

# Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. OM12 of the  
Omokoroa Community Board held on 24 April 2018  
at the Omokoroa Community Church Hall  
commencing at 7.00pm**

## **Present**

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

## **In Attendance**

K Perumal (Chief Financial Officer), J Paterson (Transportation Manager) and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

## **Apologies**

There were no apologies to hand. It was noted that Member Presland was on leave of absence.

### **OM12.1 Minutes of Meeting No. O11 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 13 March 2018**

The Board considered the minutes of OM12 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 13 March 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Councillor Murray-Benge / Member Grainger

*THAT the minutes of meeting no. OM11 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 13 March 2018 as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

### **OM12.2 Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 5 April 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

### OM12.2.1 **Future Focus Meeting - The Omokoroa Intersection and State Highway Two**

The Chairperson noted that the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan had come out before the Draft Government Strategy Transport Plan and it was important that the Northern Corridor proposal for State Highway Two and the Omokoroa intersection treatment proposal did not fall into any cracks at this stage.

Before the change in government the proposed works on State Highway Two northern corridor and the Omokoroa intersection were all but ready to go out to tender. At the moment under the new government, all proposed works were on hold. The Western Bay of Plenty District Council would be making a submission to the Government Policy Statement.

The Bay of Plenty Regional Transport Committee would be deliberating on submissions to the Draft Regional Transport Committee on 8 May 2018. Submission feedback would also be included in the Regional Transport Plan submission to the Government. The Government Draft Policy Statement on the state highway investment programme would be released in August 2018.

### OM12.2.2 **Open Air Art Group - Anchor Stone**

The Chairperson advised that he had had the opportunity to see the Anchor Stone sculpture in its current state as a work in progress and met with the sculptor. The finished sculpture, with incorporated Māori designs would be stunning when finally in place outside the Omokoroa Boat Club.

### OM12.2.3 **Access Way to Reserve Area Beside the Omokoroa Bowling Club**

The Reserves and Facilities Officer provided answers to the queries raised by Anne Sandel at the last Community Board Meeting (OM11) about anti-social behaviours in the reserve area adjacent to the Omokoroa Bowling Club on Hamurana Road, Omokoroa. A copy of the reply would be forwarded to Ms Sandel.

### OM12.2.4 **Omokoroa Road Works - Contractor Traffic Management and Consideration**

A Board member raised concerns regarding contractor behaviour and consideration whilst working on Omokoroa Road. There had been various traffic hold-ups and issues with traffic management when an influx of 600+ children had come into Omokoroa to use the playing fields for regular sports games.

Personnel running the sports fixtures needed to make sure they were booked through the Council and the Council staff would then advise the contractors of the programmed events.

From now and during the winter the junior soccer season there would mean a regular influx of traffic into the area for Saturday morning football and the roading contractors needed to be aware of this – as well as specific training nights during the week that may potentially create high volume traffic congestion.

The Transportation Manager advised that he would speak to the Roothing Construction managers to ensure they were notified of the pending events that would result in high traffic volumes to the main road into and out of Omokoroa.

OM12.2.5      **Submission to the Regional Transport Committee**

Councillor Murray-Benge congratulated the Chairperson on his submission to the Regional Land Transport Committee, which was well researched and clearly summarised the issues relating to the State Highway Two Waihi to Tauranga highway including safety and capacity improvements between Te Puna and Omokoroa and safety improvements between Omokoroa and Waihi and the Katikati bypass.

OM12.2.6      **Omokoroa Community Board Submission to the Long Term Plan**

The Chairperson advised that he had presented the Omokoroa Community Board submission to the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan to Council on 19 April 2018.

OM12.2.7      **Community Matching Fund**

The Board was advised of the forthcoming Community Matching Fund application process that opened on 12 June through to 12 July 2018. Community Groups would be encouraged to be aware of the opportunity to put forward an application.

**Resolved:**      Members Grainger / T Sage

*THAT the Omokoroa Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 5 April 2018 is received.*

OM12.3      **Councillor's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Councillor Palmer dated 10 April 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**OM12.3.1 Kaimai Reserve Management Plan**

Councillor Palmer advised that considerations relating to the Precious Reserve within the Kaimai Reserve Management had been withdrawn at this time.

A draft concept plan for the Omokoroa Domain was expected to be presented in the near future.

**OM12.3.2 Long Term Plan Update**

Councillor Palmer noted that, while the Boards submission to the Long Term Plan had been submitted, he quoted a number of projects that were listed in the Kaimai Ward Projects List within the Long Term Plan advising that if there was to be any change to priorities or funding from the Boards point of view these needed to be advised before the 4 May.

The final listed projects and allocated funding may be subject to some change when the Long Term Plan would be adopted on 28 June 2018.

The Chairperson advised that the recently adopted Omokoroa Community Plan outlined what the community wanted and the priority of those projects was yet to be confirmed.

**Resolved:** Members Grainger/ D Sage

*THAT the report from Councillor Palmer dated 10 April 2018 be received.*

**OM12.4 Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa - April 2018**

The Board considered a report from Deputy Chief Executive dated 9 April 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**OM12.4.1 Te Puna Wastewater Scheme**

Comment was made that the Te Puna Wastewater scheme project had been a successful Council project with the affected property owners informed along the way from start to finish.

**OM12.4.2 Omokoroa Sportsground Playground**

The Board received a copy of the draft Concept Plan of the playground to be constructed on the Omokoroa Sportsground, which had been circulated for community feedback. It was advised that the project may be split into two separate stages so that external funding can be obtained in which case the project may extend into 2018/19.

The Board noted that consideration must be given to the availability of parking in the immediate area in both the short and long term in association with the Western Avenue and Omokoroa Road proposed upgrade. The slope of the proposed playground site was also a concern relating to user safety.

OM12.4.3 **Omokoroa Cell Phone Tower Construction**

The Board was advised that the construction of a cell phone tower at Omokoroa would commence in the first half of 2018.

OM12.4.4 **Omokoroa Road Construction**

The Transportation Manager provided a verbal update to the summary provided within the Infrastructure Services Report.

OM12.4.5 **Application to Tourism Infrastructure Fund**

The Tourism Infrastructure Fund had been established "to protect and enhance New Zealand's reputation domestically and internationally by supporting robust infrastructure which in turn contributed to quality experiences for visitors and maintained the social licences for the sector to operate." A question was asked if an application to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund to provide financial support for local tourism-related infrastructure being local walkways and cycleways had been submitted.

It was felt that the ongoing development of the district walkways and cycleways were worthy of an application being submitted to this funding source.

**Resolved:** Member Grainger / Councillor Murray-Benge

*THAT the Deputy Chief Executive report dated 9 April 2018 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa April 2018 be received.*

OM12.5 **Financial Report Omokoroa - February 2018**

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 3 April 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Members Grainger / D Sage

*THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 3 April 2018 and titled Financial Report Omokoroa February 2018 be received.*

OM12.6 **Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings**

The Board considered a schedule of meetings for the months of May and June 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Councillor Murray-Benge / D Sage

*THAT the schedule of meetings for May and June 2018 be received.*

The meeting concluded at 8.18pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

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M Grainger  
Chairperson  
Omokoroa Community Board

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