

# Western Bay of Plenty District Council

## Minutes of Meeting No. OM7 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 29 August 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 Councillor J Palmer

### In Attendance

P Martelli (Resource Management Manager), I Butler (Finance Manager for Agenda Item OM7.3), and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

### Others

Two members of the public

### Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Murray-Benge.

**Resolved:** Member Grainger / Councillor Palmer

*THAT the apology for absence from Councillor Murray-Benge be accepted.*

### Public Forum

**Resolved:** Members Grainger / T Sage

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

### Tinopai to Lynley Park Walkway

A member of the public commended Council staff for the work undertaken in the development of the Tinopai to Lynley Park Walkway. The walkway was 'magnificent' and complimented by the excellent planting undertaken by volunteers from the Pirirakau

Environmental group. This was an example of a community working together to achieve a great outcome.

**Resolved:** Members Grainger / T Sage

*THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 7.03pm.*

OM7.1 **Presentation: How We Manage Stormwater in Omokoroa**

The Board was advised that the proposed presentation from the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Project and Design Engineer Team Leader in regard to stormwater management at Omokoroa would be presented at the next Community Board meeting to be held on 10 October 2017.

OM7.2 **Minutes of Meeting No. OM6 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 18 July 2017**

The Board considered the minutes of OM6 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 18 July 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Members Grainger / Presland

*THAT the minutes of meeting No. OM6 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 18 July 2017 as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

**Change to Order of Business**

The Chairperson requested that the next item of business be Draft Long Term Plan Budget – Omokoroa in order to release the Finance Manager from the meeting at the conclusion of this item.

**Resolved:** Members Grainger / T Sage

*THAT in accordance with Standing Orders the order of business be changed and that the item Draft Long Term Plan Budget be dealt with as the next item of business.*

OM7.3 **Draft Long Term Plan Budget - Omokoroa**

The Board considered a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 16 August 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

The Finance Manager spoke to the report and advised the Board that the Omokoroa Community Board Operating Budget for 2019 was not expected to be much different than the current budget approved by the Board in November 2016 for 2017/2018.

The Finance Manager explained the line items within the Board's operating budget noting that salaries were determined by the remuneration authority and interdepartmental charges were determined by overhead cost allocations.

The finance team would be presenting a first draft budget to the Council Long Term Plan workshop to be held on 19 October and it was important that the Board had their recommended Draft Operating Budget Figures for that meeting.

The Omokoroa Community Board advised that they would consider the Draft Long Term Plan Budget - Operating Costs at their next workshop and advise their decisions, for inclusion in a further report for adoption at their next Board meeting to be held on 10 October 2017.

The Finance Manager also advised the Board that they needed to give consideration to projects and funding commitments they wished to allocate from the Board's reserve account for inclusion in their Long Term Plan.

The Board thanked the Finance Manager for his attendance and clarification of the respective finance items.

**Resolved:** Members Grainger / D Sage

- 1. THAT the report from the Democracy Advisor dated 16 August 2017 and titled Draft Long Term Plan Budget be received.*
- 2. THAT further consideration of the Omokoroa Community Board Operating Budget be given at the Board's next workshop, and the recommendations made by the Board put forward at the next Omokoroa Community Board meeting for confirmation on 10 October 2017.*

#### OM7.4 **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 14 August 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

##### OM7.4.1 **Silica in the Omokoroa Water Supply**

The Chairperson advised that as part of the review of the Long Term Plan, ideas were sought on items and projects that could be listed as possibilities for inclusion in this three-yearly review of the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan. It seemed an ideal time to float the idea that a project to reduce the high levels of silica in the Central Zone Water Supply could be investigated. Council staff provided cost estimates for a Reverse Osmosis treatment plant and he provided figures from an American company for an Electro-coagulation plant that may have been about 25% of the capital and running costs compared to Reverse Osmosis. Unfortunately, at the Operations and Monitoring Committee meeting on 3 August the Council

voted seven to five against the possibility of investigating silica removal in the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan.

If the Community Board felt that this was an issue that was of sufficient concern to the residents of Omokoroa then the Board could include this topic in its submission on the Long Term Plan.

#### OM7.4.2 **Omokoroa to Tauranga Cycleway Bridges**

The Board was advised that the tender for the design and construction of the three bridges required between Omokoroa and Te Puna had been let with the expectation that all three bridges would be completed by May 2018.

The three bridges for construction are:

- Bridge One - Between Omokoroa and Plummer's Point (Mangawhai Inlet)
- Bridge Two - Between Jess Road and the wetland area
- Bridge Three - At the end of Jess Road and Newnham (paper) Road

#### OM7.4.3 **Cooney to Tinopai Walkway**

The community was very appreciative of the prompt action that Council staff took in response to the mud puddles that quickly developed once this section of the walkway was subject to bicycle traffic. Unfortunately, the recycled building material that was used for the base-course on this section came complete with many small pieces of plastic sheeting which replaced the mud with a pollution source ready to blow or be washed into the harbour. Once the extent of this plastic nuisance was appreciated, Council staff once again took prompt action and got the contractors back on site to top-off the path with crushed concrete thus burying the plastic pieces.

The Board commended staff for their prompt response to this unplanned and unfortunate situation.

#### OM7.4.4 **Combined Community Boards Workshop**

Members of the Board attended a combined workshop at Barkes Corner on 10 August. They were told about the current representation review process that was underway and that the existence and/or composition of Community Boards would be considered as part of the review process in early 2018.

