

**Minutes – AGM MEETING OMORI KURATAU RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
HELD 3 JANUARY 2020
10.05 AM at Omori Hall, Omori Road, Kuratau.**

WELCOME – President Peter Britnell opened the meeting and introduced committee members.

Present: – As per List recorded at the door
Guests Chris Monk - Waikato Regional Authority
Greg Hadley - Taupo District Council

Apologies: Mike Bowie, Lisa Nairn, Kathy White, Amanda McLaren, Sally Matheson.
Moved: Kevin O'Hara **Seconded:** Peter Naysmith **Carried**

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3th January 2019 having been circulated and posted on the website.
Moved: Peter Britnell **Seconded:** Ngaire Grainger **Carried**

Matters Arising: Tony Robinson requested erosion update. (Will be dealt with under Greg Hadley report)

President's Report: - Peter Britnell presented his report. (Full report available on OKRA website)

Main points:

- We have made progress on some of the projects that we have been working on however we have seen no progress on some others. We have experienced a degree of frustration from time to time such as road speed limit sign issues.
- The Rubbish bin trial - 2 sets of bins installed prior to Christmas at Kuratau jetty and river mouth. Only for casual rubbish, not domestic.
- Erosion control and summer activities. Remedial work on Kuratau beach will start in 2020 and plans for work on the Omori beach north of jetty is under review.
- Several other projects that we have discussed with TDC are held up because of the recent local Government elections and/or budgetary constraints. The committee needs to be more proactive when dealing with various agencies.
- There was a full programme of activities over the summer such as Xmas carols, the fun run, the fishing completion, vineyard concert etc.
- Please support our local volunteers – Fire Service, First response, Coastguard and LandSAR.

Moved: Peter Britnell **Seconded:** Pieter Braun **Carried**

Financial Report: Peter Naysmith presented the financial report. (Financial Accounts for period 1/10/2018 to 30/8/2019)

Current Assets: ANZ Current Account \$11,776.06 ANZ Term Deposit \$42,445.88 (matures 3/3/19)
985 ratepayers receiving newsletters – 379 subs received = \$11,370.00

- There was a query about envelope/postage costs and a general discussion followed. Suggestion re using email rather than hard copy/ Can our newsletter be combined with the TDC newsletter. There are complications and other issues if we change so we will continue to post out newsletters as per usual. Cost of postage has been spread over 2 financial years. Otherwise there was good feedback in regard to our ratepayer newsletter.

Moved: Peter Naysmith **Seconded:** Pieter Braun **Carried**

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE:

There was 1 nomination for President, 1 nomination for Secretary and 1 nomination for Treasurer.
President – Peter Britnell Secretary – Kevin O'Hara Treasurer – Peter Naysmith

Election of Office holders

Moved: Pieter Braun **Seconded:** Jo Bransgrove **Carried**

Election of Committee Members

Elizabeth Shaw, Bobbie Mortenson, Pieter Braun, Paulane McLean, Ngaire Grainger, Ian Young

Moved: Kevin O'Hara **Seconded:** Jo Bransgrove **Carried**

Community Update: Greg Hadley - Taupo District Council

TDC processes explained:

- How to Input into the Long term plan (10 years) needs to be timed to coincide with Budget decisions or part of the normal cycle of decision making. eg shade sail is not operational but capital works and therefore needs to be budgeted for.
- How depreciation works with TDC assets. Depreciation comes out of rates. Long Term plan reviewed every 3 years. Next review due 2021. LTP budget is developed for review and referred for consultation, then ratification. 2020 April is the month scheduled for consultation for work in 2021
- Jointly funded projects are generally looked at more favourably.
- Rabbit control is a landowner responsibility currently. OKRA to ensure we let TDC know of our local Long Term Plan priorities so that they can be considered and that may well be rabbit control in the Omori/Kuratau area and other priorities.

Foreshore erosion:

- River mouth soil impregnation project "living wall" behaving quite well under pressure and others will be introduced around the lake.
- Off shore reef structure to go ahead off Kuratau. Potential navigation hazard at high lake levels. It may well be submerged. License to occupy signed off for the reef with Tuwharetoa.
- Some annual planting has taken place and this is on- going.
- Some TDC projects encounter contracting limitations because of the lack of contractors.
- Liz Shaw asked about Omori. No Progress at Omori. TDC have consent and have had it for 10 years but no agreement reached with Tuwharetoa Trust Board (as lake bed owners) until all mitigating circumstances are addressed. Anything placed on the lake bed has to have owners consent. Boat ramp and wharf might be aggravating structures from Tuwharetoa point of view.
- Omori boat ramp road is not protecting any TDC assets as opposed to the Kuratau foreshore and its relationship to sewer lines. Complex situation. Maybe the Dept of Internal Affairs may help resolution here.
- Peter Cook asked about an Omori track being positioned higher up. Also suggested using the LTP process to address issues at Omori.

