# Omāroro Community Reference Group Minutes

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

Meeting opened at 6.00pm

**Attendees**

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| **Ex-officio members**   * Jane Black (Chair) * Dan Ormond (Community Liaison Person) | **Community Representatives**   * Susan Cook * Peter Cooke * Victor Anderlini * Judy Hutt * Carol Comber * Steve Cromb * John Bishop * Alex Gray * Frida Harper | **Representatives**   * Andrew Stewart (Beca) * Richard Hickman (Beca) * Blair Mould (BPC) * Bob Barber (WCC) * Gareth Penhale (WWL) * Russell Obee (HEB) * James Lake (HEB) * Paul Reid (HEB) |

**Apologies**

Emma Paisley, Jane Loughnan

**Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting (1 October 2020)**

The minutes were received

**Matters Arising**

Bob noted that he has continued to raise the issue of the leak in the footpath outside 21 Rolleston Street with WCC and Kāinga Ora.

Peter noted his appreciation for how quickly the void in Rolleston Street had been repaired.

**Papawai Stream Study**

Dan explained that WCC had requested some further work be done on some of the options. This work was now being done by the project ecologists and would be provided to WCC. Because the report was not finished, the proposed community workshop scheduled for 5 November did not proceed . This will be rescheduled for early next year, once WCC has had the opportunity to consider the final study.

**Omāroro Reservoir Pipelines Conclusion**

Dan explained that as the Pipelines project had now been completed and that Blair was here to see if their was any feedback for the contractor.

Carol noted that it had been good having a liaison person throughout the project so that the community could raise issues.

Jane thanked Blair for providing the CRG clear and useful information on the project.

The group thanks BPC for the way they had managed the project and worked with the community during so testing times.

Blair thanked the community for their understanding and patience during the project.

**Omāroro Reservoir Construction Update**

James provided an update on the work completed and the work programme for the next few weeks. Now that the sediment ponds have been completed the focus of the work will be on the excavation of the reservoir site and stockpiling on the lower field now that the work on the wastewater pipe has been completed.

Work has also started at the top of Hargreaves Street on the inlet and outlet pipes that will be laid across the upper fields. Once these pipes have been completed stockpiling can start on the upper field as well.

It is not expected that fill will be trucked offsite until February. It has not yet been confirmed where this fill will go, but there are some options depending on the type of rock and its hardness.

Work in the lead up to Christmas will include:

• Continued work on the access track to the reservoir site

• Commence the main excavation for the reservoir

• Installation of the large watermain pipes from the top end of Hargreaves Street towards the reservoir. These pipes eventually connect the reservoir to the water network

• Excavation of the access tunnel to the base of the reservoir. The large pipes will enter the reservoir through this tunnel

• Movements of vehicles within the site to transport excavated rock to the lower field

• Further fencing and information boards around the perimeter of site.

Victor asked if there is likely to be blasting of the harder material. James said it was unlikely and would require a change in approach if it was needed.

Richard asked how the sediment ponds worked with the recent heavy rain. James said that the upper field one performed well, but the lower field pond did fill and there was some discharge of sediment into the stream. This was just above the permitted levels so GWRC have been advised. HEB will change how this pond is managed by pumping it out ahead of forecast rain and increasing the dosing rate of floculants. Susan on behalf of Mary raised the concern over the sediment discharge.

Carol asked about the dirty water running down Rolleston Street. James explained that they are trying to trace the source as it appears it may be an unmarked drain. In the meantime HEB have installed a bung.

Frida asked if the current path across the upper field could be retained after the works have been completed. Joel explained that there was insufficient width to keep it and retain the sportsfield.

Victor asked if there was onsite security at night, James explained there wasn’t but measures were in place to protect the site.

**2021 Dates**

It was agreed to move to 2 monthly meetings next year, this will be reviewed on an ongoing basis if they are not frequent enough. The dates are:

* February 11
* April 8
* June 10
* August 12
* October 14
* December 9

**(Note the adtes above have been updated since the meeting)**

**General Business**

Susan asked why mains water was being used for dust suppression, not pond water from the site. Russell advised that pond water had started being used today.

Russell also advised that he now had an office on site and was happy to meet residents there, but to phone first if possible.

**Next Meeting**

6.00pm, Thursday 11 February 2021 – at the Executive Seminar Suite, Massey University.

**Meeting closed at 6.51pm.**