

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. OP19 of the Operations and Monitoring Committee
held on 22 May 2019 in the Council Chamber, Barkes Corner, Tauranga
commencing at 9.30am**

Present

Councillor D Thwaites (Chairperson), Councillors G Dally, M Dean, P Mackay, K Marsh, 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 Petersen (Group Manager People and Customer Services), K Hill (Utilities Manager), P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager), J Paterson (Transportation Manager), A Hall (Roading Engineer West), S Harvey (Roading Engineer (East), L Herring (Health and Safety Advisor), N Silver (Legal Property Officer), R Woodward (Communications Specialist), M Dowd (Chief Information Officer), C Lim Engagement Specialist) E Watton (Policy and Planning Manager), A Alty (Senior Governance Advisor)

Community Boards

M Grainger (Chairperson, Omokoroa Community Board) and A Sole (Chairperson, Waihi Beach Community Board) and J Dugmore (Te Puke Community Board Member)

Others

13 members of the public
1 member of the press

Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Lally. It was noted that Councillor D Marshall was on leave of absence.

Resolved: Murray-Benge / Scrimgeour

THAT the apology for absence from Councillor Lally be accepted.

Public Forum

Resolved: Murray-Benge / Williams

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

Kumikumi Road

Paul Mildren spoke on behalf of 12 other attending residents from Kumikumi Road who were seeking approval to have the length of 2.5 km of unsealed roadway along Kumikumi Road sealed. Mr Mildren outlined:

- There were currently 13 dwellings or houses on 14 properties along the roadway.
- The 14 properties consisted of 2 sections under 1 hectare, 9 lifestyle blocks, 2 farms and one station of 1551 hectare being the Poripori Farm Trust.
- Poripori Farm Trust was traditional Maori land with multiple shareholders.
- 39 residents of the 14 properties consisted of a mix of families, farmers and senior married couples.
- Of the 39 residents – 32 held a full drivers licence, two were restricted licence holders and one held a learners licence.
- A minimum of 62 basic car movements per day had been calculated over the road. This did not include various farm worker (quad bikes and tractors) vehicles, contractors, utility workers, contractors (shearers, stockbrokers, spray contractors, fencers etc) and general visitors to households along the roadway.
- Annual truck movements had been calculated at 6 wool trucks and trailers, 20 lime trucks and trailers, 56 livestock truck and trailer movements and 7 cull cows livestock sale trucks and trailers, 10 sheep and lamb truck and trailers, 23 fertiliser and urea truck and trailers, 26 fuel trucks and 100+ logging trucks.
- The total truck movements equated to 536+ truck and trailer movements per year coming off three working farms on Kumikumi Road.

It was noted that the Poripori Trust Station had some 100 hectares of pine forest ready for harvest. Entrance for the logging trucks would be at the far end of Kumikumi Road. Once harvested, the pine forest would be replanted which would generate additional farm traffic to and from the Trust Station.

When the weather was dry there was constant dust and home windows could not be opened, washing could not be dried on an outside line, collected rainwater had to be filtered, vegetable gardens were covered in dust. One child suffered from asthma problems. The grass feed for animals was unpalatable for animals when covered in dust.

In wet weather the road was muddy and corrugated with many potholes, and the water drained directly into the water course and stream below the road which then flowed into the Wairoa River above the Poripori water holes flowing out to sea. Silt blocked culverts and road erosion was exacerbated.

When problems on the road were reported to Council it took a long time for these to be rectified by the contract road maintenance team.

In conclusion, the speaker summarised that there was an excess of 50 vehicle movements per day along the roadway. The dust exposure to four homes and properties close to the roadway was unacceptable and one resident's toddler required medical attention because of

asthma. The quality of feed for animals in paddocks adjacent to the unsealed roadway was severely affected.

The degree of benefit of a sealed road would be:

- Safety of road users and pedestrians
- Dust exposure minimised
- Health and wellbeing for residents would be improved
- Vehicle longevity would increase
- The quality of pasture and stock feed would improve
- Silt run off would be minimised decreasing culvert blockage
- Silt run off to the neighbouring stream would be minimised.

