# Omāroro Community Reference Group Minutes

**Meeting took place Executive Suite, Gate A, Massey Wallace Street, 6.00pm, Thursday 12 February 2020**

**Attendees**

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| **Ex-officio members**   * Jane Black (Chair) * Dan Ormond (Community Liaison Person) | **Community Representatives**   * David Tildsly * Steve Cromb * Suze Baird * Helen Huege de Serville * Mary Hutchinson * Marjory Embleton * Carol Comber * Peter Cooke * Victor Anderlini * Judy Hutt * Colin Taylor * Paul Ahern | **Representatives**   * Richard Hickman (Beca) * Joel De Boer (WCC) * Kylie Hook (WCC) * Arne Ganseman (BPC) * Blair Mould (BPC) * Bob Barber (WCC) |

**Apologies**

Peter Hamilton (WCC), Gareth Penhale (WWL), Eleanor Laban, Jane Loughnan, Emma Paisley, Jonathan Hendry

**Welcome and introductions**

Jane welcomed everyone.

Jane asked all new attendees to sign a copy of the Code of Conduct and return it to her. A register of attendees was also circulated.

**Other agenda items**

Jane asked if there were any additional agenda items for the Agenda. Steve Cromb asked for community engagement and communications to be added, Carol added the idea of a street party.

Mary thanked Jane for circulating the news story of fish in the stormwater pipes, which linked to the discussion about the policy if fish are found in pipes being replaced discussed at the previous meeting

**Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting (12 January 2020)**

Steve Cromb asked that it be noted that Colin raised at the meeting the condition of the existing pipe network in Wallace Street and if a condition assessment had been done on pipes exposed during the excavation for the new pipes.

Steve also asked that Dan make clear where Minutes of previous meeting have been updated and that the CRG be advised.

**Hargarves Street Curb and Channel Update**

Kylie from WCC circulated diagrams of the proposed work on the new curb, channel and footpath work on Hargreaves Street. He noted that the work would start at the top of the street and work down, by the time it reaches Wright Street the Chamber work should be complete. The resurfacing of the road will be completed next financial year. He showed how the curb will be raised to improve the camber of both the road and footpath. The work is expected to start late February or early March. Specific points raised:

* **Parking.** The current two informal parks at the top of Hargreaves Street will be removed. A curb will be installed for the current parks on the south side of the street. This curb will be inline with the road reserve boundary, this will require some vegetation clearence, but the plum tree will remain. Kylie offered to meet interested residents onsite to discuss specific tree/vegetation.
* **Stormwater.** New galvanised stormwater pipes will be installed for all connections from the property boundary to the gutter.
* **Track access.** The pederstrian ramp for the parking on the south side will be aligned with the new Hargreaves to Papawai walking track to help with access.
* **Stormwater from the park.** Concern was raised about the amount of water that will be diverted from the Upper Field down the road. Richard assured the group all stormwater from the field will be channelled to culverts/sumps on the field.
* **Camber and vehicles scrapping.** David Tildsley asked if the camber change would improve or worsen the scrapping when reversing out of his drive. Kylie assured him it would improve, and if their was a problem to contact him directly.

(Kylie left the meeting)

**Omāroro Reservoir Pipelines Update**

Arne and Blair provided an update on the pipelines project.

* The **valve chamber in Howard Street** is now complete and the traffic management removed so the road fully reopened. It will remain open until the bulk main works reach the street.
* **Hargreaves Street Chamber**. Work is now underway and the floor slab has been poured. Work expected to be finished first week of March. Traffic is restricted to one lane past the worksite.
* Work is progressing on schedule on **Wallace Street –** 50 metres of the bulkmain has been completed. The worksite is now between Finlay and Howard Street. Finlay Street residents can now enter the street from the Massey end.
* Work on Wallace Street local watermain and wastewater continuing ahead of the bulkmain.

David Tildsley asked when the vents at the top of Hargreaves Street will be removed. Arne said early April.

Arne then provided an update on changes to traffic management on Wright Street since the last meeting:

* **Vehicle speed:** Speed monitoring signs were installed on Monday (10 February)
* **Pedestrian Crossing –** further parking has been removed to improve visibility
* **Wright Street/Hutchinson Street intersection** – the line marking has been improved and yellow hatching added to help with access/exit from Westland Terrace
* **John Street** – a stop sign has been added to give detoured traffic the right of way before the lights
* **Police –** are now enforcing the 30 km/h speed limit and have been in the area at least twice.

Richard Hickman noted that the latest traffic data showed that speed had reduced but was still well above the 30 km/h limit. He noted that the project team want to reduce speeds further and will continue to work to reduce the speeds and will monitor the impact of the variable speed messaging boards. He also reported average number of vehicles 13k per day, which is down from the 20k that used Wallace Street.

Marjory noted that she was surprised that the average speed was not lower as she had observed that traffic seems slower and that the buses are adhering to the speed better.

Blair mentioned that elsewhere in the city the average speed in a 30 km/h is 42.

Colin noted that the Police enforcement was not as effective as it could be as vehicles when pulled over were not going onto the footpath and were blocking other vehicles.

Suze Baird noted the improvements to Westland Road and their effectiveness.

Richard Hickman noted the two areas that had not yet been actioned from the last meeting:

* **Additional pedestrrian crossing –** a traffic engineer has assessed the option and does not believe there is a safe option with sufficient visibility to allow people to cross.
* **Centre line –** a recommendation is with the Council to install a centre line, this is awaiting their approval.

Peter Cooke raised the issue of the giveway by Te Whaea which is causing confusion. Richard agreed to look at this further. He did note that an additional sign had been added below the giveway to make it clear it was to giveway to traffic turning up Hutchinson Road.

Mary H thanked the project team for the work to address the traffic concerns that had been raised.

Other issues raised:

* David Tildsley raised that his water flow/pressure was lower than prior to the replacement of the local watermain. Dan advised he had already passed this onto Wellington Water to investigate
* Steve Cromb raised that the parking signs in Salisbury and Papawai Terraces were confusing and needed addressing. He also raised that there is gravel in one of the sumps on Hargreaves Street and the temporary fencing around the Hargreaves Street Chamber is impeding the pedestrian ramp.
* Colin Taylor noted that RDL are using Hargraeves Street for demolition trucks from the Housing NZ site.

Blair and Arne left the meeting.

**Omāroro Reservoir Updated**

Richard provided a brief update. Final tenders have now been received from the two shortlisted tenderers and a recommendation has been made to the Wellington Water Board.

Carol asked when the nesting boxes will be installed. Richard advised that it had now been agreed with the Council that nesting boxes are not required and this has been included in the LEMP. However, trees would be checked however for nests prior to any felling. Judy noted she was also concerned about the Morepork in the area.

**Minor Consent Variations**

Richard provided an overview presentation on the proposed minor consent variation. A copy of the presentation and drawing are on the website.

It was agreed that a separate meeting would be held prior to the next CRG meeting would be held to discuss the changes in detail and that the project Ecologist would be there to answer any questions/concerns.

Neighbours to the proposed emergency access in Dorking Road (2, 4 and 6) would also be consulted separately.

Copies of the consent application would be circulated by 2 March, it was also agreed that to allow sufficient time to analyse the applications the next meeting would be moved to **12 March 2020. The pre-meeting would be held at 5.30pm on the 12th.**

Colin Taylor asked if these variations had been factored into the tender documents for the reservoir, Richard said they had been.

Carol asked if the variations needed to be approved before the tender for the reservoir was awarded. Richard advised that they did not.

**Hargreaves Street to Papawai Terrace Walking track**

Richard and Joel advised that the track had been agreed, the only change is that there would be no steps at the bottom to improve the access for pushchairs etc. This requires some more retaining but not major changes. Final approval will be given once final approval for the reservoir has been given. Work is expected to start in April.

**Other matters**

Steve Cromb raised two concerns, questions not being responded to by the project team and the project team having access to emails he had circulated to his “private network”. Richard responded that any questions unresponded to after 7 days could be sent to him and Dan to manage a response, he also said that he did not believe it was the role of the CRG to discuss the emails.

Carol raised the idea of a Wallace Street Party on 22 March while the road is closed. It was agreed that it was a great idea, but that Mt Cook Mobilised and Brian Perry would need to work together on it as it is a worksite.

**Next Meeting**

6.00pm, 12 March 2020

**Meeting closed at 7.36pm.**