

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. OMC24-4
HELD IN THE ŌMOKOROA LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE, WESTERN AVENUE, ŌMOKOROA
ON TUESDAY, 30 JULY 2024 AT 7.00PM**

1 PRESENT

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

2 IN ATTENDANCE

A Curtis (General Manager Regulatory Services) and P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor)

3 Members of the public

Newly elected Ōmokoroa Community Board member Chris Dever (yet to be sworn in)

3 APOLOGIES

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RESOLUTION OMC24-4.1

Moved: Cr D Thwaites

Seconded: Deputy A Hughes

That the apology for absence from Member Bell, be accepted.

CARRIED

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

The Chairperson advised there was one late item for the Board to consider for inclusion in the open agenda, being *'Local Government New Zealand Conference 2024'*.

The reason the this item was not included on the agenda was that it was missed and it could not be delayed to the next scheduled Community Board meeting as the bookings for the conference needed to be made prior to the next meeting.

RESOLUTION OMC24-4.2

Moved: Deputy A Hughes

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

That in accordance with Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act the following item be considered as a late item of open business:

- 9.5 Local Government New Zealand Conference 2024

CARRIED

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Chairperson Presland declared an interest in the late agenda item 9.5 being *Local Government New Zealand Conference 2024*.

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUM

7.1 BRUCE MCCABE – RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION – MĀORI WARDS BILL

Mr McCabe was in attendance to speak to the Māori Wards Bill. He noted the below points:

- This Bill brought back the ability for polls to be demanded on a decision to establish a Māori Ward/s.
- Mr McCabe would like to see Council rescind their decision, to avoid Council having to undertake a poll at the 2025 Local Elections.
- He believed that a poll was an additional cost to ratepayers.
- One of the key roles of the Community Board was advocacy for the community, so he believed that the Board should instigate a community discussion regarding this topic, to allow them to understand the community's views in relation to this.

7.2 MURRAY MARSHALL – VARIOUS ITEMS

Mr Marshall was in attendance to speak on the following items:

- There were broken links on the Council website in relation to the Ōmokoroa Newsletters (that no longer existed) and the Ōmokoroa Peninsula Projects (that show a 404 error).
- He had concerns over the water quality due to the drilling taking place by Bay of Plenty Regional Council at the groundwater bore at 336 Ōmokoroa Road.
- Queried the timeline of the cycleway by Lynley Park and Ridge Drive.

- Suggested adding percentages to the “In progress” column to help residents understand how far along the projects were.

The following tākupu were made by Board members:

- The Chairperson noted that although there was no percentage progress level visible, it was good to have greater transparency over projects through the written updates.
- Councillor Thwaites noted that there was an Ōmokoroa Community Information Session scheduled for Tuesday 13 August at the Ōmokoroa Sports Pavilion. This was an informal drop-in session for community to come and kōrero on current and upcoming projects planned in the Ōmokoroa community. Council staff and project contractors would be on hand to discuss these projects.

Members of the public sought clarification on whether notes would be taken during this session, or whether it was possible to get the website updated following the information session, for those unable to attend.

7.3 CHRIS DEVER – LIGHTING ISSUE (71 AND 34–72 ŌMOKOROA ROAD)

Mr Dever was in attendance to speak to previous issues that he had raised in relation to the street lighting around 71 and 64–72 Ōmokoroa Road. He noted the below points:

- His initial request sought clarification on what the standard for street lighting was (for a main thoroughfare), and whether the lighting at 71 and 64–72 met that standard.
- The response received through Councils Service Request system advised that it was unlikely that the lighting met the code, however there was no funding or plans to rectify this, suggesting that a request be made to the Long Term Plan (LTP).
- An additional Service Request was made by another resident who was provided with a similar response.
- Another affected resident sent an email through to Council and the Community Board raising the same concerns. He had also done his own investigations and provided that information as an attachment to his email.
- Mr Dever expressed frustration regarding the difficulty for the community to get requests onto the agenda and considered by Council.
- The community expected that council provided services to the Infrastructure Services Standards, and where this was not immediately possible, the community expected that Council had a plan to achieve this over time.
- The Community Board were asked to go with Mr Dever following the meeting to view these areas of concern.

Mr Dever wanted to know how this could get onto the agenda, and noted that if there was no current budget available to address this issue, how did Council plan on addressing it in the long term.

8 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

8.1 MINUTES OF THE ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2024

RESOLUTION OMC24-4.3

Moved: Cr M Grainger
 Seconded: Deputy A Hughes

1. That the Minutes of the Ōmokoroa Community Board Meeting held on 4 June 2024 as circulated with the agenda be confirmed as a true and correct record.
2. That the Chairperson’s electronic signature be inserted into the confirmed minutes.

CARRIED

9 REPORTS

9.1 ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - JULY 2024

The Board considered a report dated 30 July 2024 from the Chairperson. The report was taken as read, with further discussion on the below items.

RESOLUTION OMC24-4.4

Moved: Deputy A Hughes
 Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

That the Chairperson’s report dated 30 July 2024 titled ‘Ōmokoroa Community Board Chairperson’s Report – July 2024’ be received.

CARRIED

9.1.1 PROPOSED GRANT PROCESS

Some clarification was provided regarding the proposed grant process. The following was noted:

- The suggested cap was only recommended to create some consistency and fairness regarding the amount of grant funding that the Board would consider. This was not something that the Board had to implement, but rather identifying a mechanism that could be utilised.
- Feedback received to date from Community Boards was that they were interested in trailing this approach to help attract and support more grant applications.
- The proposed process did not take away the Boards ability to support applications with a time constraint, noting that the Board had the ability to support projects through their Reserve and Contingency Account should they wish to.

The Board requested the following:

- It was important to ensure that the communication regarding the potential change, including when the Board would be considering applications, was well advertised, to avoid any confusion.
 - They would assess how their grants were awarded, taking into consideration the amount that they had for the financial year, however as this stage would not be considering a cap on the amount that they would consider.
 - They would like to workshop this item to ensure clarity of the proposed new process and how it would work.
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9.1.2 COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES

Member Hughes noted the below additions to his updates within the report.

Ōmokoroa Environmental Managers Inc (OEMI) – Member Hughes

- The ANZAC Group and the Bird Group updates were missed off as they had not been included in the initial agenda.

Ōmokoroa Community Policing Group

- There was a query around whether it was appropriate for Community Board members to attend these meetings when there may be cases where individual names and/or events were discussed. The Chairperson and Member Hughes noted that it was valuable being able to sit on that group to support and understand what was happening in the community..
 - There had been no formal outcome of the query, however it was understood that no changes would be made at this stage.
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9.2 ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - JULY 2024

The Board considered a report dated 30 July 2024 from Councillor Grainger. The report was taken as read.

Long Term Plan (LTP)

It was clarified that Councils LTP was scheduled to be adopted on 26 September 2024, noting that this would be publicised following the meeting.

RESOLUTION OMC24-4.5

Moved: Deputy A Hughes

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

That Councillor Grainger’s report dated 30 July 2024 titled ‘Ōmokoroa Community Board Councillor’s Report – July 2024’ be received.

CARRIED

9.3 ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD – PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS REPORT – JULY 2024

The Board considered a report dated 30 July 2024 from the Senior Governance Advisor. The report was taken as read.

The Senior Governance Advisor was asked to follow up on the following projects/previous requests:

- Ōmokoroa Pavilion Concrete Steps and Handrails – Clarification on why this Community Board-Led project was awaiting action, noting that this should be progressing through Council staff/project managers.
- Street Light Analysis Request – The Board was advised that the Road Safety Engineer was in constant communication with the consultant in relation to a quote for the scope of work being requested. It was hoped that this would be workshopped with the Board on 3 September 2024.

Leasing the Ōmokoroa-Pahoia Scout Den

- It was clarified that this may not only be used for the storing of equipment, which was the reason that the building required a Code Compliance Certificate (CCC).
- The building once the CCC was received.
- The Board was advised that as soon as Council changed the use of the building they were subject to new requirements under the code.

Service Requests

- The Service Requests that were labelled “under investigation” were still being looked into, noting that this was a category in which Service Requests were allocated if staff were still collating information.
- There was concern around the time in which it took for Service Requests to be dealt to, and/or the responses being received back. The General Manager Regulatory Services noted that following the sudden ending to Councils contract with WestLink, Council had been engaging a number of temporary contracts to undertake the work. This put Council in a state of “hiatus” until a new contract had been sought.

Walkway Resurface

- The Board praised the new surface on the coastal section of the Ōmokoroa to Tauranga Cycleway between Tinopai Reserve and Lynley Park, including the cut back of the overgrown vegetation.

RESOLUTION OMC24-4.6

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

That the Senior Governance Advisor’s report dated 30 July 2024 titled ‘Ōmokoroa Projects and Operations Report – July 2024’ be received.

CARRIED

9.4 ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT – JUNE 2024

The Board considered a report dated 30 July 2024 from the Financial Business Advisor. The report was taken as read.

The Board noted that when there were unspent funds within their Rooding projects, the money was automatically released back into the appropriate account. Clarification was sought as to why the smaller amounts from the operating budgets needed to be transferred by resolution, and whether this could just automatically happen.

RESOLUTION OMC24-4.7

Moved: Deputy A Hughes

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

1. That the Financial Business Advisor’s report dated 30 July 2024 titled ‘Ōmokoroa Community Board Financial Report – June 2024’ be received.
2. That the Ōmokoroa Community Board approve to release the unspent \$22 from outstanding operational commitments (OMC23-3.4).
3. That the Ōmokoroa Community Board approved to release the unspent \$39 from outstanding operational commitments (OMC24-1.7).

CARRIED

9.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE 2024

The Board considered a report dated 30 July 2024 from the Senior Governance Advisor. The report was taken as read.

The Chairperson declared an interest in this item, and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

RESOLUTION OMC24-4.8

Moved: Deputy A Hughes


Seconded: Cr M Grainger

1. That the Senior Governance Advisor's report dated 30 July 2024, titled 'Local Government New Zealand Conference 2024', be received.
2. That the Ōmokoroa Community Board approve \$2,688 from the Ōmokoroa Community Board Conference Account and \$257 from the Ōmokoroa Community Board Contingency Account, for Chairperson Presland to attend the 2024 Local Government New Zealand Conference.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ōmokoroa Community Board meeting held on 24 September 2024.



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Chairperson P Presland

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