 **Presentations**

OM3.1.1 **Emergency Management Bay of Plenty**

The Board considered a presentation from Naomi Lockett, Emergency Management Advisor (Community Resilience) with Emergency Management Bay of Plenty who gave a presentation to the Board in regard to updating their Community Response Plan and the introducing the new resource Emergency Management Bay of Plenty had developed (Community Response Planning toolkit) and how this would assist the Board in updating their plan.

Ms Lockett advised that the Omokoroa Community Response Plan needed to be updated and the Community Response Toolkit was a resource that would assist the management and implementation of the update in a consistent manner. A Community Response Plan needed to be a living/working/responsive document developed by engagement with the wider community and the Community Board needed to encourage Omokoroa residents to be involved in the update of the plan.

The Board would revise the current plan and work with Emergency Management Advisor to develop a community lead, community driven community owned response plan. The planned Community Information Day may be a great opportunity to really promote and get engagement and buy-in from Omokoroa residents for the development of the Omokoroa Community Response Plan.

Resolved: Members Grainger / T Sage

THAT the presentation from Naomi Lockett, Emergency Management Advisor (Community Resilience) be received.

OM3.1.2 Introduction to Ultrafast Fibre (UFF) and UFB2

The Board considered a presentation from Mike Ryan, the Relationship Manager representing Ultrafast Fibre, who gave a general introduction to Ultrafast Fibre services covering what has been achieved and what is coming up with specific Ultra Fibre services at Omokoroa.

Mike Ryan gave an overview of the Ultrafast Fibre and UFB1 WEL Networks established in 2010 to rollout the Government Ultra Fast Broadband initiative across the Central North Island noting that:

- Recent new funding had been announced which included Ultrafast Fibre installation and availability at Omokoroa, Katikati and Te Puke.
- The installation of ultrafast fibre systems at Omokoroa would coincide with the current development across the peninsula and were expected to start in June.
- The Board noted that the provider should contact the local Omokoroa Omelette newspaper to give a summary of the Ultrafast Fibre network proposals that would be informative to residents at Omokoroa.
- It was also suggested that the Omokoroa Community Information Day would be a good platform to inform the local community about Ultrafast Fibre.

Resolved: Members Granger / T Sage

THAT the presentation from Mike Ryan, the Relationship Manager representing Ultrafast Fibre be received.

OM3.2 Minutes of Meeting No. OM2 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 7 February 2017

The Board considered the minutes of OM2 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 7 February 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

Councillor Palmer requested an amendment to the minutes for clarification to item OM2.5 Anzac Day Commemoration 2017.

Resolved: Members D Sage / T Sage

THAT the minutes of meeting no. OM2 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 7 February 2017 as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and accurate record provided they be amended as follows:

OM2.5 (3) to read:

THAT Board Member Peter Presland represent the Omokoroa Community Board at the ANZAC Day Service at Omokoroa on 25 April 2017.

OM3.3 Chairperson's Report

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 27 February 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

OM3.3.1 Greenwater - Recycling

The Chairperson advised that the Omokoroa Information Day planned for April/May would ask residents what they wanted in regard to greenwaste and future waste management on the peninsula.

OM3.3.2 Community Information Day

The Omokoroa Community Information Day would address the following topics:

- Outdoor parks, reserves - Coastal harbour access
- Omokoroa Domain Playground Upgrade
- Reserve plans and sportsground playground design
- Infrastructure, services – Industrial zone review, Waste Management and Minimisation Plan/Greenwaste facilities, town centre and community hub development
- Information on cell towers, ultra fast broadband, walkways and cycleways.

OM3.3.3 Improvement to Omokoroa Ferry Ramp

The Board received a letter from the Omokoroa Boat Club outlining concerns relating to the Omokoroa Boat Ramp, inadequate parking in the boat trailer park and increasing ferry congestion at Omokoroa.

Staff had provided a summary reply to the concerns and this information would be advised to the Omokoroa Boat Club in a reply letter from the Board.

OM3.3.4 Installation of Temporary Bus Shelter

The Board received information from the Transportation Infrastructure Manager relating to the viability of installing a temporary bus shelter at the Omokoroa Road/ State Highway Two intersection. He also advised that he had received feedback from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's public transport staff that their bus drivers were not supportive of undertaking two right turn crossing manoeuvres when leaving the park and ride bus stop during the morning commute.

A site inspection noted that power lines were located directed above the suggested site for a temporary bus shelter and clearance would be an issue for the power authority. Any future permanent bus shelter to support public transport services would match the size and style of existing bus shelters along Omokoroa Road.

The Board noted that the Bay of Plenty Regional Council public transport service was contracted to serve the community and it was suggested that it could be effective for the Community Board to address the Public Transport Committee collectively and speak during the public forum section of a future meeting to outline the needs of the community in the request for a shelter and better driver service to provide an interim solution in light of the proposed development at the Omokoroa Road/State Highway Two intersection.

The Chairperson advised that he would contact Ms Badger who had first raised this matter with the Board and outline the next steps the Board would take in trying to find an interim solution for this item.

The Transportation Infrastructure Manager advised that he would assist the Board with their address to the Public Transport Committee.

