

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. OMC23-5
HELD IN THE ŌMOKOROA LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE, WESTERN AVENUE, ŌMOKOROA
ON TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST 2023 AT 7.00PM**

1 PRESENT

Chairperson P Presland, Deputy A Hughes, Member B Bell, Cr M Grainger and Cr D Thwaites

2 IN ATTENDANCE

A Curtis (General Manager Regulatory Services), A Hall (Roading Engineer East and West) G Golding (Governance Manager), and J Osborne (Governance Advisor)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor M Murray-Benge
34 members of the public

3 APOLOGIES

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RESOLUTION OMC23-5.1

Moved: Deputy A Hughes

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

That the apology for absence from Member G Neilson be accepted.

CARRIED

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUM

7.1 BRUCE HAMBLYN – FLUORIDATION

Mr Hamblyn was in attendance on behalf of Kane Titchener (Fluoride Free New Zealand) to speak regarding fluoridation concerns. The following points were made:

- There should be public engagement on the mandates.
- 'New Health New Zealand' had filed legal proceedings against the Director-General of Health's directives.
- It was suggested that Council request an interim injunction against the mandates, as this would mean a delay in fluoridating the water supply.
- It was believed that fluoride lowered IQ levels, and that there was no safe level of fluoride.
- It was requested that the Ōmokoroa Community Board resolve to support Council in lodging an interim injunction, and that the Board supported Kane Titchener's development of a remit for Region 2 of the Community Board's Executive Committee (CBEC) against fluoridation.
- Mr Hamblyn expressed that he was willing to speak to members of the Board at a later date if requested.

7.2 DR. D CRONE – FLUORIDATION

Dr Crone was in attendance and spoke to a PowerPoint presentation regarding fluoridation, noting the following:

- He believed fluoride was a toxic industrial waste product.
- He was also of the belief that it lowered IQ in children, and caused conditions such as dental and skeletal fluorosis.
- Fluorine had no known metabolic role in mammals.
- It was believed that issues with teeth were due to poor nutrition and exposure to sugar, and that fluoridating the water was not the solution.

The Chairperson noted that if the community wished to raise awareness of this issue, a community meeting could be facilitated without necessarily involving the Community Board.

7.3 CHRIS DEVER – MULTIPLE TOPICS

Mr Dever was in attendance to speak on the below multiple topics:

- He was of the belief that community fluoridation had no adverse health effects, and that there was no convincing scientific evidence to prove this.
- Fluoridation was seen to be an effective tool for improving dental health.
- A service request had been submitted to Council regarding damaged playground equipment, which had been replaced with a smaller piece of equipment rather than fixing what was there. Mr Dever expressed concern with

Council's approach to maintenance. The Board noted that there had been staff correspondence and action to get this particular issue corrected with the supplier.

CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION OMC23-5.2

Moved: Cr D Thwaites

Seconded: Member B Bell

That in accordance with Standing Orders the order of business be changed and that the item 9.4: "Operational Report – August 2023", be dealt with as the next item of business, in order to release interested parties from the meeting.

CARRIED

8.1 OPERATIONAL REPORT – AUGUST 2023

- The Board considered a report from the Governance Advisor. The report was taken as read, with further discussion on the below:
- The Board had received some options from staff for bollards at the end of The Esplanade cul-de-sac, which included an option for removeable bollards, that could be lifted out during the Summer months and replaced in Winter (Option 1).
- Mr Textor expressed that removing them in the Summer was not a suitable option, as the antisocial behaviour was heightened during this time.
- The Board noted that having removeable bollards was better than none at all, and there was still an option for these to become permanent or reinstalled during Summer if needed.

Cr Grainger tabled Item 1: options for bollards at the end of The Esplanade.

- The Board expressed gratitude that the Titoki trees on Margaret Drive had been removed.
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RESOLUTION OMC23-5.3

Moved: Cr M Grainger
 Seconded: Member B Bell

That, as per the option 1 diagram in Tabled Item 1, removeable bollards be installed at the end of The Esplanade, at a cost of \$3,601.00 to be funded from the Ōmokoroa Community Board Roding Account.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION OMC23-5.4

Moved: Deputy A Hughes
 Seconded: Member B Bell

That the Governance Advisor’s report dated 1 August 2023 titled ‘Community Board Operational Report’ be received.

CARRIED

9 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

9.1 MINUTES OF THE ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 6 JUNE 2023

The Board noted that the \$50,000 committed expenditure for bus shelters should have been removed from the Financial Report, and requested for staff to investigate to ensure the next financial report reflected this resolution.

RESOLUTION OMC23-5.5

Moved: Deputy A Hughes
 Seconded: Member B Bell

That the Minutes of the Ōmokoroa Community Board Meeting held on 6 June 2023 as circulated with the agenda be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION OMC23-5.6

Moved: Member B Bell
 Seconded: Deputy A Hughes

That the Chairperson’s electronic signature be inserted into the confirmed minutes.

