



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

27 June 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 27 June 2006 commencing at 10.6am.

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PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs DR Hall (Chief Executive), DC Clibbery (Engineering Manager), JL Pevreal (Finance & Administration Manager), Mrs J Meade Rose (Environmental Services Manager), Mr CA Tutty (Customer Services Team Leader) (attended 10.00am-12.40pm and 2.30-4.45pm) and Mrs A Burdon (Executive Assistant) (attended 1.15-2.30pm).

OPENING PRAYER

Cr Jeffries read the Opening Prayer.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL - 6 JUNE 2006

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council, held on 6 June 2006, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Earwaker/ Cr Blackler

Matters Arising

General - Effluent on Roads

Cr Blackler tabled an article which reported Te Kuiti has been turned down to have an effluent disposal site. She said there is great need for more disposal sites in the Waikato Region and it is a great loss for Te Kuiti not to get a site.

Item 254 Micro Chipping For Dogs

Cr Pilkington requested a change on page 7 of the minutes to read 'Cr Pilkington queried whether it was possible to make enforcement of newly registered dogs a low priority, *other than dangerous or menacing dogs*'. His Worship advised he had received an article from Nanaia Mahuta about working with Councils to decide what is a working dog.

Item 245 Draft Statement of Intent - Local Authority Shared Services

Cr Jeffries queried with the Chief Executive whether he had received an answer on the wording – guarantee. The Chief Executive replied he had not at this stage followed up the matter however advised that Council cannot 'guarantee' any external debt.

General - Jervois Street Toilets, Kawhia

Cr Jeffries queried whether there was any update on the naming of the toilets. The Engineering Manager advised the Community Facilities Officer was still undertaking consultation getting a third opinion on the correct terms to be used. Cr Pilkington offered to also speak to people individually to obtain their opinion.

OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD - 8 JUNE 2006

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board, held on 8 June 2006, as previously circulated, be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Cr Wilshier/ Cr Jeffries

Matters Arising

Item 124 Thirsty Weta Proposal

Cr Wilshier reported the proposal has now been taken a stage further and some concerns have been expressed.

KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD - 25 MAY 2006

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board, held on 25 May 2006, as previously circulated, be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Jeffries

Matters Arising

Item 73 District Plan Review

Cr Pilkington requested on page 3, under the Harbour Management Plan that it read '...which also includes Waitomo and Waikato District Council, and *Environment Waikato*, will provide separate Plans for the Harbour.'

REPORTS

Item-258 LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN

Discussion

ENVIRONMENT WAIKATO

Mr Scott Fowlds representing Environment Waikato (EW) attended the meeting and summarised the Regional Council's submission to this Council's Draft Long Term Council Community Plan. He submitted an apology on behalf of Cr Andra Neeley who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr Fowlds thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting and said his Council looked forward to working with this Council on matters of mutual interest.

Water Allocation

Mr Fowlds reported water availability for use as reticulated potable supply is, or will become, a constraint on the growth of many townships within the region. He said competing demands means that they are at a point where no more water should be taken from some of their Region's water bodies. Mr Fowlds said Environment Waikato, would strongly support the Otorohanga District Council in developing a Demand Management Strategy for the use of water within the District.

Fish Passage & Culverts Project

Mr Fowlds reported there are several culverts within this District that potentially pose a barrier to fish passage which need to be addressed within the next few years. He suggested Council incorporate into its plan the replacement and/or upgrade of any identified priority culverts into the Council's work programme.

Air Quality and Landuse Change

Mr Fowlds advised it was recognised that over the coming three years this Council will be reviewing its District Plan and may also receive applications for land use change of significant size. He said EW requests that during any planned investigations into anticipated land use

changes, this Council consider the impact of that land use change and any associated land transport infrastructure on air quality.

Integration of Regional and District Policy and Plans

Mr Fowlds reported EW is proposing to develop a Regional Strategy to look at managing resource pressures and growth within the Region. He said Territorial Authorities will be requested to be involved in the development and implementation of this Strategy and that EW looks forward to working with this Council on this project.

Regional Policy Statement Review

Mr Fowlds reported under the Resource Management Act 1991 it requires Regional Councils to periodically review and update their Regional Policy Statements. He advised work on the Review on the Waikato Regional Policy Statement will begin in 2007 and it is anticipated that a proposed Waikato Regional Policy Statement will be notified for public consultation by 2010 and be operative by 2013. Mr Fowlds said it is important that Territorial Authorities are involved in the development and implementation of this Policy Statement review, particularly given the recent amendment to the Resource Management Act that requires District Plans to give effect to Regional Policy Statements.

With regards to District Plan variations & amendments Mr Fowlds reported EW looks forward to working with this Council during the forthcoming review of its District Plan. He said EW offers its assistance to this review and requests to be kept informed on the progress and involved in the research and drafting process.

West Coast Local Coastal Planning

Mr Fowlds advised EW would like to thank the Otorohanga District Council for its support for the West Coast Local Coastal Planning Project, a catchment planning project for the Aotea and Kawhia Harbours. He said EW looks forward to continuing to work with this Council on this project and requests that Council make adequate provision in the LTCCP for its continued participation.

Choosing Futures Waikato

Mr Fowlds reported Stage 1 of Choosing Futures Waikato is complete and staff are embarking on monitoring and reporting. He said it is anticipated that this Council will continue to be involved in the Regional Community Outcomes process, through its membership of the Waikato Strategic Planners network.

River Management, Regional Hazards and Emergency Management

Mr Fowlds reported, during the next three years, it is proposed to prepare an improved management of flood risk and mitigation of the effects of flooding. He said it is proposed to develop a Regional Risk Strategy and a specific strategy for the Waipa area.

LIDAR Surveying Project

Mr Fowlds, on behalf of EW, requested that this Council make provision for participation in the LIDAR Surveying Project which would be a cost to this Council of approximately \$50,000 in year one and \$30,000 in year two. His Worship queried why EW did not apply their target rate for this purpose. He said the preliminary estimate of the total cost of this project for the Waipa Management Zone, which includes the Otorohanga District, is \$510,000 which represents two percent of this Council's rates. Mr Fowlds said the information would provide a valuable resource for both Regional and Territorial Authorities.

Civil Defence Emergency Management

Mr Fowlds, on behalf of EW requested this Council to make provision for a financial contribution of \$3,000 per annum in the LTCCP as contribution to the costs of the Waikato Engineering Lifelines Group. This group aims to

- i) encourage and support the work of all participants in identifying and mitigating the effects of hazards on lifeline assets and business operations
- ii) Facilitate communication between all participants in order to increase awareness and understanding of each organisations' interdependencies,
- iii) Create and maintain awareness of the role and importance of Lifelines within the Waikato Regional
- iv) Promote ongoing research and technology transfer aimed at protecting and preserving Lifelines of the Waikato Region
- v) Develop best approaches to mitigation preparedness and recovery measures for Lifelines.

Cr Jeffries referred to the Regional Policy Statement review and expressed the opinion that this review and that of Council's District Plan must be worked in together by linking processes and that the District Plan is based on local knowledge. His Worship agreed that this Council's District Plan cannot be inconsistent with Environment Waikato's Regional Policy Statement.

His Worship thanked Mr Fowlds for his attendance and said this Council appreciates the relationship that exists between the two Councils.

QEII TRUST

Mr Malcolm Mackenzie, Regional Representative of the Queen Elizabeth II (QEII) National Trust attended the meeting and presented the Trust's submission. Mr Mackenzie reported his Organisation would like to see the protection of natural features on private land throughout the Otorohanga and Waitomo Districts. He referred to neighbouring District Council's within the Waikato Regional who, by appointing specialist bio-diversity or natural heritage staff and working closely with recognised independent Organisations such as the QEII National Trust, assist private land owners to protect natural features and historic sites on their properties. Mr Mackenzie said the property owner retains his rights over the area and has full management of it. He advised his organisation would like to recommend to Council to make application to the Bio-diversity Advice Fund to fund the employment of a staff member to identify and prioritise the significant natural features and historic sites in the District and to subsequently encourage and work with the District's private land owners to protect and manage these areas. He said this Council could apply for funding to engage an initial survey to identify the significant features. Cr Pilkington replied there was no need to have this carried out for the Kawhia / Aotea areas.

Mr Mackenzie then brought Council's attention to the Trust's Best Practice recommendation for rates remission to be calculated on the basis of land area rather than land value. He suggested this Council adopt and promote this Policy which brings it into line with the Regional Council. The Finance & Administration Manager advised that although Council's assistance to the owners is not part of its Rate Remission Scheme, an amount is paid out by Council in the form of a grant.

