

**Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 8th November 2023, 5.30pm - Omori Community Hall**

Present: Peter Britnell, Ngaire Grainger, Peter Naysmith, Raewyn Beattie, Jared Crowley, Angela Salmon, Liz Shaw, Ian Young
President Peter Britnell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Apologies: Paulane McLean, Kevin O'Hara, Amanda Collier

Moved: Apologies be accepted: Moved: Peter Britnell Seconded: Peter Naysmith - Carried

Minutes of the committee meeting held 13th September 2023

Moved: That these minutes be a true and correct record, with the following amendment:

Lake Level Committee

“It was agreed that OKRA remain independent of other groups regarding submissions to WRC that request a review of the existing Mercury resource consent(s).”

Moved : Jared Crowley Seconded :Ngaire Grainger – ***All agreed except the Chairman – Peter Britnell***

Moved: Peter Britnell Seconded: Raewyn Beattie - Carried

Matters Arising:

Any matters arising were to be covered in Agenda Items

Correspondence:

Nil

Treasurer's Report

Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association Inc. Treasurer's report as at November 8th 2023

ANZ balance current account - \$57,335.20 Liabilities – none outstanding

Subscriptions and donations to date - \$13,400.00

Peter Naysmith Treasurer

Motion: Treasurer's report be accepted. Moved: Peter Naysmith

Seconded: Ian Young - Carried

Following Peter's presentation of the Financial Report there was a discussion about how Donors are thanked. There is no formal process for this, so it was decided that special thanks would be made at the AGM to all those who had given donations.

Transactions: Moved “That monthly outgoing transactions and incoming monies be presented at each meeting.” Moved: Liz Shaw Seconded:

Raewyn Beattie - Carried

Business/ Agenda Items

1) Report from **Erosion Subcommittee – Angela**

Update from Kuratau Erosion Committee 8th November 2023 Tabled by

Angela Salmon

Erosion Report - Kuratau

- The compacted track on the eastern shore continues to have sand added to bolster the shoreline, as well as at the river mouth area to support the recreational area.
- The extension to the rock revetment (from end Parehopu Street going south) is currently being covered in sand.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** These construction works can be hazardous and we ask people not to walk/play on the new sand as it may not have yet fully settled in amongst the rocks. Caution signs to this effect are being put up early next week (w/c 13 Nov).
- Large concrete blocks have been placed at the access ways to the reserve to stop private/recreational vehicles travelling along the new track, parking on the recreational areas at the river, and getting in the way of works. There is room for prams/bikes, etc to get through. These blocks are removed/replaced as works are undertaken.
- Upkeep of the Track and Reserve:
 - Every endeavour is being made by the contractors to keep the track smooth for walking/biking/prams however with the substantial works undertaken there will be rougher areas.
 - Once all works are completed (and this could be a few months away) then the reserves will be reinstated along with planting.

Generally - Omori-Kuratau

- Fortunately, with the change in wind pattern and lower lake the erosion seems to have settled/stopped. However, the new works along the eastern shore did stop further erosion in past week or so with very high waves. Keeping an eye on all areas.
- The Kuratau Erosion Committee continues to have regular meetings with relevant parties, managed by Taupo District Council, to work on permanent solutions.

Lake Level Committee Lake Level – Review of Mercury’s Consent by Waikato Regional Council (WRC) – ‘It’s a No’

WRC announced on 3 November the review into Mercury's consent conditions *will not be undertaken*. This is extremely disappointing, but not unexpected.

WRC said "The assessment process has not found the legal tests set out in the RMA to be met such that a broader review should be initiated". i.e. Any issues/concerns did not reach the RMA's threshold for a review. Links to the WRC's shorter 'Review Decision', and 'Recommendation' (which gives the reasoning behind the decision), to be put on OKRA's website.

- A positive (albeit small) from the 'assessment process' is pressure is now put on WRC to monitor more closely the existing conditions due to the highlighting of the issues by various parties, including internally at WRC.
- TDC investigated and "unfortunately there is no right to an appeal process against this decision by WRC" (again disappointing).
- TDC are now working on a strategy for TDC and its communities to monitor the lake/effects which will start in 2024, and therefore have their own data to use. This will be used to challenge the review process in five years' time. More info to come on this next year when we will be asking for community help. Angela will give a report to the AGM.

Motion: Kuratau Erosion Committee and Lake Level Committee reports be accepted.

Moved: Angela Salmon Seconded: Jared Crowley - Carried

2) Christmas / new Year security arrangements

Moved "That OKRA employs security for an extra night this year, i.e., 30th and 31st December and 1st January"

Moved: Peter Britnell Seconded: Liz Shaw – Carried

3) Updates from TDC representatives - No Representative

present

4) Defibrillators

The defibrillators have been ordered and paid for - \$10,400.00 TDC paid \$4,000 towards the purchase.

The defibrillators should arrive on Friday 10th November 2023. They will then need to be installed.

5) Monkey Survey re rubbish results

Ngairé presented the results from the survey and the also the comments that were received. She has been allocated time to speak

about about this at the Tongariro Representative Group meeting on 15th November 2023.

There was overwhelming support for keeping the status quo. Respondent were not happy about the increase costs that would be incurred, or the environmental impact that these wheelie bins would have on our community.

6) Discussion about the two OKRA databases that we have

There was discussion how we can manage the data bases we have and how to capture all ratepayer association members, to disseminate information to them. Raewyn talked about the share file that OKCT has. Moved "That OKRA obtains information from Louisa about how to set up a shared file on OKRA Gmail. It was understood that there may be a cost involved to buy MS Office"

Moved: Jared Crowley Seconded: Ngaire Grainger - Carried

7) Report from the last Rabbit subcommittee meeting – Jared

There was not a lot to report. An invoice supplied by Jason Day had been paid.

Jason will do the survey in December so that the results can be presented at the AGM.

8) Status on water Plant upgrade

Raewyn reported that OKCT is expecting a request from TDC to agree to the change of designation of the land under the council property and the community hall. OCKT will keep OKRA informed

9) 2024 Committee

The Rules of the OKRA incorporated were reviewed as to the number of committee members we can have. We can have seven members or more if so wished. We can have associate members, that is they reside in the area, but are not ratepayers. A quorum is four members.

Peter Britnell indicated that he would be standing down as President, but will remain on the committee as immediate past president in an ex officio capacity.

Liz shaw also indicated that she intends to step down, but will continue with mail chimp until we get the share file up and going. Russ will continue to do the website.

Ian Young indicated that he will also stand aside – although Peter Britnell did ask him to reconsider.

There are three people in the community who have expressed an interest in joining – Raynor Dunn, Lauren McCartin and Paul Gwynne.

Angela Salmon has also expressed that she would like to be on the OKRA committee.

Nominations to be in by 27th December 2023 – forms on the website. Kevin O’Hara will co-ordinate nominations.

10) **Any concerns from OKRA committee for the next Tongariro Rep Group meeting**

As discussed in Item 5 Ngaire will present the results of the rubbish survey at the next meeting.

11) **Representation on OKCT**

Raewyn discussed the possibility of having a representative of OKCT on the OKRA committee and vice versus.

Moved “That OKRA invites a representative from OKCT to be a member of OKRA”

Moved: Peter Britnell Seconded: Liz Shaw – Carried

General Business

1) **The seat outside the Fire Station**

Ngaire to send an email to Parks and Reserves re the seat that has sat outside the fire station – can we use it if we pay installation costs?

2) **Omori Boat Ramp**

Ian reported that this is still on the list with the Harbour Master.

3) **Access to reserves being blocked by vehicles and boats and vehicles on the road made for remedial works**

Ngaire to email Parks and Reserves team about signs to be put up asking people not to block access to the reserves and also no vehicles on the road.

Meeting closed at 7.15 pm

Next Meeting: AGM 3rd January 2024 - 10am
