



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

11 April 2006

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on Tuesday 11 April 2006 commencing at 10.08am.

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PRESENT

Mr DF Williams (Mayor), Crs S Blackler, D de Haan, WH Earwaker, CE Jeffries and DM Pilkington.

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs DR Hall (Chief Executive), DC Clibbery (Engineering Manager), Mrs J Meade Rose (Environmental Services Manager), Mr CA Tutty (Customer Services Team Leader) and Mrs A Burdon (Executive Assistant).

OPENING PRAYER

Cr Jeffries read the Opening Prayer.

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from Crs AL Gower and G Wilshier, be sustained.

Cr Earwaker/ Cr Pilkington

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL - 21 MARCH 2006

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 21 March 2006 as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr de Haan / Cr Blackler

Matters Arising

Waipa River Sub-Committee

Cr Blackler requested the following change to General, page 6 be made - 'She advised that AHB Funding is being phased *out*. *EW* is proposing to bring in differentials between Districts to take account of the valuation dates.'

OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD - 29 MARCH 2006

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 29 March 2006 as previously circulated, be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted, except that relating to the proposed changes to the Library Schedule of Fees & Charges and Habitat for Humanity.

Cr Jeffries / Cr Pilkington

Matters Arising

Item-228 DISTRICT LIBRARIAN'S REPORT - DECEMBER 2005 - FEBRUARY 2006

Discussion

The Chief Executive advised the review of the Library's Fees & Charges was a fairly sensitive matter, which has historically been subject to significant political involvement. He advised he disagreed that fiction titles should be free as a number of these books are read for enjoyment

and therefore have a more private good than public good. He said there are a number of issues to consider one being the difference between the Community user and the remainder of the District. Cr Earwaker queried whether there was any information on the people taking out books. The District Librarian attended the meeting and replied that the Library computer system doesn't report on the people taking out the various issues. She advised that the proposed Gold Card was different to the ordinary Membership Card in that it was placing more emphasis on the recently released items. She advised the Library currently has 110 subscription Members and that these have been Members for many years. She said this Membership is not an attractive option for new Members. The District Librarian said the proposal was to encourage reading in the Community and due to the barrier of the 50c charge people are missing out on imaginative material. She said the proposal would increase the library patronage. Cr Blackler expressed the opinion whether the Gold Card Membership fee of \$25 per year be increased. His Worship reported that the library has struggled for direction over recent years and that the current District Librarian's knowledge of the industry should be supported in making the proposed changes.

Cr Pilkington referred to the Community Outcomes wherein it is noted to foster lifelong learning. She said she had confidence in staff to provide this. Cr Pilkington felt that with the introduction of the proposed Gold Card there is room to increase fees because the Card offers more and hopefully generate more income.

Cr Jeffries commended the District Librarian on her comprehensive report and said he accepted the need to give consideration to the library's revenue however, he felt more emphasis should be placed on the readership of the library to enhance public literacy. He suggested that audio visual material may be a way to attract younger people.

Resolved

That

1. Gold Card Membership be increased to \$30 per year.
2. New selected non-fiction be charged at \$2.00 per item.

Cr Blackler/ Cr Pilkington

Item-227 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Discussion

Cr Pilkington referred to the Board's resolution that it recommend to Council that a section in Merrins Avenue, Otorohanga, in front of the former TOPS Carpentry module be made available, at no cost, to Habitat for Humanity. She queried what the value of this section was, legal expenses in regard to any subdivision of the site, and who would end up owning the section. The Chief Executive replied the Organisation would be requested to purchase the section at the market rate and then Council would give them a grant equivalent to this. He said the land is currently owned 50/50 between Council and the Otorohanga Community Board. His Worship said, by making land available to Habitat for Humanity, it would encourage them into the Community. The Chief Executive advised it is not unusual for Council's to do this and referred in particular to Hastings where a number of sections have been donated for this purpose. Cr Earwaker advised that the homes are constructed with free labour therefore he did not think Council should give the land free but make it available at a reasonable price. The Chief Executive informed Members that Council would benefit from rates on the property. His Worship advised negotiations had been held with the Community Board who had reached a point where they were comfortable with the way forward. He said the Board needs to explain to Council why they had come to this recommendation. Cr Jeffries advised the Board felt it was an appropriate time to assist families less fortunate than ourselves.

His Worship suggested the matter be referred back to the Board, in a workshop situation, following the Board meeting to be held 26 April 2006.

Resolved

That further discussion be held, in a workshop situation following the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board to be held 26 April 2006, on the recommendation that Council provide a section in Merrins Avenue, at no cost, to Habitat for Humanity.

Cr Jeffries / Cr Pilkington

KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD - 30 MARCH 2006

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 30 March 2006 as previously circulated, be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Blackler

Matters Arising

Kawhia Museum Gallery

Cr Pilkington advised the Museum requires external maintenance.

REPORTS

Item-219 ENVIRONMENT WAIKATO LTCCP ROAD SHOW PRESENTATION

Discussion

Cr Andra Neeley and Mr Scott Fowlds, representing Environment Waikato (EW) attended the meeting to present the draft 2006-16 LTCCP incorporating the 2006/07 Draft Annual Plan. Mr Fowlds advised submissions to the draft document close on 2 May 2006. He reported this is EW's first LTCCP which will require further work to be undertaken however, the Community vision will contribute to 'Choosing Futures Waikato', directed towards a healthy economy.

Mr Fowlds reported the pressures facing EW are:

- i. Sustainability of Agriculture
- ii. Monitoring water quality/availability
- iii. Transportation funding
- iv. Increasing flood and hazard risks
- v. Integration of Regional/District planning
- vi. Potential lost of national possum control funding.

Mr Fowlds advised that the Community's expectations continue to increase and that it was difficult to balance today's needs with future resources. He reported the proposed increase over the 2005/06 year comes mainly from the following six key areas:

- i. Transport
- ii. Permitted activity monitoring
- iii. Water allocation
- iv. Reducing flood risks
- v. River system work
- vi. Regional Policy Review

Mr Fowlds advised EW's funding proposals comprise differential general rate, navigation safety part of UAGC, scheme rates and permitted activities.

His Worship thanked the representatives for their presentation and requested they be mindful of the costs incurred and their impact on rates. He also reminded them of the current representation review.

Item-218 APPROVALS GIVEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO 31 MARCH 2006

Discussion

The Environmental Services Manager presented her report on the Approvals given under Delegated Authority to 31 March 2006 and tabled an item - Resource Consents Issued 2005 and 2006 - 1 January to 31 March.

Cr Blackler stated she had spoken to the Building Control Officer regarding the poor state of repair of the two houses relocated to Kakamutu Road. Mr Phillips advised her these houses had been inspected prior to relocation to Otorohanga however, between being inspected and shifted they were vandalised. Cr Blackler queried whether it was possible for inspections to be carried out closer to relocation dates and whether it was possible to give a time limit of, for example, two months to make repairs. The Environmental Services Manager advised that under the Building Act, developers have one year to make repairs and get the house up to standard, including landscaping, which is backed up with monitoring.

In answer to the question of what is involved in an inspection, the Chief Executive advised the Building Control Officer inspects for structural soundness of the building not cosmetic looks.

Resolved

That the Environmental Services Manager's report on Approvals given under Delegated Authority from 1 January to 31 March 2006 be received.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Jeffries

Item-220 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE TARGA ROTORUA 2006

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented the Engineering Support Officer's report on the application for a temporary road closure for the Targa Rotorua Rally 2006. He confirmed there would be closures in the Otorohanga District on 11 June 2006 for Stages 16 and 17 and that the recommended conditions are standard. He further advised that Targa Rotorua has not conducted a rally event in this District in recent times.

Cr Blackler said she was pleased to see the rally using roads not normally used for events.

Resolved

That approval be granted for the following road closures, including 100 metres of each adjoining road, from where it intersects with the road being applied for:

Purpose: Targa Rotorua 2006 Event

Date: Sunday, 11 June 2006

Details of Closure: **Stage No. 16**

MANGARE ROAD – starting from its intersection with Rotongata Road, to its intersection with Pukewhau Road & Huirimu Road

PUKEWHAU ROAD – from its intersection with Mangare & Huirimu Roads, to finish at its intersection with Waipapa Road (by the Arohena Hall).

Period of Closure: 1.00pm to 4.30pm

Stage No. 17

KAHOREKAU ROAD – starting from its intersection with Waipapa Road, to its intersection with Aotearoa Road

AOTEAROA ROAD – from its intersection with Kahorekau Road, to finish outside House No. 168 at 140 metres from its intersection with Waipapa Road.

Includes the intersection with : Aotearoa Pa, No Exit.

Period of Closure: 1.15pm to 4.45pm

With the following conditions imposed:

1. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency or necessity.
2. Club Targa Inc is to pay an application fee of \$400.00 towards administration of the road closure to Otorohanga District Council, payable 10 working days prior to the road closure.
3. Club Targa Inc is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News and Te Awamutu Courier.
4. Club Targa Inc is responsible for obtaining public liability insurance (and paying the cost thereof) to a minimum value of \$2,500,000. This is required to indemnify Council against any damage to property or persons as a result of rally activities during the road closure period. Council requires that it is held covered under the terms of such policy and accordingly the policy is required to be in both parties' names on the form prescribed by Council.
5. Club Targa Inc is to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
6. Club Targa Inc is to liaise, and provide evidence of liaison with all operators and businesses that may be affected by the road closures.
7. Club Targa Inc is to consult with all residents of all properties on the roads intended to be closed and also residents on roads connecting with the roads intending to be closed, including any no exit roads. Mail drops to residents are also to be carried out. All mail drops to residents are to be approved by Council staff before distribution to residents commences and must include the date that objections close with council. The subsequent mail drop to be completed no later than ten full days before the proposed closures.
8. Club Targa Inc is solely responsible for signposting and policing of the roads to be closed, to ensure that only vehicles connected with the Rally have access to the road closure areas. This includes arranging the delivery, erection and staffing of all road closure barriers and the removal thereof after closures. All gates and entranceways are to be taped and tape is to be removed thereafter.
9. Signs advising of the road closures are to be erected at the start and end of the closed portions of roads and on each intersecting road two weeks prior to the road closure. All signs are to be removed immediately after the closure. A Club Targa representative is to meet with Council Engineering Staff regarding the required signs format, size, location and quantity of signs for approval before they are manufactured and erected.

Cr Blackler / Cr Pilkington

Item-221 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - HAMILTON CAR CLUB 2006

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented the Engineering Support Officer's report on the application for a temporary road closure for the Hamilton Car Club 2006. He advised there are four stages to be held within the District on 24 June 2006 and that recommended conditions are standard. He further advised that they are short closures and roads being used are different roads to what has been used before.

Cr Blackler reported that Hewer and Tahaia Roads have farms split by the road and with the closure starting at 6.45am this would not be convenient for farmers or parents taking children to Saturday morning sports activities. She advised that a passage of time needs to be allowed for this movement. Cr Blackler also advised that extra roads needed to be included in the closure. The Engineering Manager advised that should more than two objections be received for each stage, the application will be required to come back to Council.

Resolved

That provisional approval be granted for the following road closures, subject to Council's approval following consultation:

Purpose: 2006 Rally of Waitomo

Date: Saturday, 24 June 2006

Details of Closure:

HAURUA ROAD

WAITOMO VALLEY ROAD - from Haurua Road to Waitomo District boundary.

Period of Closure: 6.45am to 10.00am

HEWER AND TAHAIA ROADS – including intersections with Irvine, Shanks and Veale Roads, No Exits.

Period of Closure: 7.30am to 10.45am

NGAHAPE ROAD (from Otorohanga Rd / SH3) to Happy Valley Road

HAPPY VALLEY ROAD – including intersections with Gallagher, Waverley and Cottle Roads, No Exits.

Period of Closure: 9.45am to 12.45pm

SIRCOMBE ROAD

LURMAN ROAD - from Sircombe Rd ending at Rangiatea Road – includes intersection with Otoru Road, No Exit.

Period of Closure: 10.00am to 1.15pm

PUKETARATA ROAD – including intersections with Burr and Henderson Roads, No Exits.

Period of Closure: 9.00am to 12.15pm

With the following conditions imposed:

1. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency or necessity.

2. Hamilton Car Club is to pay an application fee of \$400.00 towards administration of the road closure to Otorohanga District Council, payable 10 working days prior to the road closure.
3. Hamilton Car Club is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News and Te Awamutu Courier.
4. Hamilton Car Club is responsible for obtaining public liability insurance (and paying the cost thereof) to a minimum value of \$2,500,000. This is required to indemnify Council against any damage to property or persons as a result of rally activities during the road closure period. Council requires that it is held covered under the terms of such policy and accordingly the policy is required to be in both parties' names on the form prescribed by Council.
5. Hamilton Car Club is to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
6. Hamilton Car Club is to liaise, and provide evidence of liaison with all rural delivery contractors, public transport operators and businesses that may be affected by the road closures.
7. No objections are to be received from N.Z. Police Department, Fonterra Dairy Group, N. Z. Road Transport Association or Transit New Zealand.
8. Hamilton Car Club is to consult with all residents of all properties on the roads intended to be closed and also residents on roads connecting with the roads intending to be closed, including any no exit roads. Mail drops to residents are also to be carried out. All mail drops to residents are to be approved by Council staff before distribution to residents commences and must include the date that objections close with council. The subsequent mail drop to be completed no later than ten full days before the proposed closures.
9. Hamilton Car Club is solely responsible for signposting and policing of the roads to be closed, to ensure that only vehicles connected with the Rally have access to the road closure areas. This includes arranging the delivery, erection and staffing of all road closure barriers and the removal thereof after closures. All gates and entranceways are to be taped and tape is to be removed thereafter.
10. Signs advising of the road closures are to be erected at the start and end of the closed portions of roads and on each intersecting road two weeks prior to the road closure. All signs are to be removed immediately after the closure. A Hamilton Club representative is to meet with Council Engineering Staff regarding the required signs format, size, location and quantity of signs for approval before they are manufactured and erected.

Cr Earwaker/ Cr Blackler

LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT

Members adjourned for lunch at 12.34 and reconvened at 1.15pm.

Item-222 WAIPARI ROAD MAINTENANCE OPTIONS

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented his report on the options available in relation to the future maintenance of the southern portion of Waipari Road. This report follows a previous report to Council recommending limited maintenance. Cr Blackler advised that every property owner affected by the proposed partial closure of Waipari Road still had alternative access.

Resolved

That Council commences the process for stopping the southernmost (900 metre long) section of Waipari Road, in accordance with Section 342 of the Local Government Act 1974. Liaison with potentially affected landowners is to be undertaken at an early stage to facilitate amicable and cost effective progress of the proposal.

Cr Earwaker / Cr de Haan

Item-223 RURAL WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 2006

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented his report on the Rural Water Supply Committee Minutes held 8 and 9 February 2006.

Tihiroa Rural Water Supply Committee Minutes

In reply to Cr Pilkington the Engineering Manager advised, to obtain the correct level of chlorine in the water is somewhat of a 'balancing act'. He said, under the new Drinking Water Standards, the rural water treatment will not be acceptable and it may be necessary to install a chlorine dispenser at the half way point in the Scheme.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meetings of the Arohena and Ranginui Rural Water Supply Committees held 8 February 2006, and Tihiroa and Waipa Rural Water Supply Committees held 9 February 2006 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Earwaker

Item-224 WAIKATO REGIONAL AIRPORT - DRAFT STATEMENT OF INTENT

Discussion

Members were referred to the Draft Statement of Intent for the Waikato Regional Airport Ltd as required by section 64 of the Local Government Act 2002. The Chief Executive informed Members that the Statement was reflective of an organisation going through a major redevelopment process.

Cr Jeffries reported the airport is working through a budgetary process at present and that the next financial year will be very tight. He said, as at 1 July 2005 the land value has increased two and half times. He referred to the draft Statement and said some figures will be required to be updated however, this will come out in a reviewed Statement.

His Worship reported Mr John Storey had recently resigned as Chairman of the Waikato Regional Airport Ltd. He said an interim Chairperson, Mr Jerry Rickman, has been appointed, and the new Chief Executive, Mr Chris Doak, is settling in well. His Worship said the future of the airport is looking very good.