OM3.3.5 **Letter to the Editor - Omokoroa Omelette**

The Chairperson advised that he had replied directly to the writer of a recent letter published in the Omokoroa Omelette that raised a number of questions about financial contributions to the Cycleways and Walkways and contributions to the development and maintenance of roads at Omokoroa.

A copy of the Chairpersons reply had also been sent to the Omokoroa Omelette.

OM3.3.6 **Community Organisation Reports**

Settlers Hall Committee

Member Teresa Sage advised that the Settlers Hall Committee had recently committed to have some general upgrade work at the Settlers Hall undertaken.

Omokoroa Sport and Recreation

Member Presland advised that the next meeting of the Omokoroa Sport and Recreation Society was scheduled to be held on 21 March 2017. The account for the architectural drawings for the preliminary design for the new sports pavilion had been paid. (As per Reference 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 Sports Ground".

Western Bay Safer Communities Forum

The Chairperson advised that he had attended the last Western Bay Safer Communities Forum held at Katikati.

OM3.3.7 Community Development Plan

Members of the Board had met with staff and members of the Community Development Plan Review Team in February and discussed a go-forward strategy for the review of the Omokoroa Community Development Plan.

There had been some confusion in that there had been an expectation that items in the community development plan automatically went forward to the Long Term Plan for action. This had now been clarified and work on the plan was continuing.

OM3.3.8 Long Term Plan

The Board would continue to engage with the community to ensure feedback is relayed to the Long Term Plan.

OM3.3.9 Training and Conferences for Elected Members

The Board was advised that the Local Government New Zealand Community Boards 2017 Conference would be held in Methven from 11-13 May 2017.

Resolved: Members D Sage / P Presland

THAT the Omokoroa Community Board approve the attendance of the Omokoroa Community Board members Murray Grainger and Teresa Sage at the Local Government New Zealand Community Board Conference to be held at Methven on 11-13 May 2017 funded from the Omokoroa Community Board Contingency Account.

Resolved: Members T Sage / D Sage

THAT the Omokoroa Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 27 February 2017 is received.

OM3.4 Councillor's Report

Councillor Palmer made a verbal report to the Board noting the following items:

- Rentals for Encroachment on Council land
- Setting of land rentals for club building on Council land

- Review of the Council Matching Fund and the Facilities in the Community Fund

Resolved: Members Grainger / T Sage

THAT the report from Councillor Palmer dated 2 March 2017 be received.

OM3.5 **Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa - March 2017**

The Board considered a report from Deputy Chief Executive dated 15 February 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

OM3.5.1 **Omokoroa Stormwater Model**

The Board was advised that a model was currently being built. The completed model would be included in the next Infrastructure Services Report for the next Community Board meeting.

OM3.5.2 **Worm Composting Workshop**

The Board was advised that a Worm Composting Workshop had been arranged to be held in the Omokoroa Community Church Hall on Saturday 27 May 2017 starting at 1.00pm.

8.51pm Board Member Presland withdrew from the meeting.

OM3.5.3 **Omokoroa Road Construction**

The Board noted that the Omokoroa Road Construction from the State Highway to the Railway had been split into two phases, with the first being Prole Road to the Railway to accommodate development timing, with the second being from Prole Road to State Highway Two which would be undertaken during the 2017/18 earthworks season.

The Transportation Infrastructure Manager advised that contractor had requested that the second phase of earthworks be moved into the current construction season if resources became available

Board Members noted that they supported a proactive view to get the required roundabout installed on Omokoroa Road and were advised that roading staff would further discuss construction options regarding this with the Board.

Resolved: Members Grainger / T Sage

THAT the Deputy Chief Executive report dated 15 February 2017 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa - March 2017 be received.

OM3.5.4 Proposed Western Avenue Parking Bays

At the Community Board meeting held on 7 February 2017, the Board received a report on the proposed installation of parking bays on Western Avenue in the vicinity of the Omokoroa Road intersection.

A resolution was passed that the recommendation to install the sealed parking bays on Western Avenue lie on the table and the Board requested a further report to address the concerns raised by the Board and find a way forward for a decision to be reached in this proposal.

The Board received the additional report and following discussion with the Deputy Chief Executive felt that a better solution was to repair the scoured out berm area by levelling, scarifying and grassing the area after the Stage 3 construction of the Skate Path was completed. The on-site car parking construction should then proceed in conjunction with the overall reserve management plan review for the Western Avenue Sports Ground.

Resolved: Members Grainger / D Sage

- 1. THAT the proposed installation of sealed parking bays on Western Avenue not proceed.*
- 2. THAT the bare area of Council berm be levelled and re-grassed following construction of stage 3 of the skate path and the advancement of the on-site car park on the Western Avenue sports ground be a priority in conjunction with the development children's playground area.*

A report on the progress of the Board's proposal would be included in the Infrastructure Services Report to the next Community Board meeting.

OM3.6 Financial Report Omokoroa - January 2017

The Board considered a report from the Financial Accountant dated 28 February 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members Grainger / D Sage

THAT the Financial Accountant's report dated 25 February 2017 and titled Financial Report Omokoroa - January 2017 be received.

OM3.7 Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings

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

Resolved: Members Grainger / T Sage

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

The meeting concluded at 9.22pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

M Grainger
Chairperson
Omokoroa Community Board

Date

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