Cr Gower expressed the opinion that the Organisation was losing its voluntary status. He suggested people should be encouraged to identify areas themselves. Cr Jeffries said a job description would need to be prepared for a proposed part-time employee.

WAIKATO DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

Representatives of the Otorohanga District Health Board attended the meeting, Ms Sarah Pitches, Ms Hilary Karaitiana and Mr Nick MacDonald. Ms Pitches presented the Board's submission. She said the Population Health Service of the Waikato District Health Board is focused on the well-being of its people by being proactive in keeping them well. She reported issues such as town planning now impose health related problems on the population. She

commented there is a need to work with Council to look at any health benefits. Ms Pitches said, to date, a good relationship has been enjoyed with this Council and she thanks it for its contribution. In reply to the question as to how active their Organisation lobbies for funds for issues such as waste water disposal in Kawhia, Ms Pitches replied that these Communities need support and they do advocate for their issues.

In reply to the question as to how their Organisation fits into a family situation, Ms Pitches replied that they have a relationship with the relevant services that could provide assistance. She said the WDHB encourages Council to develop robust social policies around child and family issues with input from the Community. Such a Policy could co-ordinate some of the activities with key stakeholders who are all trying to make a difference in Otorohanga and provide a strategic focus to this work. She said a significant concern in Otorohanga is the level of family violence.

WAIKATO BIO-DIVERSITY FORUM

Ms Moira Cursey, Coordinator for the Waikato Bio-diversity Forum, attended the meeting. Ms Cursey, on behalf of the Forum, requested Council to assist with funding for the Forum's work which will assist it to work more closely with this Council to jointly reach bio-diversity goals.

Ms Cursey said the Forum continues to provide advice and support to District Council's who are working with land owners within the District to protect significant natural features on private land. She said, to date, the Forum has been funded by the Bio-diversity Contestable Advice Fund, administered by the Department of Conservation, but a secure long-term funding base is needed as this funding is likely to cease after June 2006. Mrs Cursey said in the future the Forum would like to continue working more closely with Council's and is requesting that an annual contribution of \$3000 plus GST be made over the next three years. She said the operating costs of the Forum is \$55,000 including the part time Coordinator's salary, associated travel costs, database maintenance and disbursement costs including staging of the two annual Forum meetings. His Worship expressed some concern that there are so many organisations out there and groups being established and coming to Council for funding as others have dried up. He said he supports their work and wishes this Council to work more closely with the Forum.

FEDERATED FARMERS

Mr Chris Lewis attended the meeting and presented the Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc's submission, prepared by Mr Nigel Billings, to Council. Mr Lewis reported Federated Farmers members are concerned at the ever growing cost of Local Government and this year many rural Councils are also expressing concerns about the ability of ratepayers to sustain Council operations. The submission related to the transparency and readability of the LTCCP, the Funding Impact Statement, and the Revenue and Financing Policy.

Their decisions sought are -

1. That Council note Federated Farmers support for the design of the LTCCP.
2. That the level of the UAGC relative to the maximum specified in s21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 be shown in the final LTCCP.
3. Council note Federated Farmers support for the inclusion of the table of rating examples on page 90 in the LTCCP.
4. Council reconsider the method of funding of District Promotion in the light of the contribution of working farms to the promotion of their own industries.

Cr Blackler, supported by Cr Pilkington and Cr de Haan thanked the representative for the excellent submission.

An Arohena farmer, Mr Leith Chick presented a verbal submission to Council. He said his concern was in reference to the continual increase in rates, the last being between 20 and 30 percent. Mr Chick queried whether Council is going to continue to employ Quotable Value to determine the individual property valuations. Mr Chick expressed the opinion that Council does not value its rural ratepayer and accordingly their only alternative is to seek a Council that will

support them. His Worship said this Council does understand the level of rates being set and that a number of points raised by Mr Chick could be discussed at some length. He said this Council is attempting to enhance the District and to make a capital betterment for all. He said with regard to Quotable Value's valuation of properties this can be challenged. His Worship suggested Mr Chick and others meet with him to discuss the issues raised.

MANIAPOTO TRUST BOARD

Mr Vance Winiata and Ms Sheena Tepania attended the meeting and presented the Maniapoto Maori Trust Board's (MMTB) submission. Mr Winiata said he would like to float with Council the proposal to include the MMTB outcomes in the LTCCP. He said he was disappointed to see indicators have only briefly been referred to in the Plan and that he would like to see some uniformity between the various Council's. Ms Tepania referred Members to the Local Government Act and the interest of Ngati Maniapoto to be included over five different LTCCP's. Ms Tepania referred to s4 of the Local Government Act in particular to the Treaty of Waitangi allowing the opportunity to contribute and be involved in the decision making of the District. Ms Tepania suggested a summary of the Board's outcomes be included in the document like the Waipa District Council. She said the current outcomes are very limited to reflect Maori aspirations and there is not one on environmental or social outcomes. His Worship advised it had been discussed at some length as to how to incorporate documents, ones that could be referred to all section of the community, were encouraged. He said the outcomes had generally been agreed by the Community and this Council was not aware MMTB were preparing their own document. He said Council's Plan has been prepared following full consultation with the Community and it can be referred to but not included in the LTCCP. Cr Jeffries reminded Members that the LTCCP was a living document and could be amended at any time. Representatives were advised Members were disappointed that the local Maori input hadn't filtered back up to their Board.

JOHN DODGSON

Mr John Dodgson attended the meeting and presented a written submission. Mr Dodgson reported he had been a five year retired resident of Kawhia and was currently President of the Kawhia Harbour Protection Society (KHPS). Previously he had been employed by DOC at Pureora where he was the instigator and designer of the ecological weed programme. Mr Dodgson said his submission has been circulated and supported by Members of the KHPS. Mr Dodgson referred to reported comments from Council's Chief Executive that 'Kawhia has a parking problem'. He expressed the opinion that Kawhia does not have a parking problem however, visitors to large events like the Kai Festival may have a problem. He then referred to a downtown Kawhia development of the lagoon area and the parking issues that arise there as well. Cr Pilkington endorsed Mr Dodgson's submission in relation to the parking issue.

OTOROHANGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mrs Nan Owen, President of the Otorohanga Historical Society Inc (OHS) attended the meeting and presented a submission on the museum complex and waka house and in regard to significant trees in the Otorohanga and Kawhia areas. Mrs Owen reported she was seeking agreement from Council to ensure that the museum complex, including the waka house, would continue to be operated by the Council, possibly with part time paid staff, should the Historical Society go into recess. Mrs Owen said the museum has been of little cost to Council and contains a huge history of our District and Community. She said the museum complex is a unique Community asset and there is no mention of it in the LTCCP. She said she needs assurance from Council that the complex will be maintained and operated. His Worship noted that if the Otorohanga Historical Society went into recess, the complex would come back to Council. He said he sincerely hoped that this would not happen. He said if it did revert back to Council, then a decision would be made at that time. Cr Earwaker queried, as the Crown own the waka, why they would not take responsibility for it with assistance from local iwi. The Chief Executive suggested that words to the effect 'Council take responsibility for ensuring the waka is

cared for' could be inserted in the Plan. With regard to the list of identified trees, it was agreed this will be covered in the Community Board's Landscape Plan.

LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for lunch at 12.38pm and reconvened at 1.18pm.

LTCCP CONTINUED

Members then discussed and considered each individual submission including those submitters that did not wish to be heard at the meeting.

ENVIRONMENT WAIKATO

Cr Jeffries commented that the Regional Council and this Council were 'out of sync' in coordinating the documents such as the Regional Policy Statement with this Council's District Plan.

4.2 LIDAR Surveying Project

It was agreed this programme would have no value to this Council and accordingly no contribution be made. Cr Blackler expressed the opinion the Regional Council should rate for the activity, it is their cost.

4.3 Civil Defence Emergency Management

Members were informed that the Waikato Engineering Lifelines Group is established to protect utilities such as telephones, water, sewage, etc. It comprises of a group of Engineers with one Authority supporting the other.

It was agreed Council not contribute to the Group and accordingly not include it in the LTCCP.

6.2 Extension of Jurisdiction

Members agreed not to go along with the suggestion that this Council consider extending its jurisdiction to the line of mean low water springs. It was agreed that this area is Environment Waikato's responsibility and that no other Council's have agreed to the proposal. Members were informed that the group, which oversees the Beach Warden, should submit to Environment Waikato for funding assistance.

QEII NATIONAL TRUST

The Finance & Administration Manager advised it could be debated whether the Rating Act does cover QE II Trust land. He said Council is in effect giving a rate remission to those areas by way of a grant. Cr Gower expressed the opinion there was insufficient benefit to the property owner to make it worthwhile to covenant an area of their property. The Finance & Administration Manager advised that Council does have a list of covenanted areas. With regard to QEII Best Practice Policy Guidelines to Council in particular 'Where there is an economic use of covenanted land' that partial rates may apply, e.g. grazing on a large landscape covenant, commercial eco-tourism. Members queried how this would be policed. The Finance & Administration Manager suggested Council could investigate what other Council's are doing and the costs they are incurring. With regard to employing a specialist person, His Worship said should funds be available, a job description would be required. Cr Jeffries suggested other submissions could be catered for under this position. His Worship said he was reluctant to create another paid position. Cr Blackler expressed the opinion that there was too much 'doubling' up on who is doing what. The Environmental Services Manager suggested Members wait until work such as the review of the District Plan, etc, has been completed. She said the position could be reviewed in twelve months time. In regard to the issue that 'when Council is considering subdivisions,' it ensure that new houses are not immediately adjacent to covenanted areas. It was agreed this could be noted as part of the District Plan Review.

WAIKATO DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD - POPULATION HEALTH SERVICE

It was agreed there was no content of any significance however, the Service continue with its good work.

WAIKATO BIO-DIVERSITY FORUM

It was agreed this not be included in the LTCCP in particular, an annual contribution of \$3,000 plus GST for three years. Members expressed the opinion that this Forum was doubling up on what EW should be carrying out.

FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW ZEALAND INC

With regard to the UAGC Members were advised, this will come up for consideration in the funding review. Cr Wilshier expressed the opinion that farmers owning and operating a farm were no different from local businesses in the Community. He referred to the Progress Park and Westridge subdivisions which had been solely funded by the Otorohanga Community Board, who were prepared to take the risk involved in their development. Cr Pilkington said Federated Farmers were forwarding the submission from the perspective of the farming community. She expressed the opinion, in regard to District promotion, this should be targeted by those businesses who receive the benefit.

With regards to the item relating to funding, it was agreed this be considered in the funding review.

Members referred to the verbal submission of Mr Leith Chick, and felt this covered a number of discrepancies between the Community and rural sectors. Cr Earwaker said he understood Council was addressing some of the issues, such as promotion of the District. Cr Gower supported the Federated Farmers submission and said they are genuinely concerned at the continued rate increases. It was agreed to disclose in the Plan that Uniform Annual Charges equate to 26.3 percent of the maximum of 30 percent.

MANIAPOTO TRUST BOARD

In discussion it was agreed, a summary by way of an appendix, be included in the LTCCP.

J DODGSON

With regard to 'Zero tolerance to drugs' it was agreed that the word 'District' and surrounding area be included. Members were informed that other items raised by Mr Dodgson will be reviewed in the District Plan Review. Item 6 relating to the Kawhia Catchment should be referred to Environment Waikato for their consideration.

OTOROHANGA HISTROCIAL SOCIETY INC

It was agreed, Council would advise the Society that it make the best decision at the time in regards to the museum complex and waka house should the Otorohanga Historical Society wind up. With regard to identifying significant trees in the Otorohanga and Kawhia areas, it will be catered for in the District Plan Review process.

DR HALL - CHIEF EXECUTIVE, ODC

The Finance & Administration Manager circulated a Management Plan and Public Debt Statement in respect to the proposed Waiwera Street subdivision. He said this was based on recovering all of the costs of the subdivision over three years either by freehold/leasehold sales. Members were informed that the Kawhia Community Board was supportive of the proposed subdivision. Cr Wilshier expressed the opinion that, unless the Kawhia Community Board could guarantee the subdivision would proceed, he suggested it not be included. The Chief Executive replied that the Kawhia Community Board has passed a resolution to proceed with the

subdivision. The Engineering Manager suggested whether, during the 2006/2007 year, it be indicated to investigate the proposal further and that the remainder of the expenditure be placed a year out. In further discussion it was agreed it was just an indicative proposal and that it be left in the LTCCP.

FLOOD PROTECTION WORKS

The Chief Executive reported provision has been made for flood protection works in the 2007/08 financial year as a response to the February 2004 'Leap Day Floods' in and around the Otorohanga Primary School. He said the Council has worked with Environment Waikato to identify works including upgraded culverts under Phillips Avenue and some additional bunding around Otorohanga Primary. The Chief Executive advised Environment Waikato has previously agreed, in principle, to fund 50 percent of the required works. The Chief Executive said should another flood occur and the school is flooded again, Council has a resolution from Environment Waikato to commence the identified works. Reference was made to the issues under 'Library' and 'Honikiwi Hall' to which Members were agreeable to.

L & M YEATES

The Engineer Manager reported letters have been forwarded to residents of Te Tahī Road informing them that the traffic volume for the road is nearing its maximum. The Environmental Services Manager advised that most of the points raised in Mr & Mrs Yeates submission will be 'picked up' in the Resource Consent process. She said, should any more Lots be subdivided, the application will need to be notified.

WATER CATCHMENTS

Members were informed this issue will be considered in the District Plan Review.

TRANSIT NEW ZEALAND

The Engineering Manager informed Members it had been noted in a 'couple' of places that Transit had been referred to incorrectly.

HOUSING NEW ZEALAND CORPORATION

Development Contributions Policy

The issue was highlighted that HNZC would like to be involved in consultation on Council's Development Contributions Policy at an early stage to ensure that the impacts of additional costs to new development on the provision of, and access to, affordable housing are fully considered.

LAND TRANSPORT NEW ZEALAND

Draft Land Transport Programme (LTP)

The Engineering Manager advised that LTNZ's comment is significant advising that it believes the Otorohanga District Council is taking the opportunity to consult on its 2006/07 LTP through the production of this LTCCP, as s13 of the LTMA allows. Land Transport NZ would like to state that it is not clear, from the document, that this is the case. LTNZ recommends that it is clearly stated that the 2006/07 LTP is incorporated into the LTCCP and that reference to the relevant legislation allowing the LTCCP to substitute as a LTP is included. It was agreed Council produce a small land transport document for inclusion in the LTCCP. This document to read 'the information on roading contained in this LTCCP, pursuant to s13 of the LTMA, has allowed Otorohanga District Council the opportunity to consult on Land Transport NZ's 2006/07 LTP which has been incorporated into Council's LTCCP and the reference to the relevant legislation allowing the LTCCP to substitute as a LTP is included.

EDUCATING NEW ZEALAND

Representatives attended the meeting and presented their submission regarding inclusion of Road Safety Education initiatives in LTCCP. Members agreed to this.

AUTISM NEW ZEALAND INC

Members agreed Council was not in a position to provide funding.

AROHENA HALL COMMITTEE

It was agreed to include the recommendation of the Arohena Hall Committee that the proposed rate levy for Arohena Hall be increased to 0.0007 cents in the dollar, and \$45 per property, and total revenue collected increase from \$2479 to \$3179 for the 2006/07 financial year, as per the 2006 AGM of the Arohena Hall Committee.

Resolved

That

1. The submissions be received, and
2. Subject to amendments resulting from the submissions, Council adopt the 2006-2016 Management Plan and the 2006–2016 Long Term Council Community Plan and further,
3. The rates outlined in the Plan for the year 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 be set in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Plan and Funding Impact Statement

Cr Earwaker / Cr Wilshier

Item-259 DISTRICT BUILDING CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT TO MAY 2006

Discussion

The District Building Control Officer attended the meeting and presented his report. He advised there has been an increase in building activities of 13 percent over the last year. The Officer said there were almost 460 Building Consents issued for 2006, an increase of over 50 Consents on last year. He advised there were a total of 38 more new dwellings than last year, with 96 new buildings in total. The Officer advised the breakdown of Building inspections is 25 percent urban and 75 percent rural.

The District Building Control Officer introduced Mr Gavin Phillips to Members to Mr Phillips who he advised was replacing him when he retires on 30 June 2006. His Worship further advised Mrs Dianne Tautari has been appointed to the position of Building Control Officer (Senior). The District Building Control Officer advised the Building Department has good staffing in place but they would need the support of Council with all of the legislative changes ahead.

His Worship thanked the District Building Control Officer for his input over the five years he had worked at Council and wished him and his family a long and happy retirement. He congratulated the Officer on the good reputation he has in the District for his professionalism and helpfulness.

Resolved

That the Building Control Officer's report to 31 May 2006 be received.

Cr Jeffries / Cr Pilkington

Item-260 DISTRICT LIBRARY REPORT - MARCH - MAY 2006

Discussion

The Finance & Administration Manager presented the District Librarian's report for March - May 2006.

Cr Earwaker queried why there was a shortfall in issues during April. The Finance & Administration Manager advised one reason may be due to the number of short weeks during that month.

Cr Pilkington congratulated the District Librarian on her thorough report and the excellent way she carries out her duties at the library.

Cr Jeffries queried the list of DVD's purchased and whether these would be competing with local video outlets. He was advised the new DVD's were more educational in nature. Cr Pilkington queried what the issue cost would be for the DVD's.

Resolved

That the District Librarian's report for March - May 2006 be received.

Cr Pilkington/ Cr Jeffries

Item-261 SUBDIVISION OF RESERVOIR LAND

Discussion

The Finance & Administration Manager presented the Subdivision of Reservoir Land report. He advised that -

- Lot 1 DP 357873 required a resolution to legalise the Lot
- Lot 2 DP 357873 will remain in Council's ownership as Reservoir Land but will have a right-of-way granted over a part of it for Lot 2 DP 344030 (Westridge)
- Lot 3 DP 357873 is very steep and of little use. It is recommended that this Lot should be amalgamated with Lot 1 DP 344030 (Westridge).

Cr Blacker queried whether Council would sell the Easement with Lot 2 DP 344030 (Westridge). The Chief Executive advised it is the only entrance to Lot 2 DP 344030 (Westridge) and will only have an Easement over Lot 2 DP 357873.

Resolved

That

1. Pursuant to Section 104 of the Resource Management Act 1991 the Otorohanga District Council approves the subdivision of the land in CFR SA47A/295 and CFR SA47D/883 as shown on DP 357873.
2. Pursuant to S.114 (2) (b) and (h), Public Works Act 1981 the Otorohanga District Council consent to Lot 1 DP 357873 vesting in Council as road.
3. *Pursuant to Sec 40 (4) and Sec 41(6), Public Works Act 1981 the Otorohanga District Council approves the amalgamation of Lot 3 on DP 357873 with CFR 180889 on the grounds that Lot 3, because of size, shape and situation is suitable only for amalgamation with adjacent land.*
4. *Pursuant to Sec 48, Public Works Act 1981 the Otorohanga District Council approves the granting of a Right-of-Way over "A" being Part Lot 2 on DP 357873 in favour of Lot 2 DP 344030*

Cr Wilshier / Cr Earwaker

Item-262 VALUATION SERVICE CONTRACT RENEWAL.

Discussion

The Finance & Administration Manager presented the Valuation Service Contract Renewal report. He advised there had been a very low level of objections received to the valuations.

Cr Earwaker advised Otorohanga, Waikato and Taupo were the only Districts not involved in the Local Authority Shared Services (LASS) agreement. He said six years was a long time and LASS could gather momentum and drive costs down during this time. The Finance & Administration Manager said if Council chose to go with the Quotable Value Contract, there would be a saving of \$6000 pa, \$36,000 in total over six years which was a significant saving and would be hard for an alternative Service to beat. Cr de Haan queried how Quotable Value calculate property value. The Finance & Administration Manager advised the property information on dairy farms include the dairy shares.

Resolved

That the offer from Quotable Value to provide Valuation services from 1 November 2006 for a six year period be accepted.

Cr Wilshier / Cr Earwaker

Item-263 REPRESENTATION REVIEW - ENVIRONMENT WAIKATO

Discussion

The Chief Executive presented the Environment Waikato Representation Review report. His Worship advised the only concession that had been made was in the Ward name, now Waipa - North King Country. He said representation for the North King Country was now back to how it was 10 years ago before the changes to better represent this District. He said, in order to conform with the +/- 10% rule, it could mean the North King Country is represented by Councillors living in Hamilton who have no understanding of rural issues.

Cr Gower advised he felt EW was removed as a Regional Council as it was let alone having a representative who lived out of the District and therefore more inaccessible.

Resolved

That the report on Environment Waikato's Representative Review be received.

Cr Jeffries / Cr Pilkington

GENERAL

ODC REPRESENTATION REVIEW

The Chief Executive advised no submissions were received to the Representation Review.

PARKING WARDEN

The Finance & Administration Manager advised Members the Parking Warden was now operating. In reply to Cr Gower's query regarding the fees for the Parking Warden, the Environmental Services Manager advised he was paid on an hourly rate and it was envisaged infringements would pay his costs. In reply to Cr Gower's query whether the Officer was undertaking less dog control work, the Environmental Services Manager advised he was fitting the Parking Warden work around his other work.

His Worship reported on the following -

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Otorohanga house build will be on 4-15 September. He advised a letter had been sent to a number of Otorohanga Organisations, Churches and Service groups and a fantastic response had been received. His Worship encouraged Councillors to schedule a day(s) or part of a day to be involved. He will be drawing up a schedule of Volunteers for shifts, if Councillors could please advise him if they cannot be involved.

