

**Minutes – AGM MEETING**  
**OMORI KURATAU RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**  
**HELD Saturday 4th JANUARY 2025**  
**10.00 AM at Omori Hall, Omori Road, Kuratau.**

President Ngaire Grainger opened the meeting.

**Present:**

As per list recorded at the door (approx. 80 in attendance)

Ngaire Grainger President, Peter Naysmith Treasurer, Kevin O`Hara Secretary, Committee members Raewyn Beattie, Raynor Dunn, Peter Britnell, Angela Salmon, Amanda Collier, Paul Gwynn.

Guests:

Greg Hadley                TDC Parks & Reserves Manager

Sandra Greenslade TDC Councillor and Chair of Tongariro Representative Group

The President welcomed everyone, outlined the house rules, including evacuation points. Opening remarks included a thank you for those who made submissions to the TDC Long Term plan and she made reference to TDC not implementing the Recycling bin (wheelie bin) project.

**Apologies:**

B D and C Eastham

Geoff and Robyn Corbett

Liz and Russell Shaw

Amanda Collier

**Moved:**     Dave Huxley Jones

**Seconded:** Craig McGregor

That apologies be accepted

**Carried**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** (The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3<sup>th</sup> January 2024.)

**Matters Arising:**

Nil

**Moved:**     Francis Martin

**Seconded:** Peter Britnell

*“That the minutes of the Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association AGM meeting held 3/01/24, be confirmed as a true and correct record.”*

**CARRIED**

## **Financial Report:**

Treasurer Peter Naysmith tabled the financial report and distributed paper copies around the Hall.

### **Finance Report for financial year 1/10/2023 to 30/9/2024.**

#### Current Assets:

ANZ Current Account	\$34,637.05
CCTV camera	\$15,000.00
3 x AEDs	\$10,000.00

#### Liabilities:

No significant

#### ANZ account balances as at 1/10/23

Current account	\$53,297.71
TOTAL ANZ	\$53,297.71

#### Income:

Subscriptions/donations	\$16,740.00
Deposit interest	\$1,086.72
TDC contribution to AEDs	\$4,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$21,826.72

#### Expenditure:

Donation to First Response Trust	\$15,000.00
AED purchase	\$10,040.00
Internet hosting	\$887.70
Web site maintenance	\$460.00
Post box redirect	\$178.00
Chess piece replacements	\$172.40
Hall insurance	\$4,288.99
AED installation reimburse	\$97.43
Newsletters costs (post, print, TDC)	\$2,283.60
Reimburse mailout expenses	\$178.00
Mailchimp monthly license	\$483.00
Withholding tax	\$210.18
Camera housing	\$540.00
Advanced Security CCTV maintenance	\$349.03
Spark Modem and WIFI plan	\$720.00
Malcolm Flowers Insurances	
(CCTV system. office holders, AEDs)	\$2,494.12
Rabbit project consultant	\$562.93
Plateau Security (New Year)	\$1,725.00
SurveyMonkey sub	\$98.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$40,769.38
DEFICIT	\$18,942.66

General discussion and questions raised and answered.

- 3 AED`s purchased and owned by OKRA. (5 in total in the district located at the Omori store, Kuratau boat ramp, Kuratau river mouth, Omori Hall and at the Floating Rock)
- How can we increase OKRA membership.
- Hall Insurance paid by Hall Trust but reimbursed by OKRA.

- Unusual year for expenditure - \$15,000 donation for First Response Vehicle and \$10,040 purchase of 3 AED's (including a \$4,000 TDC grant for AED's)
- Subscriptions- \$13,080 Donations- \$2,645
- Discussion postage v email - pros and cons
- Discussion re annual subscriptions - Increase proposed.
- Brief discussion around justification for a subscription increase.
- Request for future Finance reports to show the previous year's figures as well.
- New year security covered 3 nights – 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> 2023, 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024, but no security cover this year, due to unforeseen circumstances at Plateau Security

**Moved:** Peter Naysmith

**Seconded:** Peter Britnell

*"That the Finance report for the last financial year be accepted."*

**Carried**

**Moved:** Paul Gwynn

**Seconded:** Nikki Riley

*"That the OKRA annual subs be increased to \$40.00"*

**Carried**

### **Presidents Report:**

Most news and developments during the year have been covered by President's newsletters from time to time, but special mention should be made re the decision by TDC to maintain rubbish bags and not introduce wheelie bins for all rubbish.

