

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. OM21 of the
Omokoroa Community Board held on 18 June 2019
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 Councillors M Murray-Benge and J Palmer

In Attendance

J Pedersen (Group Manager People and Customer Services), A Hall (Roading Engineer West) and A Alty (Senior Governance Advisor)

Others

17 members of the public

Declaration of Interest

Members were reminded of the need to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest that they may have.

The Chairperson enquired if any members wished to disclose an interest in any items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest received for any items on the agenda.

Public Forum

Resolved: Members Grainger / Sage

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

Request for Council Permission to Lock the Entrance Gate to Cooney Reserve

Residents in the vicinity of Cooney Reserve had submitted a request for Council approval to lock the entrance gate at Cooney Reserve at night and unlock it early the following morning.

Dee Nottle presented a petition signed by 29 residents at the meeting which was accepted by the Chairperson, outlined the reasons for the request as listed below:

- Residents had been concerned for some time about the disruptive and anti-social behaviour from young drivers doing wheelies in the reserve at all hours of the day and night.
- Suspected and observed drug dealing and drinking.
- Many of the nearby residents were elderly, lived on their own.
- There were families with young children in the immediate area.
- Residents in the immediate vicinity often felt unsafe and vulnerable.

Dee Nottle advised that the gate had been locked at night and unlocked in the morning for some months now and the reserve had become a quiet, safe and peaceful area.

A member of the public advised the he had stayed in a camper van at Cooney Reserve and other campers had commented on the security and peacefulness of the area as a result of the access way being locked and unlocked at the specified times.

A community patrol member noted that before the reserve area was being locked, night patrol members had been advised to stay away from the reserve as it was unsafe if quick access was required in threatening situation.

A roster was currently in place to ensure the reserve entrance gate was locked and unlocked at the designated times and this was working well. The suggested times for locking the gate were as tabulated below:

Summer	Locked	Unlocked
1 st October – 31 March	9pm	7am
Winter		
1 st April – 30 th September	7pm	7am

The roster list would be advised to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Contact Centre to ensure the contact person (as the key holder) for the Cooney Reserve Gate lock was always contactable when permission for this activity had been approved.

It was requested that approval to lock the gate to the Cooney Reserve (similar to the Omokoroa Domain lock and unlock system was managed) be given and that appropriate signage be installed on the gate advising the lock and unlock times for the Cooney Reserve.

The request would be submitted to the Reserves and Facilities Manager and a response would be sent to Dee Nottle and the Omokoroa Community Board.

Omokoroa Cycleways / Walkways

Allan Thompson extended thanks to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council for the cycleways and walkways that were being developed in the immediate area. They were being well used and were very popular, especially on the weekends. The cycleways/walkways were a fantastic initiative and many people looked forward to the full completion of the planned routes.

It was requested that an online map on our Council website showing the cycleways/walkways of the Western Bay District, incorporating those of the Tauranga city area be developed to ensure a comprehensive cycleway/walkway guide that was easy to follow and readily available.

The Deputy Chief Executive Office and the Reserves and Facilities would be advised of the request for a comprehensive cycleway and walkway map.

Doggie Poo Disposal Bin

Thanks were extended to the Council for the installation of a doggy poo disposal bin in the Cooney Reserve.

It was commented that other daily rubbish was being left immediately by the doggie poo disposal bin and the Reserves and Facilities Officer would be advised of this.

Installation of Public Bus Shelter – Bus Stop on Omokoroa Road

Trish Winter speaking on behalf of a number of local residents, advised the Board that members of the public wished to see a bus shelter installed at the designated bus stop in the vicinity of the liquor store on Omokoroa Road.

Ms Winter was advised that a bus shelter would not be installed until the rehabilitation of that specific section of Omokoroa Road had been undertaken. Ms Winter noted that the shingle area immediately in front of the current bus stop was uneven, puddled (in wet weather) and was hazardous for many elderly patrons. The bus services were needed and supported by members of the community and members of the public needed to have safe access to and from the bus stop.

The Roading Engineer (West) and Transportation Manager would provide a report back to the Board on this item.

Dog Signage at Cooney Reserve

It was advised that the requirement to have dogs on a leash signage had been removed from the entrance to Precious Reserve. This would be advised to the Reserves and Facilities Officer and a service request would be instigated for the required signs to be installed.

Members of the public were reminded to ring the Council contact centre when they had any issue that needed attention by Council staff and contractors.

Resolved: Members Grainer / T Sage

THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 7.16 pm

OM21.1 Minutes of Meeting No. OM20 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 7 May 2019

The Board considered the minutes of OM20 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 7 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Grainger / Councillor Murray-Benge

THAT the minutes of meeting no. OM20 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 7 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

OM21.2 **Decision Report from Recommendation to the Operations and Monitoring Committee - Omokoroa Golf Course and Precious Family Reserve Walkway Erosion Funding - Project Spending to Consider - Pedestrian Bridge over the Railway**

The Board considered a report from the Senior Governance Advisor 5 June 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Member D Sage / Councillor Murray/Benge

THAT the report of the Senior Governance Advisor dated 5 June 2019 titled Council Decisions on Board Recommendations to the Operations and Monitoring Committee in regard to Omokoroa Golf Course and Precious Family Reserve Walkway Erosion Funding – Project Spending to Consider - Pedestrian bridge over the Railway be received.

OM21.3 **Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 31 June 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

OM21.3.1 **Omokoroa Public Art Group - Placement of Anchor Stone Sculpture**

The Omokoroa Public Art Group, in liaison with the Reserves and Facilities Officer (West) and the Roading Engineer (West) proposed a new location on the Esplanade/Domain Reserve area for the placement of the Anchor Stone Sculpture. The original placement site was found to be unsuitable due to underground utility services located directly underneath the proposed site.

The Roading Engineer (West) advised an alternate suitable location, along with several other suggested placement options. The Board requested the Roading Engineer (West) to ask the Omokoroa Public Art Group for their preferred location to install the Anchor Stone Sculpture and report back to the Board.

OM21.3.2 **Placement of Bench Seating Throughout Omokoroa**

The placement of bench seating throughout Omokoroa was progressing well with a seat design chosen and monies being pledged by various groups and individuals towards the seats. Once the total raised was

known a residents' group would suggest suitable locations for the seats to be installed by Council contractors. An application for \$13,700 had been lodged for consideration by the Community Matching Fund.

OM21.3.3 **Installation of Bike Racks throughout Omokoroa**

The Roading Engineer (West) would provide design ideas and costs for bike racks at the following suggested locations:

- Cooney Reserve
- Park and Ride area at Prole Road
- Esplanade – Café – Playground area
- Western Avenue Sport Ground
- Settlers Hall

OM21.3.4 **Omokoroa Community Response Plan**

Craig Hooper was in attendance to outline the work he had been undertaking to update the Omokoroa Community Response Plan.

OM21.3.5 **Caring for the Omokoroa Walkway/Cycleway**

The Chairperson advised the Board of an article he had placed in the Omokoroa Omelette requesting a response from volunteers interested in keeping the Omokoroa walkway/cycleway beautiful.

OM21.3.6 **Community Organisation Reports**

Western Avenue Sports Ground Sport and Recreation Society

Member Presland advised that all required building consents had now been completed and approved. The start date for the construction of the new pavilion would be 16 July 2019 with completion date projected to be 31 March 2020.

On behalf of the Omokoroa Sport and Recreation Society Member Presland extended thanks to the Deputy Chief Engineer and the Strategic Property Manager for their assistance and work undertaken to bring the proposal to this stage.

The Board was advised of the current funding status for the project noting that fund raising for the new pavilion was continuing.

Resolved: Members Grainger / T Sage

THAT the Omokoroa Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 31 June 2019 be received.

Change to Order of Business

The Chairperson requested that the next item of business be consideration of the Community Board Grant Application from the Omokoroa Community Garden group.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member Grainger

THAT in accordance with Standing Orders the order of business be changed and that the item Community Board Grant Application from the Omokoroa Community Garden group be dealt with as the next item of business.

OM21.4 **Community Board Grant Application - June 2019**

The Board considered a report from the Senior Governance Advisor dated 5 June 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

The Board received an application for funding from the Omokoroa Community Garden Group and with the Chairperson's permission Rick Peers spoke about the vision of the proposed community garden at the Omokoroa Point School.

Jean Furness, from the Omokoroa Community Church outlined the concept of the wrap around community services, food bank and social interactive services that would benefit from the proposed community garden concept, as ultimately being for the community by the community.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member D Sage

1. *THAT the report from the Democracy Advisor dated 5 June 2019 and titled Omokoroa Community Grant Application – June 2019 be received.*
2. *THAT the Omokoroa Community Board approve the following grant to be funded from the Omokoroa Community Grants 2018/2019 account subject to all accountabilities being met.*

<i>Omokoroa Community Garden</i>	<i>\$3,900.00</i>
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OM21.5 **Councillor's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Councillor Murray-Benge dated 6 June 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

2019 Triennial Elections

At the Council meeting held on 18 April 2019 Council resolved that for the 2019 triennial elections nominees names listed on voting papers in pseudo-random order (as done in previous elections).

Review of CCTV Policy CCTV

A review of the CCTV policy would be undertaken later in the year. The Board would be advised of the outcome of the review.

NZ Transport Agency Upgrades

There had been no updates relating to upgrades to the Omokoroa interchange and the State Highway 2 northern corridor which in turn would relieve pressure on Te Puna, Wairoa Bridge and Cambridge Road.

Annual Plan

Council would adopt the Annual Plan on Wednesday 26 June 2019.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member T Sage

THAT the report from Councillor Murray-Benge dated 6 June 2019 be received.

OM21.6 Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa - June 2019

The Board considered a report from Deputy Chief Executive dated 24 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

OM21.6.1 Emergency Management - Update of the Omokoroa Community Response

Craig Hooper was in attendance and spoke to his report that had been received by the Community Board at their meeting held on 7 May 2019.

Mr Hooper outlined his views regarding deficiencies in the planning needed to develop and maintain a working plan for the Omokoroa Community Response Team. Within his report he outlined recommendations to upgrade what was needed to achieve a responsible, responsive and active community response team for Omokoroa.

It was clarified that the overall management of Civil Defence operations was overseen by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. In order to progress an updated plan for the Omokoroa Community Response Team, a meeting between Mr Hooper and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer would be arranged.

The Board noted that the statement within the Infrastructure Service Report relating to Emergency Management was incorrect. The Omokoroa Community Response Plan was in the early stages of being updated.

OM21.6.2 Omokoroa to Tauranga Cycleway**- Lynley to Railway**

The Lynley Park to the railway cycleway route continued to be reported with no change to the delays due to further information required by Heritage New Zealand. The Board would like a report on the reasons for the delay.

- Bridge across the Mangawhai Inlet

Board members noted that the Bridge across the Mangawhai inlet was completed and already well used even though it had not been officially opened.

OM21.6.3 Omokoroa Sportsground Playground - Amenity Planting - Minute Action Reference OM14.18 6.3

Councillor Palmer suggested that the feedback about the proposed planting plan from adjoining property owners to the sportsground may be difficult as a majority of the properties were rented.

OM21.6.4 Installation of BBQ at Western Avenue Sportsground

The Chairperson advised that a wheelchair friendly standard design BBQ with a 4m long shelter was proposed for installation in the vicinity of the semi circle by the water fountain at the Western Avenue Sportsground. Full costings for the BBQ unit, the shelter and the required power supply will be advised to the Board.

Resolved: Members Grainger / T Sage

THAT the Deputy Chief Executive report dated 24 May 2019 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa June 2019 be received.

OM21.7 Financial Report Omokoroa - April 2019

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 24 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member D Sage

THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 24 May 2019 and titled Financial Report Omokoroa April 2019 be received.

OM21.8 Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings

The Board considered a schedule of meetings for the month of June, July and August as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Members T Sage / Grainger

THAT the schedule of meetings for June, July and August 2019 be received.

The meeting concluded at 8.37 pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

M Grainger
Chairperson
Omokoroa Community Board

Date

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