

Minutes – AGM MEETING
OMORI KURATAU RATEPAYEERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
HELD 3 JANUARY 2022
10.00 AM at Omori Hall, Omori Road, Kuratau.

Acting President Peter Britnell opened the meeting.

Present: As per List recorded at the door (approx 30 in attendance)
Guests: Chris Monk (Waikato Regional Council) Greg Hadley (TDC)

The acting President welcomed everyone, outlined the house rules including the Covid rules.

Peter paid tribute to the Past President, Pieter Braun, who passed away in September 2021. It is noted that a member complimented Pieter on his last president's report.

Apologies: Bobby Mortenson, Robyn and Geoff Corbett, Robbie Naysmith and Marianne Williamson.

Moved: Peter Britnell

Seconded: Ngaire Grainger

That apologies be accepted **Carried**

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: (The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3th January 2021 having been made available and posted on the OKRA website.)

Resolution:

Moved: Peter Britnell

Seconded: Ian Young

That the minutes of the Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association AGM meeting held 3/01/20, Be confirmed as a true and correct record. **CARRIED**

Matters Arising:

Traffic Management. To be addressed later in the meeting.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Peter Naysmith tabled (via Power Point) the financial report (Financial Accounts for period 1/10/2020 to 30/9/2021)

General discussion:

Question- What was the profit for 2021. Treasurer explained that the finance accounts showed a surplus of income over expenditure of \$10,847.28

A member asked for a written report that more clearly showed this surplus. (Profit and Loss Statement) There was agreement that the finance report be passed subject to the Treasurer preparing a different format of the report, and having that report posted on the OKRA web page.

It is recommended that there be no increase in membership subscriptions.

Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association Inc

Financial Accounts for period 1/10/2020 to 30/9/2021

Current Assets: As at end of financial year

ANZ Current Account \$71,107.61

Liabilities:

No significant

ANZ account balances as at 1/10/20

Current account \$16,263.66

Term deposit \$43,996.67

TOTAL ANZ \$60,260.33

Income:

Subscriptions/donations \$16,534.23

Advertising \$4,435.00

Interest \$14.78

Term Deposit interest \$ 233.43

Trustpower Heartland fund (for CCTV project) \$1,179.15

TOTAL INCOME \$22,396.59

Expenditure:

Internet hosting \$327.00

Post box \$190.00

Hall insurance \$4,405.24

Newsletters costs (postage, printing, mailing TDC) \$3,594.25

Withholding tax \$2.59

Camera housing \$500.00

CCTV tech consult \$910.80

Malcolm Flowers Insurances \$1,619.43

TOTAL EXPENSES \$11,549.31

SURPLUS: \$10,847.28 (Income less Expenses)

Additional Information

ANZ Current Account - \$83,782.46 as at the end of the "calendar" year (29/12/2021)

(This includes 426 subs and donations approx \$15,250.00 less expenses \$2,575.15

Details will appear in next year's AGM finance report and in the OKRA committee meeting finance report)

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Peter Naysmith

Seconded: Kathy Doyle

That the Financial Year report (1/10/20 – 30/09/21) be accepted subject to a corrected set of accounts (Appearing above in these minutes) and that these minutes will be posted on the OKRA web page. **CARRIED**

ELECTION OF THE 2022 OKRA COMMITTEE AND OFFICE HOLDERS:

President Britnell introduced the current committee of OKRA.

There was 1 nomination for President, 1 nomination for Secretary and 1 nomination for Treasurer. (No election required)

President – Peter Britnell
Secretary – Kevin O’ Hara
Treasurer – Peter Naysmith

7 committee members were nominated: (No election required)

Amanda Collier
Jared Crowley
Ngaire Grainger
Paulane McLean
Liz Shaw
Ian Young
Raewyn Beattie

All nomination forms were correctly signed and dated including proposed and seconded by current financial members of OKRA.
It is important to have representation on the committee of local and non -resident ratepayers. eg - Ian Young and Amanda Collier representing non local ratepayers.

Resolution:

Moved: Peter Britnell
Seconded: Cathie Braun

That the above named nominations be accepted and duly elected. **Carried**

President’s Report: - Peter Britnell presented his report via power point and spoke to the following bullet points.

Main points:

1) Security

New year’s eve security. -OKRA implemented 3 initiatives this year. Greater liaison with the TDC re Liquor ban signs, greater liaison and police presence in the area and hiring Plateau Security for 2 days of patrols. The result was a decreased level of vandalism and drinking in liquor ban areas.

Peter naysmith reported that an upgraded CCTV system will be installed and operational by the end of January 2022, using TDC recommended technicians from the local area.

Paddy Doyle asked if disused and non-functioning cameras can be relocated to trouble spots as a deterrent.

David Huxley Jones asked if we could have security again for 2022

Resolution:

Moved: Peter Britnell
Seconded: Kevin O’Hara

That OKRA hires a security firm to provide security patrols over the New Year period again in 2022. **Carried**

2) Erosion control

Greg Hadley – Local Hapu do not support erosion control options that involve TDC placing material on the lake bed and their position is supported by the Tuwharetoa Trust Board. This follows 3 years of talks and numerous reports produced.

Therefore the Breakwater idea, so successful at Waitahanui, is not an option here, so TDC solutions involve only utilising Council reserve land.

Current proposal is the “living wall” solution, already under way near the Kuratau river mouth. Funds are available and no further resource consents are needed. It will involve developing the living wall all along the foreshore in sections towards Parehopu Street. This is a “backs to the wall” solution and won’t regain much lost land, but will help to retain existing foreshore.

The “living wall” buffer solution to be placed on TDC owned reserve, as an alternative to the to the Breakwater plan.

Lake front sewer lines will not be relocated for economic and engineering reasons.

Omori-Kuratau walkway restoration- The restoration work will have to be undertaken on TDC reserve land and not involve the lakebed.

3) Pest/Rabbit Control

Jared Crowley reported – An OKRA Rabbit sub-committee was formed with Jared as Chairman. OKRA allocated the subcommittee funding to get a plan into place. Surveys were conducted and there were 120 Responses to the survey questions. Owners of properties that responded were grouped together based on geographic location. Consultants were engaged (paid for by OKRA funding) to visit and check the properties and carry out visual assessments.

This will lead to proposals for our rabbit management plan.

In the mean- time, rabbit culls take place with one cull taking out 2000 rabbits.

Chris Monk - Waikato Regional Council:

The WRC Regional pest management plan soon to be signed off

Rabbits are a landowner’s problem.

WRC not pursuing any virus solutions currently and Chris provided information on past Virus programmes that did not achieve effective results for our area.

4) Traffic management

OKRA has responded to concerns about road safety on Te Puke road, first raised at the 2021 AGM.

A submission has been prepared and will be lodged with the Taupo District Council “Speed management Plan.”

General discussion around the whether it should be 50/70 or 50 kph all the way to the dump.

Resolution:

Moved: Brian Carran

Seconded: Liz Shaw

That a submission be lodged with TDC asking that the current 100kph speed limit on Te Puke road be reduced to 50KPH from the intersection with Omori Road to a point approximately 100 metres west of Rangitukua Road, and with the remainder of the road to the Refuse Centre, be reduced to 70 kph, based on the 15 health and safety reasons explained fully in the submission. **Carried**

5) Water Treatment

Peter Britnell brought OKRA up to date with TDC long term plans re building new water treatment plants around the Lake District and the future upgrade to the Omori water treatment plant.

3 waters - Greg no comment. Positions on 3 Waters vary from Council to Council around NZ.

6) Communications

Major change this year with no print copy newsletters posted out and no advertising. Communications with Association members will be via e-mail and the OKRA website.

Mail chimp being used with 762 verified emails now in use.
Big thanks to Russel Shaw for managing the website.

Encourage people and neighbours to supply their emails to the OKRA data base, so they can be included in communications.

No consent has been obtained from members to on supply private information, therefore the OKRA data base it cannot be released to general public.

.7) New seating/tables

Ngaire Grainger - TDC ok with more seats and tables to be placed in the community on TDC reserve land.

Wooden tops, powder coated, same style as some existing ones.

Awaiting quote for concrete pad costs.

Maybe looking at 4 or 5

Suggest one near river mouth and one by playground near Parehopu street, and one on foreshore by Kuratau boat ramp.

Sponsorship – TDC policy- no names permitted on seats as memorials but organisations can be recognised with a small plaque.

Cost likely to be \$4,000 – \$5,000 depending on quote for installation.

OKRA will await all quotes, then the committee can make the final decision.

8) TDC Structure Changes

Submissions to change the structure of local Government have now closed.

Ratepayers just to be aware that a new structure will be in place for the future.

9) TDC and WRA Rates

(\$2,443,354) WRA Rates (\$319,452)

The above amounts are what our Ratepayers pay each year on Rates.

\$77,000 spent in 2021 by Waikato Regional Council in the area, including remedial work.

TDC Information is available. It was noted that large amounts are spent on things that you can't see by looking out the window. e.g. Water infrastructure costs etc.

Feedback from members:

A member commented that mowing by Council staff had been very good in previous years but was insufficient this year. Consequently the area did not look so well maintained, plus the prospects of a higher level of fire danger caused by long dry grass. -Kathy Doyle
Greg Hadley (TDC) noted the concern.

Walkways need better upkeep – Ngaire Grainger

Entrance ways to our reserves are sometimes blocked by vehicles, thereby preventing access to the reserves for wheelchair bound residents in particular. Some of the curbing is also difficult to negotiate, there were suggestions for double yellow “no parking lines” to be painted on the road adjacent to the access ways.

This year has seen rapid growth of plants leading to increased “vegetation over hang” on footpaths.

There was a request also for the cutting back of vegetation overlapping the public foot paths that is currently hindering pedestrians and wheel chair bound residents.

OKRA submission to the TDC 10 year plan -No feedback to report at this meeting.

General Business:

1) Cath Carran updated the meeting re the Food Bank collection in the area later on in the day involving volunteers and assisted by the emergency services. Extra volunteers welcome.

2) Blackberries have been sprayed - Julie Gordon (TDC)

3) Kuratau launching ramp extension proposal. - Relevant officers closed during holiday period and nothing further to report at this stage.

4) John Mathieson (KOPS Chairperson) spoke briefly about the Preservation Society and its AGM tomorrow in the Omori Hall 10.00am. Main topic will be discussion around the proposed D2/D3 subdivision.

5) A member complained about Bee hives being located near children`s playground on the Whio Whio Reserve. Greg Hadley (TDC) responded that TDC have already requested that the Bee hives be removed.

President Britnell closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance

Meeting closed at 11.50 am
