

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
ŌMOKOROA – KAIMAI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. OKCB26-2
HELD IN THE ŌMOKOROA PAVILION, 28 WESTERN AVENUE, ŌMOKOROA
ON TUESDAY, 14 APRIL 2026 AT 6.00PM**

1 PRESENT – NGĀ MEMA KEI KONEI

Chairperson C Dever, Member T Akuhata, Deputy B Rakoia, Member K Wisnesky, Member M Marshall, Member T Tuhakaraina, Deputy Mayor M Murray-Benge and Cr T Coxhead

2 IN ATTENDANCE – I TAE AKE

P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor) and B Singh (General Manager Infrastructure Services)

3 APOLOGIES – NGĀ WHAKAPAHĀ

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION OKCB26-2.1

Moved: Member K Wisnesky

Seconded: Member T Akuhata

That the apologies for lateness from Deputy Mayor Murray-Benge and Cr Coxhead be accepted.

CARRIED

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS – NGĀ TAKE TŌMURI

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – NGĀ TUKITUKINGA

Nil

6 TRANSFER OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS – TE WHITINGA O TE AO MĀRAMA KI NGĀ TAKE MUNA

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUM – WĀHANGA TŪMATANUI

7.1 CATHERINE MCDONALD – ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY-LED DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Ms McDonald was in attendance to represent a group of locals who wished to see more recreational activities in Ōmokoroa. She provided Tabled Item 1 which noted the following updates:

- As part of her role, she was tasked with working alongside the community to identify and fill the current gaps.
- With the population constantly growing, the need for recreation resources was also growing.
- The current Kaimai Reserve Management Plan provided for additional sports courts in Western Avenue, and noted that this was a good location.
- She acknowledged that the Ōmokoroa Tennis Club had submitted a proposal to Council for two additional tennis hard courts and one multi-sport court. The groups wished to work together with the Council to understand if this was a feasible location.
- If a joint solution was found she noted that they intended to work alongside the Tennis Club on planning, fundraising and implementation.

6.08pm Deputy Mayor Murray-Benge and Cr Coxhead entered the hui.

- If the location was not deemed feasible, then the group wished to work with Council to identify another location, noting that if a full court could not be obtained, then they would like consideration of a 3x3 basketball court.
- Parafed had expressed an interest in being involved to ensure accessibility for the whole community.

Ms McDonald responded to pātai as follows:

- Courts at the schools were the only alternative for young people to use in regard to recreational resources.
- An assets mapping was commissioned by Council in 2025 which highlighted the gap in provision of recreational resources for young people.
- She was not aware of the exact number of people with disabilities within Ōmokoroa, but knew there were a few that may require access to the potential court.

7.2 CORINNE PAYNE – ŌMOKOROA SETTLERS HALL – GRANT APPLICATION

Ms Payne was in attendance on behalf of the Ōmokoroa Settler Hall to speak in support of their grant application. She noted the following points:

- They had an old fence running to the side of the hall that they would like to replace, noting that they had thought of incorporating a centennial project, as they would be celebrating 100 years in 2029.
- Their proposal was for the fence project to reflect a timeline of the hall from when it was first established by the community.

Ms Payne responded to pātai as follows:

- Quotes had been sought and the builder was ready to go, so as soon as the funding was secured the work could begin on the fence.
- At this stage they were still determining what would go on the panels of the fence as part of the timeline.
- The group was aware that they could look into applying for a Creative Community Scheme grant from the artwork perspective, noting that this would be Stage 2 of the project, with the building of the fence being Stage 1.
- With the group volunteering time and work into the removal of the current fence, they were able to halve the cost of the builder for the erecting of the new fence. This allowed the group to work with sign writers to ensure they produced high quality panels.

7.3 KEN HOLYOAKE – STORMWATER ISSUES – ŌMOKOROA GOLF COURSE

Mr Holyoake was in attendance to speak to the Board in relation to stormwater issues being faced on the Ōmokoroa Golf Course. He spoke to [PowerPoint Presentation 1](#) that showed the issues they were having with flooding at the golf course.

Mr Holyoake responded to pātai as follows:

- Due to the recent weather events the golf course had flooded five times, whereas in previous years it may have happened once.
- The example of a proposed solution was for something similar to the floodgate that Council had already installed on the seawall.
- In relation to upstream solutions, it was noted that there were stormwater ponds in the areas like Kaimai Views.

The Chairperson acknowledged the presentation and noted that this was a project that should be considered as part of the Long Term Plan.

8 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION – TE WHAKATAU I NGĀ MENETI

8.1 MINUTES OF THE ŌMOKOROA – KAIMAI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLUTION OKCB26-2.2

Moved: Member M Marshall

Seconded: Cr T Coxhead

1. That the Minutes of the Ōmokoroa – Kaimai Community Board Meeting held on 17 February 2026 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 – NGĀ PŪRONGO

9.1 ŌMOKOROA-KAIMAI COMMUNITY BOARD – CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – APRIL 2026

The Board considered a report dated 14 April 2026 from the Chairperson, who spoke to the following points in his report:

- There would be a discussion around how the subdivisions could better feed updates and topics into the Chairperson’s Report moving forward.
- Member Marshall would be presenting the wreath on behalf of the Community Board at the service being held in Ōmokoroa. If a Councillor was going to attend the service in Ōmokoroa, this information would be relayed to the Chair closer to the time.