Resolved

That the draft Statement of Intent for Waikato Regional Airport Ltd be received.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Pilkington

Item-225 MATTERS REFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS - APRIL 2006

Discussion

Stock Droving Bylaw

The Chief Executive advised that Council's Engineering Manager has recently taken over the review of Council's Stock Droving Bylaw. The Engineering Manager reported he hoped to bring a report to the next meeting of Council comprising concepts for discussion. Cr Earwaker suggested that the Engineer talk to himself and Cr Blackler regarding the Bylaw. His Worship also advised that Federated Farmers had expressed an interest in being involved in the review of the Bylaw.

Resolved

That the report on Matters Referred from previous meeting - April 2006 be received.

Cr Blackler / Cr de Haan

GENERAL

HONIKIWI ROAD

Cr de Haan reported the Contractors who trimmed the trees did an excellent job.

PEKANUI AND PIRONGIA WEST ROADS

Cr Pilkington reported there was gorse that required spraying on roadside of Pekenui and Pirongia West Roads.

TE UKU WIND FARM

Cr Pilkington reported on the public meeting held in Kawhia in March to outline the Te Uku Wind Farm. She advised the Consultants have done a great job of informing and canvassing the general public, who were generally supportive of the project.

His Worship reported on the following items:

MAYORS TASKFORCE FOR JOBS

His Worship advised he has been asked to join the Major's Taskforce for Jobs Core Group.

CENTRAL WAIKATO MAYORAL FORUM

This meeting on 21 April 2006 has been postponed.

LGNZ CONFERENCE 16-19 JULY

His Worship and Chief Executive David Hall will be attending the Conference in Wellington. Mrs Burdon is to contact Cr Gower to enquire whether he would be interested in attending, otherwise Crs de Haan and Blackler would be interested in attending.

REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

The RLTC met on Monday 3 April and re-endorsed their stand that State Highway 1 is the principle highway in NZ and that Transits role is to provide a safe passage through the Central North Island on this highway. His Worship said the Committee are aware of the related funding issues.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Fund is calling for the second round of applications, due 21 April 2006. Last year four applications were presented from Council, all were turned down. His Worship advised he had submitted another application for the Harvest Centre and suggested Cr Pilkington advise Mrs Keepa to reapply.

ANZAC

Otorohanga will be holding commemoration services at 6.00am and 10.00am, with the Kawhia service commencing at 1.00pm.

HATOGAYA CITY

Otorohanga will again be hosting a visit from Hatogaya City in August this year, with a group of 4 adults (including the Mayor) and up to 12 pupils visiting Japan in September.

REPRESENTATION REVIEW

The Chief Executive queried whether Councillors had received any response to the letters mailed out regarding Ward boundary changes. Councillors advised they had not received any feedback. His Worship advised all the feedback he had received had so far been positive. The Chief Executive advised he had received some letters from residents in the Tihiroa ward. He advised that the next stage now is for a formal report to go to Council.

STATE HIGHWAY 31

Cr Jeffries queried if Transit had been contacted regarding the urgent work needed on State Highway 31 just north of the quarry. The Engineering Manager reported that extensive work was required on this piece of State Highway and that Transit were to undertake this.

ART HOUSE

Cr de Haan queried Ms Shona Hammond-Boys's attendance at the Otorohanga Community Board meeting about an Art House. His Worship reported the Board are very keen to see an Art House established in Otorohanga but it would require providing a building. He advised he had had discussions with a representative of this College this morning who had offered their art room to the Board, which requires relocation before the end of 2006, when it is scheduled for demolition. He further advised that relocation costs will be in the vicinity of \$20-30,000, which at this stage could be covered by the Ministry of Education. His Worship advised that a further meeting will be held after Easter.

Item-229 MOTORCROSS TRACK HEARING

Discussion

The Environmental Services Manager tabled a report on the Hearings Committee for use of a Motorcross Track Application.

Resolved

1. That pursuant to Section 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the item which is the subject of this report (Hearings Committee for use of Motorcross Track Application) be received and dealt with at this meeting.
2. That the Hearings Committee to conduct the hearing will be Deputy-Mayor Hugh Earwaker and Ward Cr Doreen de Haan.
3. That Council add Cr Deborah Pilkington to the Hearings Committee.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Blackler

MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

"THAT the Otorohanga District Council, pursuant to Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolves that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public."

Cr Pilkington / Cr de Haan

Item-226 UPDATE ON MACPHERSON & STEVENS APPEAL CONFIDENTIAL

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 3.30pm.

MAYOR:

DATE:

