

# Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. OM22 of the  
Omokoroa Community Board held on 30 July 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**

P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager), A Hall (Roading Engineer West) and A Alty (Senior Governance Advisor)

## **Others**

5 members of the public  
Mayor Garry Webber

## **Declarations 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.

Members were advised that if they had an interest (actual, potential, perceived, pecuniary or non pecuniary interest) in any item on the agenda, then they must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table for the item. (As per the Local Authorities (Members' Interest) Act 1968).

There were no declarations of interest declared by members in relation to any items on the agenda.

## **Public Forum**

**Resolved:** Councillor Palmer / Member D Sage

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

The Chairperson outlined the protocols relating to the Public Forum section of the meeting as set out in the Standing Orders for the Omokoroa Community Board. Attending members of the public were invited to take part in the Public Forum.

### **Litter along Omokoroa Road**

A member of the public noted her concerns with the increasing amount of litter now appearing along Omokoroa Road. In view of the increasing population of the peninsula, it seemed that it was inevitable that roadside rubbish would increase but it was totally unacceptable.

It was suggested that inquiry be made as to how roadside littering was managed by the Hauraki District Council who had instigated a substantial fine for anyone caught littering and Western Bay of Plenty District Council should do the same.

Staff would make inquiries regarding how roadside littering was managed by the Hauraki District Council and report back to the Board.

### **Thanks to the Omokoroa Community Board**

Jim Boyes extended thanks to Murray Grainger and members of the Omokoroa Community Board for their service to the community over the past three years. He particularly acknowledged the stewardship of the Chairperson for his understanding, consideration, generosity and commitment to the Omokoroa Community.

**Resolved:** Members Grainger / T Sage

*THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 7.07 pm.*

#### **OM22.1 Minutes of Meeting No. OM21 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 18 June 2019**

The Board considered the minutes of OM22 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 18 June 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

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

*THAT the minutes of meeting no. OM21 of the Omokoroa Community Board held on 18 June 2019 as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

#### **OM22.2 Chairperson's Report**

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson dated 15 July 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

#### **OM22.2.1 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) have agreed on a location

in the Domain Reserve area for the placement of the Anchor Stone Sculpture.

The foundation requirements were being reworked and the Anchor Stone Sculpture would be put in place as soon as practicable, subject to the availability of contractors.

**Resolved:** Members Grainger / T Sage

*THAT the Omokoroa Community Board agree to the siting of the anchor stone just past the high tide mark between the footpath and the beach on the Omokoroa Domain on the beach side of the walk way/cycle path.*

#### OM22.2.2 **Omokoroa Public Art Group - Request to Cede Ownership of public art to Council**

The Board received a letter from the Omokoroa Public Art Group advising that they wished to cede ownership of all current and future public artworks on the Omokoroa Peninsula to Council.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager clarified that ceding ownership of any current and future art works would not stop future art work projects being put forward.

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

*That the Omokoroa Community Board approve of the request from the Omokoroa Public Art Group to cede the ownership of all current and future public artworks on the Omokoroa Peninsula and make a recommendation to Council requesting that Council adopt the request.*

#### OM22.2.3 **Placement of Bench Seating Throughout Omokoroa**

The Chairperson advised that there had been an amazing response from the community to a request for public seating funding with over \$20,000 pledged. Unfortunately the installation costs of the seats would be higher than expected but this would depend on the exact final arrangement for each seat. Some will be on concrete, others not, in order to blend in better with each specific location.

When the outcome of the matching fund request was known the exact number of seats would be decided. In the interim, a tentative location plan was being collated. Some donations had been made for seating in particular spots, and others were for general placement throughout Omokoroa.

A suggested location plan had been provided by the community and the exact locations would be determined by Council staff.

Council staff would ensure that the placement of seating would not encroach on any area that already had future seating plans in place. Some seating may be placed to take advantage of specific views, others may provide rest spots along walkways or best placed with parks and reserve areas.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that the seats would be installed as a staged project and the provision of a plan with suggested locations had been helpful to staff to plan the overall installations.

**Resolved:** Members T Sage / Grainger

*THAT the Omokoroa Community Board approve the installation of donated public seating (public funding raised for 12 seats) as a continuing project with the installation generally in accordance with the location plans provided and overseen by the Reserve and Facilities Management staff.*

#### OM22.2.4 **Installation of Bike Racks throughout Omokoroa**

The Roading Engineer (West) advised that the installation of 'iconic' bike racks throughout Omokoroa was progressing.

#### OM22.2.5 **Omokoroa Community Response Plan**

It was advised that Craig Hooper had been fully committed to the Le Quesnoy Museum project and would be devoting time to the Omokoroa Community Response plan over the interregnum period so that the update would be ready for approval when the new Board was appointed.

#### OM22.2.6 **Caring for the Omokoroa walkway/cycleway**

The Chairperson advised that so far 15 people had volunteered and an initial meeting for the group of volunteers had been held on 16 July 2019.

#### OM22.2.7 **Community Organisation Reports**

##### - **Omokoroa Community Policing Group**

The AGM of the Community Policing group was held on 20 July and members of the Omokoroa community who began the group many years ago, namely Glenn Whittaker, Carol Dodd and Tony Hawkins were acknowledged and thanked for their commitment to their community.

The Omokoroa Community Policing Group Community Matching Fund Application had been received. Final decisions relating to all Community Matching Fund applications for 2019 would be adopted at the Community Committee meeting on Thursday 1 August 2019.

- **Omokoroa Environmental Managers**  
The Omokoroa Environmental Managers Incorporated AGM was scheduled to be held on Monday 5 August, 1:00 pm at the Settlers' Hall.
- **Safer Communities**  
No meeting, nothing to report
- **Omokoroa Sport and Recreation Society**  
Member Presland advised that he and members of the Omokoroa Sport and Recreation Society had met with the Chief Executive and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Council three weeks ago and advised them of the status of current funding, applications for funding in process and a possible funding shortfall for the new pavilion project. He advised that a report would be presented to the Community Committee meeting on 1 August 2019 with a request that a recommendation be put to the next Council meeting to be held on 29 August 2019.

Member Presland acknowledged the support of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council as a partner in the project and advised that the society would continue to progress possible funding options.

- **Settlers Hall Committee**  
Member T Sage advised that members of the Settlers Hall Committee would be undertaking a general 'health check' of the hall building and advise Council of any required repairs and maintenance.

**Resolved:** Members Grainger / T Sage

*THAT the Omokoroa Community Board Chairperson's Report dated 15 July 2019 is received.*

#### OM22.2.8 **Clarification of Playground Cost**

The Board asked for clarification of the total cost of the playground, with a summary showing the Council and the Community Board financial contributions.

**Resolved:** Members Grainger / D Sage

*THAT the Deputy Chief Executive report dated 8 July 2019 and titled Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa July 2019 be received.*

#### OM22.3 **Councillor's Report**

The Board considered a report from Councillor Palmer dated 15 July 2019 as circulated with the agenda. Councillor Palmer highlighted key decisions in the recently adopted Annual Plan that affected Omokoroa. He spoke to the following item:

### **Rates Increase**

The overall increase for ratepayers for 2019/2020 was 3.1%. This included an inflation factor of 2.2%, therefore the increase excluding inflation was 0.9%. The inflation factor of 2.2% was based on the Local Government Cost Index which assessed the costs of goods and services supplied to local government and was different to the Consumer Price Index which had a significant food component. Because the increases were affected by changes in property values for residential ratepayers, the average increase was 2.9%, however for orchards in rural areas the average increase was 4.20%.

### **Roading Projects**

#### **Omokoroa Road Reconstruction**

Although Council had approved the \$7.2m project to reconstruct Omokoroa Road from Western Avenue to Tralee Street the project had been placed on hold pending a decision from New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) on providing their share (51%) of the funding. As NZTA currently had no further funding available it was unlikely that the project would proceed in the near future.

#### **Omokoroa Road Pedestrian/Cycleway Bridge**

A new pedestrian/cycleway bridge over the railway line had been approved for construction in 2020. The original brief for a pedestrian/cycleway bridge had been upgraded and it would now be designed to allow for light vehicle use during emergencies.

#### **Cyclepath Western Avenue to Kayelene Place**

The 314 metre long 2.5 metre wide concrete pedestrian/cyclepath to link Western Avenue to Kayelene Place had been approved for construction in 2020, with funding support from the Omokoroa Community Board. The project would involve two large culverts and considerable earthworks to get across the large gully.

#### **Western Avenue Upgrade**

With the decision to provide an interim library and service centre in Western Avenue and the significant subdivision taking place in the area Council would bring forward this project. Investigation and design would be completed in 2020 with construction commencing in 2021.

#### **Omokoroa Southern Industrial Road**

This \$2.3m project is currently in the design phase with construction expected to be completed in 2020.

#### **Recycling and Rubbish Collection**

This was the main topic for consultation in the draft Annual plan. 63% supported the option of a Council contracted recycling and pay by pick-up rubbish collection service. 25% supported the do nothing option. The Council decision was to proceed with contract documentation and procurement with a contract start date of 1 July 2021.

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

*THAT the report from Councillor Palmer dated 15 July 2019 be received.*

OM22.4 **Infrastructure Services Report Omokoroa - July 2019**

The Board considered a report from Deputy Chief Executive dated 8 July 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

OM22.4.1 **Installation of Bike Racks Throughout Omokoroa - Minute Action Reference OM21 19 3.3**

The Roading Engineer (West) advised that the installation of 'iconic' bike racks throughout Omokoroa was progressing with the installation at the suggested locations to be undertaken in liaison with the Reserves and Facilities staff.

OM22.4.2 **Omokoroa Road Bus Stop**

The Roading Engineer (West) advised that he had requested Council contractors to undertake repairs to the hard stand area immediately in front of the Omokoroa Bus Stop, opposite the Omokoroa liquor store on Omokoroa Road. The area was uneven and prone to puddling and dangerous for elderly bus patrons.

OM22.4.3 **Installation of BBQ at Western Avenue - Minute Action Reference OM18 19 2.2**

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 estimated for an electrical supply to the BBQ unit.

The Reserves and Facilities Officer had met with the Community Board Chairperson to identify the proposed siting of a BBQ on the Western Avenue Sports Reserve. Board members received copies of design styles and costs of BBQ's.

**Resolved:** Members M Grainger / T Sage

*THAT the Omokoroa Community Board confirm the installation of a (Christie model) BBQ and a 4 pole shelter funded from the Omokoroa Community Board Reserves Fund. The cost of power for the BBQ unit would be advised as soon as possible and included in the final funding. The Board asked that the BBQ unit and shelter be installed as soon as possible.*

**OM22.4.4 Omokoroa to Tauranga Cycleway**

The Board was advised that archaeological authority had been revised for resubmission with iwi reconsidering their support. Staff would arrange a hui to discuss and resolve issues of concern.

**OM22.4.5 Omokoroa to Tauranga Cycleway**

The Omokoroa to Tauranga Cycleway section to Huharua Park was opened on 20 July 2019. Over 400 BBQ sausages had given to users as part of the of the opening day celebrations. The Eco counters had registered 2,700 walkers and cyclists using trail during the first open weekend of the section across the Mangawhai inlet to Huharua Park.

**OM22.4.6 Completion of Anderley Avenue Footpath**

As the timing of the rehabilitation of Omokoroa Road was subject to NZTA subsidy approval, that may be at least three years away, the Board asked that the proposed Anderley Avenue footpath be installed as soon as possible. The footpath installation should be constructed to the proposed roadway rehabilitation levels to minimise any rework on the supermarket side connecting with the existing footpath.

**Resolved:** Members Grainger / T Sage

*THAT the Omokoroa Community Board Minute Reference OM6.6.4 (18 July 2017) Funding for Anderley Avenue Footpath be included in the current works programme to be undertaken as soon as practicable (in light of the Omokoroa Road rehabilitation Work being put on hold subject to NZTA subsidy approval).*

**OM22.4.7 Omokoroa Community Roding Account**

The Chairperson requested clarification of the Omokoroa Community Roding Account that was currently showing an over-spend of \$75,000.

The Chairperson and Finance and Roding Staff would meet to work through the Omokoroa Community Roding account and the updated Omokoroa Community Roding Account would be forwarded to Board members following that meeting.

**OM22.5 Draft Financial Report Omokoroa - June 2019**

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant dated 10 July 2019 as circulated with the agenda.



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

*THAT the Management Accountant's report dated 10 July 2019 and titled "Draft Financial Report Omokoroa – June 2019" be received.*

OM22.6 **Council, Standing Committee and Community Board Meetings**

The Board considered a schedule of meetings for the months of July, August and September 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

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

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

Mayor Garry Webber extended his thanks to the Board for their commitment to the Omokoroa community. He acknowledged the hours of work undertaken by elected members noting the achievements over the past 2016/19 triennium were recognised and appreciated by the community and extended best wishes for the future to all Board members.

The meeting concluded at 8.41 pm

In accordance with Standing Order 27.4 these minutes are authenticated as a true and correct record:

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

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M Grainger  
**Chairperson**  
**Omokoroa Community Board**

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**Chief Executive Officer**

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Date