RESOLUTION OKCB26-2.3

Moved: Chairperson C Dever

Seconded: Member M Marshall

That the Chairperson’s report dated 14 April 2026 titled ‘Ōmokoroa-Kaimai Community Board – Chairperson’s Report – April 2026’ be received.

CARRIED

9.2 ŌMOKOROA-KAIMAI COMMUNITY BOARD – COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – APRIL 2026

The Board considered a report dated 14 April 2026 from Councillor Coxhead, who spoke to the following points in her report.

Local Waters Done Well

- Council resolved to form a Multi-Council Water Organisation with Tauranga City Council on 2 April 2026, with a 'go live' date of 1 July 2027.

CCTV

- There were a few concerns shared regarding the use of the footage attained from the CCTV cameras.
- Members noted that there was theft and vandalism taking place in Waitui Reserve in Te Puna and suggested that consideration should be given to having a camera installed there.
- The CCTV Fund was not open yet, however staff would send information regarding this fund through to Community Board members following the hui.

RESOLUTION OKCB26-2.4

Moved: Cr T Coxhead

Seconded: Deputy Mayor M Murray-Benge

That Councillor Coxhead's report dated 14 April 2026 titled 'Ōmokoroa-Kaimai Community Board – Councillor's Report – April 2026' be received.

CARRIED

9.3 ŌMOKOROA-KAIMAI COMMUNITY BOARD – GRANT APPLICATIONS – APRIL 2026

The Board considered a report dated 14 April 2026 from the Senior Governance Advisor. The report was taken as read, with the following discussion:

- The previous Ōmokoroa Community Board had supported the deck project around the Ōmokoroa Settlers Hall.
- It would be appropriate for the Board to consider funding this from the Ōmokoroa Community Board Reserve Account, noting that these funds were ring-fenced for just the Ōmokoroa Community.

RESOLUTION OKCB26-2.5

Moved: Chairperson C Dever

Seconded: Deputy Mayor M Murray-Benge

1. That the Senior Governance Advisor’s report dated 14 April 2026, titled ‘Ōmokoroa-Kaimai Community Board – Grant Applications – April 2026’, be received.
2. That the Ōmokoroa-Kaimai Community Board approves the grant application from the Ōmokoroa Settlers Hall Committee for \$12,000 (plus GST if any) to contribute to funding for a fence and gate along the west side of the Settlers Hall. This grant will be funded from the Ōmokoroa Community Board Reserves Account.

CARRIED

**9.4 ŌMOKOROA-KAIMAI COMMUNITY BOARD – PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS REPORT
- APRIL 2026**

The Board considered a report dated 14 April 2026 from the Senior Governance Advisor. The report was taken as read, with the following discussion:

SR System

- There was a request for a dataset of some sort that would allow members to understand how long requests were taking to resolve, including the rationale for the delay.
- It was noted that for future reports the SR summary would be divided into the Board subdivisions to allow members to understand the themes of their areas better.

MacDonnell/Bramley Reserve – Neighbourhood Fruit Tree Garden

- Acknowledgement was made of the amazing work of community member Peter Goad specifically in relation to the project being driven at the reserve.

Ōmokoroa Relocation of “The Rock”

- The General Manager Infrastructure Services noted that a presentation to the Board would be provided at their next workshop prior to a decision report being considered at their next hui scheduled 9 June 2026.
- There was concern regarding members being provided sufficient information and time to understand the community’s view in relation to the proposed relocation site.
- There was a request for information regarding the history of the lizard that was previously on the rock. Staff agreed to follow this up.

RESOLUTION OKCB26-2.6

Moved: Member T Akuhata

Seconded: Deputy B Rakoia

That the Senior Governance Advisor’s report dated 14 April 2026 titled ‘Ōmokoroa–Kaimai Projects and Operations Report – April 2026’ be received.

CARRIED

9.5 ŌMOKOROA-KAIMAI COMMUNITY BOARD – FINANCIAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2026

The Board considered a report dated 14 April 2026 from the Finance Business Partner. The report was taken as read. The Board was encouraged to remind community groups to submit grant applications to the next Community Board meeting, noting that it was their last hui before the end of the 2025/26 financial year.

RESOLUTION OKCB26-2.7

Moved: Chairperson C Dever
Seconded: Cr T Coxhead

That the Finance Business Partner’s report dated 14 April 2026 titled ‘Ōmokoroa–Kaimai Community Board – Financial Report – February 2026’, be received.

CARRIED

10 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT – KŌRERO TE WHIWHIA

Nil

The Meeting closed at 7.29pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ōmokoroa–Kaimai Community Board meeting held on 9 June 2026.

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Chairperson C Dever
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