

**Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday 28th January 2022, 10.00am**

Present: Peter Britnell, Lizzy Shaw, Kevin O'Hara, Peter Naysmith, Paulane McLean, Ngaire Grainger.  
President Peter Britnell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.  
Apologies: Ian Young, Amanda Collier, Raewyn Beattie, Jared Crowley.  
Moved: Apologies be accepted: Moved: Kevin O'Hara Seconded: Peter Naysmith Carried

Minutes of the committee meeting held 5th November 2020

Moved: That they be a true and correct record. Moved: Peter Britnell Seconded: Kevin O'Hara Carried

**Correspondence Nil**

**Treasurer's report as at January 28th 2022**

ANZ Bank: Current Account \$83,939.46

Accounts for payment:

1) Plateau Security: New Year's eve security patrols \$1,104

2) K OHara : Reimbursement for water/ice/soft drinks for Police BBQ/Information tent \$180

**Resolution:**

Moved: Liz Shaw Seconded: Peter Britnell: That the accounts be paid. Carried

Current camera costs are \$60 paid 6th of every month to Spark.

Need to set up an automatic payment for Spark and for B. Bigwood at \$45 per month (annual \$540) for camera hosting fee.

Resolution: Moved: Liz Shaw Seconded: Ngaire Grainger

That Treasurer Peter Naysmith be authorised to set up the Automatic Payments with ANZ. Carried

Resolution: Moved: Peter Naysmith Seconded: Ngaire Grainger That the Finance report be accepted. Carried

**Business:**

**Review 2021 projects and goals:**

Security cameras upgraded and a positive relationship built up with our security technician Hepa from Turangi. Security patrols set up and relatively effective on New Year's eve. No progress on erosion Lake bed based barriers and limited progress on Rabbit control. No progress on playground car parking on Omori Road. Te Puke Road speed limit submission agreed upon at AGM and submitted to TDC. Rubbish bins deployed again this season. Public notice board repaired on Omori Road opposite Omori Store. Newsletters have gone digital this year! OKRA website now the prime medium for communicating with Ratepayers. Thank you webmaster Russel Shaw!

**Establish priorities for 2022 and delegate responsibilities:**

**1) Relationship with TDC:**

Lisa Nairn provided an excellent link between OKRA and TDC last year. Who has replaced her to provide this much needed liaison? Ngaire Grainger to inquire who is her replacement and Peter Britnell will contact TDC CEO Gareth Green to establish a communication channel with him and hopefully be provided with the appropriate contacts within TDC to assist with our 2022 projects.

**2) Car parking:**

Car parking on the grass verge near the Omori playground/tennis courts has created an unsightly area and the situation is unacceptable. OKRA will again pursue its goal to have this area tar sealed with appropriate car parking. Parking in the Hall car park is not practical since parents want to be able to see their children in the park. Any legal and engineering issues should be discussed with the TDC Roding manager and a process to address this issue identified and followed.

**3) Security, cameras, New Year, tagging:**

OKRA will continue to fund security patrols again next New Year (Kevin O'Hara to coordinate)

OKRA will utilise old security cameras and relocate them to trouble spots to act as deterrent. (Peter Naysmith to coordinate). We will investigate deployment of active cameras at graffiti prone trouble spots such as Kuratau boat ramp and Kuratau river mouth. (Peter Naysmith to investigate possibilities)

Will police have access to camera footage and is any signage needed when deploying cameras? Consult with Sgt Morunga at Turangi police station. Paulane to check up on who our new Police Community Constable will be, to replace John Malpass. Liz to call by the Turangi police station to ensure they are aware of recent graffiti damage in our area.

**Resolution:** Moved: Peter Britnell    Seconded: Paulane McLean

That the two non-functioning security cameras be relocated to the Kuratau Boat Ramp and the Kuratau River mouth. Carried

**4) Erosion Control** – No further action on this issue by OKRA. TDC and TMTB will continue to work together to implement TDC “Reserve based” projects such as erosion gardens. Information to the community to this effect, to be put on the Chairpersons Blog on the OKRA web site. Peter Britnell.