A big goal now is to encourage non-resident ratepayers to enrol in order to vote for council. Cr Greenslade will expand on that later in this meeting.

### **Lake Erosion Sub-Committee report - Angela Salmon and Greg Hadley (TDC)**

A comprehensive and detailed report was presented by Greg and Angela.

A power point presentation outlined in significant detail, the proposal to address the erosion problem challenging the foreshore area between the Kuratau River and Te Rae Point. The plans feature three breakwaters placed approx. 50m offshore, and are now going for resource consent.

Question and answer session followed.

The President thanked Greg and Angela for the work and time they have contributed to this Issue. Greg also acknowledged Angela for her work and advocacy on behalf of the community to achieve lasting solutions for the long-term erosion problem.

### **Rabbit Sub-Committee report - Peter Britnell**

Peter briefly recapped on what the Sub Committee had done to date. After looking at various options including fencing properties, shooting, poisoning and fumigation, the committee are going to proceed with the Pindone programme.

This will involve deployment of 100 bait stations on private property and managed by a team of volunteers. The project would begin in May and finish in June.

Tony Robinson talked about reducing rabbit habitats and some ideas about how property owners could achieve that.

The Committee will need to review the budget allocation for the programme.

### **New OKRA Website Introduction – Angela Salmon**

Angela introduced the new OKRA website. The old one is redundant and was unable to be updated for most of the year.

The new site's purpose is to: provide useful information about the community to the community and visitors to the area; to encourage more membership to OKRA; a tool for greater community involvement/initiatives.

It will be Live by mid-January 2025. [www.OKrate.co.nz](http://www.OKrate.co.nz)

Johnny Browne from Natural Edge has built the site and Angela has provided the content with contribution from relevant areas.

Ngairé thanked Angela for all her work on this project.

The President also thanked Russel Shaw for his work over a long period of time in maintaining and updating the previous website.

Special thanks also to Liz Shaw for her past work is maintaining the outgoing MailChimp system of communication. To both of you, it was much appreciated.

### **Fire and First Response report – Chris Wells**

Rural Controller Chris Wells gave an oral report.

He thanked the community for their support throughout the past year, especially the financial contribution to the new first response vehicle.

He also asked that property owners clearly present their street numbers, either on letter boxes or in some other way, so that response vehicles can arrive at the correct place in case of emergency call outs.

Chris reported a busy year for call outs (see chart below)

A big thank you Chris to you and your dedicated team.



### **OKCT Report – Raewyn Beattie**

Community Trust Chairperson Raewyn Beattie gave an oral report. She mentioned that the Hall was built by and owned by the local community with no TDC funding. Nails were replaced

on the Hall roof last year, courtesy of a local tradesman. The Hall was well utilised once again with the usual annual events and the booking of the Hall for private functions has picked up a lot since Covid times. They are always looking for new members to help on the Committee. There is a library in the foyer. People wanting to contribute new books for the library can contact Ngaire Grainger or Sue Cook. It cost \$12,000 to run the Hall annually. President thanked Raewyn for her hard work throughout the year to keep everything running smoothly.

### **TDC Councillor – Sandra Greenslade**

Sandra gave an oral report.

TDC will need to have a referendum in regards to the Māori wards.

Antenno is an App that we should all download. It is an excellent way to communicate with TDC.

Encourage non-resident property owners to enrol as voters. 1 vote per ratepaying property.

Sandra briefly outlined all the committees our community have access to, to facilitate effective local government.

### **Election of OKRA Committee**

Nominations for the 2025 Committee:

**Raewyn Beattie**  
**Amanda Collier**  
**Ross Cooley**  
**Raynor Dunn**  
**Ngaire Grainger**  
**Paul Gwynn**  
**Alan Hewitt**  
**Bobbie Mortensen**  
**Kevin O`Hara**  
**Angela Salmon**

All nomination forms were correctly signed and dated including proposed and seconded by current financial members of OKRA.

**Moved:** Craig McGregor

**Seconded:** Nikki Riley

*“That the above-named nominations for the 2025 committee, be accepted and duly elected.”*

**-Carried**

Ngaire welcomed the 3 new members Ross Cooley, Bobbie Mortensen and Alan Hewitt.

The President thanked retiring committee member and Past President Peter Britnell and Treasurer Peter Naysmith for their services to OKRA over a long period of time.

No date set for the next OKRA Management Committee meeting

There being no other business

President Ngaire Grainger closed the meeting at 11.55 am

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