



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

26 July 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 Wednesday 26 July 2006 commencing at 10.18am.

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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) (attended 10.20am), JL Pevreal (Finance & Administration Manager), Mrs J Meade Rose (Environmental Services Manager) (attended 10.30am), Mr CA Tutty (Customer Services Team Leader) and Mrs A Burdon (Executive Assistant).

OPENING PRAYER

Cr Earwaker read the Opening Prayer.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 27 June 2006, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Earwaker/ Cr Pilkington

Matters Arising

Item 261 Subdivision of Reservoir Land 2. '*...consent to Lot 1 DP 357873 vesting in Council as road.*'

Item 258 Long Term Council Community Plan - page 8, Otorohanga Historical Society, should read, '*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.*'

Item 258 Long Term Council Community Plan - page 8, Federated Farmers paragraph one, line six 'prospective' should read '*perspective*'.

REPORTS

Item-265 OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 14 NOVEMBER 2005

Resolved

That the Minutes of the meeting of Otorohanga Community Board held 14 November 2005 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Cr Jeffries / Cr Earwaker

Item-266 OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 13 JULY 2006

Discussion

Cr de Haan queried on page 1 what the Thirsty Weta Proposal was. His Worship outlined the Proposal that due to its success the Thirsty Weta required further space. It had been proposed that the first two car parks on the south side of Wahanui Crescent outside the Weta, currently the Taxi Stand and Thirsty Weta Courtesy Vehicle park, would be converted into an indoor/outdoor dining area. A meeting was held with concerned parties and it was agreed that the Taxi Stand would move along to space 3 and the Courtesy Vehicle to space 4. The Otorohanga Business Association and Police etc were all in agreement. In reply to Cr de Haan query, His Worship replied that as for any footpath, a business cannot obstruct any more than one third of the footpath therefore leaving two thirds for pedestrian usage. In reply to Cr de Haan's query if any other business in town wished to make a similar proposal, His Worship said they would be required to follow the same process as the Thirsty Weta. In reply to Cr Earwaker's query about who would meet the costs for the surveillance cameras, His Worship advised that it would be the Thirsty Weta. His Worship further advised the Weta had agreed to all conditions laid out in the proposal. He said the only cost falling to the Community Board would be the moving of the telephone booth. Cr Jeffries congratulated His Worship on chairing this meeting and achieving such positive results.

Parking Infringements – Item 127

Cr Jeffries said the Board's discussion made it clear the Parking Warden was being supported to enforce Legislation and not for discretion to be used in each separate situation.

Cr Earwaker queried the Bus Park hours of 60 Minute parking from 3.00pm – 11.00am and asked for clarification on this matter.

Parks & Reserves Committee Minutes - 26 June 2006 (Agenda for 13 July 2006)

Community Planting.

Cr Blackler queried where the Westridge planting costs would be charged to? The Engineering Manager replied that the 2005/06 Parks & Reserves budget for street planting had not been fully spent therefore this could be utilised. Cr Blackler expressed the opinion that the Landscape Plans looked very 'ambitious' and that costs were heavily borne by rural ratepayers. She expressed concern at the cost of ongoing maintenance. The Engineering Manager advised the Board were concentrating on projects that required less maintenance.

Redevelopment of Harpers Avenue

Cr Gower expressed the opinion he believed Council was to make no contribution to the redevelopment, that it was only Transit and the Developer who were liable for costs. The Chief Executive replied that initial scoping and preliminary costs had indicated Transit and the Developers contributions would cover costs however, further design scoping and costs indicated a higher cost. The Engineering Manager reported rehabilitation work was seen as necessary to widen the road to Huiputea Drive and the pump station which was not included in the initial costing. He said because of this additional work Transit have been able to find extra money towards costs but he was unsure at this stage what contribution would be required from Council. The Chief Executive said when the scoping work has been completed by the Engineers, a report would be brought back to the Board to work through. He said there was still much work to do on the project. The Engineering Manager reported the initial costs indicated \$300,000 with \$150,000 being contributed each from Transit and the Developer however, now with the added rehabilitation work, costs were looking more like \$400,000.

Huiputea Drive

Cr Wilshier referred to the item regarding truck parking on Huiputea Drive and said he had concerns this was raised for the benefit of one business.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 13 July 2006 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Cr Wilshier/ Cr Jeffries

Item-267 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES REPORT - JANUARY - JUNE 2006

Discussion

The Animal Control Officer attended the meeting and presented the Animal Control Services Report for January to June 2006. He advised there had been two Court prosecutions, both had ruled in Council's favour. One had been an unregistered dog and the other a worrying dog in Kawhia. In the latter the dog owner had been convicted and a destruction order given. The Officer reported that in both cases a considerable amount of money had been spent by Council however, particularly in the latter case because the owner would not give the dog up for destruction. He reported a clear message had been sent to dog owners about dogs worrying animals and that for the long term it appeared the problem of cattle being worried had been resolved.

