

**Minutes – AGM MEETING OMORI KURATAU RATEPAYEERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
HELD 3 JANUARY 2019
10AM at Omori Hall, Omori Road, Kuratau.**

WELCOME - Introduce Committee members

Present: As per List

Apologies: Barb Bowie, Mr and Mrs Sherson, Tangonui Kingi, Andy Hema.

Moved: Michael Bowie **Seconded:** Robin Corbett **Carried**

Minutes: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3th January 2018 having been circulated and posted on the website.

Moved: Ian Young **Seconded:** Pieter Braun **Carried**

Matters Arising: Nil

Chairman's Report: - Michael Bowie to present his report and move.

Moved: Michael Bowie **Seconded:** Peter Britnell **Carried**

Financial Report: Peter Edmonds circulated report, presented and moved for acceptance.

Moved: Peter Edmonds **Seconded:** Lyndsay Spillman **Carried**

Subscription: \$30.00 for the financial year stay the same. After some discussion decided to stay the same. Currently the newsletter goes to every ratepayer and at this stage 55-60% are members of OKRA. Michael Bowie thanked Peter for his service and well-presented report.

Moved: Peter Edmonds **Seconded:** Tony Lewis **Carried**

Pieter Braun thanked Michael Bowie for his tireless efforts as Chairman over the last few years, with many hours attending local meetings etc.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE:

Chairman – Peter Britnell

Moved: Michael Bowie **Seconded:** Russell Shaw **Carried**

Secretary – Kevin O' Hara

Moved: Lizzie Shaw **Seconded:** Ginks Fox **Carried**

Treasurer – Peter Naysmith

Moved: Pieter Braun **Seconded:** Geoff Corbett **Carried**

Election of Committee Members – Michelle Hayward, Michael Bowie, Elizabeth Shaw, Bobbie Mortenson, Pieter Braun, Paulane McLean, Ngaire Grainger, Ian Young

Moved: Tony Lewis **Seconded:** Ian Skene **Carried**

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Volunteer Fire Brigade – Bronwyn Hunt. Works with Fire and Emergency NZ now.

8 trained members with 9th underway. A lot of members are younger which is fantastic. They are called out to accidents and minor fires to back up Turangi. The fire engine has been deemed unfit for purpose, so two double cab utes are set up. One person has first aid and the balance completing this training in 2019. They have 7 radios which help tremendously with communication during a call out. Meet every Wednesday night at 6pm and always looking for new people. If you are involved with FENZ anywhere else in the country and here visiting please call in.

St John 1st Response – Lizzie Shaw is on the Trust and the Defib Lifepac 15 arrived in Sep 18 due to community fundraising \$30,000. This is a fantastic asset to the region. Bobbie Mortenson personally thanked them as she has needed to call them recently. She also urged everyone if not a member please join ST Johns.

The Turangi ST John building is no longer fit for purpose so they need to raise \$500,000 to rebuild on a site next door which has been purchased.

Michael Bowie thanked Will, Fraser and Kathy for their relentless and arduous work.

Pest Eradication's Society – Russell Shaw. 7 years this group has been going. 75 feral cats have been caught between Feb and June 2018 compared to last year's 104. Live capture traps now used. DOC estimate 5 million cats in NZ and if each ate 3 birds that is 5 million birds. With Mice the DOC 200 traps are used with Russell gave a demo and explained the history for these traps and the journey they have had. 300 traps are now in the field, 12 lines and 15 Volunteers help.

The group is working with Dr Michael Jackson trialling a long-life lure for rats. They were one of three groups to be a part of the trial. 66 traps have been donated and \$2000 towards 30 additional traps which are now available so if anyone sees a stoat they call up and a trap is placed in the vicinity, resulting in 43 stoats being caught. The birds are back so please stick to the new speed limit as 2 more porcs have been hit recently. 8 similar groups operate around the lake. Watch the website for updates in monthly numbers caught.

The question was raised about Rabbits, Greg from TDC not at the meeting but Michael Bowie updated everyone. The calici virus was released in May but a little late so not very effective. If you have rabbits on your property contact TDC and they will organise Murray Pain to gas the burrow (approx \$60 per hour) and regular shooting operations take place. Gassing is very effective.

Omori Kuratau Preservation Society –

Michael Bowie updated us on Subdivision D2/D3 Te Waaka Tce to Whiowhio Reserve, 81 Sections are in the process of applying for resource consent. OKRA supported the Preservation Society in a submission to get this consent publicly notifiable. Don Mathieson from the Preservation Society advised this is important, so the consent process is open for everyone to be kept updated and to have the opportunity to make a submission. If it is not a publicly notifiable consent only the direct neighbours will be consulted. This is important no matter what your opinion is. Mike Single raised the point-never think your council can't get it wrong, as they do, just look at AKL. Bronwyn Hunt asked re consultation of OKRA submission, Michael explained this was to support the Preservation Society in requesting this consent to be open so then able to be discussed by the community as a whole and is on the website. Please make your own submission, this is a very easy step by step process on the TDC website.

Preservation Society AGM is 4 January 9.30am at the Omori Hall

Omori Kuratau Community Trust- Pieter Braun

Works closely with OKRA. Hall facilities continue to improve with new commercial vinyl recently been laid. A meeting room is also being set up. Local clubs continue to use the hall regularly. Private functions are also becoming popular. Recently hosted the Turangi at 5pm Group, local business owners, this was a great networking event.

Showcasing the facility. Yoga is very popular, Market days Easter and Labour weekend well attended with over 650 visitors. Website and facebook working well. The recent fun Run attracted 140 people and the weather was great. The fishing competition had 129 entries. 95 fish caught over the two days. The big message was Arrive clean! Leave clean! and posters with pests pointed out. The Trust recently farewell foundation Trust member Tony Haddock, who has moved to Whanganui. A bench will be installed sharing cost with OKRA to thank Tony for his long term contribution.

Civil Defence- Pieter Braun

Lizze Shaw and Pieter have worked diligently with Ian Conlan the Regional Manager. The Booklet has now been produced for the area. Twice yearly contact with residents is made collecting owners details along with what they could help with in an emergency.

Turangi Coastguard- Peter Britnell

Recently they were unable to attend a call out as couldn't get a crew together which was such a shame. Volunteers are needed across all organisations.

Michael also acknowledged some guests Sandra Greenslade – KCEPT, Maggie Stewart TDC Representative.

TDC: Maggie Stewart

Council is there to work with you and Maggie attends most OKRA meetings, she really values these meetings. LGC review is underway and this now looks like it will go to commissioners. This a concern as would hate to see things change from the status quo. We run the risk of losing one councillor and the Turangi Community Board.

KCEPT- Sandra Greenslade

If you have a power bill you are a consumer. They are having a giveaway on the 19th January 2019 at the Senior Citizens Hall, Turangi of 5 LED lights and all type of bulbs will be available. You will be posted ... a

voucher, please pass this onto someone else if you can't make the collection day to collect on your behalf. These bulbs will help you make power savings. The AGM will be at Oreti Resort on Friday 30 August please attend. She works closely with the OKRA

GENERAL BUSINESS

Rubbish: Mike Single raised from last years AGM regarding a 3 week trial of rubbish bins. This did not happen. He noted Doggie bins were not emptied from 24 Dec to 31 Dec 18. There was a number of bottles and tops left regularly. TDC workers need to be doing this over this busy time 2 weeks over Christmas and Easter. Mike Single put forward a motion that the new committee request bins including recycling and doggie bins be erected at the river mouth and boat ramps at Kuratau and Omori. Seconded: Cheryl Guest Carried

Kuratau Boat Ramp Buffers: Cecile Ellery asked re buffers that are on the Omori ramp could they be installed on the Kuratau ramp. This is a Harbour Master issue. Cecile put a motion that the new committee contact the Harbour Master and make the request. Seconded: Bobbie Mortenson Carried

Kuratau Boat ramp parking queue for launching and retrieving boats: Garth Burgener raised re parking as a free for all at times. He moved a motion the new committee talk to Council re signage. Seconded: Jill Hair Carried by small majority

Water quality: Tony Lewis asked re water quality and testing. Maggie TDC explained testing carried out regularly and the filters are being replaced to help elevate the taste at times.

Boat Ramp Sand: Tony Lewis raised about the sand from the Omori boat ramp that is being dropped at the bottom of the steps. Could this be changed and some sand placed on the beaches either side of the ramp. Again needs to be a request to the Harbour Master and not directly to the contractor.

Wheel chair and push chair access to reserves. Bobbie Mortenson raised this as she has witnessed people struggling with both access and uneven ground at the Reserve Motutaiko St end . Bobbie put forward a motion the new committee take this up with TDC. Seconded: Mike Single Carried

Erosion: Neville Hutchinson stated that he had done his own research and employed consultants and has a plan he would like to present to OKRA, Preservation Society and TDC. Greg Hadley TDC wasn't at the meeting to answer but this is part of the 10 year plan. Unfortunately the current delays in erosion mitigation work are due to no uniform agreement by the various concerned parties, being reached.

Signage: Liquor Ban, Dogs. Heather Skene asked re these signs as none up in the area showing the Holiday liquor ban etc. Maggie Stewart to follow up with TDC.

New Speed limit: Tracey Martin raised this and asked is it temporary and was there any consultation with community. Michael explained this speed limit change has been discussed and consulted over a two year period and been featured in many newsletters and AGM's etc. Maggie TDC confirmed all speed limits now in the region are permanent.

OKRA Expenditure: Tracey Martin raised how large expenses by the OKRA committee were approved. Michael explained these are normally a long-term plan like shade sails and communicated in newsletters and AGMs etc over a long time.

Turangi Food Bank Food Drive: Maggie Stewart advised a food drive will be taking place 6pm Friday 4 January involving a number of groups, they will be making lots of noise and any non-perishable items or donations would be gratefully received.

Peter Britnell thanked the outgoing committee for all their efforts.

Meeting closed at 12.04pm.