

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. OMC23-3
HELD IN THE ŌMOKOROA LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE, WESTERN AVENUE,
ŌMOKOROA ON TUESDAY, 11 APRIL 2023 AT 7.00PM**

1 PRESENT

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

2 IN ATTENDANCE

A Curtis (General Manager Regulatory Services), J Osborne (Governance Support Administrator), and B Clarke (Senior Governance Advisor)

OTHERS PRESENT

Mayor J Denyer, Cr T Coxhead, and as listed in the minutes.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil.

7 PUBLIC FORUM

7.1 DR DEREK SAGE, HEAD OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AT BOPDHB – CURRENT HEALTH REFORMS

Dr Derek Sage addressed the Board on current health reforms designed to transform the health system to a more equitable, accessible, cohesive and people-centred system. He noted the following:

- Community involvement would become a significant feature of the current health reforms.

- The 'Health Localities' that would be developed were designed to decentralise health provision at the lower, secondary and primary level. Patients would not necessarily have to travel to a hospital to obtain the same level of health care.
- There had been a few pilots around the country, but in the early stages.
- The 'health locality' boundaries may follow Māori/iwi boundaries as long as it was practicable to do so.
- Consultation was required, as local people had significant knowledge of the area and health needs that may be required. There were many social and environmental determinates to consider. The future system would incorporate partnerships and Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles.
- There would be some economies of scale, for example, if Ōmokoroa considered becoming its own health locality and was determining how it sought primary and secondary health provision, it may be better off to combine with its neighbours, such as Katikati. These decisions must be made by the community itself.
- The new system would be built from the ground up and needed people in the community who had an interest and wished to be involved from the outset. Katikati had a Community Health Trust that could be deemed a representative body of the community for healthcare. Something similar would need to occur in Ōmokoroa. General Practitioners, the Council, and other groups would need to collaborate and co-design the running of their health services of the future.

Dr Sage responded to questions as follows:

- In terms of the size of these health localities, idealistically, groupings of 50,000 population may be appropriate, however, that size may not be practical. There would be some significantly bigger and some smaller. The Ōmokoroa community would need to determine what would be best itself.

The Chairperson thanked Dr Sage for informing the Board and community.

7.2 CORINNE PAYNE – ŌMOKOROA BOAT CLUB – SAFETY RAILING

Ms Payne, Commodore of the Ōmokoroa Boat Club, Tabled Item 1 (requests and photographs), and highlighted the following:

- Need for safety railing beside the footpath and steps near the club. Elderly members had raised concerns that it was a struggle to get up the steps with no railing to hold on to. This was Council land.

The General Manager Regulatory Services advised as follows:

- Council could investigate doing some work around the railing, as that area fell within a road corridor.
- Indicative pricing only for safety railing would be approximately \$200 per metre.
- Te Puke Community Board had recently approved the provision of safety lighting within their town centre. They had looked at short bollards with lighting in them.

If this Board was interested in doing something similar, staff could investigate costings.

- Staff could come back to the Board with options around CCTV camera coverage.

Service Request – Safety Railing

The Board agreed to create a service request that staff investigate the installation and indicative costings for a section of safety railing near the steps at the Ōmokoroa Boat Club, and provide an update and quote to the Board Chair, prior to the next meeting scheduled 6 June 2023.

7.3 CORINNE PAYNE - ŌMOKOROA BOAT CLUB - LIGHTING IN THE VICINITY OF THE CLUB

Ms Payne highlighted the following:

- It was dark in the vicinity of the club, raising safety concerns for club staff and the public. Trip hazards if people could not see bollards at night. The road itself was well lit but not the edges, or entrance to carpark. Difficulties for staff trying to help members across the road. Request that additional lighting in the vicinity be investigated.
- Too much light would impact sleep for people in camper vans, so it needed to be carefully considered.