Cr Jeffries queried what triggered the destruction of a dog. The Officer replied generally a dog that bit someone or worried animals. He said generally 99 percent of the time an owner will voluntarily give a dog up but the odd owner chose to exercise their right to fight a destruction. The Officer said in any case a dog must be seized and impounded until the case had gone through the Court. Following the District Court's decision, an owner can appeal to the High Court, therefore the dog must be held for a further 28 days to see if an appeal was made.

Resolved

That the Animal Control Officer's report for January to June 2006 be received.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Gower

Item-268 ROUTINE ROADING REPORT

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented the Routine Roading Report.

Stock Movement Bylaw

The Engineering Manager tabled a late submission received from Mr John Mills however, he advised he thinks there was a misunderstanding and that there were no concerns coming out of his submission. He said the Bylaw will be presented to Council on 8 August 2006.

His Worship reported Mr Colin Murphy had requested congratulations be extended to the Engineering Manager for his work in preparing the Bylaw and the consultation that had taken place with affected parties. Mr Murphy said it had been very well done.

The Engineering Manager advised Members the Roading expenditure for the 2005/06 year is believed to be \$6.5 Million, only \$85,000 over budget.

Cr Gower queried whether it was possible to carry out an autumn grading and not a winter grading. The Engineering Manager replied, with the wet weather this year, the grading round had been delayed somewhat. He advised the whole grading process needed to be reviewed.

Resolved

That the Engineering Manager's Routine Rooding Report be received.

Cr de Haan/ Cr Wilshier

Item-269 SOLID WASTE MATTERS

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented the Solid Waste Matters report.

Refuse & Recycling Contracts

The Manager reported the Contract is being assessed every three months with very pleasing results, in particular the kerbside collection is very satisfactory and received no complaints. He reported Council is paying a very affordable price for this service in comparison to other Local Authorities.

Solid Waste Management Strategy & 'Zero Waste' Plan

The Manager tabled a Summary of the proposed Waste Minimisation (Solids) Bill. He said this proposed Bill has many complications with onerous responsibilities for Local Authorities. He said for example on page 1, bullet points six and seven will be very expensive for Council's. He further reported submissions are being called now and close early September. The Manager reported LGNZ are encouraging Local Authorities to make a submission because many submissions for the Bill will be received from the environmentalists. The Manager tabled a submission he had prepared on behalf of Council for Members to peruse. Cr Gower expressed the opinion that in general Local Authorities have embraced Zero Waste.

Arohena Recycling Group

Cr Gower said other Communities like Ngaroma and Korakonui could be encouraged to start recycling groups which would make it more profitable for the Contractor for collections.

Cr Earwaker said he believed the Zero Waste Committee's intention for the recycling container was for education not for a permanent placement in an area. It was reported the costs to Council for the Kio Kio School container is approximately \$3000 annually. Cr Earwaker advised that having a number of containers around the District would be expensive to set up and maintain and that was never the intention of the Committee. His Worship said it was important to find out what the original agreement with Kio Kio School said, whether it was a temporary or permanent arrangement. He said if it was a permanent arrangement, Council costs will need to be met. If a container is set up at Arohena, it should be a mobile facility on the understanding that it is to be temporary for a set length of time.

Resolved

That the Engineering Manager's report on Solid Waste Matters be received.

Cr Wilshier/ Cr Blackler

Item-270 APPLICATION FOR ROAD CLOSURE - 2006 DUNLOP TARGA

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented the 2006 Dunlop Targa Application for Road Closure. He said the closure times are mid week and are not lengthy closures.

Cr Blackler requested Mr Peter Muller, of Haurua Road, be notified because he has a run-off on Turitea Road. Cr de Haan said she had spoken to a number of residents who were very happy but Mr Buckthought had requested, when the road is cleared following the rally, the siren is switched off around his property because of his deer.

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: 2006 DunlopTarga Event

Date: Tuesday, 24 October 2006

Details of Closure: **Stage No. 3**

TURITEA ROAD - from its intersection with State Highway 31 to its intersection with Honikiwi Road.

HONIKIWI ROAD - from its intersection with Turitea Road, to its intersection with State Highway 31. Includes intersections with Bromley Road (no exit), Te Raumauku Road (no exit) and Mangamahoe Road.

Period of Proposed Closure: 9.00am to 1.00pm

Stage No. 3

BARBER ROAD - from its intersection with Otewa Road to the boundary of the Waitomo District. This includes the intersection with Tahaia Bush Road.

Period of Proposed Closure: 10.00am to 2.00pm

With the following conditions imposed:

1. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
2. Club Targa Inc is to pay an application fee of \$400.00 towards administration of the road closure to Otorohanga District Council, payable no later than 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.
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 de Haan

Item-271 APPOINTMENT OF A CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Discussion

His Worship presented the Appointment of a Chief Executive report.