Board members also received advice from the Finance Manager on the forthcoming Long Term Budget implications and presentations from the Community Engagement Manager, the Information Technology and Services Manager and the Group Manager Technology, Customer and Community Services.

**OM7.4.5 Community Feedback Long Term Plan Phase One**

The feedback from the Community Engagement events, email and online had been collated and presented to Council. The topics that surfaced in Omokoroa were not at all surprising: Library, cell phone coverage, high school, changing "feel" of Omokoroa, reserves, Domain parking, footpath over the railway, State Highway Two, etc. The Community Board would discuss these results in detail at a workshop before preparing a submission to the Long Term Plan.

**OM7.4.6 Heavy Traffic in Suburban Areas**

The Maketu and Te Puke Community Boards were requesting an investigation of options for the instigation of a Bylaw to address the problem of parking, and early morning starting, of heavy vehicles in their residential/urban areas. The Katikati Community Board had also had a few complaints about this issue. Although the problem had not yet manifested itself in Omokoroa, there was no reason why it could not occur in the future and this Board would consider supporting the other Boards' efforts to get a bylaw instigated.

**Resolved:** Members Grainger / D Sage

*THAT the Omokoroa Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 14 August 2017 is received.*

**OM7.5 Councillor's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Councillor Palmer dated 17 August 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

**OM7.5.1 Coastal Erosion Response Policy 2017**

It was noted that Council considered the draft Inner Harbour and Coastal Erosion Management Policy 2017 on 16 August 2017 and advised the renaming of the Policy to Coastal Erosion Response Policy 2017.

Consideration of the policy had been extended to accommodate late submissions from those people affected by the cyclonic weather events in April 2017. Formal feedback had been received from 46 people with additional submissions from Omokoroa residents.

Decisions relating to the policy would be released after next Policy Committee meeting to be held on 7 September 2017, with the release including a 'decision story' outlining the process and how Council came to reach the policy decision.

**OM7.5.2 Community Matching Fund**

Recommendations from the Community Matching Fund working group had been made and put forward for adoption by the Community Committee at their meeting to be held on Thursday 31 August 2017.

The Community Matching Fund was open to receive applications from 20 June to 20 July 2017 inclusive. A total of 46 applications had been received, resulting in a combined total of \$456,756.30 being requested.

The estimated total costs of the projects for all groups was \$2,148,282.00.

Three applications were suitable for the environmental portion of the Community Matching Fund (\$40,000) and a total of 24 applicants were awarded funding of varying amounts (to a total amount of \$60,000).

**Resolved:** Councillor Palmer / Member Grainger

*THAT the report from Councillor Palmer dated 17 August 2017 be received.*

**OM7.6 New Road Name - Omokoroa**

The Board considered a report from the Environmental Consents Manager dated 25 July 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Members D Sage / T Sage

- 1. THAT the Environmental Consent Manager's report dated 25 July 2017 and titled "New Road Name - Omokoroa" be received.*
- 2. THAT it be recommended to the Regulatory Hearings Committee that pursuant to Section 319 and 319a of the Local Government Act 1974, the Regulatory Hearings Committee adopt the following road name for the new road-to-vest arising out of subdivision consent S/B/11870 off Omokoroa Road, Omokoroa:*

*"Brendon Close"*

**OM7.7 Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa - August 2017**

The Board considered a report from Deputy Chief Executive dated 26 July 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

**OM7.7.1 Omokoroa to Tauranga Cycleway**

Board members received the echo counter data for the period 27 June to 27 August 2017 which showed consistent and increasing use of the new walkway/cycleway.

The trial 'glow-discs' installed on the first 60 meter boardwalk section of the walkway were proving successful and general impressions were very positive for the discs to be installed intermittently all the way along the pathway.

#### OM7.7.2 **General Emergency Management**

A question was raised by a Board member asking why the national emergency action phrase 'Drop - Cover - Hold' did not seem to be used in the same context (as for example in Wellington) in the Western Bay.

The phrase 'If it's Long or Strong: Get Gone' was more prominent in the Western Bay of Plenty District, and related to the possibility of a tsunami event following an earthquake. The attending Group Manager advised that as he was a member of the Emergency Management Group he would raise the question with the local emergency management educational officers and report back to Board members.

#### OM7.7.3 **Road Construction State Highway to the Railway**

It was brought to the Board's attention that the bus shelter at the Omokoroa Road and State Highway Two intersection park and ride area had a badly leaking roof, the guttering was full of leaves and some of the overgrown tree branches needed to be cut back from the shelter.

A service request for this item would be initiated.

It was clarified that when the new road layout was completed, a park and ride facility, with a bus shelter would be created on Prole Road.

#### OM7.7.4 **Omokoroa Footpath Priority List**

The Board asked that the footpath priority list (with costings) for Omokoroa, earlier offered by the Transportation Infrastructure Manager be provided to Board Members for consultation at their workshop to be held on 19 September 2017.

**Resolved:** Members Grainger / T Sage

*THAT the Deputy Chief Executive report dated 26 July 2017 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa - August 2017 be received.*

#### OM7.8 **Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings**

The Board considered a schedule of meetings for the month of October and November 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Members Grainger / T Sage

*THAT the schedule of meetings for October and November 2017 be received.*

The meeting concluded at 7.59pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

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M Grainger  
Chairperson  
Omokoroa Community Board

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