# Omāroro Community Reference Group Minutes

**Meeting took place Executive Suite, Gate A, Massey Wallace Street, 6.00pm, Thursday 8 April 2021**

Meeting opened at 6.00pm

**Attendees**

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| **Ex-officio members**   * Jane Black (Chair) * Dan Ormond (Community Liaison Person) | **Community Representatives**   * Peter Cooke * Victor Anderlini * Judy Hutt * Carol Comber * Steve Cromb * Mary Hutchinson * Colin Taylor | **Representatives**   * Bob Barber (WCC) * Kate Brown (WCC) * Gareth Penhale (WWL) * Russell Obee (HEB) * Paora Tukapua (HEB) * Paul Reid (HEB) * Andrew Stewart (Beca) * Cr Iona Pannett (WCC) |

**Apologies**

Sean Rush, Jane Laughlin, Glen Wallis, Ken Allen

**Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting (11 Febraury 2021)**

The minutes were received

**Matters Arising**

Judy raised the issue of noise, especially during the Treescape work in October. She asked for the Noise Monitoring reports to be made available to the CRG. Dan noted that he had started to receive the reports on a weekly basis and wanted to raise with CRG the most appropriate way for them to receive them. After discussion it was agreed:

* Judy would be added by HEB to the weekly distribution list
* HEB would provide Judy a copy of the monitoring report for the period of the Treescape work
* Bob would look into the feasibility of WCC officers doing a review of the weekly report to provide an independent assessment of the levels and adherence to conditions
* Russell will continue to provide weekly updates to residents at the top of Rolleston Street. He will also advise residents when there is a change in planned work that is likely to result in higher then expected noise levels.

Mary asked about the GWRC report on sediment management and asked for it to be circulated. Russell agreed to circulate it to the group.

**Papawai Stream Study**

Jane invited Mary to summarise the submission she and Frances Forsyth had compiled on behalf of the Papawai Stream Group and had had significant community input into. She highlighted that the option of doing nothing was not seen as viable. She also noted the strong prefence for options that involved the least possible level of dredging. She also noted that she had received comments from Ken Allen noting his objection to one of the suggestions in the submission on turning the lower field into an artificial turf.

Following actions were agreed:

* Mary to ask Ken to put his comments in writing
* Dan to circulate to the whole CRG the submissions from the Papawai Stream Group, Geoff Simmonds and Ken Allen

The next step will be for the report and submissions to be formally provided to WCC. Kate will review and provide an update at a later stage. In the interim she may have a further meeting with the Papawai Stream Group as the WCC considers the options. It was noted that the work will not be completed until the end of the project, so there is time to work through the options.

Victor asked about the planned reinstatement of the Upper Field and if there was an opportunity to suggest an alternative to the planned reinstatment of the playing field. Jane noted that the appropriate time for this to be raised was during the TBA and RMA process, and that as per the Playing Field Management Plans the field will be reinstated and improved as per the Consent conditions.

**Construction Update**

Paul provided an update of the works since the last meeting.

Key milestones are:

* Excavation is now complete and the equipment has been demobilised
* Three of the six sections of the base concrete have been completed (this will be the sub floor level)
* Crane has been mobilised and is currently lifting the precast wall panels for the pipe tunnel into place
* Work is continuing to stablise the stockpiles and batters to reduce dust and sediment
* Currently the concrete pour for the floor is scheduled for July, this will require a large volume of trucks and extended work hours. Residents will be advised once the details are confirmed.

Mary asked about the fire and how it occurred. Paul explained that it was the result of a subcontractor doing some grinding in proximity to the coconut matting which was in place to reduce dust. This smouldered and then ignited resulting in the fire reaching the area of Town Belt before the Fire Service was able to extinguish it. He also outlined the steps being taking to reduce the risk in the future, including the replacement of the coconut matting with a less flammable material.

Iona raised the issue of noise and dust and its impact on neighbours. Judy noted that the situation had improved recently with the change in the nature of the work. But she did note the impact the last six months of construction has had on her and the other residents at the top of Rolleston Street. Iona encouraged everyone to work together to try to find ways to reduce the impact on residents.

Russell noted that the project delivered clay/fill for a cycle track at Ridgeway School.

Russell reminded members of the community Open Day being held onsite on Saturday 10 April.

**General Business**

Carol thanked HEB for hosting the Neighbours Day morning tea recently.

Peter mentioned that he is writing an article on the history of the Park to be published in the Mt Cook Mobilised Newsletter. Dan suggested it could also be put on the Omāroro project website once published as well.

**Next Meeting**

* CRG, 6.00pm, Thursday 10 June 2021 – at the Executive Seminar Suite, Massey University.

**Meeting closed at 7.21pm**