Resolved

That

1. Mr John Pevreal be appointed as Acting Chief Executive of the Otorohanga District Council, subject to successful contract negotiations, but in any event only until an appointee as 'permanent' Chief Executive Officer takes up that position.
2. The members of the Chief Executive's Remuneration / Review Committee (His Worship the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Blackler) be authorised to negotiate and execute a contract with Mr Pevreal.
3. In due course, Councillors give consideration to defining a process for the appointment of a Chief Executive, pursuant to Section 42 of the Local Government Act 2002 and clauses 33 and 34 of the Seventh Schedule of the Local Government Act 2002 and that the same Committee as in 2 above prepared for Council's consideration and approval a process and plan to be undertaken.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr de Haan

GENERAL

OBITUARY - MR B O'CONNOR

Cr Blackler reported on the recent death of Mr Barry O'Connor, Environment Waikato representative, and requested Council forward its condolences to his family. His Worship reported a floral tribute had been sent and Cr Earwaker had attended the funeral on behalf of Council.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE - 16-19 JULY 2006

Cr Gower reported on his attendance at the recent Local Government Conference. He reported that all Councils were struggling with their rate charges and it was acknowledged that benefits can be obtained if Council's work together regionally. He said there were two independent Councils which shared the one District Plan.

Cr Gower also referred to the issue of Council's retaining staff and it was agreed they needed to 'look outside the square' to achieve this. He said the Conference was very informative. His Worship agreed it was a good Conference with the standard of the key speakers being much improved on the previous year. His Worship advised that this Council's rate increase was on the lower end of the scale of rate increases around the country.

RALLY OF NEW ZEALAND

The Engineering Manager circulated information including the reconnaissance timetable and 2006 Road Closure Schedule in respect to the forthcoming Rally of NZ on 17-19 November 2006 utilising Pirongia West and Okupata Roads. His Worship said the Rally will be based at Mystery Creek with one cycle being carried out in the morning with vehicles returning to Mystery Creek for their lunch break, following which they will carry out the second cycle. He said it was the intention of the Organisers to work with Schools and local Communities with respect to holding sausage sizzles, etc at various locations.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

His Worship reminded Members of the Otorohanga House Build to take place from 4-15 September 2006.

ANZAC DAY EXPENSES

His Worship referred to information supplied by the Customer Services Team Leader regarding the extra cost being incurred in closing State Highway 3 for the ANZAC Day Parade and the small amount included in the budget. Members were informed that during the 2002/03 year costs in respect to the ANZAC Day celebrations were \$1296 compared with the 2005/06 year where these amounted to \$5065. These costs, in the main, have been attributed to the requirement of a Traffic Management Plan and policing by qualified people to enable the State Highway to be closed. Other sundry expenses such as catering and travel assistance are also on the increase.

It was agreed His Worship and staff have discussions with representatives of the RSA informing them of the cost to Council and ways where this may be reduced.

YEAR OF THE VETERAN

His Worship informed Members that this year was the 'Year of the Veteran' and that most other Councils were contributing in some way. He suggested a Mayoral function be held with an estimated number of approximately 100 people. He said this was an opportunity to formally acknowledge the Veterans and queried with Members whether Council was interested in supporting this. Members agreed it was appropriate to acknowledge the year and Cr Gower suggested that 'Rolls of Honour' be retrieved from the various closed Halls in the District to be brought together for the Mayoral function. It was envisaged this would be held around November 2006.

DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

His Worship referred to advice regarding the District Plan Review which will be undertaken by Mrs Dorothy Wakeling and the process it will take.

HAMILTON AIRPORT NEWSLETTER

His Worship queried whether Members had received their copies of the Hamilton Airport Newsletter.

CAREERS EVENING

His Worship reminded Members of the Careers Evening to be held at the Otorohanga College on Tuesday 1 August 2006 at 7.00pm.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

His Worship informed Members the next Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday 8 August 2006 and the Kawhia Community Board will be meeting tomorrow. He extended an invitation to Members to attend meetings of both the Otorohanga and Kawhia Community Boards should they so wish.

LTCCP

His Worship advised Council's LTCCP was out and fully complete, being signed off with an unqualified opinion. He said he would like to acknowledge everyone's effort, both staff and those from the Community, for their assistance and contribution towards the Plan.

REVIEW OF ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

The Chief Executive advised the review of the electoral boundaries has 'gone through' with no submissions being received. He said he will be preparing a report for the next meeting of Council to confirm the proposed changes. The Chief Executive reported staff are currently surveying the boundaries which has highlighted two areas where there is a variation. He referred to the Kawhia/Tihiroa Wards where it was envisaged the boundary would follow a stream however, it has since been ascertained that it would be more advantageous for the boundary to follow that of a closed road which has a legally surveyed boundary. The Chief Executive advised the other area of concern was near Blucks Road where it had been agreed to move the boundary back up the State Highway following the Cadastral boundary.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 12.25pm.

MAYOR:

DATE:

