

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. OM19 of the
Omokoroa Community Board held on 26 March 2019
at the Omokoroa Community Church Hall
commencing at 7.00pm**

Present

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

In Attendance

M Taris (Chief Executive Officer), J Pedersen (Group Manager People and Customer Services) and A Alty (Democracy Advisor)

Others

Mayor Garry Webber and 8 members of the public

Apologies

There were no apologies to hand. It was noted that Chairperson Murray Grainger was on leave of absence.

Public Forum

Resolved: T Sage / Councillor J Palmer

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

A member of the public spoke of her concern relating to the following items:

Dog Control Bylaws – Compliance and Monitoring

The following points were raised:

- The Dog Control signage was contradictory and not clearly understood.
- Dogs were prohibited on the Domain between Labour Weekend and Easter Weekend yet there were many instances when dogs were frequently seen in the reserve during the peak summer holidays.
- One sign indicated that dogs should be on leads – another stated they were prohibited.

- There were more and more people about with more and more dogs.
- Many dog owners took no notice of the dog control signs.
- On reporting the number of dogs loose on the foreshore during the summer holiday period, a dog control officer advised the caller that they should take 12 photos of any incidents, then call back and work with the security firm undertaking the monitoring and control duties. This was an unacceptable response to an enquiry from the public.

Rubbish Not Collected Over New Year Holiday Period

During the peak summer holiday period the rubbish bins in the vicinity of the Domain were overflowing. The rubbish bins were not being emptied with the required frequency to cope with the volume of rubbish from the influx of people to the area. Either the bins need to be bigger or the collection frequency increased.

Water Quality and Increasing Number of Swans in the Harbour

A new resident to the area voiced concern relating to pollution in the harbour. As a daily swimmer the resident noted the increasing number of swans and wild geese in the immediate harbour area which were contributing to water pollution of the harbour and reserve foreshore. It was also evident that the wild birds were eating baby flounder in the harbour.

The concerns would be reported to Bay of Plenty Regional Council who monitor the water quality of the district and undertake the management of avian species numbers on harbours throughout the district.

Speed Limit on Omokoroa Road

A resident outlined the following concerns relating to the speed limit along Omokoroa Road:

- The Omokoroa Road speed should remain at 50km/h.
- The 50km/h was a safe speed zone for areas adjacent to where children gathered and played.
- The roadway needed to accommodate vehicles, heavy trucks, cyclists and pedestrians and was in places too narrow to accommodate a higher traffic speed.
- The noise of a heavy chip seal was much greater than a smooth chip seal and this should also be considered in conjunction with the speed limit along the roadway.
- Safety of our ratepayers must be considered and Omokoroa Road must not become an expressway for excess vehicle speed.
- Omokoroa Road was built as an urban roadway and not a road for the constant heavy trucks that were currently using the roadway.

Resolved: Councillors Murray-Benge / Palmer

THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 7.21 pm

OM19.1 Minutes of Meeting No. OM18 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 12 February 2019

The Board considered the minutes of OM18 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 12 February 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillors Palmer / Murray-Benge

THAT the minutes of meeting No. OM18 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 12 February 2019 as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

OM19.2 **Decision Report from Recommendation to Council - Request for CCTV at Omokoroa**

The Board considered a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 11 February 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

The Board was advised of the following points:

- Initial set-up costs were not just for a camera unit.
- Securing power to a CCTV unit could be up to \$20,000.
- Costs for ongoing monitoring and maintenance could be up to \$660 / month.
- Public notification/permission for the camera placement would have to be given.
- Terms for monitoring the camera footage would need to be developed.
- Technology changes and camera life meant any unit may only have a 3 to 4 year life span to be really effective.

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

The Board noted that the review may provide an overview of different options and look at how the management of CCTV units was being undertaken in other districts.

Resolved: Member T Sage / Councillor Murray-Benge

1. *THAT the report of the Democracy Advisor dated 11 March 2019 titled Council Decisions on Board Recommendations in regard to CCTV at Omokoroa be received.*
2. *THAT the request to install a CCTV system at the intersection of Western Avenue and Omokoroa Road be deferred at this time pending the Council review of CCTV in the Western Bay later in the year.*

OM19.3 **Decision Report from Recommendation to the Long Term and Annual Plan Committee - Omokoroa Community Board - Draft 2019/2020 Annual Operating Budget**

The Board considered a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 13 March 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members D Sage / T Sage

THAT the report of the Democracy Advisor dated 13 March 2019 titled Decision Report from Recommendation to the Long Term and Annual Plan Committee Draft 2019 – 2020 Annual Operating Budget be received.

OM19.4 **Update to Community Boards on Upcoming Consultation**

The Board considered a memorandum from the Policy and Planning Manager dated 13 March 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillor Palmer / Member D Sage

THAT the memorandum from the Policy and Planning Manager dated 13 March 2019 be received.

OM19.5 **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 4 March 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

OM19.5.1 **Project Spending / Priority List**

The Board noted the proposed project priority list within the Chairperson's Report and asked that this be further discussed at a Community Board Workshop to be held on Monday 8 April 2019 at 7.00pm.

OM19.5.2 **Annual Plan/ Long Term Plan - Have Your Say**

The Board was advised that there had been a number of interested people who attended the Have Your Say event at Omokoroa on Saturday 23 March 2019.

The Board would look at their submission to the Have Your Say process at a workshop to be held on 8 April. In the absence of the Chairperson a timeslot for the Board's presentation to the Have Your Say Consultation would be reserved.

At the workshop the Board would also give consideration to the proposed projects and include the placement of bicycle racks and additional BBQ units at Omokoroa on the priority list.

OM19.5.3 **Omokoroa Policing Group**

The Board received a copy of the Omokoroa Community Patrol Minutes from the meeting held on 13 February 2019.

OM19.5.4 Omokoroa Environmental Managers

The Board received a copy of the Omokoroa Environmental Managers Incorporated Society Special General meeting held on 19 February 2019.

OM19.5.5 Omokoroa Settlers' Hall

Deputy Chairperson T Sage advised that outside lighting around the hall had recently been installed.

The Hall Committee was discussing options for consideration in regard to the establishment of an after-school care facility within the Settlers Hall building.

OM19.5.6 Omokoroa Sports and Recreation Society

Member Presland reported that the 'Dreamers' concert had been very successful and the group had learnt a lot about event management. It was hoped that other similar events at Omokoroa would be organised in the future. Member Presland extended thanks to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council staff who had assisted in many avenues to ensure the event was as successful as it was.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council would be discussing the future options relating to event management for the District. It had been recognised that well organised events were very positive for our communities.

Resolved: Member D Sage / Councillor Murray-Benge

THAT the Chairperson's Report to the Omokoroa Community Board for March 2019 be received.

OM19.6 Councillor's Report

The Board considered a report from Councillor Murray-Benge dated 11 March 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

OM19.6.1 Omokoroa Sports and Recreation Society Dreamers Concert

Councillor Murray-Benge extended congratulations to Peter Presland and his team for the success of the Fleetwood Mac Dreamers concert recently held at Omokoroa.

OM19.6.2 Have Your Say Event at Omokoroa

Councillor Murray-Benge extended thanks to staff who provided excellent service and advice for members of the public who attended the recent Have Your Say event at Omokoroa. It was apparent that rubbish, waste management and recycling were the main topics of interest at the event.

OM19.6.3 Underground Power Lines on Omokoroa Road

Councillor Murray-Benge asked the Community Board to consider the issue of undergrounding power lines on Omokoroa Road between Western Avenue and Tralee Street. It was the opinion of Councillor Murray-Benge that overhead power lines should be undergrounded and Council should be requested to review their decision to not underground power along Omokoroa Road. Councillor Murray-Benge stated that she had been informed by the previous Omokoroa Community Board Chairperson that he understood the power lines along Omokoroa Road would be undergrounded and he supported this expectation.

The Deputy Chairperson advised the Board that this item would be further discussed under Agenda Item OM19.7.1 Pages 46 to 49 of this meeting.

Resolved: Councillors Murray-Benge / Palmer

THAT the Councillor's Report to the Omokoroa Community Board for March 2019 be received.

OM19.7 Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa - March 2019

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 4 March 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

OM19.7.1 Long Term Plan Priorities - Minute Action reference OM16 18 2.3 Playground Path Connection to New Library Pavilion Building

Board members noted that the original request for a pathway was to be for the playground path connection to the new pavilion building.

Concern was expressed that the proposed 2.5m wide footpath design would encroach onto the reserve (particularly in the immediate area next to the Skatepath) and questioned if the width of the path and the gradient contour of the ground would be negotiable for disabled users. It was also important that people using the car park were able to easily connect to the pathway and the presented design looked like the pathway bypassed the car park area.

It was noted that the section of pathway from the toilets to the new pavilions would be constructed after the new pavilion had been built.

The Board requested that the Reserves and Facilities Manager contact Board members with clarification of the design concerns raised.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member D Sage

THAT the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 4 March 2019 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa March 2019 be received.

OM19.7.2

Decision Report from Operations and Monitoring Committee - Omokoroa Road Upgrading

The Board considered a report from Deputy Chief Executive dated 12 March 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Power Pole Relocation/Undergrounding

Councillor Murray-Benge expressed concern that the undergrounding of power services had not been approved at the Operations and Monitoring Committee meeting held on 28 February 2019. The following points relating to the undergrounding of power were noted:

- If the poles had to be taken out for relocation – the undergrounding should be undertaken at that time.
- Undergrounding of power had been done on Prole Road.
- Previous plans relating to the development of Omokoroa Road indicated that power services would be underground.
- If undergrounding of the power was not done at this stage of the development, the look of Omokoroa would not be in keeping with the new subdivision developments that would have underground power.
- The aesthetics of a modern 'new town' did not fit with having overhead power lines and poles.
- Undergrounding was not requested just for aesthetics but the immediate surrounding new developments would all have underground power, so it was logical that this section of the main Omokoroa Road also have undergrounded power.
- To undertake underground power line installation retrospectively would be extremely expensive so it should be done when the main infrastructure services works were being done.

The Chief Executive Officer explained that it was not Council's usual practice to underground power across the district.

Any surplus funding would only be available if the application for NZTA subsidy funding was successful. At this time there was no guarantee that the subsidy application would be successful. If the funding was not received then either the project would be reduced in scope, deferred or finco/Council funding would have to be increased.

The funding source for undergrounding would be dictated by the Omokoroa Road strategic funding model. This was made up of Omokoroa

Roading and rural roading fincos, roading rates and strategic roading funding to attain the full cost of \$550,000 required for undergrounding.

The Board requested clarification of the Council operational practice relating to overhead / underground power installation across the district.

The Board would further discuss the concerns raised relating to not undergrounding power on Omokoroa Road at their next workshop to be held on Monday 8 April 2019.

Resolved: Members T Sage / D Sage

THAT the Deputy Chief Executive's report dated 12 March 2019 and titled Omokoroa Road Upgrading be received.

OM19.8 **Financial Report Omokoroa - February 2019**

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 11 March 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Member D Sage / Councillor Murray-Benge

THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 11 March 2019 and titled Financial Report Omokoroa February 2019 be received.

OM19.9 **Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings**

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

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member D Sage

THAT the schedule of meetings for April and May 2019 be received.

The meeting concluded at 8.33 pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

M Grainger
Chairperson
Omokoroa Community Board

Date