



Minutes of the Committee Meeting Saturday 11 April 2026 8.30am

Held at the Onemana Surf Club

Present:

Rob, Annabelle, Bruce, Christine, Jennie, Leticia, Neville, Ruhi

Online Attendance:

Carol, Earl

In Attendance:

John Freer

Apologies:

No apologies

Welcome & Update by Chair:

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approve/Amend Meeting Minutes of 15 March 2026:

No changes required to the minutes.

Moved - Leticia

Seconded - Jennie

Action Points from the Meeting 15 March 2026:

- Rob followed up the various questions with Eileen; however, she is on leave until 13 April.
- Update on the not to swim notice to be followed up.
- It was agreed that the long-term planning meeting will be deferred until Bruce is back. It will be an evening meeting – June 16th at 7.00pm at the Surf Club, for all committee members.
- 2025 market day funds to be transferred to income in advance.
- Christine contacted the BNZ to remove Kim as a bank signatory, but unable to do this as she is not a bank signatory. They could not divulge the list of authorised ORCA personnel. The BNZ requires a copy of the signed minutes, taken to the local branch.
- Sponsors and Volunteers process not discussed. Deferred until next meeting.
- Bruce has talked to Kevin regarding defibrillator training. He has suggested a community event at the surf club (1 hour duration). The cost and date is to be advised. Bruce will organise this when he returns from holiday. A Saturday after the ORCA meeting was suggested, and that it was noted that it would be beneficial for Rahul and/or Kim to attend.
- All other action points were completed.

Correspondence (Inwards/Outwards):

It was confirmed that ORCA has registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

Ruhi has checked the archaeological maps and Onemana is included. The committee agreed that all photos were permitted to be used by the archaeologist.

Ruhi advised that she has not further updates on Kylanie. \$3,510 has been donated by the community for the family.

Rob advised that he also phoned Anna as well as responding by email to her resignation from the committee. Anna was acknowledged for her generous contribution in time and effort while on the committee.

Treasurer Reports:

Interest Received: \$77.33

Memberships: \$50.00

Expenses: \$227.80 (excluding Basketball project)

Bank Accounts: \$43,791.05

Basketball costs - \$43,323.44 has been paid, with a further \$11,898.04 in Creditors. The invoices included in creditors are the final costs of the project.

Moved - Bruce

Seconded - Ruhi

Jennie discussed transferring funds from the rapid save account to term deposit. The rates are 1.7% for the rapid save account and 3.45% for a term deposit for 180 days. It was agreed to transfer \$30k to term deposit.

Moved - Bruce

Seconded - Neville

Action Points:

- Jennie to transfer funds to TDP

Bank Account Signatories:

Jennie has spoken to the bank and found that Kim Mashlan and Sandra Carley are still signatories on the bank account. Both need to be removed. - Approved

Moved - Carol

Seconded - Ruhi

Christine has internet access but is not a signatory. She needs to be added as a signatory. - Approved

Moved - Carol

Seconded - Ruhi

Action Point:

Jennie to organise signatory changes with the BNZ.

New Members Approved:

Jennie advised there are two new members – Maude & Fred Sewell. There are now 162 members.

Moved: Bruce

Seconded - Ruhi

Events:

There was no morning tea held, as it was the week of beach hop.

The basketball court opening was held, which was highly successful with 200 attending despite the rain. The next planned event will be a western hoedown, to be held mid-May at the café.

Environment & Maintenance:

Bruce & Rob delivered the Environment & Maintenance reports. There have been 27 reported rat kills, bringing the year-to-date total to 56.

There is not a great deal to report from the maintenance team – spraying has been done and bark shifted by Rob & Bruce.

Community Board Meeting:

No meeting held in March (held every 2 months)

General Business:

John Freer Update:

The community boards do not yet have terms of reference with Council. They are waiting on TCDC staff to finalise.

Council want to see 2 groups established:

1. Area restoration
2. Coastal & Harbour Restoration

\$50,000 will be made available for each group (out of retained earnings), so they have the resources to do the work. There will be public communication in the next week or so, inviting organisations to be part of those groups, and then deciding on the key people to drive the groups.

Current Projects/Issues:

- (a) Toilets by the Whangamata Surf club need upgrading. Council have a price of \$900k for the upgrade, but \$250k is a more realistic project cost.
- (b) The walking track around the harbour and over the causeway is run down and will be reviewed. There has been a lot of work done on the biking & walking trail from Whangamata to the Mountain Bike park. There has been discussion with ORCA about linking this with Onemana. All of the planning has been done on the trail to the bike park, but not further to Onemana.

John commented on the commitment of the South Island councils to bike and walking trails and the economic benefits of these to the local communities.

- (c) John would like to see the Tairua River trail completed. From Pauanui the trail has come around the river at Hikuai. \$1.5m is needed for the bridge across the river. A further \$1.5m is required for the boardwalk into Tairua. John is seeking Whangamata CB & Tairua -Pauanui CB support for this project in conjunction with the Hikuai Trust for the \$3m funding from TCDC retained earnings. If just left to the Hikuai trust, it will take 10 years to complete.
- (d) The Whangamata Library building needs major restoration work, due to water issues. The Council have found a temporary housing solution for the library, yet to be agreed by the head of the library, who is currently overseas.
- (e) The Sugar loaf Wharf in Coromandel upgrade needs to be resolved.

Bruce discussed the value of the Tairua river trail in comparison to the spectacular South Island scenery. John outlined the bigger picture of linking the east and west coasts of the peninsula and creating a Great Walk around the Coromandel.

Council Consultation Day:

17 people attended the council consultation day in Whangamata. He noted that it is hard to get people to engage and put forward their views.

The points that Council must consult with the community are:

- Changing hours at the RTS
- Mowing and gardening schedules
- Rate remissions
- Fees and charges

Council Communications:

Bruce asked about how Council communicates with Rob as Chair of ORCA. Rob advised that is generally by email. Most people found out about the consultation day through following the Council facebook page. The onus is on the individual to ensure they are up to date.

John advised that with roading and storm issues, social media views up; all other times it drops off.

Ruhi enquired about whether any newsletters about what is happening in the Coromandel are received by the ORCA email.

Action Point:

- Christine will follow this up & liaise with Rob on who these should be distributed to.

Onemana Rep:

Ruhi asked if John was the official representative for Onemana. This was confirmed by John. He advised that each Board member have been assigned to all key organisations.

Cyclone Vaianu:

- Current forecast is 1am Saturday to 6pm Sunday
- Winds and the sea will be the concerns, rather than rainfall.
- More rain could cause slips as the ground is already sodden.
- Recent felling in some areas like Opoutere could cause issues.
- Potential damage from fallen trees is concerning people.
- The storm will be fastmoving.
- John has talked with all the local community response groups.
- Discussion was held on Onemana individuals living alone, to ensure that contact had been made for all and alternative accommodation overnight offered.
- Radios will be on overnight in case of any issues,
- They expect power to go out.
- There are 4 generators in Onemana. Bruce will give a generator to Rahul for the cafe.
- The local emergency group is well organised for the current storm.

Basketball Court Update:

The project has been completed. The total cost \$51,259 and was under expected cost by \$3,740. The open day was a very successful event despite the poor weather conditions, with 200 attending. Grant was acknowledged for an excellent job. Thanks to the locals in keeping the contractors fed, for clearing the spare soil when the digger contractor didn't turn up as scheduled, and for watering the grass seed.

Future Projects:

We need ideas for future project, which will be discussed at the long-term planning meeting.

Reserve Vandalism:

After the vandalism on the reserve (a small vehicle driven at speed on the reserve, causing ruts and surface damage), Ruhi submitted a request for service with TCDC. Padlocks have now been installed on the bollards.

The meeting was closed at 9.40am

Next Meeting:

Saturday, May 9, 8.30am at the Surf Club

Long Term Plan Meeting:

Tuesday 16 June, 7pm at the Surf Club

Signed:

Name: Rob Andrew

Position: ORCA Chairman

Dated:

Signed:

Name: Ruhi Pene

Position: Authorised Officer

Dated:

Signed:

Name: Jennie Kingma

Position: Authorised Officer & ORCA Treasurer

Dated:

Next Meetings:

Date	Morning Tea	Date	Morning Tea
February 14	Rob/Sandra	August 8	
March 15	Annabelle & Carol	September 12	
April 11	Leticia	October 10	
May 9	Ruhi	November 14	
June 13		December 12	
July 11		Jan 2nd 2027 - AGM	

Community Board Meetings (Tuesdays 10am):

Date	Volunteer
February 10	
April 21	Rob
June 9	Neville
August 4	
October 13	
December 8	

Summary of Action Points:**Rob:**

- Find out any further information regarding the notice to not to swim, fish or collect shellfish in the area south of the Onemana Drive carpark, with TCDC.
- Waiting for reply from Eileen on:
 - cyclist signs on Whitipirorua Road
 - when the pond silt clearance is next due
 - confirm that the camera can read licence plates at night

Jennie:

- Transfer the 2025 market day funds to income in advance, for the stallholders who had not yet responded for the year end accounts.
- Contact BNZ regarding signatory changes.
- Transfer funds to TDP (\$30k).
- Organise signatory changes with the BNZ.

Christine:

- Check the communications we receive from Council or Hauraki Coromandel and liaise with Rob on who these should be distributed to.

Bruce:

- Organise a suitable time & date for defibrillator training, on his return to Onemana.

ALL:

- Come with ideas to the long-term planning meeting. What future projects would you like to see in Onemana?