

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. OP18 of the Operations and Monitoring Committee
held on 11 April 2019 in the Council Chamber, Barkes Corner, Tauranga
commencing at 9.30am**

Present

Councillor D Thwaites (Chairperson), Councillors G Dally, M Lally, P Mackay, D Marshall, M Murray-Benge, J Palmer, J Scrimgeour, M Williams and His Worship the Mayor G J Webber

In Attendance

M Taris (Chief Executive Officer), G Allis (Deputy Chief Executive), J Pedersen (Group Manager People and Customer Services), K Hill (Utilities Manager), P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager), B Williams (Strategic Property Manager), I Krus (Environmental Solid Waste Team Leader) and A Alty (Senior Governance Advisor).

Community Boards

M Grainger (Chairperson, Omokoroa Community Board) and J Dugmore

Others

P Clark (Specialist Engineer) and 7 members of the public.

Apologies

An apology for early departure for a funeral was notified by Councillor Murray-Benge. It was noted that Councillors Dean and Marsh were on leave of absence.

Resolved: Mackay / Palmer

THAT the apology for early departure from Councillor Murray-Benge be accepted.

Change to Order of Business

The Chairperson requested a change to the order of business to allow the presentation from representatives from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council to be dealt with as the next item of open business so the presenters could leave the meeting at the conclusion of the item.

Resolved: Palmer / Williams

THAT in accordance with Standing Orders the Order of Business be changed and that the item, being a Presentation from Bay of Plenty Regional Council be dealt with as the next item of open business to allow representatives in attendance to be released from the meeting at the conclusion of the item.

OP18.1 **Presentation**

**Bay of Plenty Regional Council
Water Quality Implications, Kaituna Diversion**

The Committee considered a presentation from Bay of Plenty Regional Council regarding Fresh Water Management and the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management and the Kaituna-Pongakawa-Waitahanui Water Management Area.

Nicki Green, Principal Advisor, Policy and Planning and Pim de Monchy, Coastal Catchments Manager from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council spoke to the presentation covering the following topics:

- National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management
- Kaituna-Pongakawa Waitahanui Water Quality
- Resource Management Issues – Maketu and Waihi Estuaries
- Ecological Health in Maketu and Waihi Estuaries
- Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Bacteria, Sediment impacts on waterways
- Lowland Drainage and Land Drainage Canals
- High Biodiversity, Cultural and Landscape Values
- Ecological Health Indicators
- Reducing Contaminant Loading
- Kaituna River Re-Diversion and Te Awa o Ngatoroirangi Maketu Estuary Enhancement Project

The Chairperson thanked the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Representatives for their presentation.

Resolved: Williams / Mackay

THAT the meeting be reconvened in formal session.

OP18.2 **Yeoman Walkway to Park Road Reserve Feasibility Study Report**

The Operations and Monitoring Committee considered a report from the Reserves and Facilities Manager dated 19 March 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

The Chairperson advised that the attending members of the public with a specific interest in the Yeoman Walkway Feasibility Study be allowed to speak during this item, at the conclusion of the presentation from the Reserves and Facilities Manager.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager spoke to the Investigation Report for Yeoman Walkway/Cycleway Pavement Construction from Park Road to Uretara Stop-Bank (Riverlea Drive West) at Katikati.

The report detailed practical aspects and options associated with upgrade and forming an all-weather 1,305 metre long path for combined pedestrian and cycle use on esplanade reserves and recreation reserves at Katikati.

The proposed activity was consistent with Council's Walking and Cycling Strategy which was adopted in 2009, and with the adopted 2018 Katikati/Waihi Beach Ward Reserve Management Plan review. The relevant objectives/policies from the Katikati/Waihi Beach Ward Reserve Management plan adopted in December 2018 that relate to the proposed cycleway/walkway along the esplanade reserve between The Yeoman Walkway and Park Road Reserve, Katikati were identified as listed below:

Katikati/Waihi Beach Reserve Management Plan (Page 248)

Reserve Management Policy:

6.82.1 Continue to secure remaining areas of esplanade reserve around the Katikati Peninsula (as identified in the District Plan) to achieve continuous pedestrian access and harbour protection.

6.82.2 Where existing access over private land facilitates the coastal walkway/cycleway connection, seek to secure some form of legal formalisation of this access including access to Tutaetaka.

6.82.3 Manage the coastal esplanade for the protection of the natural character and wildlife values of the Tauranga Harbour.

6.82.4 Consistent with the protection of the above values provide for continuous pedestrian/cycleway linkage around the Katikati Peninsula.

6.82.5 Develop a walkway/cycleway between the Yeoman Walkway, Riverlea Drive Reserve, Levley Lane Reserve, Francis Drive Reserve and Park Road Reserve next to the retirement village.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that the report identified the practical aspects and options associated with upgrading and forming an all-weather multi-use pathway, and goes into some detail as this was required to ensure firstly, that the route was feasible to establish an all weather pathway and secondly to have a clear understanding of cost estimates.

The meeting was advised that at this stage no public or neighbourhood consultation had been undertaken in relation to the project proposals. Discussions had occurred with the local Katikati cycling and walking groups who initiated the cycleway/walkway concept a number of years ago.

Jack Ripley and Frances Young spoke to the meeting advising:

- It was important to fix up the dangerous areas of the walkway.
- The Birdwalk end by the culvert needed to have some urgent attention.

- Adjoining property owners and neighbours in the vicinity of the walkway were interested in what was proposed and needed to be consulted. They had ideas and it was important that a local perspective was heard at a consultation meeting relating to the walkway.

The Reserves and Facilities Manager advised that he was working with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and the land owner of the property at the end of the Bird Walk in consideration of the development of a wetland area.

Resolved: Williams / Marshall

1. *THAT the Reserves & Facilities Manager's report dated 19 March 2019 and titled Yeoman Walkway to Park Road Reserve – Feasibility Report 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 staff prepare an internal submission to the 2019/20 Annual Plan and Budget for the following:*
4. *\$50,000 for upgrade of the hazardous section of the existing pathway*
5. *THAT the committee notes that the proposed walkway/cycleway is*
 1. *identified in the following planning documents:*
 - *Walking and Cycling Strategy 2009*
 - *Katikati/Waihi Beach Reserve Management Plan*

10.30 am The meeting adjourned for morning tea.

Councillor Murray-Benge left the meeting.

10.45 am The meeting reconvened in formal session.

OP18.3 **Additional Opening Hours at Te Puke Recycle Centre and Katikati Recycle Centre**

The Committee considered a report from the Resource Recovery and Waste Team Leader dated 12 March 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Dally / Mayor Webber

1. *THAT the Resource Recovery and Waste Team Leader's report dated 13 March 2019 titled Additional Opening Hours at Te Puke Recycle Centre and Katikati Recycle Centre 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 the Committee approve the additional opening hours for the Te Puke Recycle Centre to operate from 8am to 5pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the cost implications of an additional \$29,952 per annum be absorbed within the existing operational budget.*

AND

4. *THAT the Committee approve the additional opening hours for the Katikati Recycle Centre to operate from 9am to 4pm on Thursdays and the cost implications of an additional \$36,636 per annum increase for additional staff hours required for the Katikati and Athenree Recycle Centres on Thursdays be absorbed within the existing operational budget.*

OP18.4

Omokoroa Golf Course and Precious Family Reserve Walkway Erosion Funding Report

The Committee considered a report from the Specialist Engineer dated 12 March 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

The Chairperson welcomed Peter Clark, the Council Specialist Engineer and writer of the report relating to the Omokoroa Golf Course. Mr Clark spoke to the report noting:

The current golf course site had originally been a swamp area and had been developed into a highly valued recreation facility.

The report outlined Council's proposed commitment to a joint project between the Omokoroa Golf Club and Council to consent and construct a bund, culvert structures and walkway/cycleway on the esplanade reserve that bounds the golf course.

The Omokoroa Golf Club had sought assistance for many years to mitigate ongoing erosion, salt water flooding, grass burn and sand deposition. Council had partially defined a walkway from Precious Family Reserve to Kayelene Place around the perimeter of the course. Unless works were undertaken to protect the walkway, this would ultimately be lost to the sea. The walkway was a key component of the Omokoroa Walkway/cycleway network and when fully developed would be a popular recreational route.

It was confirmed that the proposed works aligned with Council's current Coastal Erosion Policy.

It was intended that the nearby stormwater ponds would be cleaned and silt removed in parallel with the project, and that silt mixed into the Precious Reserve fill would result in a cost effective option for filling some of the required area.

The project was beneficial to the Council in that it would provide essential protection for Council assets, benefit the management of Omokoroa Golf Course and give benefit to the community at large.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer advised that final costs would not be known until the final design work was completed. Council consents for the project were in place and Regional Council consent was anticipated. As soon as all consents were in place the available fill would be able to be brought on to the designated sites.

Resolved: Mayor Webber / Palmer

1. *THAT the Specialist Engineer's report dated 12 March 2019 and titled Omokoroa Golf Course and Precious Family Reserve Walkway Erosion Funding Report be received.*
2. *THAT the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of medium significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.*
3. *THAT the Committee agrees to a joint project between the Omokoroa Golf Club and Council to consent and construct a bund, culvert structures and a walk/cycleway on the esplanade reserve that bounds the golf course and that consents, fills and re-contours the lower section of Precious Reserve.*
4. *THAT it be noted that funding for the project may include:*

• Omokoroa Golf Club contribution (confirmed)	\$250,000
• Omokoroa Community Roading allocation (subject to Community Board decision)	\$200,000
• Relocation of surplus material from the Omokoroa Pond 2 construction indicative	\$50,000
• Omokoroa Structure Plan walkway allocation	up to \$200,000
• External funding	Balance
5. *THAT the report be referred to the Omokoroa Community Board for confirmation of their commitment to contribute to the project from their Community Roading Account.*

OP18.5

Housing Action Plan Six-Monthly Progress Report

The Committee considered a report from the Senior Policy Analyst dated 19 March 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

The Senior Policy Analyst spoke to the report which was provided as a requirement of the Council Housing Action Plan adopted in October 2018. The Housing Action Plan aligns with the SmartGrowth Smart Housing Action Framework. The report noted:

- Strategic land purchase in Katikati.

- Healthy Whare Project - continuation to deliver healthy housing in Katikati. The project team was also talking to other communities with housing needs.
- Bay of Plenty Healthy Homes Forum Work – the Forum was developing a regional healthy homes programme, that would be able to leverage central government funding to improve housing quality.

Targets within the programme included:

- Affordable Housing
- Habitable Housing
- Accessible Housing

It was requested that charitable trust operation options for Council's pensioner housing be considered. The Senior Policy Analyst advised that a paper on pensioner housing would be presented to a Policy Committee workshop in the near future.

Resolved: Mayor Webber / Williams

1. *THAT the Senior Policy Analyst's report dated 19 March 2019 and titled Housing Action Plan Six-Monthly Progress Report 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.*

OP18.6

Infrastructure Services Report - April 2019

The Operations and Monitoring Committee considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer dated 26 March 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Utilities Manager, Strategic Property Manager, and Reserves and Facilities Manager provided updates on the following projects and issues:

Utilities

- Dumped Tyres at Junction Road
- Impact of Wet Wipes Ongare point Residents' Guide to Wastewater

Brochure

- Cross Country Mains Break
- Water Catchment Reserve
- Tuapiro Point – Wetland Development Opportunity

Reserves and Facilities

- Midway Park – Pukehina – Rust in playground equipment frame
- Pats Lane Cycleway Progress
- Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF)

Strategic Property

- Te Puke Dog Shelter
- Special Housing Area

- Omokoroa Library – First Floor Plan

Transportation

- Omokoroa Road Urbanisation
- Welcome Bay Upgrading
- Roothing Projects
- Cycleway Construction Te Puna

Resolved: Mackay / Marshall

1. *THAT the Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report dated 26 March 2019 and titled Infrastructure Services Report April 2019 be received.*
2. *THAT the Open Section of the Operations & Monitoring Committee Information Pack No. OP18 dated 26 March 2019 be received.*
3. *THAT the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.*
4. *THAT the petition received from Waihi Beach Ratepayers Association requesting Council to reconsider the decision and find a more suitable location for the KiwiCamp facility be received.*

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act

Exclusion of the Public

Schedule 2A

Resolved: Williams / Dally

THAT the public be excluded from the following part of this meeting namely:

- *Waihi Beach Wilson Road Bore Site WSZ3 – Land Purchase – In Confidence*
- *Te Puke War Memorial Hall – Request for Funding - In Confidence*
- *Infrastructure Services Report – April 2019 - In Confidence*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Waihi Beach, Wilson Road Bore Site WSZ3 – Land Purchase</i>	<i>THAT the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would likely result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.</i>
<i>Te Puke War Memorial Hall – Request for Funding</i>	<i>THAT the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would likely result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</i>
<i>Infrastructure Services Report – April 2019 – In Confidence - Property Negotiations - Contract and Project Updates - Waihi Beach Coastal Protection</i>	<i>THAT the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would likely result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.</i>