# Omāroro Community Reference Group Minutes

**Meeting took place via Zoom (video conference), 6.00pm, Thursday 7 May, 2020**

Meeting opened at 6.00pm

**Attendees**

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| **Ex-officio members**   * Jane Black (Chair) * Dan Ormond (Community Liaison Person) | **Community Representatives**   * John Bishop * Steve Cromb * Mary Hutchinson * Peter Cooke * Victor Anderlini * Judy Hutt * Frieda Harper * Carol Comber * Eleanor Laban * Jane Loughnan * Peter Graczer * Glen Wallis * Alex Gray * Carl Savage | **Representatives**   * Richard Hickman (Beca) * Joel De Boer (WCC) * Arne Ganseman (BPC) * Bob Barber (WCC) * Gareth Penhale (WWL) * Peter Hamilton (WCC) |

**Apologies**

Marjory Embleton

**Welcome and introductions**

Jane welcomed everyone and explained the ground rules for using Zoom.

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

The minutes were received and there were no matters arising not covered on the Agenda

**Omāroro Reservoir Pipelines Update**

Arne provided an update on the pipelines project.

* Good progress has been made since the restart of work following the lockdown. **Wallace Street is expected to be reopened late June** with the diversion removed and Wright Street reinstated immediately. This is inline with the forecast mid 2020 deadline despite the loss of time due to the lockdown
* Bulk main in Howard Street is nearly complete with the last section expected to be completed in the next two weeks
* Testing of the bulk main is expected to take place first week of June. As part of this the vents at the top of Hargreaves Street will need to be exacavated and test plates installed. This may restrict parking for some properties
* The temp resurfacing around the Hargreaves Street Chamber expected to be done next week, WCC will then be able to access the road to undertake their curb and channel replacement work
* Work is continuing on the replacement of the local watermain and wastewater in Wallace St. There are several scheduled water shut downs over the next two weeks to connect the new local watermain.
* Resurfacing of Wallace Street likely to start next week with the section between Wright Street and Finlay Terrace the first to be completed
* Once Wallace Street has reopened work will then start on the stormwater at the bottom of Rolleston Street, this will involve stop go traffic management in Wallace Street again
* All work expected to be completed mid August.

Steve C asked about whether the diversion road markings on Wright Street and at side streets would be removed or just painted over. He is concerned that if they are just painted over they can wear and also in certain weather/light conditions cause safety concerns. Arne agreed to discuss with the Council.

Arne left the meeting.

**Om****āroro Reservoir Update**

Richard updated the CRG that there was now a preferred tenderer and WCC will be making a final decision at its meeting on 21 May 2020. There is some very limited work taking place prior to this meeting, including the drafting of the management plans, so that if the project is approved then the project remains on track.

Frieda asked when the CRG will be advised of the preferred tenderer. Richard explained that as it is a vote of the Council we will all be aware at the same time, but we will provide information to CRG as soon as possible after the vote.

Alex asked about the timming of the project if Council approves it. Richard provided the following timeline:

* July – creation of lizard habitat
* August - lizard relocation and tree removal
* September – general vegetation removal
* October- earliest bulk excavation start

A fuller update will be provided at the next CRG meeting.

**Management Plans**

Richard introduced the paper produced on behalf of the preferred tenderer explaining the approach to the development of the plans and the proposed process for CRG involvement. He noted that there are currently 14 separate construction related management plans prescribed by the six separate regulatory permissions (resource consents/ license/ designation) from two separate regulatory organisations (GWRC/WCC). The CRG have been tasked with providing feedback on the draft management plans before they can be approved by GWRC and WCC. The time for providing your feedback is approaching and will most likely occur from early 9th June 2020. This is our target date for submission of plans to the CRG.

For ease of reading, reference and discussion by all parties, the tenderer has proposed to consolidate the 14 plans into 5 separate documents. This approach will not dilute in any way, the intent, nature, or number of conditions under which the Omāroro Reservoir Project has been consented. Rather, our proposal is to gather together conditions that either repeat, or cover the same general requirement, and then address them all within the same relevant document.

Joel noted that having seen a draft for Council consideration that the conditions are well referenced and easy to follow.

It was agreed this seemed a logical approach and prevented duplication and gaps.

The tenderer has proposed getting the documents to the CRG on 9th June and hosting a workshop on Saturday 13th June – all going well with their submission. If possible this would be in person, but may need to be virtual due to Covid. This will explain the documents, provide an overview of the contents and answer initial questions. The Contractor would also offer to make themselves available for discussion in daily 30 minute online “question and answer sessions” run during the period allocated for CRG review. This is because we recognise that not everyone will have the same level of availability.

There was considerable discussion about the best approach and the scheduling. It was agreed that there should be two workshops – one at the start providing a high-level introduction to the plans, and one a little later to allow peope to digest the plans and prepare initial questions. The workshops would be broken into the various plans and times published for each so people can choose when to attend. We would also have the online discussions as well.

Peter C also suggested that summaries of each plan should be made available in advance.

Richard agreed to have a further discussion with the prefreed tenderer and come back with an updated approach.

**Minor Consent Variations**

Richard advised that the updated application would be lodged with Council in the coming days, and a copy of the final application and a response to the CRG feedback would be circulated to CRG members and posted to the website.

Frank asked why was the original application not on the website. (Dan looked into this following the meeting and confirmed this was an oversight. However CRG members had been provided a link to a file share site, and hard copies provided to anyone who requested).

**Reuse of the fill**

Richard provided an update on his memo that had previously been circulated. At this stage the preferred tenderer has been made aware of the concern, but has not yet found an alternative use for the rock. They will continue to look into it.

Alex noted that the Brooklyn Residents Association will continue to pursue the issue and look for alternatives to the trucking through the village.

**Other matters**

Mary Hutchinson raised the issue of sediment from Wallace Street getting into the stormwater, Dan undertook to raise this with the contractor.

Steve raised concerns about the increased speed on Wright Street, especially due to the reduced level of traffic due to the lockdown.

**Next Meeting**

6.00pm, 4 June 2020 – either by Zoom or at Massey depending on restrictions on meetings

**Meeting closed at 6.35pm.**