CARRIED

10 REPORTS

10.1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – AUGUST 2023

The Board considered a report from the Chairperson. The report was taken as read, with further discussion on the below items:

RESOLUTION OMC23-5.7

Moved: Chairperson P Presland

Seconded: Deputy A Hughes

That the Chairperson's report dated 1 August 2023, titled 'Chairperson's Report – August 2023', be received.

CARRIED

10.1.1 RUNNING BIRD CAFE BIKE RACKS

The bike racks outside the Running Bird Café had been funded through the Ōmokoroa Community Board in a previous triennium, and were currently in storage. The Roothing Engineer (East and West) was working with The Old Library regarding how the placement of the racks impacted their signage.

The Roothing Engineer (East and West) would provide a cost estimate to the Board for concrete and labour involved in the installation of the bike racks.

10.1.2 FOOTPATH EXTENSION ON HAMURANA ROAD

Cost estimates were being sought for the footpath extension on Hamurana Road, which would be presented to the Board. The Board also wished to get a sense of the pedestrian movement in the area before making a decision.

10.1.3 NEW ZEALAND POLICE FUNDING

The Board had been informed that New Zealand Police were unable to receive any funding from outside organisations, in regard to the Community Policing, and had to be internally funded.

10.2 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – AUGUST 2023

The Board considered a report from Councillor Grainger. The report was taken as read.

RESOLUTION OMC23-5.8

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

That the Councillor's report dated 1 August 2023, titled 'Councillor's Report – August 2023', be received.

CARRIED

10.3 MEMBER'S UPDATE – AUGUST 2023

The Board considered a report from Member Hughes. The report was taken as read, with further discussion on the below:

- The Community Response Plan was currently with Council staff for sign-off, and Member Hughes would circulate this to Board members.

RESOLUTION OMC23-5.9

Moved: Member B Bell

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

That the Member Hughes' report dated 1 August 2023, titled 'Member's Update – August 2023', be received.

CARRIED

10.4 INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP REPORT ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD AUGUST 2023

The Board considered a report from the Executive Assistant Senior Team Administrator. The report was taken as read, with further discussion on the below:

- Funding had been provided by the Board in the previous triennium for additional parking by the fire station. This project was now complete, and the cycle repair station was due to be installed in coming weeks.
- The Roading Engineer (East and West) would follow up on the status of Ōmokoroa Road Stage 2, and it was noted a business case had been presented to Waka Kotahi for funding. An update would be included on the next Ōmokoroa Community Board agenda.

Ōmokoroa Settler's Hall/Ōmokoroa Fire Station Parking:

- There was concern from the Fire Brigade about the parking of vehicles over the fire station driveway during the Ōmokoroa Settler's Hall markets, and how this impacted the ability for emergency services to get in and out of the station.
- Edge markers had been ordered to delineate between the Settler's Hall and the bridge footpath, which would be installed as soon as possible.
- Staff would investigate the Settler's Hall lease agreement to ensure that they were operating within it.
- It was suggested that, as a member of the Ōmokoroa Settler's Hall Society Incorporated Committee, Member Neilson approach the Hall Committee in the first instance.
- Additional signage and road marking could be investigated by the Roding Engineer (East and West), if requested by the Board, and would come from the Ōmokoroa Community Board roading account.

RESOLUTION OMC23-5.10

Moved: Deputy A Hughes

Seconded: Member B Bell

That the Executive Assistant Senior Team Administrator's, dated 1 August 2023 titled 'Infrastructure Group Report Ōmokoroa Community Board August 2023' be received.

CARRIED

10.5 FINANCIAL REPORT ŌMOKOROA - JUNE 2023

The Board considered a report from the Financial Business Advisor. The report was taken as read, with further discussion on the below:

- Staff would investigate the two items of Committed Expenditure that the Board had agreed to release back into the reserves account, being:
 - OMI.8 – Up to \$45,000 committed to develop a Passive Reserve at the Western Avenue extension, with the remainder being \$26,043.
 - OMI.8 – Up to \$50,000 committed from the Board's Reserve Account for two bus shelters on Ōmokoroa Road, which was now to be funded from the Ōmokoroa Road Stage 2 Urbanisation Project fund.

RESOLUTION OMC23-5.11

Moved: Member B Bell

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

That the Financial Business Advisor's report dated 1 August 2023 and titled 'Financial Report Ōmokoroa – June 2023' be received.

CARRIED

10.6 CONCRETE PATHWAY - ŌMOKOROA SKATEPARK

It was requested that staff investigate and include a report in the agenda of the Ōmokoroa Community Board, scheduled for 26 September 2023, regarding the concrete pathway at the Ōmokoroa Skatepark, in order for the Board to make a formal decision.

The Meeting closed at 8.08pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ōmokoroa Community Board meeting held on 26 September 2023.



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Chairperson P Presland

CHAIRPERSON