

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Minutes of Meeting No. OM15 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 28 August 2018 at the Omokoroa Community Church Hall commencing at 7.00pm

Present

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

In Attendance

R Davie (Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services), A Cloete (Senior Policy Analyst Built Environment and Urban Design) and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Member P Presland

Others

Seven members of the public.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member D Sage

THAT the apology for absence from Member Presland be accepted.

Public Forum

Resolved: Member Grainger / Councillor Palmer

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

Proposed Footpath in Anderley Avenue

The Chairperson of the Omokoroa Country Estate Residents Committee introduced herself and attending residents. She presented a petition signed by 149 residents of the Omokoroa

Country Estate requesting that a footpath be installed on Anderley Avenue. The residents wished to see a footpath on Anderley Avenue constructed as soon as possible.

Anton Coetzee spoke to the Board outlining the need for the footpath, especially for the safety of residents in the immediate vicinity of the country estate. Mr Coetzee noted the following:

- The Omokoroa Country Estate contained 154 houses or units and had approximately 250 residents.
- The average people living in the Omokoroa Country Estate complex was near 80 years of age.
- Many of the elderly residents who want to walk to the commercial area had difficulty negotiating rough and muddy ground, and had age related mobility impairment such as limited sight and hearing which contributed to an unsafe situation when they were walking on the road.
- Many used walkers or mobility scooters which mean they had to be on the road. The road was getting busier with many trucks and vans now using the area due to construction in the immediate area.
- Residents did not want the installation of the footpath delayed for another winter.
- It was the view of the residents that the placement of the footpath should be decided by the Council engineering staff.

It was stated that members of the Board had been elected to represent residents of Omokoroa, and residents of the Omokoroa Country Estate would like a decision about the construction of a footpath in Anderley Avenue from the Board.

The Chairperson advised that he had spoken the Transportation Manager who had advised that the proposal was on hold pending the completion of design work on Omokoroa Road. The required design work would dictate the road levels and once these were confirmed then progress on Anderley Avenue footpath could be made to ensure that the levels matched up.

The footpath construction was part of the Omokoroa Road urbanisation project.

The Chairperson said that there were three separate parts to the Anderley Ave footpath. Omokoroa Road to Heidi Crescent, Omokoroa Road to Olivia Lane and the rest of Anderley to the bottom.

He advised that he had spoken the Transportation Manager who had advised that the proposal for the first two sections was on hold pending the completion of design work on Omokoroa Road. The required design work would dictate the road levels and once these were confirmed then progress on Anderley Avenue footpath could be made to ensure that the levels matched up.

The footpath construction for the two shorter sections was part of the Omokoroa Road urbanisation project. Funding had already been allocated for the Omokoroa Road to Heidi Crescent footpath.

Council had no preference as to which side of the roadway the footpath was installed but it made sense to use the western side of the roadway.

The Board was advised that a report on this item would be provided to the next Omokoroa Community Board meeting, along with costing and a proposed timeline for the footpath works.

Cooney Reserve Car Park

Mr Boyes asked if it was proposed to seal the Cooney Reserves car park. There was currently some soil/fill being put onto the reserve which had become extremely muddy as a result of the continuing wet weather.

Resolved: Members Grainger / T Sage

THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 7.20pm.

OM15.1 Minutes of Meeting No. OM14 of the Omokoroa Community Board Held on 17 July 2018

The Board considered the minutes of OM14 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 17 July 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members Grainger / T Sage

THAT the minutes of meeting no. OM14 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 17 July 2018 as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

OM15.2 Chairperson's Report

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 15 August 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

OM15.2.1 Possible Construction of New Service Centre on Western Avenue

The Board received information relating to the proposed new service centre attached to the proposed pavilion on the Western Avenue Sports Ground.

It was noted that options relating to the future of current library and service centre would be considered and it was the view of the Board that losing any community space was a retrograde step as replacing such spaces later was often difficult and always more expensive.

A workshop with Community Board members and staff to discuss options would be held on Monday 3 September 2018 at Barkes Corner at 4.30pm.

OM15.2.2 Omokoroa Sport and Recreation Society

The Board was advised that the following accounts had been received with a request that payment be made under prior approval; to draw on the allocated funding of \$100,000 (Reference OM9.4.2 25 November 2014)

committed towards the cost of architectural plans for the new sports pavilion on the Western Sports Ground.

- Lysaght Consultants (Invoice 4943)\$1,840.00
- Fluid Hydraulic Design (Invoice 0091)\$4,427.50
- Vulcan Fire Engineering (Invoice 0484)\$2,530.00
- Total\$8,797.50

OM15.2.3 **Community Groups**

Settlers Hall

Member T Sage reported that the Settlers Hall continued to be very busy and they were currently undertaking an exercise to ascertain who used the hall and how often it was used.

- Bookings were already being taken for 2019
- New Zealand Police representatives had booked the hall to undertake firearms licencing training
- Repairs to the bifold doors needed to be done
- The Annual General Meeting would be held in October and a call had gone out to the community asking for people to join the Settlers Hall Committee.

The Chairperson noted that the pressure on the use of the Settlers Hall was testament in support of not losing any available community space in Omokoroa as he reported in Item 2.1.

Omokoroa Policing Group

The Chairperson reported that the Omokoroa Community Policing Group had recently received some grant funding and were currently looking at securing a replacement vehicle.

Omokoroa Environmental Managers Group

The Chairperson advised that members of this group continued to undertake pest control on the peninsula and the success of this ongoing programme was evident in the ever increasing bird life thriving throughout Omokoroa.

OM15.2.4 **Omokoroa Community School - Planting of Cooney Reserve**

A recent planting day involving pupils from the Omokoroa Point School and members of the local community had been very successful with an excess of 400 native flax, shrubs and trees planted.

Resolved: Member Grainger / Councillor Murray-Benge

THAT the Chairperson's Report to the Omokoroa Community Board for August 2018 be received.

OM15.3

Councillor's Report

The Board considered a report from the Councillor Murray-Benge dated 20 August 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Omokoroa Domain / Esplanade Planning

Councillor Murray-Benge reported that planning for the redevelopment of the Omokoroa harbour/Esplanade and Domain was progressing very well. There had been a lot of input to work through and staff had listened to residents and members of the wider public and interpreted the wants and needs for the future of the area.

Review of Reserves and Facilities Bylaw - Horse Riders on Tuapiro Point

The proposed Tuapiro Point Horse Riding Ban had instigated a vast number of submissions, many of which were heard during the recent bylaw hearing held at Katikati. Many of the attendees were very passionate in the presentation of their submissions. While there was some work still to be undertaken on the outcome of the review, the willingness to make concessions by all parties had been very positive.

Representation Review

Submissions to the review process closed on 24 August 2018, with hearings to take place on Monday 3 September. Council would then undertake deliberations on the issue on 20 September. The final proposal would be publicly notified on 2 October and any appeals or objections up to 2 November would be referred to the Local Government Commission. A decision by the Commission on the representation proposals would be announced by 10 April 2019.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member Grainger

THAT the report from Councillor Murray-Benge dated 20 August 2018 be received.

OM15.4

Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa - August 2018

The Board considered a report from Deputy Chief Executive dated 13 August 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

The Board was reminded of the workshop to be held at Barkes Corner on Monday 3 September at 4.30pm to address any questions relating to the proposed Library and Service Centre development on the Western Avenue Recreational Reserve.

OM15.4.1 **Removal of Street Tree - 95a Harbourview Road Omokoroa**

The Roding Engineer (East/West) had advised the Board that he had received a request by the property owner at 95a Harbourview Road Omokoroa to have the tree growing on the road reserve outside his property removed. The tree was very tall and touching power lines and encroached into his private property. There were a number of large mature trees in the immediate vicinity and the tree removal would not impact on scenery in any way. The property owner intended to landscape the property after the tree had been removed.

The Board had no objection to the tree being removed with all costs for the removal being met by the property owner

OM15.4.2 **Omokoroa Signage - Proposed Map for Refurbish Noticeboard at McDonnell Street Library Omokoroa - Minute Action Reference OM11 18 2.4**

The Board noted that this Minute Action Sheet should be closed as plans for the new Omokoroa Library and Service Centre to be located at the Western Avenue Reserve had superceded the need for a new noticeboard at the McDonnell Street site.

OM15.4.3 **Omokoroa Sportsground Playground - Amenity Planting - Minute Action Reference OM14 18 6.3**

Board members sought further clarification relating to the statement that no amenity planting along the boundary with the Abron Development which was consistent with the concept plan adopted in 2014, and reaffirmed in the Kaimai Ward Management Plan adopted in August 2016.

Councillor Palmer advised that there was a budget set aside for the amenity planting, and the Board did not agree with the Reserves and Facilities comment.

The Board would seek clarification to this item at their workshop.

OM15.4.4 **Omokoroa Sportsground Playground - Minute Action Reference OM14 18 6.2**

The Board sought clarification relating to the re-sizing of the football field(s) (to accommodate the new playground area) and an assurance that football field size still met the official FIFA measurements.

Resolved: Member D Sage / Councillor Murray-Benge

THAT the Omokoroa Community Board be given an assurance that the size of the football field(s) were not compromised by the proposed installation of the playground area.

Resolved: Member Grainger / Councillor Murray-Benge

THAT the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 13 August 2018 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa - August 2018 be received.

OM15.5 **Street Trees and Landscaping Along Omokoroa Road**

The Board considered a report from the Senior Policy Analyst Built Environment and Urban design dated 26 July 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

The Board was in agreement that the amenity and natural beauty of Omokoroa be retained or improved as the town grew. The community had expressed a strong view for enhancing amenity planting through the inclusion of street trees. Omokoroa Road had been identified to create a boulevard effect.

As per the memorandum from Bryan Norton (12 June 2018), advising that the Titoki trees were struggling and were probably not suitable in a street environment. The request from the Community Board that the Titoki trees be replaced was supported.

Concerns were also expressed about the health of some of the Gingko trees. It was noted in the memorandum that three Gingko trees were bending towards the south-east as a result of the prevailing wind. It was therefore resolved that the Gingko trees be replaced by a more suitable tree species.

Resolved: Member Grainger / Councillor Murray-Benge

- 1. THAT the Senior Policy Analyst Built Environment and Urban Design's report dated 26 July 2018 and titled Street Trees and Landscaping Along Omokoroa Road 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 after considering numerous tree species, it was decided that all the Ginkgo and Titoki street trees along Omokoroa Road be replaced by Maples - Acer Palmatum 'Osakazuki' (see Photo 1). The Maple was selected because they:*
- Were more hardy and used by a number of councils as street trees. A number of good examples can be found within the Bay of Plenty.*
 - Deciduous and would therefore not block the sun during winter.*
 - Have beautiful colours during autumn.*

The section of Omokoroa Road between Western Avenue and Tralee Street is to be urbanised over the next three years. It will therefore be better to replace these trees after the completion of the urbanisation works. This will also include the replacement of the existing street trees between Western Avenue and the railway line.



The Maple theme was to be continued on the southern side of the railway line. These trees were to be planted during the next planting season (2019) after the completion of the current upgrade works to Omokoroa Road.

Landscaping and Screening Along Omokoroa Road

Landscaping / screening was to be undertaken in certain areas after urbanisation upgrades between Western Avenue and Tralee Street as per Diagram 1. This would include areas that are lower than the road alignment, e.g. along the Abron subdivision adjoining Western Avenue reserve. The consultants were still working on the detail designs for

the urbanisation, which would be subject to the location of existing services and proposed walkway/cycleway.

The bank on the western side of Omokoroa Road, between the railway line and Kayelene Place, would also be planted during the next planting season (2019).

Landscape /screen planting as per the sketch above would also be done on the southern side of the railway. The developer of Harbour Ridge had completed the planting along their subdivision.

Council was also looking into various options to improve landscaping the on roundabouts.

OM15.6 **Financial Report Omokoroa - July 2018**

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 7 August 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member Grainger

THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 7 August 2018 and titled "Financial Report Omokoroa - July 2018" be received.

OM15.7 **Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings**

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

Resolved: Members T Sage / Grainger

THAT the schedule of meetings for September and October 2018 be received.

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

M Grainger
Chairperson
Omokoroa Community Board

Date

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