

Minutes – AGM MEETING
OMORI KURATAU RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
HELD Wednesday 3 JANUARY 2024
10.00 AM at Omori Hall, Omori Road, Kuratau.

President Peter Britnell opened the meeting.

Present:

As per list recorded at the door (approx 50 in attendance)

Guests:

Andrew Moraes (TDC – General Manager Operations and Delivery)

Sandra Greenslade – TDC Councillor and Chair of Tongariro Representative Group

The President welcomed everyone, outlined the house rules, including evacuation points.

Apologies:

Mr and Mrs Eastham

Paulane Mc Lean

Jared Crowley

Amanda Collier

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 2023 having been made available and posted on the OKRA website.)

Matters Arising:

Nil

Moved: Peter Britnell

Seconded: Liz Shaw

That the minutes of the Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association AGM meeting held 3/01/23, Be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Financial Report:

Treasurer Peter Naysmith tabled (via Power Point) the financial report (Financial Accounts for period 1/10/2022 to 30/9/2023)

Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association Inc

Finance Report for period 1/10/2022 to 30/9/2023

Current Assets:

ANZ Current Account	\$53,320.71
CCTV camera	\$15,000.00
3 x AEDs	\$10,000.00

Liabilities:

No significant

ANZ account balances as at 1/10/22

Current account	\$64,437.09
TOTAL ANZ	\$64,437.09

Income:

Subscriptions/donations	\$16,135.00
Deposit interest	\$1,340.70
IRD refund	\$132.40
Manawa Energy contrib to reserve seats	\$6,832.15
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,440.25

Expenditure:

Internet hosting	\$335.00
Web site maintenance	\$400.00
Post box	\$205.00
Hall insurance	\$4,095.00
AED maintenance	\$504.85
Newsletters costs (postg, print,TDC)	\$2,069.91
Reimburse mailout expenses	\$164.92
Mailchimp monthly license	\$281.75
Withholding tax	\$230.08
ARTS Lakeside install seats	\$5,142.80
Camera housing	\$540.00
Advanced Security CCTV maintenance	\$2458.13
Spark Modem and WIFI plan	\$720.00
Malcolm Flowers Insurances	
(CCTV system and office holders)	\$1,662.56
FEL Group supply of reserve seats	\$8,659.50
Plateau Security (New Year)	\$1,173.00
OKPMG donation (actual costs)	\$6,881.13
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$35,523.63
DEFICIT	\$11,083.38

General discussion and questions raised and answered.

- Ownership of AED`s clarified. One AED funded by TDC Com Grants
- More details provided around figures presented after questions from the floor.
- Hall Insurance paid by Hall Trust but reimbursed by OKRA

- Donation to OPMG clarified (Pest Management Group)
- Peter Britnell explained environmental management expenditure
- Additional donations over and above \$30.00 subs were approx \$2,300
- CCTV system enhancements occurred in this financial period
- OKRA committee liability insurance premium (cover approx \$ 2,000,000)
- Security this year covered 3 nights
- New tables in the reserve

Moved: Peter Naysmith

Seconded: Peter Britnell

That the Finance report for the last financial year be accepted

Carried

ELECTION OF THE 2023 OKRA COMMITTEE AND OFFICE HOLDERS:

President Britnell introduced the current committee of OKRA.

The President thanked retiring committee members Paulane McLean and Liz Shaw for their services

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

President – Ngaire Grainger

Secretary – Kevin O'Hara

Treasurer – Peter Naysmith

7 committee members were nominated: (No election required)

Amanda Collier

Jared Crowley

Ian Young

Raewyn Beattie

Raynor Dunn

Paul Gwynn

Angela Salmon

Peter Britnell - Past President (Ex-officio)

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

Moved: Peter Britnell

Seconded: Jo Bransgrove

"That the above named nominations for office holders and committee members be accepted and duly elected."

-Carried

Incoming President Ngaire Grainger took over chairing the meeting and in doing so thanked outgoing President Peter Britnell for his service to OKRA. She thanked the community for supporting her nomination for President. Ngaire welcomed the 2 new members Raynor Dunn and Paul Gywnn.

Paulane McLean and Liz Shaw standing down.

Vote of thanks from President to the retiring members and special thanks to Liz for a very long service to OKRA

Peter also thanked all the volunteers that help in various community activities such as the Fun Run, Market days, foodbank, fire brigade/first response etc

President's Report: - Peter Britnell presented his report via power point.

1) Lake Erosion Sub-Committee report – Angela Salmon and James Kendall

Kuratau Erosion Committee – Report AGM 3 January 2024

Angela Salmon: Kuratau Erosion Committee formed 1 February 2023, committee members are Angela Salmon and James Kendall

Much progress has been made since we formed in protecting our community's shores after the unprecedented erosion leading up to that and in the early months of 2023.

We have sent out regular updates via email to the community with the last update on 13 November.

We work closely with TDC on the erosion, and we also represented the community with the lake level issues – which I will lead with:

Lake Level

The Consent for managing the lake level is held by Mercury and granted by WRC. The option for a 5-yearly review was denied by WRC in early December and management of the lake level will continue with the same conditions. Effectively the issues did not meet the RMA's threshold to force a review.

So – the height of the Lake is now a moot point.

However one positive – some WRC Councillors wanted the review and you'd hope that internally there will be greater scrutiny on how the lake level is managed.

So - we know the high lake level is the primary problem of erosion – but we have to move on and work with what we have to preserve and protect what we have left, and adapt through mitigation measures to prevent any further erosion.

Erosion

At Kuratau the rock revetment extended – Parehopu playground towards Motutaiko Street.

Without these rocks we would have no reserve left. So the choice was rocks or reserve.

These have since been covered in sand as a visual barrier and practical access to the beach – but you will note signs have recently gone up advising of the potential hazard with sharp rocks under the sand.

Along entire eastern shore of Kuratau to the river – a track was created for access for the trucks, and this is also acting as a protective bund due to it being compacted and widened.

Additional sand is already in place in areas, and when needed will be used to shore up areas of concern. Once all works are finished the reserve areas will be reinstated (with a firm track for trucks remaining) and planting etc will be done.

Without these measures I have just mentioned we undoubtedly would have had further erosion – and as recently as in the past few days due to the high lake level and northerly winds.

Southern shore of Kuratau Spit to ramp – stable
Omori ramp area – stable – sand cleared off ramps used to bolster beach.

Omori to Kuratau track. In the past any subsidence of the cliff face was cleared, but it is now left to build up so in the future a permanent track can be built along this shoreline. This may be a few years away, but it is important that over-clearing of this track is not done to enable base and vegetation build up.

Long-term Solutions

Andrew Moraes of TDC has been coordinating regular meetings on the long-term solutions for the erosion. This group consists of the relevant interested parties from the Southern Lakes area and has met every three weeks or so in past four months to formalise a solution.

[Andrew spoke to this, Tonkin & Taylor are working on a series of offshore breakwaters, which will need approval from all interested parties. The outlook is positive, but we are unable to put a time frame on approval.]

I want to thank Andrew and his team for their quick response to the issues we have had in our area over the past 11 months.

You have to remember TDC do not control the lake level and we need to work with them to make the best community we can.

James Kendall “Protect what we currently have and fight for what we want”

Angela Salmon “Preserve, Protect, Adapt and Respect”

President Ngaire – Vote of thanks to Angela and James for their hard work.

3 Waters:

Andrew Moraes gave brief update re new Govt policy.
Existing water assets and operations will stay with TDC.
Other details still to be clarified.

2) Environmental Management report – Peter Britnell (on behalf of Jared Crowley)

- Only recently set up new subcommittee to deal with rabbits
- Not a short term project
- Pilot project should be in place late autumn
- Set up a trial period/programme
- Hired a consultant
- Bait stations etc being considered/implication of using poison

- Lot to get through yet before things begin to happen
- From the floor came some ideas to deal with rabbits
- There are risks and dangers involved in shooting programme
- Little funding available through TDC or WRC
- Will keep community informed at all times

3) Health and Safety, defibrillators, First Response fund raising discussion - Kevin O`Hara

- 5 defibs available in our area now at Shop/Hall/Kuratau River mouth/Kuratau Boat ramp. TDC community funds paid for one Defib
- Back ground information provided about the Omori Western Lake Taupo First Response Charitable Trust and its aim to raise \$90,000 in funds to replace aging First Response Vehicle.
- Wide spread agreement that OKRA should pledge money for the project
- Discussion took place as to how much should be pledged.
- Ratepayers asked further questions re OKRA finances and next year`s budget to be assured any amount agreed to, was able to be afforded by OKRA.
- There were offers from a Member to underwrite the cost and another offer to help source a vehicle at a very good price. Both offers much appreciated.
- A motion was then tabled

Motion moved:

“That Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association pledge \$15,000.00 to the Omori/Western Lake Taupo First Response Charitable Trust appeal to purchase a new First Response vehicle.”

Moved: Peter Britnell

Seconded: Kevin O`Hara

Carried.

4) Civil defence, emergency management discussion - Ngaire Grainger

- Two or three community members have been engaged in creating a data base of local equipment that could be utilised in the event of an emergency eg chain saws, boats, generators etc
- Hall can be utilised as a CD base
- Haley Nicholson (CD TDC coordinator) Addressed a previous meeting in the Omori hall –and said each community is responsible for organising their own response plan including knowing who lives in the local community eg families with babies, disabled people etc local expertise and knowledge
- There is need for a subcommittee who are prepared to pick this up and run with it. ie Formulate a “Response Plan.” TDC have templates for an Omori Kuratau Response Plan and Haley has much information and would be very supportive.
- If anyone is interested in working on such a subcommittee, please put your name forward to the OKRA Management Committee who might coordinate it from there.

5) Sandra Greenslade -TDC and Tongariro Rep Group report.

- Acknowledged the passing of long time Kuratau resident and former Governor General of NZ Sir Michael Hardie Boyes.
- Tongariro Rep Group set up by TDC council to act for our community in place of the previous Turangi-Tongariro Community Board. The Turangi Co Governance Committee operates separately to the Tongariro Representative Group which covers the area from Hatape to Waihaha. It is chaired by Sandra Greenslade and OKRA President Ngaire Grainger is also on the Committee and is responsible for the area from Waihaha to Tokaanu. Purpose of the group was explained to the meeting as a channel for all local concerns.
- Meetings are open to the public with a public forum opportunity as well.

- There are 21,000 Ratepayers in the TDC area and 5,000 are in the Tong/Turangi Ward. Non Resident ratepayers are still eligible to vote but only 30 are registered. There are forms on line to become registered otherwise you miss out on your right to vote on issues affecting your area and property.
- Acknowledgement and thanks to Andrew Moraes, Greg Hadley, Angela Salmon and James Kendall for their work on the WRC submission.
- King Country Trust background explanation and a brief description of their donations to community groups.
- Meeting thanked Sandra Greenslade for her work on behalf of the community.

No date set for the next OKRA Management Committee meeting

There being no other business

President Ngaire Grainger closed the meeting at 11.38pm