Rubbish bins: – To be monitored daily and emptied daily. The recycle bin seems to be operating ok but some household rubbish and rubbish brought in from outside the area dropped at rubbish bins. Mike Single expressed his support of the rubbish bin installation.

Subdivision update – Complicated issue/ multiple blocks and several trusts involved. Planting requirements are part of the resource consent process. Environmental planners fully involved in advising plant species etc

- The proposal that the consent is asked for, has not been seen in full by the council as yet. Greg answered some question from the floor. **Peter Britnell thanked Greg for his report**

Chris Monk - Waikato Regional Council

- A regional pest management plan exists and is reviewed every 10 years. Pests can be defined as Wallabies/possums /goats/magpies/wasps etc
- Omori/Kuratau is seen as a rabbit friendly district. Rabbits are landowner responsibility Waikato Regional authority not well resourced to deal with this issue. The McLean scale to determine the extent of a rabbit problem outlined by Chris (For detail see the rabbit pamphlets available from OKRA and WRA)
- Chris talked in some detail about the anti-rabbit virus and Pindone issues. "Conventional combined techniques" are now relied upon rather than Virus introduction. Farmers have a range of options available to them that are not available for holiday batch owners
- **Recommendation:** That permanent residents try to encourage absentee owners/holiday home owners to cooperate with conventional combined techniques and give permission for permanents to access their properties to kill rabbits. Rabbit control officer costs \$60.00 per hour. Scope for ratepayers to contribute.
- Chris answered some questions from the floor. **Peter Britnell thanked Chris for his report**

Southern Lakes Fire Brigade Report– Ian Hunt (crew leader ph 027 445 4871) and Bronwyn Hunt.

- Your local volunteer brigade is on call to support our wider community. We also go out to support Turangi when needed to Motor Vehicle accidents on both State Highways 41 and 32.
- We have also completed the necessary First Aid training to be able to turn out in support of the local First Response and St Johns.
- There is a total fire ban in place. You will need to get a permit to light a fire which can be obtained on the FENZ website at www.fireandemergency.nz
- We have 4 qualified rural fire fighters and 4 in training. WE welcome any new members.
- In the event of a fire or emergency always dial 111

St John 1st Response – Will Shirer – Will presented a brief report:

- There were 150 call outs this year including a busy holiday period in which there were 19 call outs in the 6 days before this AGM including 3 cardiac arrests.
- There are only 3 trained personnel able to respond at Omori and there is a need for more volunteers in terms of succession planning if the current volunteers become no longer available for some reason.
- There is a provisional budget of \$500,000 estimated to replace the Tuwharetoa Ambulance base in Turangi and fund raising continues to achieve this target.
- It has been noticeable around Omori/Kuratau that cyclists are not wearing head protection gear (suitable helmets) it is a legal requirement and it can save head injuries and lives. Please encourage all people to wear helmets.

Pest Management Group – Russell Shaw. (Full 2019 report available on OKRA/Latest News web site)

- Please slow down these holidays and save our birds. Many birds including 2 Keruru and a rare Kararearea (Native falcon) have been hit by cars. Obeying the 50kph speed limit will help reduce this risk.
- New Zealand Biosecurity awards. Our group was chosen as one of 3 finalists in the Mondiale Innovation section of the NZ Biosecurity Awards.
- Predator spotting over Christmas/January – Again we invite you to let us know if you spot any predators such as stoats/ferrets/rats/possums over the holiday period so we can immediately place a trap where they are spotted. Simply call me on 027 386 6667 or email me at sspub@reap.org.nz or call into 180 omori Road.
- See Omori Kuratau ratepayer's web site for more details – www.omorikuratauratepayers.org.nz

Omori Kuratau Preservation Society – Don Matheson (Copy of report in the newsletter)

Proposed Subdivision of D2 and D3 Bush Escarpment below Te Waaka Terrace and Above Lower Kuratau. The latest update from TDC on the status of the application is they are waiting for the applicant to provide more information on landscape and ecological matters. Once provided, TDC can progress the application No notification decision has yet been made

Preservation Society AGM is 4 January 9.30am at the Omori Hall.

- Planting at Whio Whio reserve. The plants planted in the Whio Whio wetland and Kuratau river track last Easter are doing well. The society provided some rabbit protection in the form of sleeves and stakes. This was funded from the residue from the Environmental fund. We expect another planting will be arranged for next Easter and more information will be in the next newsletter.

Omori Kuratau Community Trust - Monique Cleland Chairperson-

- Eventful year with Market days and pot luck dinners
- We need to look at further ways in which we can promote the use/hiring of the hall.
- Big thank you to committee members moving on for their time and commitment to the local community and the Trust - **Gary and Audrey Collins and Athol Leask.**
- See Christmas newsletter for the full report (newsletters are also posted on the OKRA web site)

General Business:

- **Boat Ramp Sand:** For any issues, please contact the harbourmaster rather than directly with the contractor.
- **Turangi Food Bank Food Drive:** Friday 4 January involving a number of groups, they will be making lots of noise and any non-perishable items or donations would be gratefully received.

Peter Britnell thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.