Service Request – Lighting Solution

The Board agreed to create a service request that staff investigate and provide indicative costings for a lighting solution in the vicinity of the Ōmokoroa Boat Club and report back to the Board Chair, prior to the next meeting scheduled 6 June 2023.

7.4 CORINNE PAYNE - ŌMOKOROA BOAT CLUB - PARKING ISSUES IN VICINITY OF CLUB

Ms Payne highlighted the following:

- The Club was unsure how to relieve parking issues, as there were many different groups using the area, but had particular concerns when funerals were being held at the club.
- The playground was much loved and parking was always in demand around the playground itself.
- The club had put its own cycle racks up. It would be useful to have better enforcement and monitoring of the vehicles and existing carparks. Although there had been past consultation, issues remained and parking needed further investigation. The club welcomed discussion.
- Two CCTV cameras, near the carpark and jetty. With increased population there was high use of carparks and increased traffic congestion. Concerned with safety for children accessing the playground nearby.

The General Manager Regulatory Services advised as follows:

- There had been some community consultation, approximately two years ago, around the use of the reserve. It was acknowledged, at that time, that there were significant parking constraints.
- There were some Concept Designs that would provide additional parking, but there had been no agreed Concept Plan to progress work on that site. The first stage of the Reserve Management Plan was to develop and upgrade the playground. It may have included realignment of the jetty. There was some interesting designs, which may have been somewhat expensive. Staff could provide an update to the Board on that process and development.

During discussion, the Board noted the following:

- The Reserve Management Plan for the Kaimai Ward was being reviewed this triennium. Parking and other matters could be submitted on by the community, once consultation began.
- If people were not familiar with The Esplanade and Harbour View Road, better signage may be required in relation to parking. Signage may need to be reviewed.

7.5 CORINNE PAYNE AND STEVE ALDRIDGE - ŌMOKOROA BOAT CLUB - LEASING ŌMOKOROA-PAHOIA SEA SCOUT DEN (OPSS)

Ms Payne highlighted the following:

- The club had outgrown its boat shed, which housed three rescue boats and equipment. They wished to expand the sailing programme for junior sailors, but did not have the room currently.
- A proposal had been provided to Council to lease the Ōmokoroa-Pahoia Sea Scout Den (OPSS). This would get the children out of the carpark and use the other area in the domain. They would like this to occur before next summer.

Mr Aldridge, Member of the ŌBC Health & Safety Committee/key holder for the Scout Den, highlighted the following:

- A Council Officer had inspected the old Scout Den building. It was understood that some repairs were needed, and there may be quotes for that work.
- He had heard that there were other parties who may be interested in leasing the building, and they may have commercial interests, but this had not been confirmed.
- The Scouts had gifted the building to Council and it sat on Council land.

Ms Payne responded to a question as follows:

- She had forwarded a proposal on behalf of the Boat Club to Council Officers in July 2022 to lease the Scout Den, and was told they would consider it. At the time, she understood that there were a couple of other parties interested in leasing it, but she had not received any response since then.

Service Request – Ōmokoroa-Pahoia Sea Scout Den (ŌPSS)

The Board agreed to create a service request that staff provide an update on the status of the ŌPSS, including whether repairs were still required (and an indicative cost), and whether any parties other than the ŌBC were interested in leasing the facility, and that the update be provided to all members of the Board prior to the next Board meeting scheduled 6 June 2023.

7.6 FRED TEXTER – INVESTIGATE INSTALLATION OF BOLLARDS AT THE END OF THE ESPLANADE

Mr Texter Tabled Item 2, (photographs of the end of The Esplanade), and addressed the Board on concerns over behaviours at the end of The Esplanade, noting he had raised the issue during the 13 December 2022 meeting. He noted the following:

- He had not received any feedback since December 2022.
- He did not agree with the staff comment in the agenda report on page 16, that the installation of bollards at the cul-de-sac end of The Esplanade would be unlikely to prevent behaviours of concern.
- He had just seen the agenda report, which gave an indication of the area, and the end of The Esplanade was legal road.
- There were bollards in many other areas of Ōmokoroa. Doing nothing was not an option. If bollards were not going to be installed he would like to know what other options there were. He was talking about seven bollards.

The General Manager Regulatory Services noted that Council’s roading officers had held discussions on the matter and had provided feedback that the end of The Esplanade had been confirmed as legal road. There were specific legal requirements in terms of stopping a legal road, and there had to be a demonstrated purpose for that road to be closed. There may be other options that Staff could consider to assist.

As the topic had been included in the Chairperson’s report on the agenda, under Community Board Standing Order 15.4, the Chair put the following motion:

RESOLUTION OMC23-3.1

Moved: Member B Bell
 Seconded: Deputy A Hughes

That staff re-evaluate the practicality of installing bollards at the end of the cul-de-sac in The Esplanade, (in the area to be identified by the Board Chair), and investigate any other options, and report back to the next Ōmokoroa Community Board meeting scheduled on 6 June 2023.

CARRIED

7.7 JIM BOYES – PROVISION OF AGENDA AT BOARD MEETINGS

Mr Boyes thanked Council for providing the agenda on iPads for each Board meeting, noting how beneficial this was for attending members of the public.

The Chairperson thanked all the Public Forum speakers for attending.

8 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

8.1 MINUTES OF THE ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2023

RESOLUTION OMC23-3.2

Moved: Cr D Thwaites
 Seconded: Member G Neilson

That the Minutes of the Ōmokoroa Community Board Meeting held on 14 February 2023, as circulated with the agenda, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

9 REPORTS

9.1 ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – APRIL 2023

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

RESOLUTION OMC23-3.3

Moved: Deputy A Hughes
 Seconded: Member B Bell

That the Chairperson’s report dated 11 April 2023 titled ‘Ōmokoroa Community Board Chairperson’s Report – April 2023’ be received.

CARRIED

9.1.1 KAIMAI VIEWS – PLANTINGS AND PUBLIC BERMS

Chair Presland spoke regarding the overgrown nature of plantings on the berms in Kaimai Views, as raised by residents, along with general levels of service in relation to maintenance of Ōmokoroa’s road sides and public berms. He proposed that the Board assist by utilising the Ōmokoroa Community Board Reserves Account, as a short term

solution, to regain an improved standard of maintenance and enhance the community. He noted that local contractors may be able to assist if Downers did not have capacity.

The following was discussed:

- Gorse coming up, long grass preventing access to public seating at Lynley Park.
- Developer’s obligations to maintain plantings for 18 months.
- Responsibilities of residents.
- Insufficient parking provision resulting in cars parking on berms destroying plants.
- Council’s normal maintenance programmes behind schedule due to significant weather events.

The General Manager Regulatory Services advised that Council’s Reserves and Roading staff may be addressing the matter already, as Council staff had attended the site visit. If areas were on Council road or road reserve, it was Council’s responsibility to maintain them and ensure they were ‘fit for purpose’. The Board was not expected to finance Council’s “business as usual”. Staff would report back to the Board around specific actions.

Request for Staff Report Back

The Board requested an urgent response from staff regarding programmed contractor works and indicative timing to address the current state of the roadside planting at Kaimai Views. The Chair noted that he would be meeting with residents again before the end of the week, and hoped to have the staff update prior to that meeting.

9.1.2 ADVERTISING BOARD MEETINGS IN THE LIZARD

The Chair proposed that the Board commit to the cost of advertising its upcoming meetings in Lizard News, over and above those advertisements already placed by Council. He noted this would increase awareness and possibly public attendance, and build the profile of the Board and how it could help its community.

Request for Staff Report Back

The General Manager Regulatory Services advised that staff could discuss the matter with the Council’s Communications Manager, with regard to the possibility of advertising the Board’s meetings on social media for the community and report back to the Board.

RESOLUTION OMC23-3.4

Moved: Member B Bell
 Seconded: Deputy A Hughes

That the Ōmokoroa Community Board commits to spending \$120.00 per advertisement from its Reserves Account, in order to advertise the Board’s upcoming meetings in the ‘Lizard News’ for the next twelve months from May 2023.

CARRIED

9.2 ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – APRIL 2023

Councillor Grainger introduced the report, noting that it could be taken as read. He noted one further comment, being that Council had been awaiting the outcome of the three-yearly property revaluations, but they had been delayed again.

The Mayor noted that, if values changed by more than 30%, then there would be more administration requirements.

RESOLUTION OMC23-3.5

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Member B Bell

That the Councillor’s report dated 11 April 2023 titled ‘Ōmokoroa Community Board Councillor’s Report – April 2023’ be received.

CARRIED

9.3 MEMBER’S UPDATE – ŌMOKOROA PUBLIC ART GROUP

Member Bell introduced the report, noting it could be taken as read. He noted the passion of the Ōmokoroa Public Art Group for their projects and that he felt privileged to attend their meetings.

RESOLUTION OMC23-3.6

Moved: Member B Bell

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

That Member Bell’s report dated 11 April 2023 titled ‘Member’s Update – Ōmokoroa Public Art Group’ be received.

CARRIED

9.4 BUS SHELTERS ON ŌMOKOROA ROAD

The Chairperson introduced the report, noting the matter had been left to lie on the table at the previous meeting, until staff had provided further information as requested. He noted that information had been received, and the Board was now satisfied.

The motion was dealt with in parts as follows:

RESOLUTION OMC23-3.7

Part 1

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Member G Neilson

1. That the Senior Governance Advisor’s report, dated 11 April 2023 titled ‘Bus Shelters on Ōmokoroa Road’ be received.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION OMC23-3.8

Part 2

Moved: Member B Bell

Seconded: Deputy A Hughes

2. That, following the receipt of further information from staff, to its satisfaction, the Ōmokoroa Community Board revokes resolution OMI.8 committing up to \$50,000 for two Bus Shelters on Ōmokoroa Road.

CARRIED

9.5 INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP REPORT ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD APRIL 2023

The Board considered a report from the Deputy Chief Executive / General Manager Infrastructure Group. The report was taken as read.

RESOLUTION OMC23-3.9

Moved: Member G Neilson

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

That the Deputy Chief Executive / General Manager Infrastructure Group’s report dated 11 April 2023 titled ‘Infrastructure Group Report Ōmokoroa Community Board April 2023’ be received.

CARRIED

9.6 FINANCIAL REPORT ŌMOKOROA – FEBRUARY 2023

The Board considered a report from the Financial Business Advisor. The report was taken as read. The below points were noted:

- Under the ‘Committed – Reserve Expenditure’ table (line item 1 - OMI.8), being a contribution of up to \$45,000 to develop Passive Reserve at Western Avenue extension, paths and plantings to be funded from the Ōmokoroa Community Board Reserve Account. It was noted that, as the reserve had spent \$18,000 out of the \$45,000, that figure should now be amended to show it had come back into committed expenditure.
- It was noted that a seat at the end of the walkway was now being sponsored by a private citizen, so this amount could be removed from that budget.

Request for Staff Report Back

The Board noted that Gane Place Urbanisation was awaiting the final claim. It was requested that staff provide an update on the total amount spent on that project, and that staff update the table in relation to outstanding funds for the financial report to the next meeting on 6 June 2023.

RESOLUTION OMC23-3.10

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Member B Bell

That the Financial Business Advisor’s report dated 11 April 2023 and titled ‘Financial Report Ōmokoroa – February 2023’ be received.

CARRIED

The meeting was declared closed at 8.26pm.

The minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ōmokoroa Community Board meeting held on 6 June 2023.



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Chairperson P Presland

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