

Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association
Committee Meeting
Saturday 5th November 2022, 10.00am
Omori Community Hall
Minutes

Present: Kevin O'Hara, Jared Crowley, Ngaire Grainger, Peter Britnell, Liz Shaw and Paulane McLean

President Peter Britnell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone including guest, new TDC Councillor Sandra Greenslade.

Apologies: Raewyn Beattie, Ian Young, Peter Naysmith and Amanda Collier

Moved: Apologies be accepted: Moved: Kevin O'Hara Seconded: Peter Britnell Carried

Sandra Greenslade introduced herself. She offered to keep OKRA up to date with local representation as a result of the local bodies elections and the names of the representatives on the various new committees. Hopefully, the names of the committees, their functions and their membership as well.

Minutes of the committee meeting held 16th July 2022

Moved: That these minutes be a true and correct record. Moved: Ngaire Grainger Seconded: Paulane McLean Carried

Matters Arising:

- 1) Peter Naysmith to investigate 2 additional Cameras for Boat ramps and River mouth- defer until next meeting
- 2) Fitness Circuit – No further discussion re fitness circuit at this time but Peter Britnell mentioned he had envisaged some inexpensive fitness equipment being investigated.
- 4) Neighbourhood welcome sign at top of Omori Hill – Erected- Thank you Paulane

Correspondence:

Inwards/Outwards

1. WRC and TDC re support for rabbit control project
2. E mail from Greg Hadley - updating TDC current position re Lakefront erosion.
3. E mail from Jacob Kuchlein TDC Transport Engineer, re concealed exit warning sign
4. Email from Rose Prisk TDC Community Engagement Advisor re Speed limit submission

Outwards

1. To Rose Prisk, re Te Puke Road Speed Limit submission

2. To Jacob Kuchlein, re concealed warning sign
3. To Greg Hadley, re erosion update
4. To Julie Gordon TDC, re liquor ban signs.

Treasurer's Report

Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association Inc.

Treasurer's report as at 1st April 2022

Present Bank Balance \$73,405.66

Additional notes supplied by the Treasurer:

1. To date, 192 Membership payments totalling \$6,895.00
2. Liabilities – still to be billed approx. \$6,800.00 by Fel Group for 2nd table and benches

Peter Naysmith Treasurer

Moved: Treasurer's report be accepted: Moved: Peter Britnell Secoded: Liz Shaw Carried

Business/ Agenda Items

1) Security Camera

Camera is fully functional and meeting our needs. Peter Naysmith has spent considerable time sorting out issues including restoration of power supply after a problem arose.

2) Rabbit Subcommittee report

Peter gave a brief update and there was general discussion.

We still need to secure the services of a Project Manager to coordinate the project next year. There is work to do in regard to ensure community buy in/information sharing and approval. Comprehensive information needs to be collated and made available to Ratepayer's in regard to Pindone. ie identify the risks to domestic pets and other relevant technical data/information that the community will need to know in order to support the project. Prepare that information into a format that can be shared with the community.

We have received 14 drums from TDC for bait stations. Jared will try to source more bait stations from local farms. Set up another working bee to prepare the bait stations. Continue to accumulate lists of volunteers to deploy and monitor bait stations. Keep TDC and WRC up to date with developments.

Jared will make an approach to a potential Project Manager.

Pukawa Property Owner's Association will not be directly involved in the Kuratau project, but are welcome to use any of our bait stations and access to any information in relation to our project, for their own projects in the future but we can't organise on their behalf.

There is some urgency now as time is moving fast, if we are to achieve the 2023 operational window.

3) Community Precinct Development

A meeting between the TDC and the Omori Fire Brigade has recently taken place. Neither OKRA nor OKCT were involved and may not be up to speed with any developments regarding the future of the precinct and the Hall lease.

Therefore Peter Britnell will request a meeting with Libby O'Brien (TDC) to discuss where we are at and what needs to be the next steps/discussions, in developing a future plan for the precinct.

Peter will also follow up with Libby on the status of the OKRA submission to the Long term plan to have the carpark area by the Kuratau reserve/tennis court/Petanque upgraded.

4) Future Planning 2023 - OKRA committee

Committee is looking ahead to the AGM in January 2023.

Constitution states that a Vice President can be appointed at the discretion of the Committee.

This could be addressed at the first meeting of the new 2023 committee after the AGM in January.

Constitution: "The Vice President if appointed, shall preside at meetings of the Association and of the committee at which the President is not present but otherwise the Committee shall elect its own Chairman on all occasions when the President is not present."

A couple of potential committee nominations were noted during discussion. Amanda to be asked to approach potential committee members, re their interest to be nominated for the 2023 committee.

5) Civil Defence

Raewyn Beattie and Liz Shaw continue to prepare a list of neighbourhood coordinators and Ngaire Grainger is recording a local "Assets list". Some community members have already volunteered information in this respect.

These lists and databases continue to be developed.

Moved: That OKRA continues to pursue options for backup power supply to the Hall with a suitable generator. Moved: Ngaire Grainger Seconded: Liz Shaw Carried

6) Kuratau Boat Ramp

Jamie Grant- Has been confirmed as our new Harbour Master!