Kumikumi Road users had seen other roadways sealed when the road seal had been promised in 1989 and was then dropped from the list. It was not on the present list for sealing work and residents just wanted it registered on the list and the sealing work done as soon as possible. The road was a good width with sweeping corners and good visibility so a good metal base with a cap of tar seal would seem to be a straight forward job. Kumikumi Road residents felt that roads with a less residents and vehicle movements had been sealed before Kumikumi Road.

The Chairperson advised that under the current criteria 23 unsealed roads had been prioritised for seal extension for the 2016 – 2021 period. Assurance was given that the list was totally transparent and Kumikumi Road should be included on the list from 2021.

Resolved: Mackay / Murray-Benge

THAT the meeting be reconvened in formal session. At 9.51 am

Presentations

OP19.1

Presentations

a) Proposal for Permanent Closure of the SH2 Te Puna Station Road Right Turn Bay

Nigel D'Ath of NZTA and Ann Fosberry from Aurecon Group Consultants presented a proposal to introduce permanent right hand turn bans to and from SH2 at Te Puna Station Road. The following background information was advised:

- Trials on Te Puna Station Road were undertaken in May 2018 and reported to Western Bay of Plenty District Council in August 2018.
- The goal of the trial in May 2018 was to test options to determine whether travel time benefits were achievable for State Highway Traffic if turning movements were reduced at the intersection of SH2 and Te Puna Station Road.
- Results had indicated similar/improved travel times between Omokoroa and Cambridge Road.
- Council requested further peak period bans on right turns into Te Puna Station Road from SH2 to collect additional data.

- A right hand turn had been in place since April 2019 to facilitate the Omokoroa to Tauranga Cycleway construction. This included closure for northbound (to Te Puna) traffic.
- 'Bliptrack' data had been used to monitor and record travel time and volume comparison data.
- It had been observed that
 - There was increased traffic using the Wairoa Bridge by Te Puna bound traffic
 - There was an increase in right turn traffic from SH2 into Te Puna Road at the Minden Road roundabout.
 - There was a 10% increase in Tauranga bound traffic volumes on SH2 between 6am and 7am from May 2018 to May 2019.
 - There was similar Tauranga bound traffic volumes on SH2 between 6am and 9am from May 2018 to May 2019.
- Data showed the right hand turn ban at Te Puna Station Road provided an overall average reduction in travel time of 2.7 minutes between Omokoroa and Cambridge Road.

In relation to safety the potential for "right turn against" crashes was removed. There was the potential for an increase in "nose-to-tail" crashes for left turning vehicles into Wairoa Road to access the underpass. Rear end crashes had a considerably lower risk of fatality and serious injury than right turn crashes.

Larger vehicles accessing Te Puna Station Road were diverted to the safe system intersection at SH2/Minden roundabout.

A question was asked why improvements to the SH2 Wairoa Road or Clarke Road entrance were not being considered. Nigel D'Ath advised that the Transport Agency was limited to the number of projects currently being undertaken. Due to funding restrictions it was important to assist the people who lived in the immediate area to see traffic moving more efficiently than it had been. Treatment options for managing traffic along Clarke Road were being considered and these would be advised through a consultation process with affected property owners. It was stated that SH2 was collapsing and the domestic off-roads from the highway were taking the brunt of drivers trying to avoid congestion spots and save travel time.

Councillors expressed concern that looking at traffic congestion areas in isolation would not provide the solution for something that needed to be looked at that covered the whole componentry of contributing factors.

b) SafeRoads Alliance Project Update from NZTA on SH2 Safety Works

Alister McCaw of New Zealand Transport Agency and Chris Farnsworth from Becca Consultants and Gary Budon from HEB Construction were in attendance for the presentation on the SH2 – Waihi to Omokoroa safety improvements.

Project Manager Alister McCaw introduced Gary Budon from HEB Construction who were contracted to undertake the safety improvements

along the northern corridor and outlined the following in relation to the project:

- The safety improvement work had been divided into ten sections with two separate contractor groups working on the safety improvements. One group would undertake work north of Katikati and the other would do the work south of Katikati.
- Road safety measures would include:
 - widening the road
 - installing wide centre line
 - installing safety barriers
 - making 26 intersections along the highway safer
- Contractors would try to maintain two open traffic lanes at all times during the safety improvement work.
- Median barriers would not be installed as part of the safety improvements within this project but the upgrade would accommodate centre median barrier installation in the future.
- A wider roadway improved the overall safety aspect of the highway.

In the overall management of the safety improvement measures the project team was looking at more effective ways to:

- Determine "acceptable" delay times and manage these.
- Coordinate all activities within the corridor with all stakeholders (power, phone, utility services etc)
- Capture and disseminate customise journey information.

In answer to a question Mr McCaw advised that there was no requirement to install dedicated passing lanes along the highway, but slow vehicle lanes would be installed where possible to accommodate large agricultural/horticultural machinery using the northern corridor.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their attendance and presentation.

Resolved: Murray-Benge B / Dally

THAT the presentation from NZTA dated 22 May 2019 be received.

10.43 am The meeting adjourned for morning tea.

11.05 am The meeting re-convened in formal session.

OP19.2 **Recommendatory Report from Omokoroa Community Board - May 2019**

- **Omokoroa Golf Course and Precious Family Reserve Walkway Erosion and Funding Report**
- **Project Priority List and Budget Allocations**
- **Pedestrian bridge over the Railway Line.**

The Committee considered a report from the Senior Governance Advisor dated 9 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Palmer / Murray-Benge

1. THAT the report from the Senior Governance Advisor dated 13 May 2019 and titled *Recommendatory Report to the Operations and Monitoring Team – May 2019* be received.
2. THAT the Operations and Monitoring Committee confirm approval of the following items:
 - (i) Omokoroa Community Board allocation of \$200,000 toward the proposed joint Omokoroa Golf Club and Council project for the construction of a bund, culvert structures and a walkway/cycleway on the esplanade reserve that bounds the golf course and Precious Family Reserve walkway funded from the Board's Community Roding Account.
 - (ii) Project Priority List and Budget Allocations - Omokoroa Community Board Roding Account

	Priority	Budget \$		Fund source
Roding account as at OM19 6.2			380,612	Roding Reserve
Allocation for 2019/20 (Estimate)			95,000	2019/20 AP
Total (approx.)			475,610	
Western Avenue Carpark (2 bays)	1	60,000	(60,000)	Roding
Parking by Point School (up to approx. 83m down towards tennis courts)	2	135,000	(135,000)	Roding
Extra Parking Bay - The Esplanade	3	20,000	(20,000)	Roding
Contribution to golf course walkway	4	200,000	(200,000)	Roding
Contribute extra to Western Ave - Kayelene walkway to enable concrete surface.	5	60,000	(60,000)	Roding
Total (est)			(475,000)	
Balance			610	

- Omokoroa Community Board Reserve Account

Community Board Reserve account			163,221	Board reserve
Two Barbeques, Western Ave	1	25,000	(25,000)	Reserve
Develop passive reserve at Western Ave extn, paths and planting	2	45,000	(45,000)	Reserve
Bus shelters (two) [When Omokoroa Road rehabilitation is undertaken]	3	50,000	(50,000)	Reserve
Total (est)			(120,000)	
Balance			43,221	

3. THAT the proposed projects listed below funded from Council's Structure Plan funding be noted:

Structure Plan Funding				
Pedestrian Bridge over the railway	V high	150,000		Structure plan
Develop Hamurana reserve walkway extn across railway to stormwater pond area in SHA				Structure plan

4. Pedestrian Bridge over the Railway

THAT the installation of the planned pedestrian bridge over the railway line linking the new footpaths as identified in the Omokoroa Structure Plan be constructed as soon as possible in consideration of the safety of children (and other pedestrians) who cross this road.

OP19.3

Recommendatory Report from Te Puke Community Board - Te Puke Main Street Project - Response to Community Survey

The Committee considered a report from the Senior Governance Advisor as circulated prior to the meeting.

The Te Puke Community Board had completed its consultation process with the community regarding the Jellicoe Street Main Street Project in response to the Operations and Monitoring Committee request from meeting OP18 11 April 2019. The recommendations from the Board were before the Operations and Monitoring Committee for consideration at this meeting.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer advised that the decisions to reinstate parking at the western end of the Jellicoe Street Plaza and/or the reduction of mobility parking at the eastern end of the Plaza would need to be referred to the Policy Committee, so that the final Traffic and Parking Enforcement Bylaw (currently underreview) is consistent with the decisions on any changes to car parking provision in the Plaza area.

Operations and Monitoring Committee members noted the following points:

- There were a lot of elderly people in the town and they needed to use the mobility parks.
- The reduction of the garden area was supported.
- The Chemist Shop had its own specific parking area for customers.
- The Plaza had not been used by the community as it was intended.
- Should there be shorter parking time zones in the immediate car parks.
- The landscaping and vegetation was being addressed.

The Te Puke Community Board was thanked for facilitating the consultation and it was felt that a safety investigation was appropriate before a final decision was made.

Resolved: Palmer /Murray-Benge

1. *THAT the report from the Senior Governance Advisor titled Te Puke Main Street Project – Response to Community Survey be received.*
2. *THAT the proposal to reduce the garden area at the Western end of the plaza and to reinstate two carparks be assessed for traffic and safety implications and reported back to the July meeting of the Operations and Monitoring Committee.*
3. *THAT the proposal to reduce mobility parks by one at the eastern end of the plaza be assessed and referred to the Policy Committee to ensure the final Traffic and Parking Enforcement Bylaw Review was consistent with the decisions on any changes to car parking provision in the Plaza area.*

Councillor Dally voted against the recommendation.

OP19.4

Waihi Beach Medical Centre

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Property Manager dated 29 April 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Williams / Mayor Webber

1. *THAT the Manager Strategic Property report dated 29 April 2019 and titled Waihi Beach Medical Centre 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 it be recommended to Council that Council resolution 27.12 dated 17 December 2015, approving the entering into a lease with the Waihi Beach Medical Centre Trust be rescinded.*

OP19.5

Wilson Road South (Walter Street) Road Stopping

The Committee considered a report from the Legal Property Officer dated 30 April 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Marsh / Mackay

1. *THAT the Legal Property Officer's report dated 30 April 2019 and titled Wilson Road South (Walter Street) Road Stopping 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 it be recommended to Council that resolution C15.10 dated 17 May 2018, proposing to stop the Wilson Road South (Walter Street) be rescinded.*

OP19.6

Omokoroa Library Budget & Estimate

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Property Manager dated 29 April 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

The report advised the indicative budget increase required for the construction of a new library and offices on Western Avenue reserve at Omokoroa. The budget increases were necessitated by area required to meet the community aspirations (300m² to 355m²) and landscaping requirements to tie into the Sports pavilion.

The requested budget provision for the construction of the Library/Office would be made in the 2019/2020 financial year. The decision was required prior to the Annual Plan adoption in order to meet the expected Omokoroa Sport and Recreation Club timetable for their tender process.

At this point in the meeting, the Chairperson invited Omokoroa Community Board Chairperson Murray Grainger to speak to his tabled document requesting that Council consider retaining ownership of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council McDonnell Street Library/Service Centre property for future community purposes. He stated that in his opinion it was a retrograde step to dispose of a community asset that could be well used in the future. The Chairperson had listed a number of community groups in Omokoroa who would use the old Library Building as a community centre. He advised that a representative of Pirirakau had expressed interest in

working with the community to present the cultural heritage of the area as part of the community facility based at McDonnell Street.

There was concern that there had been no consultation over the proposed sale of the old Library and Service Centre in McDonnell Street. He outlined that the Omokoroa community was in favour of the new library in Western Avenue and there was no appetite to derail that.

Committee Members commented:

- While there had been no specific community consultation about the new library project, there had been no specific objections or opposition.
- The indicative sale revenue was set high at \$600,000
- The indicative funding would allow exploration of other funding
- It was suggested that if the Omokoroa Community wished to retain the old library building they should bid for the building at market rate.
- It would be some time before the old library needed to be vacated, but a decision regarding indicative funding needed to be made at this time to enable the proposed project to progress.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer advised that under the Local Government Act (LGA) the proposed property sale would require a consultation process. This would occur after the new building commenced.

Library

Resolved: Mayor Webber / Palmer

1. *THAT the Strategic Property Manager report dated 29 April 2019 and titled Omokoroa Library Budget & Estimate Recommendatory 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 it be recommended to Council that budget provision, for construction of the Omokoroa Library and Office on Western Avenue sports fields be increased from \$1.2 million, to \$1.5 million, for the 2019/2020 financial year.*
4. *THAT indicative funding for the project be from:*
 - *The possible sale of the existing library/office: \$600,000*
 - *The Reserves Financial Contributions: \$540,000*
 - *The Property & Assets Reserve: \$360,000*

OP19.7

Digital Channels & Services Update

The Chief Information Officer and the Engagement Specialist spoke to a presentation outlining new digital channels and services that included:

- Antenno for reporting and posts
- Building Consents and additional forms application apps uptake
- New Direct Debit Payment Authority Form
- Uptake of digital communications for dog registrations

- Interactive maps for engagement
- Connect Peoples Panel update
- New Council website

The presenters gave a demonstration of the new look Council website. They extended thanks to the Councillors who had assisted in the trial and provided comment before the launch of the website.

OP19.8

Infrastructure Services Report - May 2019

The Committee considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive dated 7 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

The open section of the Operations and Monitoring Committee Information Pack No. OP19 dated 23 May 2019 had been circulated separately with the agenda.

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

- Utilities
 - Te Puke WasteWater Consent 35 year consent granted.
 - A consent decision had been given for 34 years
 - Conditions of the consent were being assessed
 - There was the potential for an appeal against the decision
 - Preliminary Investigation of Rock Fall at the Athenree Reservoir
 - Testing the Resilience of Plastic Boxes
 - Overview of Wastewater in the Bay of Plenty
- Reserves and Facilities
 - Green Flag Award for TECT Park
 - Katikati Cemetery/Urupa Development at Sapphire Springs
 - Kauri Point Historic Reserve – Slip Repairs
 - Top 10 Holiday Park Waihi Beach Retaining Wall
 - Matahui Esplanade Reserve
 - Tauranga City Council – Infrastructure Study

A study being undertaken to consider and understand the increasing pressures on and future needs for aquatic, community centres, libraries and indoor court facilities across the Tauranga city network including Western Bay of Plenty.

- KiwiCamp Update
- Responsible Camping
- Roothing
 - Omokoroa Road
 - Te Puna Road Footpath
 - Pats lane Cycleway
 - Henry Road Cycleway/Footpath
 - Roydon Downs Road Seal Extension
 - Maniatutu Road Seal Extension

- Lindemann Road Storm Damage Repair
- KumiKumi Road

Resolved: Mayor Webber / Murray-Benge

1. *THAT the Deputy Chief Executive's Report dated 7 May 2019 and titled Infrastructure Services Report May 2019 be received.*
2. *THAT the Open Section of the Operations & Monitoring Committee Information Pack No. OP19 dated 23 May 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.*

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act

Exclusion of the Public

Schedule 2A

Resolved: Murray-Benge / Mayor Webber

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

- *Infrastructure Services Briefing – May 2019 - In Confidence*

The general subject to each matter to be considered while the public was 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>Infrastructure Services Briefing – May 2019 – In Confidence</i> - <i>Property Negotiations</i> - <i>Contract and Project Updates</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>Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.</i>