



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

29 August 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 29 August 2006 commencing at 10.09am.

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PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs JL Pevreal (Acting Chief Executive), Mrs J Meade Rose (Environmental Services Manager) and Mr CA Tutty (Customer Services Team Leader).

OPENING PRAYER

His Worship read the Opening Prayer.

APOLOGY

Resolved that the apology received from Cr CE Jeffries be sustained.

Cr de Haan / Cr Blackler

LATE TE ARIKINUI DAME TE ATAIRANGIKAAHU - OBITUARY

His Worship referred to the recent death of Dame Te Ata, a much loved lady because of her humble manner, her warmth, but most of all, her grace. Council stood as a mark of respect.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 8 August 2006, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Wilshier / Cr Blackler

REPORTS

Item-279 BUILDING CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT TO 31 JULY 2006

Discussion

The District Building Control Officer attended the meeting and presented his report to 31 July 2006. Cr Earwaker said it was pleasing to hear the Environmental Services Department was meeting with the Engineering Department to discuss any issues regarding Consents. In reply to Cr Blackler regarding whether the number of Building Consents were up on last year, the Officer reported there was a slight increase of 8 or 9 Consents however, the values were well up.

Resolved

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

Cr Pilkington / Cr Earwaker

Item-280 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICERS REPORT

Discussion

The Environmental Health Officer attended the meeting and presented his report for the period May to July 2006. In reply to Cr Gower the Officer advised 12 new on-site sewage systems had been inspected and approved as being in compliance with Environment Waikato's Permitted Activity Rules during this period and a substantial amount of information was available on new research and developments in technology. The Officer reported that for sections under 2500 m² all new systems have to have secondary treatment, plus if substantial repairs and alterations are being undertaken or bedrooms being added, or systems require more than routine maintenance, then secondary treatment is also required. Therefore there is an overall improvement in effluent quality.

Resolved

That the Environmental Health Officer's report for the period May to July 2006 be received.

Cr Wilshier / Cr Gower

Item-281 OTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD REPORT 1 MAY - 31 JULY 2006

Discussion

The Chairman of the Otorohanga District Development Board, Mr Eric Tait, attended the meeting and presented his report for the period 1 May - 31 July 2006.

Kiwi House Upgrade Investigation

Mr Tait advised a workshop meeting is to be held in a couple of weeks regarding the Kiwi House upgrade. He said tourism in the area is generally looking stronger.

Trade Training Centre

Mr Tait reported the Centre was growing from strength to strength with numbers attending still fairly strong. He said it is proposed to introduce a number of pre-employment programmes in the near future.

Doctors Appointments

Mr Tait thanked Council for its support in particular that of His Worship and Cr Wilshier.

i-Site

Mr Tait referred to the Information Centre at Kawhia and advised investigations are to be carried out as to where this facility is heading and is the Board receiving value for money. In respect to the Otorohanga i-Site, Mr Tait reported that the Development Board's contribution has been static over the past ten years, additional costs being met from ticket sales.

Project Coordinator

Mr Tait informed Members on the proposal to employ a Project Coordinator/Manager for the District with funds being available for the position through to June 2008. Mr Tait said it was envisaged that organisations would apply to the Development Board for assistance allowing the Board to decide where it will place the Coordinator's time and thus raising everyone's expectations.

County Fair

His Worship reported the 2007 County Fair will be the last one to be held following which the Association will be winding up. He said some events may form part of the Kiwiana Festival.

General

Mr Tait reported there appears to be a shortage of good retail positions in Maniapoto Street and the need for large commercial buildings to be made available.

His Worship reported he had spoken to Mrs Nancy Jensen of the Otorohanga Zoological Society who had advised that the Constitution and Memorandum of Understanding are still with their Solicitors. He said interested persons were keen to look at Stage 3 of the proposed development.

His Worship referred to the Trade Training Centre and reported that Wintec have received quotes to spend around \$25,000 on the building to expand for new classes. Cr Blackler queried whether consideration could be given to introducing Heavy Traffic courses.

Cr Blackler referred to the proposed stopping of the Overlander and queried how this would affect the i-Site facility. Mr Tait replied that the Overlander was one of its largest earners however, it was hoped to pick up additional income from bus services.

Cr Gower expressed the opinion that he was originally in favour of the upgrade of the Kiwi House but queried with Mr Tait the benefits the rural sector would receive. Mr Tait replied that benefits will bounce off from the facility such as ongoing marketing of the District and the provision of better employment.

His Worship extended congratulations to Mr Tait and the Development Board Members and said he was very impressed with the calibre of the people on the Board and the work they carry out.

Resolved

That the Otorohanga District Development Board report for the period 1 May - 31 July 2006 be received.

Cr de Haan / Cr Earwaker

Item-282 RATE REBATE APPLICATION

Discussion

The Acting Chief Executive presented his report seeking approval for Council's Rates Officer and Customer Services Officer (Property) to be granted delegated authority for the signing of Rate Rebate Applications.

The Acting Chief Executive reported 120 Rate Rebate Applications had been or are being processed to date, with approximately 35 from Kawhia.

Resolved

That Council's Rates and Customer Services (Property) Officers be granted Delegated Authority to sign as an Officer of a Local Council for the Rates Rebate Applications.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Pilkington

Item-284 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - RALLY NZ

Discussion

The Engineering Manager and Engineering Support Officer attended the meeting. Cr Pilkington reported a Liaison Officer had been established and to date residents of the various roads had no problems. She said one issue however, was regarding damage to the roads through the rally going through at least twice. The Engineering Manager advised the assessment of damage would be carried out by an inspection before and after the events with photographic evidence. Cr Pilkington said she wanted to ensure Council did not end up worse off by having to undertake repairs to the roads.

Resolved

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

Purpose: New Zealand Round of the World Rally Championship

Date: Tuesday, 14 November 2006

Details of Closure: **Reconnaissance**

TE RAUAMOA ROAD - from its intersection with State Highway 31 to its intersection with Okupata Road.

PIRONGIA WEST ROAD - from the eastern intersection with Okupata Road, to the western intersection with Okupata Road.

Period of Proposed Closure: 11.30am to 3.00pm

KAIMANGO ROAD - from its intersection with State Highway 31 to its intersection with Hauturu Road. Includes intersection with Honikiwi Road.

HAUTURU ROAD - from the intersection with Kaimango Road, to the boundary with Waitomo District.

Period of Proposed Closure: 8.00am to 1.30pm

Rally New Zealand will permit residents to travel in the direction of the cars during reconnaissance, but recommend that residents DO NOT use the road during this time.

Date: Friday 17 November 2006

Details of Closure: **Rally**

TE RAUAMOA ROAD - from its intersection with State Highway 31 to its intersection with Okupata Road.

PIRONGIA WEST ROAD - from the eastern intersection with Okupata Road, to the western intersection with Okupata Road.

Period of Proposed Closure: 7.30am to 5.00pm

KAIMANGO ROAD - from its intersection with State Highway 31 to its intersection with Hauturu Road. Includes intersection with Honikiwi Road.

HAUTURU ROAD - from the intersection with Kaimango Road, to the boundary with Waitomo District.

Period of Proposed Closure: 8.30am to 6.30pm

With the following conditions imposed:

1. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
2. Rally New Zealand 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. Rally New Zealand Inc is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News.
4. Rally New Zealand 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. Rally New Zealand Inc is to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
6. Rally New Zealand Inc is to liaise, and provide evidence of liaison with all operators and businesses that may be affected by the road closures.
7. Rally New Zealand 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. Rally New Zealand 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 Rally New Zealand 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 Pilkington / Cr Wilshier

GENERAL

REVIEW OF DISTRICT PLAN

Members were informed a large meeting will be held at the Maketu Marae this Saturday commencing at 10.00am which will include other Marae throughout the area. His Worship advised he is pleased so far with the progress being made as the Tangata Whenua are well advanced. He said the meeting will prove interesting as the various Marae will be able to hear what the others are proposing and thinking.

NGAROMA RESIDENTS

Cr Gower reported residents in the Ngaroma area are investigating the possibility of creating their own power scheme. It had been thought that should they combine together this may prove more economical.

RAGLAN ROAD

The Engineering Manager reported Raglan Road was a source of difficulty and that further rain had caused additional problems. He said there appeared to be no available space to dump the slip material however, this will be resolved. The Engineering Manager confirmed that emergency works funding is available from Transit NZ.

ZONE 2 MEETING

His Worship reported on his attendance, along with the Deputy-Mayor and the Acting Chief Executive at the Zone 2 conference held recently in Gisborne. He said the conference was centered mainly around the issue of rates. He said a number of facts had been presented by LGNZ, for example, what has come out of the LTCCP's.

His Worship reported the Government has presented information on major changes, one being, it is the first time where every dollar from diesel and road user taxes will go back into the roading activity. He said the Government believes they are mindful of the compliance impact on Local Authorities. His Worship referred to the LTCCP projected for the years 2006-16 where it was identified rates will increase by up to 59 percent. He said over 10 years 30 percent will relate to inflation, the balance of 29 percent for the provision of services. He said he had some fear with regard to the elections in 2007 where candidates will be determined to reduce the percentage of the rate increase however, six percent is only keeping ahead of inflation and existing service costs.

His Worship reported the next Zone 2 meeting will be hosted in Otorohanga on 3 November 2006.

TREATY OF WAITANGI CLAIMS

His Worship reported claims under the Treaty of Waitangi relating to the King Country, Wanganui and Ruapehu Districts, will be heard on Monday 2 October 2006.

TRUST WAIKATO

His Worship reported donations from Trust Waikato will be heard on Wednesday 13 September 2006.

KIWIANA DEBATE

His Worship reported the annual Kiwiana Debate will be held on Wednesday 13 September 2006.

KATALYST GROUP

His Worship informed Members a workshop for Developing Workforce Incentives will be held on Friday 8 September 2006 between 9.30am and 12.00 noon at the Hamilton City Council offices.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME BUILD

Members were reminded of their days to assist in the building of Habitat for Humanity house in Merrins Avenue.

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE

His Worship congratulated the Acting Chief Executive on his first attendance in that role at a Council meeting.

HATOGAYA CITY EXCHANGE

His worship informed Members he along with four parents and 10 pupils from Kio Kio and Otorohanga South Schools will be visiting Hatogaya City on 22-30 September 2006.

STAFFING VACANCIES

The Acting Chief Executive reported on the three vacancies existing within Council being the District Accountant position, a Roding position and part time Kawhia Librarian position.

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

The Customer Services Team Leader reminded Members of the vacancy of a bed-sitter unit in Elizabeth Place, Otorohanga with no suitable candidates on the waiting list.

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 Earwaker / Cr Pilkington

**Item-283 MEDIATION RE NORTH KING COUNTRY MOTORCYCLE CLUB
APPLICATION CONFIDENTIAL**

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 11.50am.

MAYOR:

DATE:

