

# Western Bay of Plenty District Council

## Minutes of Meeting No. OM18 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 12 February 2019 at the Omokoroa Community Church Hall commencing at 7.00pm

### Present

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

### In Attendance

K Perumal (Chief Financial Officer), K Elder (Governance Manager), A Hall (Roading Engineer West) and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

### Others

Nine Members of the public

### Apologies

An apology for absence was received from member D Sage.

**Resolved:** Member Grainger / Councillor Palmer

*THAT the apology for absence from member D Sage be accepted.*

### Public Forum

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

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

### Omokoroa Golf Club

Omokoroa Golf Club representatives David Hughes, Fintan Downes and Brian Currie provided a verbal summary of proposals to improve drainage and limit land erosion on the Omokoroa Golf Course.

Evidence of increased environmental damage from extreme weather events had prompted the club to implement drainage work that would ultimately protect and enhance the asset of the overall course. The speakers advised:

- Engineering consultants had provided drawings for the installation of earth bunds at specific risk points to the course that were subject to ongoing erosion and land loss.
- Council had approved a shared cost arrangement for the preparation of the resource consent applications required for the proposed earthworks to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.
- Additional Resource Consent from Council may also be required.
- Drains within the golf course were the responsibility of Council as part of the overall Council stormwater maintenance plan.
- The Club would work with Council in relation to the protection and development of adjoining reserve land and future walkways.

The Board was advised that Omokoroa Golf Club representatives would arrange to meet the Chief Executive Officer and the Mayor about the proposal in the near future.

### **Kapok Vine**

Helen Sim spoke of her concern at the proliferation of the Kapok Vine (also known as the Moth Vine – *Araujia hortorum*) that was particularly rampant throughout Omokoroa. The vine was very attractive with bell flowers and after flowering produced pear-like pods that produced a kapok pulp and many thousands of seeds that were easily spread and quickly took hold strangling established trees and plants.

To eradicate the Kapok Vine pest plant it needed to be pulled out as it would grow again if just cut back. It was suggested that the Bay of Plenty Regional Council be requested to undertake a publicity campaign to advise residents at Omokoroa about the pest plant and how it should be eradicated.

The Chairperson advised that there was a meeting of the Omokoroa Environmental Managers Group scheduled to be held on Tuesday 19 February starting at 3.30pm at the Omokoroa Point School and encouraged Mrs Sim to attend this meeting so she could speak about her concerns and ideas regarding this issue.

### **Toilet Facilities along the Omokoroa to Tauranga Cycleway**

A member of the public enquired if/when toilet facilities along the Omokoroa to Tauranga cycleway would be put in. Even though the cycleway was not finished or officially opened it was already very popular and there was a definite need for public toilet facilities along the current 19 kilometre route.

### **Omokoroa Road Urbanisation – Western Avenue to Tralee Street**

Concern was expressed that the section of Omokoroa Road from Western Avenue to Tralee Street and the intersection at Tralee Street was very dangerous and the planned urbanisation work needed to be undertaken as soon as possible.

The Roading Engineer (West) advised that the Omokoroa Road – Western Avenue to Tralee Street Urbanisation project was still in design phase with construction programmed to be undertaken in the 2018/19 and 2019/2020 financial years.

### **Maintenance of Grass verges on Omokoroa Road**

A member of the public advised that the contractors had recently mown the long weeds and grass next to the new roads and footpaths and left the area looking very untidy. The

Roading Engineer (West) advised that the Omokoroa Road roading corridor was maintained by Westlink contractors and levels of service for this area were still being developed.

### **Thanks to the Transportation Manager**

On behalf of residents in the immediate vicinity of Anderley Avenue, Mr Boyes asked that thanks be extended to the Transportation Manager for facilitating the installation of the footpath on Anderley Avenue. The footpath was well used and looked great.

**Resolved:** Councillors Palmer / Murray-Benge

*THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 7.53 pm*

### OM18.1 **Minutes of Meeting No. OM17 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 20 November 2018.**

The Board considered the minutes of meeting OM17 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 20 November 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Councillors Murray-Benge / Palmer

*THAT the minutes of meeting No. OM17 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 20 November 2018 as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

### OM18.2 **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 23 January 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

#### OM18.2.1 **Request for CCTV**

Board Members raised concern about the anti-social behaviours that were frequently happening at the Omokoroa Skatepath. The behaviours were problematic and there was a risk to the safety of young children who went to the park and the immediate surrounding area to play. Board members advised that the disorderly and anti-social behaviour had been reported to the police.

The Board wanted to see CCTV cameras installed in the immediate area as soon as possible. It was noted that Council had installed a CCTV camera to monitor the Esplanade Parking area for the purpose of monitoring carpark movements during the summer and the Board asked if this CCTV unit could be transferred to the Skatepath area as soon as possible.

The Chairperson advised that he had received a letter from the Community Constable acknowledging the work of the Omokoroa Community Patrol. The letter supported the installation of a CCTV camera at the intersection of Western Avenue and Omokoroa Road that would give the police "the

added benefit of managing pedestrian movement/disorderly offending/ensuring child safety in the Skatepark.” It was also suggested that CCTV could be part of future planning by the Council in managing the increased population growth in the Omokoroa area.

The Board was advised that the installation, monitoring and maintenance of CCTV was not a Council activity and that the Policy Committee would be undertaking a review of CCTV in the Western Bay later in the year.

**Resolved:** Members Presland / Sage

*THAT the Omokoroa Community Board recommend to Council that a CCTV camera system be installed as soon as possible on the corner of Omokoroa Road and Western Avenue to capture the view of the Omokoroa Skatepath.*

#### OM18.2.2 **Installation for BBQ at Western Avenue**

Advice was provided to the Board that the cost for a double plate BBQ with shelter over top would be in the order of \$15,000 with an additional cost of up to \$10,000 - \$15,000 for an electrical supply to the BBQ unit.

The specific location of the BBQ in the area would need to be discussed further in consultation with the Reserves and Facilities Manager and the item should be considered for inclusion in the future Long Term Plan.

#### OM18.2.3 **Postponement of Speed Limit Bylaw Review**

Council had planned to review speed limits on all local roads in the District to bring them in line with the speed limits determined by NZTA on state highways.

Board members were advised that Western Bay of Plenty District Council had put a hold on the review of speed limits on local roads, pending direction from the New Zealand Transport Agency on its State Highway (and specifically SH2) speed limit review.

#### OM18.2.4 **Various Bylaw Reviews**

Council was continuing with other bylaw reviews on traffic and parking, animals (excluding dogs), public places, nuisances, cemeteries, trading in public places and policies on gambling venues.

Proposals relating to the reviews would be out for public consultation from 18 March until 18 April 2019.

**OM18.2.5 Update of Omokoroa Structure Plan**

The Chairperson summarised items relating to the development of the Omokoroa Structure Plan and the proposed changes to the District Plan that would be presented to the community during an open day in June 2019 (date to be finalised).

**OM18.2.6 Travel Expenses for Submission to the Ministry of Education relating to the location of a secondary school at Omokoroa**

Within the Omokoroa Structure Plan and in relation to the location of a future secondary school and an additional primary school (as one of the key outcomes from the structure plan), the Ministry of Education had been working through various options and had called for submissions relating to the education factors of the plan.

The Board was advised that Karen Loten had been working on behalf of the Omokoroa community and would be making a submission on this topic resulting from a petition raised in the community with some 2000 signatures. As a submitter, Mrs Loten had been invited to present to the select committee.

Mrs Loten had recently moved to Nelson and, contrary to the expectation that the Ministry of Education submissions would be heard in Wellington, she had been advised that submissions would now be heard in Auckland. The change in venue would incur considerable expense to the submitter who would be attending the Ministry of Education select committee hearing on behalf of the Omokoroa community.

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

*That the Omokoroa Community Board allocate funding up to \$500 for travel expenses incurred by Karen Loten to attend the Ministry of Education submission process relating to the development of a new secondary school and additional primary school at Omokoroa, funded from the Omokoroa Community Board Contingency Account.*

**OM18.2.7 District Licensing Hearing Update**

The Chairperson gave a summary of the recent District Licencing Hearing that had been held over two days at the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Office at Barkes Corner relating to the proposed Local's Bar and Eatery at 168 Omokoroa Road.

The Chairperson advised that he had been granted permission under section 204 (of the District Licensing Act) to appear at the hearings and give evidence relating to the application.

**OM18.2.8 Omokoroa Environmental Managers**

The Chairperson advised that the Omokoroa Environmental Manager would meet on Tuesday 19 February 2019 at 3.30 pm at the Omokoroa Point School.

**OM18.2.9 Omokoroa District Sports and Recreation Society**

Member Presland advised the Board that arrangements for the Dreams Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band fundraiser to be held on 2 March 2019 from 3.00pm to 9.00 pm at the Western Avenue Sports Ground were in hand and ticket sales were progressing well.

**OM18.2.10 Settlers Hall**

The new fence that had been put up on the boundary of the Settlers Hall was greatly appreciated. It was noted that the children from the Toy Library at the rear of the Settlers Hall had enjoyed watching the trains go by and now with a solid fence in place they could not see the trains. It was suggested that some 'viewing holes' be installed to enable the children to continue their train watching activity.

**OM18.2.11 Installation of Cycle Racks**

Board Members were asked to provide a list of prospective locations for the installation of bike racks throughout Omokoroa to the Roading Engineer who would report back to the next meeting with designs and costs for the suggested placement of the racks.

**Resolved:** Members Grainger / Presland

*THAT the Omokoroa Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 23 January 2019 be received.*

**OM18.3 Councillor's Report**

The Board considered a report from Councillor Palmer dated 29 January 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

**OM18.3.1 Omokoroa Have Your Say Event**

The Have Your Say for the Annual Plan / Long Term Plan consultation event will be held at the Settlers Hall at Omokoroa on 23 March 2019 from 9am to 12 pm.

## **Future Waste Management**

Council has been considering its approach to Waste Management in some detail over the past two years. At the Policy Committee meeting on 13 December 2018, the preferred option was selected to progress towards public consultation. The preferred option sees Council take a leading role in the delivery of kerbside services for glass, recyclables, food waste (in urban areas) and general rubbish, through contracting out services. Council's identified preferred option includes:

- Pay-per-pick-up service for rubbish (weekly wheeled bin)
- Kerbside glass collection (fortnightly crate)
- Kerbside recyclables collection (cardboard/paper, cans and plastics 1 and 2) (fortnightly wheeled bin)
- Food waste collection in urban areas only (weekly- smaller bin).

The preferred option would also see Council look to establish recycling drop-off points in rural areas where a kerbside service would otherwise be unavailable. Council would also look to work with community groups and Tauranga City Council to establish a community-led construction and demolition waste recovery centre.

It was important that members of the community take the opportunity to give their views and input on any of the proposals and it was advised that the Have Your Say dates would be widely advertised through various media avenues.

**Resolved:** Councillor Palmer / Councillor Murray-Benge

*THAT the report from Councillor Palmer dated 29 January 2019 be received.*

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## **Anzac Day Commemoration 2019**

The Board considered a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 16 January 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Members Grainger / Presland

1. *THAT the Democracy Support Officer's report dated 16 January 2019 and titled Anzac Day Commemoration 2019 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 Omokoroa Community Board Members represent the Omokoroa Community Board at the ANZAC Day Service at Omokoroa on 25 April 2019.*

OM18.5            **Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa - February 2019**

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 25 January 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

OM18.5.1        **Beach Grove Road - Under Road Water Leak**

Councillor Murray-Benge asked for an update on the water leak that had been discovered under the road in the vicinity of Beach Grove Road.

The Roading Engineer (West) advised that he would provide an update on this item.

OM18.5.2        **Parking Issues in the Esplanade/Omokoroa Domain Area**

Board members were advised that during peak periods vehicles were parking in the trailer boat parking area, and this restricted vehicles with boat trailers parking in the allocated boat trailer parking area.

The Board was advised that a review of the Traffic and Parking bylaw was currently underway and this topic would be discussed within the review.

Councillor Palmer requested a report on the management of traffic and parking at the Esplanade Domain and Boat Ramp at Omokoroa during the summer period.

OM18.5.3        **Proposed Omokoroa Library and Service Centre**

Councillor Palmer requested an update on the status of the required resource consent process relating the proposed Omokoroa Library and Service Centre in conjunction with the new Omokoroa Sports and Recreation pavilion.

OM18.5.4        **Welcome to Omokoroa Sign**

The Roading Engineer was advised that the Welcome to Omokoroa sign needed to be re-sited to the best position in the vicinity of the corner of Omokoroa Road and Prole Road.

OM18.5.5        **Long Term Plan Priorities - Minute Action Reference OM16 18 2.3 - Playground path connection to the new pavilion building**

The Board requested that they be provided with a copy of the proposed playground path connection to the new Sport and Recreation Society Pavilion.



**OM18.5.6 Community Roading Account**

The Board will schedule a workshop to construct an itemised list of future projects that may be funded from the Community Roading Account to be reported before the end of the 2018/2019 financial year.

The initial future projects list would be collated for pricing and feasibility and if practicable included in the 2020 Annual Plan.

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

*THAT the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 25 January 2019 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa February 2019 be received.*

**OM18.6 Financial Report Omokoroa - December 2018**

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 18 January 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

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

*THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 18 January 2019 and titled "Financial Report Omokoroa – December 2018" be received.*

**OM18.7 Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings**

The Board considered a schedule of meetings for the month of February and March 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

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

*THAT the schedule of meetings for February and March 2019 be received.*

The meeting concluded at 9.28 pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

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M Grainger  
Chairperson  
Omokoroa Community Board

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