**5) Tables on Reserves** – Quotes to date have proved quite expensive. (Concrete pad \$2,875 and table chair set approx \$4,000) Request to be made to Kieran Smith TDC re a cost sharing proposal -Ngaire Grainger to follow this up. OKRA will also look seeking “expert” volunteer help to install the concrete pads with a notice requesting help on the Community Noticeboard Facebook page.

**Resolution:** Moved: Ngaire Grainger    Seconded: Peter Britnell

That in principle, OKRA intends to install 2 tables in 2022 at Motutaiko Street and the Kuratau River mouth, subject to final agreement on pricing, and perhaps 2 more in 2023. Carried

#### **6) Chess Set**

Missing pieces to be replaced. Cost of replacement is \$805 but a full set replacement is \$1100. Many existing pieces are looking a bit jaded so a full set will ordered and the extras can be used for future replacements. If pieces continue to go missing, OKRA would not automatically replace them because of the high cost but we would keep a profile of existing pieces so that plywood cut outs might be the replacement solution. Replace locks on the storage cupboards so the pieces could be locked up a high risk times such as New Year’s Eve but otherwise they are freely available for the community without the need for keys. Chairman’s Blog to let community know about the replacements.

**Resolution:** Moved: Kevin OHara    Seconded: Liz Shaw That a replacement chess set and replacement draughts be ordered from The Big Game Company (\$1,182 incl GST and Delivery) Carried

#### **7) Rabbit Management:**

There is a need for another meeting of the Rabbit subcommittee. There is still the need for rabbit eradication in our area that would require different method and a multi-faceted approach. Many individual property owners and Murray Payne have attempted control by shooting rabbits. A sum was put aside last year for a consultant to survey the extent of the problem. In addition to that, OKRA would like to budget an ongoing sum for rabbit control and other pest control. Chairman’s blog to alert community re cotoneaster (Botanical name – Cotoneaster glaucophyllus) and tut?

**Resolution:** Moved: Peter Naysmith    Seconded: Peter Britnell That the sum of \$5,000 Per Annum be put aside for pest control and the Treasurer to set up an account for this purpose. Carried

#### **8) OKCT Relationship:**

OKRA would like to liaise closely with OKCT on a range of issues including Hall use as civil defence Hub. Currently there is an informal arrangement whereby the President of OKRA sits on the OKCT and the OKCT Chair has been elected this year onto the OKRA committee. There is no formal arrangement in either body’s constitution. Discussions are ongoing.

**9) Civil defence:** In the past Pieter Braun and Liz Shaw had compiled lists of community asset, personnel and equipment that could be called upon in an emergency. There is still a need to follow National Emergency Management guidelines and keep things up to date. Maybe use the webpage to ask for information that would be helpful. Ngaire has offered to help Liz with this task.

The Hall would need to be considered as a community “civil defence hub” and for that purpose, extra capability needs to be added. Considerations re an independent power supply / solar power/ Batteries rather than solar power/ generator/ water tanks/ Hall security camera. Discussions ongoing.

**10) AGM reporting:** Low numbers at the AGM this year and no contentious issues. OKRA email quiet since AGM. Are these indications Ratepayer members are OK with how things are going to date.

**11) Harbour Master/ Kuratau Ramp extension:** Office closed over statutory holidays. No further progress to report at this time.

#### **12) Fitness Circuit:**

Idea first mooted in 2014. Could be expensive and may or may not have community support. Will investigate further and discuss again at a future meeting.

### **Committee Meeting Dates for 2022**

The original intention to have meetings on Fridays to fit in with TDC staff, who may attend, is no longer an issue and the committee now feel Saturday meetings would suit the majority of our committee members. NB: Current Covid protocols will be observed at OKRA committee meetings.

Saturday 2nd April 2022 10.00am Hall: Saturday 16th July 2022 10.00am Hall: Saturday 5 th Nov 2022 10.00am Hall

**Next Meeting Saturday 2nd April 2022 - 10.00am - Community Hall. Meeting closed 12.10 pm**

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