

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. OM21-3  
HELD IN THE ŌMOKOROA LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE  
ON TUESDAY, 8 JUNE 2021 AT 7.00PM**

## **1 PRESENT**

Member T Sage (Chairperson), Member P Presland, Member J Evans, Member D Sage, Cr M Grainger and Cr D Thwaites

## **2 IN ATTENDANCE**

R Davie (Group Manager Policy Planning and Regulatory Services), A Hall (Roading Engineer – West) and P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor)

10 Members of the Public, including His Worship the Mayor, Councillor J Denyer, and Council staff members B Williams and B Wilson.

## **3 APOLOGIES**

Nil

## **4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

## **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## **6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS**

Nil

## **7 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 Ōmokoroa Community Board. Attending members of the public were invited to take part in the public forum.

### **PUBLIC FORUM ADJOURN MEETING**

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#### **RESOLUTION OM21-3.1**

Moved: Member P Presland

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

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

**CARRIED**

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#### **David Rolfe – Ōmokoroa Bowling Club**

Mr Rolfe was in attendance to speak on behalf of the Ōmokoroa Bowling Club, providing the Board with the background, rationale and overall objective sought through the Grant application. In order to ensure that the artificial green complies with world standards, the Ōmokoroa Bowling Club will be engaging a specialist project manager. It was noted that this is what the funds being sought would contribute to.

Councillor Grainger sought clarification as to whether the Ōmokoroa Bowling Club was on Council land, and if so, if this meant the Board could look at funding this through the Community Board Reserve Account.

There was some discussion around Council's Level of Service in relation to projects like this, however because it was a specific non-recurring project on Council land, it was believed that this would fit the criteria.

It was agreed that further discussion on this Grant application would occur, alongside the report later in the agenda.

### **Ben Wilson – WBOPDC Community Resilience Advisor**

Mr Wilson was in attendance to introduce himself, and his role, to the Community Board and members of the community, noting the below points:

- Mr Wilson formerly worked within Council's Community Team for 25 years;
- His current role was created to help support communities with the development and review of the Community Response Plans and to support Community Response Teams; and
- All communities will still have support from Emergency Management Bay of Plenty (EMBOP).

### **Matthew Farrell – Possible options for the old Sports Pavilion Building**

Mr Farrell was in attendance to speak to the Board on his proposal for the Old Sports Pavilion, noting that there would be a meeting on Wednesday 9 June to see if there was any traction for a steering group to be established to pursue this proposal. A letter to the Board was circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chairperson noted that she would get in touch with Mr Farrell, following the meeting, to clarify next steps.

Councillor Grainger commended and thanked Mr Farrell for the work he had completed so far.

### **His Worship the Mayor – Takitimu Northern Link (TNL) Update**

His Worship the Mayor was in attendance to provide both the Board and members of the public with some background to the recent announcement regarding the Takitimu Northern Link, noting the below points;

- Stage 1 between Tauranga and Te Puna is fully funded and will commence in late 2021; and
- There was a Regional Land Transport meeting scheduled for Wednesday 9 June 2021, to determine the priorities for the region. His Worship the Mayor noted that he would be advocating on behalf of the Ōmokoroa residents, for the Ōmokoroa Intersection/Interchange to be upgraded as a high priority, advising the Board that this would sit separately to the Takitimu Northern Link project.

## **PUBLIC FORUM MEETING RECONVENED**

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### **RESOLUTION OM21-3.2**

Moved: Member D Sage

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

That the meeting reconvene in formal session at 7.32pm.

**CARRIED**

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## 8 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

### 8.1 MINUTES OF THE ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 13 APRIL 2021

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#### RESOLUTION OM21-3.3

Moved: Member D Sage

Seconded: Member J Evans

That the Minutes of the Ōmokoroa Community Board Meeting held on 13 April 2021, as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**CARRIED**

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## 9 REPORTS

### 9.1 COUNCIL DECISION ON ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD RECOMMENDATION - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE OLD PAVILION AND THE OLD LIBRARY

The Board considered a report from the Senior Governance Advisor. The report was taken as read.

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#### RESOLUTION OM21-3.4

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Member P Presland

That the Senior Governance Advisor's report dated 8 June 2021, titled 'Council Decision on Ōmokoroa Community Board Recommendation – Expressions of Interest for The Old Pavilion and The Old Library', be received.

**CARRIED**

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### 9.2 ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD CHAIRPERSONS REPORT - JUNE 2021

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

#### Ōmokoroa Public Arts Group

Member Evans provided the Board with an update, noting that artist, Dave Roy, had been appointed for the Godwits sculpture, with an estimated completion date of October 2021.

The Board was also advised that the Ōmokoroa Public Arts Group is looking for new members.

#### Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Conference

The Chairperson made a presentation to the Board regarding the 13<sup>th</sup> Local Government New Zealand Conference held 22-24 April 2021 in Gore. The following points were highlighted:

- How the Community Board can identify the needs of the community and align their goals to the 17 United Nations (UN) global goals.
  - Connecting communities to enhance the social, environmental, cultural and economic wellbeing – how can the Community Board provide a safe community for Ōmokoroa so it can thrive?
  - A particular goal that came out of the conference for the Chairperson, was improving on the work undertaken to engage with local iwi.
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- Sustainability of our world to ensure that our ecological footprint is not destroying our environment.
- Seeing the impact that COVID-19 has had on small businesses, highlighting the importance of encouraging the people in Ōmokoroa to support local.
- Gore vs Ōmokoroa, noting the below points:
  - The population of Gore in 2020 was 12,900 and Ōmokoroa is estimated to grow to 12,000; and
  - Gore has its own museum, an established town centre, and both a community centre and community civic centre in the pipeline. It was noted that all of these could be goals for Ōmokoroa.

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### RESOLUTION OM21-3.5

Moved: Member P Presland

Seconded: Member J Evans

That the Chairperson's report dated 8 June 2021, titled 'Ōmokoroa Community Board Chairpersons Report – June 2021', be received.

**CARRIED**

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### 9.3 ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - JUNE 2021

The Board considered a report from Councillor Grainger. The report was taken as read with further discussion on the below items.

#### Councillors' Ōmokoroa Site Visits

The Board was informed that Councillors accompanied appropriate staff on site visits throughout Ōmokoroa early that day. Councillor Grainger noted that this was a worthwhile and informative exercise, that highlighted the good work Council was undertaking with the Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP) funding.

#### Long Term Plan (LTP)

The Board was advised that the LTP decision document will officially be adopted by Council on 29 June 2021, noting that feedback on the outcomes of this would take a couple of weeks.

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### RESOLUTION OM21-3.6

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

That the Councillor's report dated 8 June 2021, titled 'Ōmokoroa Community Board Councillor's Report – June 2021', be received.

**CARRIED**

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### 9.4 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE OLD PAVILION - ŌMOKOROA MENZSHED

The Board considered a report from the Strategic Property Manager. The report was taken as read.

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**RESOLUTION OM21-3.7**

Moved: Cr D Thwaites

Seconded: Member D Sage

1. That the Strategic Property Manager's report dated 8 June 2021, titled 'Expression of Interest for the Old Pavilion – Ōmokoroa MenzShed', be received.
2. That the strong support from the Ōmokoroa Community Board for alternative accommodation for MenzShed be noted.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

3. That the Expression of Interest from the Omokoroa MenzShed for use of the Old Sports Pavilion be declined.
4. That Council request staff work with MenzShed to attempt to facilitate alternative accommodation for a MenzShed on the Ōmokoroa Peninsula.

**CARRIED**

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**9.5 ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD GRANT APPLICATION**

The Board considered a report from the Senior Governance Advisor. There was further discussion on the report as follows.

The Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services noted that Council typically fund a basic level of service, and that clubs who require specialist surfaces fund this through philanthropic sources. It was noted, however, that the Board could fund specific capital non-recurring projects for Council assets on Council land from their Reserve Account as part of their delegated functions. The point in question was around whether this was for a 'Council asset' or not.

The Board also had a discussion around whether or not the same project could be funded through two different Council sources over separate financial years, as the Community Board did not want to disqualify the Ōmokoroa Bowling Club from their application to the Community Matching Fund.

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**RESOLUTION OM21-3.8**

Moved: Member P Presland

Seconded: Member D Sage

1. That the Senior Governance Advisor's report dated 8 June 2021, titled 'Ōmokoroa Community Board Grant Application', be received.
2. That the Ōmokoroa Community Board approve the Grant application from the Ōmokoroa Bowling Club Incorporated for \$9,200, to be funded from the Ōmokoroa Community Board Reserve account, subject to seeking clarification that this grant would not disqualify the Ōmokoroa Bowling Club Incorporated from the Community Matching Fund application.

**CARRIED**

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**9.6 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD JUNE 2021**

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive. The report was taken as read.

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**RESOLUTION OM21-3.9**

Moved: Member J Evans  
 Seconded: Member D Sage

That the Deputy Chief Executive’s report dated 8 June 2021, titled ‘Infrastructure Services Report Ōmokoroa Community Board June 2021’, be received.

**CARRIED**

**9.7 FINANCIAL REPORT ŌMOKOROA - APRIL 2021**

The Board considered a report from the Management Accountant. The report was taken as read.

**RESOLUTION OM21-3.10**

Moved: Cr D Thwaites  
 Seconded: Member T Sage

That the Management Accountant’s report dated 8 June 2021, and titled ‘Financial Report Ōmokoroa – April 2021’, be received.

**CARRIED**

**9.8 COUNCIL, STANDING COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board considered a report from the Senior Governance Advisor, noting the following Ōmokoroa Structure Plan Stage 3 and Residential Rule Changes public open days.

- Thursday 10 June from 4.00pm – 7.00pm at the Ōmokoroa Community Church
- Saturday 12 June from 10.00am – 12.00pm at the Ōmokoroa Sports Pavilion

**RESOLUTION OM21-3.11**

Moved: Member T Sage  
 Seconded: Member J Evans

That the draft schedule of meetings for June, July and August 2021, be received.

**CARRIED**

**The Meeting closed at 8.14pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ōmokoroa Community Board held on 3 August 2021.**

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 Member T Sage  
**CHAIRPERSON**