

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING NO. OMC24-1
HELD IN THE ŌMOKOROA LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE, WESTERN AVENUE, ŌMOKOROA
ON TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.00PM**

1 PRESENT

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

2 IN ATTENDANCE

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

10 members of the public.
Councillor M Murray-Benge.

3 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION OMC24-1.1

Moved: Deputy A Hughes
Seconded: Member G Neilson

That the leave of absence from Cr Grainger be accepted.

CARRIED

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUM

7.1 COUNCILLOR MURRAY-BENGE – VARIOUS TOPICS

Councillor Murray-Benge was in attendance to speak regarding various topics. The following points were raised.

- There was the ability to have an influence on the landscaping of the Ōmokoroa/SH 2 intersection. The trees had been removed, and there was a need for a good landscaping proposal.
- It was believed that there should be at least six tennis courts at Western Avenue, and that these should not be multiuse.
- Concern was raised over the poor entranceway to a business property at the top of Prole Road. It was important that this be investigated to ensure that this is fixed.
- There was ongoing support for a higher Police presence in Ōmokoroa, and it was suggested that a local Member of Parliament (MP) be invited to speak to the community.

Comments from Community Board members/staff:

- The Transportation Area Engineer noted that the issue on Prole Road had been identified and escalated to the Project Manager.
- There had been an increase in Police presence in Ōmokoroa, including checkpoints and patrols.
- Community Policing had established an office on Hamurana Road that was available for Police use.
- There were ongoing conversations about community safety, and there were now 1,100 members in Neighbourhood Watch.

7.2 CHRIS DEVER – VARIOUS TOPICS

Mr Dever was in attendance to speak regarding various topics (Tabled Item 1). The following points were raised:

- Concern was raised over the amount requested from the Probus Club of Ōmokoroa.
- There was no RSA in Ōmokoroa, as the area was a part of the Katikati RSA. The local dawn services were coordinated by Greg Taylor and Mr Dever.
- It was believed that the investigation of additional street lighting (page 23 of the agenda) was an extremely slow process. It was felt that the appropriate action should be to investigate whether the lighting in the area met the appropriate lighting standards relative to the facilities in the area.
- There were now several households who had raised lighting concerns between 65 and 72 Ōmokoroa Road. The area was pitch black at night-time, and Mr Dever noted that concerns would be addressed to Council rather than the Community Board.

Tabled Item 1: Various Topics related to the Ōmokoroa Community Board Agenda.

7.3 ANNA KINGSTON – COMMUNITY FRUIT TREE GARDEN

Ms Kingston was in attendance to speak regarding a proposed to convert a reserve on McDonell Street to a community fruit tree garden. The following points were raised:

- Seven years ago there were slips on 37 and 39 McDonell Street. The houses were removed and the land had been converted into reserve land.
- The reserve currently had a seat, and there was desire from neighbouring properties to convert the land into a community fruit tree garden to benefit the community.
- The proposal was currently at the concept stage, and this was provided to the Board (Tabled Item 2).
- The garden would compliment the existing community garden at the Ōmokoroa Point School on Hamurana Road.
- Appropriate fruit trees would need to be planted, in order to manage rats and other pests.
- Support from the Council and Community Board was being sought, as outlined in Tabled Item 2.

Points of clarification raised by the Board:

- The land was regularly mown, but as there was existing concrete foundations and the slip was a sharp drop down, this was a difficult and dangerous task.
- Fruit trees would need to be sourced that do not grow too tall, so as not to compromise residents view.

This topic would be workshopped by the Board to determine next steps, and to decide a level of engagement for the Board.

Tabled Item 2: Proposal for Community Fruit Tree Garden to be Established at the Bramley Reserve.

7.3 FRIENDS OF KAIMAI VIEWS

Representatives from Friends of Kaimai Views (FoKV) were in attendance to speak regarding maintenance and roading concerns within Kaimai Views. Graham Anderson raised the following points:

- Present concerns in the area were outlined (Tabled Item 3 & 4), as well as FoKV's proposal.
- Concerns included the unsightly look of Kaimai Views, and the ongoing parking/road safety concerns.

- Mr Anderson provided the Board with FoKV's proposal (Tabled Item 3). This proposal was a permanent solution to the issues.
- Parking and road safety was a major concern, and posed problems such as emergency and service vehicles (such as rubbish trucks), unable to enter the area from both sides.
- A large, privately owned 7,000 square metre bank had become a fire risk, and was a haven for rodents.
- Quotes were provided to the Board (Tabled Item 5 & 6).

Comments/points of clarification from Community Board members/staff:

- A change to kerbing to allow for wider parking was the ultimate outcome.
- There was an empty section owned by Council that could be better utilised. Currently, it was just being mowed and left empty.
- The Totally Cut quote (Tabled Item 5) was the cost for each lawn service. Tabled Item 4 was a one-off cost for refurbishment and garden remedies.

The Transportation Area Engineer noted that it was difficult to achieve extra parking and balance this with the road width, but it was acknowledged that the service levels of the area had not been up to standard. However, he was willing to meet with a FoKV representative to do a tour of the area. There was also an opportunity to reiterate to the incoming contractors what the expectations of the area were. Contractors had already been organised to complete a weed and pest plant removal at the entrance of the area, and mulching was also being planned.

Tabled Item 3: Concerns and Proposal from FoKV.

Tabled Item 4: Letter of Support from Kauri Lane Resident.

Tabled Item 5: Quote for one-off, Kaimai Views Berm Refurbishment.

Tabled Item 6: Quote for regular, commercial grade lawn services in Kaimai Views.

8 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

8.1 MINUTES OF THE ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2023

RESOLUTION OMC24-1.2

Moved: Member G Neilson

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

1. That the Minutes of the Ōmokoroa Community Board Meeting held on 21 November 2023 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 – FEBRUARY 2024

The Board considered a report dated 13 February 2024 from the Chairperson. The Board took the report as read.

Member Hughes provided an update on the Community Response Plan:

- The community response plan had been completed, and pamphlets were being distributed to the community.
- The Ōmokoroa Community Response Team would be attending upcoming market days.
- The Team were looking at establishing some contact with the Katikati Community Response Team.
- The Team was undergoing some training, as they would be the initial assistance to a natural disaster in the area (first three days of a disaster).

RESOLUTION OMC24-1.3

Moved: Member G Neilson

Seconded: Deputy A Hughes

That the Chairperson’s report dated 13 February 2024 titled ‘Ōmokoroa Community Board – Chairperson’s Report – February 2024’ be received.

CARRIED

9.2 ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024

The Board considered a report dated 13 February 2024 from Councillor Thwaites. The Board took the report as read, with further discussion as follows:

- The Long Term Plan (LTP) had begun.
- With regard to Plan Change 92, the four Commissioners had released their hearings and recommendations to Council.
- The Representation Review would take place later in 2024.
- The first Kaimai Community Forum for 2024 would take place on 21 February 2024, at 7.00pm in the Ōmokoroa Sports Pavilion.

RESOLUTION OMC24-1.4

Moved: Cr D Thwaites

Seconded: Member B Bell

1. That Councillors Thwaites’ report dated 13 February 2024 titled ‘Ōmokoroa Community Board Councillor’s Report – February 2024’ be received.

CARRIED

9.3 ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD – GRANT APPLICATION – FEBRUARY 2024

The Board considered a report dated 13 February 2024 from the Governance Advisor. The Board took the report as read, with further discussion as follows:

- The Club had been running for 25 years, and getting the word out was the current focus – signage had been created, and letterbox drops were underway.
- Funding had been sought from Bay Trust and Department of Internal Affairs.
- Member Bell raised concern about the precedent that might be set if the funding were to be approved, and felt that there were better funding avenues for the Club to explore other than the Community Board.
- There was discomfort around funding the bus trips, and it was felt that the funding should be used more for advertisements and signage to build the Club's membership.

The Board received clarification from a member of the Probus Club on the following:

- The purpose of the bus trips was to incentivise people going out and making connections. This was mostly funded by the attendees, but the Community Board grant would subsidise this to attract more members.
- Membership of the Probus Club was approximately 40 people.

RESOLUTION OMC24-1.5

Moved: Deputy A Hughes

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

1. That the Governance Advisor's report dated 13 February 2024 titled "Ōmokoroa Community Board – Grant Application – February 2024" be received.
2. That the Ōmokoroa Community Board approve the grant application from the Probus Club of Ōmokoroa for \$2,370.00, for the purpose of advertising/promotion and signage for the club.

Member Bell voted against the motion.

CARRIED

9.4 ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD – ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION 2024

The Board considered a report dated 13 February 2024 from the Governance Advisor. The Board took the report as read, with further discussion as follows:

- It was proposed to the Board to approve more funding to purchase a reusable wreath, rather than a floral wreath, in order to provide a more sustainable option every year at the Anzac Day service in Ōmokoroa. This wreath could be used for years to come.

RESOLUTION OMC24-1.6

Moved: Member B Bell

Seconded: Member G Neilson

1. That the Governance Advisor's report dated 13 February 2024, titled 'Ōmokoroa Community Board – ANZAC Day Commemoration 2024', be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION OMC24-1.7

Moved: Member B Bell

Seconded: Member G Neilson

3. That the Ōmokoroa Community Board provide a reusable wreath for the ANZAC Day Service, to be paid from the Ōmokoroa Community Board Contingency Account (up to the value of \$350).
4. That Chairperson Presland represents the Ōmokoroa Community Board at the ANZAC Day Service in Ōmokoroa on 25 April 2024.

CARRIED

9.5 ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD – PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024

The Board considered a report dated 13 February 2024 from the Governance Advisor. The Board took the report as read, with further discussion as follows:

- The Boat Club Embankment Fencing had been completed.

RESOLUTION OMC24-1.8

Moved: Deputy A Hughes

Seconded: Member G Neilson

That the Governance Advisor's report dated 13 February 2024 titled 'Ōmokoroa Projects and Operations Report – February 2024' be received.

CARRIED

9.6 FINANCIAL REPORT ŌMOKOROA – DECEMBER 2023

The Board considered a report dated 13 February 2024 from the Financial Business Advisor. The Board took the report as read, with further discussion as follows:

- On page 44 of the agenda (resolution OM21-3.8), there was a commitment to the Ōmokoroa Bowling Club for a grant from 2021. The last claim to this grant was from July 2021. It was agreed that the money would be released back into the

Community Board's reserve account, and if the Bowling Club wish to apply for funding again, they can propose it to the current triennium's Community Board.

RESOLUTION OMC24-1.9

Moved: Cr D Thwaites

Seconded: Member G Neilson

1. That the Financial Business Advisor's report dated 13 February 2024 titled 'Financial Report Ōmokoroa – December 2023' be received.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION OMC24-1.10

Moved: Member G Neilson

Seconded: Member B Bell

2. That the Ōmokoroa Community Board requests that the remainder of the 'Committed – Reserve Expenditure' related to the grant application for the Ōmokoroa Bowling Club (OMC21-3.8), be released back into the Ōmokoroa Community Board Reserves Account, as there have been no claims since 2021, with the remainder being \$4,600.00.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 8.21pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ōmokoroa Community Board meeting held on 9 April 2024.

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Chairperson P Presland

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