They have completed the survey of ramps around the lake and now have to go to Cabinet for funding - a drawn out process!

Our requests for an additional ramp at Kuratau is top of his list! But a long process – report from Ian Young.

7) Table/Chairs project

Ngaire met with Kieran Smith (TDC) to discuss siting of 2 Tables/Chairs between Kuratau Boat ramp and the Spit memorial light. Kieran approved the locations but declined to approve locations north of the Spit citing erosion concerns.

Heartland Community Trust have kindly donated \$6,830 towards the cost of the Tables/Chairs. This means we can order 2 tables now, rather than just the one.

8) Te Puke Road Speed Limit Submission

Submission failed to achieve a speed limit for this year but has been placed in priority 2. Bryson Huxley (TDC) said it is currently sitting in the plan as priority 3 as a low volume rural road. Due to the changes and our feedback from the Omori and Kuratau community, he would like to bring it forward into priority 2.

This will involve a consultation process with the wider community and district and they will come and hear the communities feedback.

This will take place in the 23/24 financial year.

The plan itself is also sitting with Waka Kotahi for approval.

The matter needs to be raised with Libby O'Brien, re the process OKRA went through with the speed limit submission and why such a high speed is acceptable for Te Puke Road for another 18 months and why no community consultation took place before deciding it had not met the threshold for priority one. Explore the possibility of mounting an appeal.

Also explore the possibility of requesting TDC to approve a temporary speed limit in the area over the busy summer holiday period while due process for a permanent solution plays out over the 2023/24 period.

9) Christmas security and Liquor ban signage

Kevin to contact Plateau Security to arrange security cover for this summer, along the same lines as last year and to contact Julie Gordon re installing liquor ban signage again this year.

Motion: That Kevin approach Plateau Security to arrange/negotiate security arrangements for New Year's eve at Kuratau and liaise with Turangi Community Constable, Blake Wilson, re Christmas and New year patrols at Kuratau/Omori.

Moved: Liz Shaw, Seconded: Peter Britnell Carried

General Business

a) Chess set storage boxes – Lid struts have arrived and just waiting for a time for installation. Thanks again Stuart.

b) Walking Track (Between Omori Boat ramp and Kuratau Boat ramp) a large slip has closed the track. Liz to contact Julie Gordon (TDC) re possible options to restore track. Local ratepayer, James Kendall, has kindly offered to assist with resources to support a solution to reopen the track. Much appreciated James.

c) General maintenance of walk ways and reserves

TDC 24/7 service was utilised to restore track signage and track clearing near Te Waaka Tce. TDC responded and the work was completed promptly and satisfactorily.

- Please fill out the short form here to make a request to Council, or to let us know about something that needs fixing: <https://online.taupo.govt.nz/online-services/new/contact-us/step/1>

- Or, you can call us on 0800 ASKTDC – 0800 275 832.

d) Slip at top of Omori hill and traffic lights

Jared to approach Andrew Moraes (New GM TDC Operations and Delivery) and Informax, to be updated on the plans to repair the slip damage on Omori Hill and the prospective time frames for remedial work and any issues with the traffic lights.

e) Neighbourhood Support groups.

Occasionally, suspicious behaviour is noticed in the neighbourhood. In Turangi some streets have a small network of neighbours who look out for each other and alert each other using a phone App called Viber.

Paulane has offered to follow up with more information on Facebook re using an app as part of a neighbourhood support network.

f) Kuratau Erosion.

No current plans to extend the “living wall” concept beyond the existing wall south of the Kuratau River, because the south end of the Living wall is beginning to be eroded as well.

The committee discussed the idea of talking informally with the Pukawa Hapu about foreshore erosion issues and to seek their perspective. Kevin and Liz asked to make an initial approach to Pukawa Marae Chairperson John Potaka.

Motion: That OKRA informally discuss erosion issues with Pukawa Hapu

Moved: Paulane McLean Seconded: Ngaire Grainger Carried

g) Advertising OKCT end of year Pot Luck dinner. OKRA will support advertising this event through OKRA Web page. Raewyn/Liz to sort out all details for Liz to pass on to Rats so he can upload to OKRA web page. Big Thanks again Russel!

h) Donations. OKRA to check the constitution for any references to OKRA funds being donated to Charities and report back to committee.

I) OKRA Committee meetings

The committee feel that 3 meetings per year is insufficient to maintain continuity, progress the projects and keep on top of issues. Therefore it is proposed that we also have 2 “catch-up” meetings (1 Hour duration max) per year.

Possible framework for discussion:

Full meetings= January/May/November

Catch-up meetings= March/August

J) Vehicles driving onto the Kuratau reserve

Discuss with TDC possibilities of making the reserve more secure by extending the existing wooden post fence, past the playground, thereby closing all the gaps and also consider installing “no vehicles on the reserve” signage.

k) Amalgamation of OKRA an OKCT

Discussion - The roles of the 2 organisations are quite distinct and attracting different strengths interests and abilities. Maybe the overall responsibilities of such a combined committee, would be too diverse. No inclination to pursue this further at this point.

Next Meetings Thursday 15th December 5.00pm

AGM Tuesday 3rd January 2023 - 10.00am - Community Hall

Meeting closed 12.15 pm