Waikato Leaders Build will take place in October 2006. His Worship will be lead the Waikato team against Mayor Michael Redman leading the Hamilton team. If Councillors would like to be involved, please advise him.

OTOROHANGA TRADE TRAINING CENTRE

The OTTC was featured in the latest WINZ publication.

LAND TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

The LTA are holding a meeting on Thursday 6 July, 5.30pm. The Mayor and Chief Executive have been invited to attend the function, with an invitation extended to Elected Members. Following discussion, Members declined the invitation.

Item-264 TOURISM WAIKATO

Discussion

His Worship advised Tourism Waikato will hold it final meeting on Wednesday 28 June to formally wind up the organisation. He advised this was due to their inability to function on the funds available following Hamilton City Council's withdrawal of funding. His Worship reported Tourism Waikato have made a request to Councils for funding for six months to allow Katolyst to undertake a review, to be conducted by John Rasmussen. The Review will ascertain if a regional model could be found that is suitable to members. He advised, Councils have all agreed to provide this funding.

His Worship requested a formal resolution from this Council to commit \$5000 to Katolyst to undertake a review over the next six months.

Cr Pilkington queried what benefit there would be to this Council in committing \$5000. His Worship replied tourism is New Zealand's biggest dollar earner. Cr Gower queried His Worship's statement in saying that the combined agriculture field is a much bigger earner. His Worship said they believed a regional marketing identity for the greater Waikato is still needed. He advised Hamilton City Council fully acknowledge this but do not believe they should be the one to fund it. His Worship said no one is sure what will come out of the review. The Chief Executive advised Mayor Michael Redman commented visitors to Hamilton for conferences, etc, will need attractions to go to so it could mean a greater promotion of regional attractions. Cr Earwaker said he agreed a regional marking group is needed and funds should be committed from this Council. Cr Jeffries commented that Katolyst has a good reputation. He said he believed ODC will have a greater opportunity to have their voice heard if they provided funding than if they didn't. The Chief Executive said it was far better to 'keep the door open' at this stage by having an involvement. His Worship said he believed regional representation is still very much needed but it must meet the needs of those funding it. In reply to Cr Gower's query whether a request for funding would be received from any newly established group, His Worship replied there would be.

Resolved

That \$5000 remain committed to Tourism Waikato.

Cr Wilshier / Cr Jeffries

The vote was four for the motion and four against. His Worship used his right of a casting vote and the motion was resolved.

REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT

His Worship and Cr de Haan attended a meeting on 9 June at Otorohanga.

OTEWA SCHOOL

Will open their new administration block on 28 June at 1.30pm.

OPARAU SCHOOL

Will be officially closing the school on Saturday 1 July.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NZ CONFERENCE

His Worship, Cr Gower and the Chief Executive will be attending the LGNZ Conference in Wellington from Sunday 16 to Wednesday 19 July 2006.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING CHANGE OF DATE

The Environmental Services Manager advised the hearing has been postponed from 24 July to 2 October due to no time being allowed for questions on the original date.

NEXT ODC MEETING

His Worship advised the next meeting of Council would be held on Wednesday 26 July 2006.

NEXT KCB MEETING

His Worship advised the next meeting of the Kawhia Community Board would be held on Thursday 27 July 2006.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTANT

The Finance & Administration Manager advised Members Councils' District Accountant, Mr Graham Bunn, had been awarded NZ Cycling's Coach of the Year and had been made a Carded Coach with the NZ Academy of Sport through Bike NZ.

DISTRICT BUILDING CONTROL OFFICER

The Environmental Services Manager advised Members the District Building Control Officer presented his last report to Council today and would be retiring this Friday. She said she had enjoyed and appreciated having the Officer on staff and that Council had been fortunate to have him at end part of his working life with the extremely valuable experience he had gained in the industry throughout his career. The Manager advised there would be a farewell afternoon tea for Mr Apeldoorn on Friday 30 at 3.00pm. Cr Pilkington submitted her apology.

KAWHIA AND AOTEA HARBOURS LANDSCAPE PLANS

The Environmental Services Manager advised tenders had now closed.

PARKING WARDEN

The Environmental Services Manager reported the two most frequent infringements being issued were for parking on yellow lines and at bus stops.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 4.09pm.

MAYOR:

DATE:

