

## Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association Committee Meeting

Wednesday July 19th 2023 5.30 pm Omori Community Hall

### Minutes

**Present:** Peter Britnell, Kevin O'Hara, Liz Shaw, Ngaire Grainger, Amanda Collier, Raewyn Beattie, Ian Young, Jared Crowley. Angela Salmon (OKRA's Erosion sub-committee)

President Peter Britnell opened the meeting and welcomed members and Angela to the meeting.

**Apologies:** Peter Naysmith, Paulane McLean. Ian Young's apology to be added to minutes of 10th May 2023

**Motion:** Apologies be accepted. Moved: Liz Shaw Seconded: Ian Young - Carried

Minutes of the committee meeting held 10th May 2023

**Matters Arising:** To be covered in Agenda Items

**Motion:** Minutes are a true and correct record. Moved: Jared Crowley Seconded: Amanda Collier - Carried

### Correspondence:

1. Message from Greg Hadley re Erosion and slip

2. Email from Jason Day about Rabbit Project

3. Request for funding from Omori Kuratau Pest Management Group

**Motion:** Inward and outward correspondence be accepted. Moved: Raewyn Beattie Seconded: Jared Crowley - Carried

### Treasurer's Report:

Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association Inc. Treasurer's report as at July 19th 2023

**Bank:** ANZ Current Account **\$60,057.21** Liabilities – none outstanding

### Request for funding from Omori Kuratau Pest Management Group

- 100 lockable Tea Infusers at \$5.00 each. (for keeping baits fresh and safe from mice) = (\$500)
- 25 x DOC 200 Rat Traps at \$133.00 GST inclusive = (\$3,325)
- 20 kg of Rat & Possum Lure GST Inclusive = (\$828)
- 20kg of Mustelid & Cat Lure GST inclusive = (\$862.50)
- 25 x stainless steel trap mechanisms only to replace older rusted traps = (\$1365.63)

**Total= \$6881.13**

**Motion:** That the request for funding totalling \$6881.13 from the OKPMG, for predator trapping, be approved and that OKRA receives a copy of the next OKPMG AGM finance report. Moved: Jared Crowley. Seconded: Ian Young

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Moved: Kevin O'Hara Seconded: Ngaire Grainger - Carried

### Business / Agenda Items

#### 1) Report from Erosion Sub Committee

Kuratau Erosion Committee – Report

The Lake is lower so fortunately the erosion has slowed down. However this is no time to take the foot off the accelerator but in fact get work done.

#### 1. Erosion – Action Ongoing

- River Mouth – Engineers Tonkin & Taylor still working with TDC on best approach to rectify and re-protect the area.
- From River Mouth south to Parehopu (end Horomatangi Place area) – TDC will create a more resilient pumice track on the reserve for the trucks to work off. Once this is done beach nourishment will get underway, then ideally replicate the 'bund' protection of past.

- Parehopu towards Motutaiko Streets – There is a new pumice track and building up of reserve with extension of rock revetment. Anticipate rocks covered with sand and planting if required. This is the short-term solution while long-term being confirmed and approved.
- Omori Areas – focus currently on Kuratau, but Omori not at all forgotten.
- TDC has coordinated a small group from Southern Lakes area, which KEC is part of - very productive with on-going discussions to ensure support from all communities.

## 2. WRC's Consent Process – Action NOW

- Now is the time for correspondence to Waikato Regional Council to request a review of the Consent given to Mercury on managing Lake Taupo's water level.
- A reminder this is an optional review (in October every five years) but with enough pressure, particularly from TDC, there is hope this will happen. If a review occurs, then formal submissions can be made.
- To be addressed to Brent Sinclair, Director of Resources, Waikato Regional Council.  
**Brent.Sinclair@waikatoregion.govt.nz**
- Angela has drafted an email to WRC which will go out soon, to be cc'd with WRC Councilor Mike Downard (pro-review), TDC Executive, Taupo's MP Louise Upston, Councilor Sandra Greenslade, and others. She has spoken to all of these and they are supportive of our approach. The email requesting the review is on the detrimental impacts on the Omori-Kuratau and Southern Lakes' communities – it is not facts and figures but addressing the Environmental Social Governance (ESG) aspects of the consent. i.e. the stress and underlying anger in the community particularly as we are unable to be heard. ('Facts and Figures' can go in the formal submissions, plus TDC, etc are doing this now).

## 3. Lake Level Committee – Action NOW

- So now is the right time to go out to the rate-paying community and ask for volunteers, with the requisite skills and drive, to form a Lake Level Committee to take on the task of the formal submissions to WRC, being hopeful a review will occur.
- With just 8-10 weeks to get submissions sorted there is urgency. A request will go out for volunteers as part of the comms to ratepayers, including a copy of the WRC email for the community's info which will also encourage their own correspondence to WRC.

Angela will supply info for 2. And 3. above.

**Angela Salmon**

**Kuratau Erosion Committee – OKRA**

**Preserve, Protect, Adapt and Respect**

### 2) Omori Road slip

- A tender was awarded in the first week of July following negotiations after tendering closed. The community will be kept informed as to when the contractor can mobilise the site.
- The Omori footpath just after Kaimanawa Street has been closed because it shows deformation. It is anticipated that this might be related to movement in the bank. WSP have been engaged to do Geo-technical investigations. The investigations (drilling specific) are scheduled for the end of July. The community will be informed closer to the time and close properties will receive an information mail drop)

### 3) Update from TDC (Greg Hadley)

Erosion update: The lake levels have dropped a little and the situation has stabilized somewhat which has enabled some minor repair works. Next planned work is to create a more resilient pumice track on the reserve from the river mouth south towards Parehopu Street for the trucks to work off when the beach nourishment gets underway.

#### **4) Defibrillators - (Future Management of Defibrillators)**

It was proposed that OKRA accept responsibility for the ongoing management, replacement and maintenance of the 3 defibs to be purchased by OKRA and the existing Defib located at the Omori Hall.

That would necessitate OKRA to budget contingency funds each year to support this responsibility.

The treasurer to be asked to estimate these expenses and propose a budget then report back to the full committee.

Another Defib has also been purchased by the Omori/Western Lake Taupo Charitable Trust and located outside the Omori Store. A discussion will take place between OKRA and the Western Lake Taupo Charitable Trust re including this 5th Defib under an OKRA management/maintenance plan.

#### **5) Te Puke Road speed change submission update**

We are still waiting to hear from TDC about this.

#### **6) Recreation and Sport Strategy Submission update**

We have had no response to our submission directly but the TDC website acknowledges the submissions and outlines the process going forward including the finalised 2023-2024 Annual plan.

#### **7) Update on Rabbit Project**

Proposed consultant Jason Day (Call of the wild) is still keen to look at our options although his capacity is quite limited for a while with other work commitments, but may be able to do something in future depending on what everyone decides. He is keen to have a talk.

Rabbit sub Committee will meet as soon as can be arranged, to suggest a few dates when the committee and Jason Day can meet and discuss options.

#### **8) Concerns from OKRA for the next Tongariro Group Representative meeting.**

(Agenda items require 1 month prior notice)

- Te Puke Road speed review. Update requested.

#### **9) Written report from Mike Bowie**

Report tabled and discussed

#### **General Business**

1. New digital notice board in front of the Omori Hall can proceed subject to TDC consent.
2. D2/D3 subdivision. – Some clearing taking place to check boundaries. No other information available.
3. Omori Water Plant Upgrade - The water treatment plant layout and process design has been finalised, and the foundation and building design is currently being worked through with the aim to submit the Resource Consent for the build and site designation in the next 4-6 weeks.

**Next Meeting Wednesday 13th September 2023 – 5.30pm - Community Hall**

**Meeting closed 7.10pm**