



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

30 January 2007

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 30 January 2007 commencing at 10.11am.

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PRESENT

Mr DF Williams (Mayor), Crs S Blackler, WH Earwaker, AL Gower (attended 10.37am), DM Pilkington and GA Wilshier (attended 11.00am).

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs JL Pevreal (Chief Executive), DC Clibbery (Engineering Manager), and CA Tutty (Customer Services Team Leader).

OPENING PRAYER

His Worship read the Opening Prayer.

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from Crs D de Haan and C Jeffries be sustained.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Blackler

OBITUARY - MR J EARWAKER QSO, JP.

His Worship referred to the recent death of Mr Jim Earwaker who had served as Chairman of the Otorohanga District Council during 1986 - 1989 and as Mayor of the District from 1989 through to 1995. He advised, under the Chairmanship of Mr Earwaker, Council set the scene for how it currently operates.

The Council stood as a mark of respect.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL - 12 DECEMBER 2006

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 12 December 2006, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Blackler

Matters Arising

Kawhia RSA

In reply to Cr Blackler she was informed that the Kawhia RSA have been given the authority to proceed to erect a memorial wall in front of the RSA section of the Kawhia cemetery. She was advised the work had commenced.

Graffiti

Cr Pilkington queried whether an invoice had been sent to the Training Centre for the costs incurred in cleaning off graffiti. The Engineering Manager advised that to date, it had not. Staff had been attempting to obtain the names of the youngsters concerned and to sort this matter out with them. He said the Institute had not been forthcoming with their names, therefore an invoice will be forwarded in due course.

Temporary Road Closure - Hamilton Car Club

Cr Pilkington requested residents on the feeder roads off Pekanui Road be notified of the proposed closure.

REPORTS

Item-331 OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 14 DECEMBER 2006

Discussion

Otorohanga Children's Art House Charitable Trust

Cr Pilkington referred to the last sentence in the discussion and requested this be corrected to read "Cr Pilkington expressed the opinion she supports the proposal entirely, in particular the waiving of the bond, to ensure that the work proposed, is carried out.' The Chief Executive advised, following the Board meeting, he understood it had been agreed for Council to make a grant to the Charitable Trust in lieu of the building levies. With regard to the bonds, these be discussed with the Charitable Trust Committee to obtain their understanding and undertaking that the required work will be carried out. He said the three bonds concerned relate to re-siting the building, new entranceways, kerb and channel and footpaths.

Wahanui Crescent Toilets

In reply to Cr Earwaker the Engineering Manager advised the initial cost to carry out improvements to the public toilets situated in Wahanui Crescent was estimated to be approximately \$9,000. He said, upon the completion of the men's toilet, this work had amounted to \$23,000. He said Council staff do not have the necessary skill to provide estimates for building related work. The Engineering Manager confirmed that, in the future, quotes are to be obtained and advice sought from Council's building department. His Worship advised that as a result, a 'stop' had been placed on carrying out improvements to the women's toilet. Cr Blackler reported she had received favourable comments on the men's toilet.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 14 December 2006 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Pilkington

Item-332 BUILDING CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2006

Discussion

The Building Control Officer attended the meeting and presented his report for the period from October to December 2006.

Resolved

That the Building Control Officer's report for the period October to December 2006 be received.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Earwaker

CR GOWER

Cr Gower attended the meeting at 10.37 and submitted his apology for lateness.

Item-334 DISTRICT LIBRARIAN'S QUARTERLY REPORT OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2006

Discussion

The District Librarian attended the meeting and presented a report for the period October to December 2006. The Finance & Administration Manager also attended the meeting. In reply to

His Worship regarding the issue of Non-Resident Fees, the District Librarian replied that since removing the Fee people from the Waitomo District area appear to be coming back.

Cr Pilkington queried whether any progress was being made regarding a new library management system which would include Kawhia. The District Librarian replied, this was ongoing. A working group has identified improvements thus creating issues to work through. She envisaged a new system will be installed in Otorohanga mid-year which will link Kawhia in.

With regard to the engagement of a special Consultant for the Waitomo District library, the District Librarian was queried whether she had received any feedback. She replied that she had not. Cr Pilkington said it was important Council receives a copy of the Consultant's report. The Chief Executive advised he had suggested to the Consultant there may be a wider group interested in sharing services particularly, as a large part of the Otorohanga District looks to the Waipa District library.

Resolved

That the District Librarian's quarterly report for the period October to December 2006 be received.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Blackler

Item-333 REVIEW OF CLASS 4 GAMBLING VENUE POLICY

Discussion

The Chief Executive referred Members to the Environmental Services Manager's report on the Review of Council's Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy, which was adopted on 23 February 2004, for consideration and re-adoption as a Policy for public notification.

Resolved

That, subject to any requests for changes, and pursuant to Section 102 of the Gambling Act 2003, Council re-adopts the Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy and proceeds with public notification in accordance with the special consultative procedure in the Local Government Act 2002.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Pilkington

Item-335 RATES REMISSIONS 2006/07

Discussion

The Finance & Administration Manager presented a report on rating issues - rate remissions. His Worship reported that the Harvest Community Centre will also be applying for a Rate Remission in the near future.

In regard to a new application from the Otorohanga District Development Board in respect to the i-Site property, His Worship reported part of this building was commercially leased. The Chief Executive also advised that a large portion of the work carried out by the Information Centre is commercial. His Worship suggested that any grant approved should be in recognition of the 'public good' i-Site does. Cr Gower felt that the application should be considered at the time of Estimates. The Chief Executive advised he would 'struggle' to recommend any assistance. Following further discussion it was agreed His Worship and the Chief Executive discuss the matter at a meeting of the Otorohanga District Development Board next week.

Resolved

That

1. The Finance & Administration Manager's report be received,

2. Council approve the existing applications for rate remissions but leave in abeyance new applications and applications not received.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Gower

Item-336 ROAD NAMES AND PRIVATE ROAD NAMES - AOTEA ESTATE - AOTEA

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented a report on the process to apply road names and property numbers to the Aotea Estates development in Aotea.

The Engineering Manger advised Council has the power and obligation to name a new public road and also to allocate property numbers to the properties along these roads. He said the powers are not confined to public road and Council can also name private roads and allocate property numbers along these private roads. Cr Pilkington queried whether the section owners along the right-of-ways are aware that future maintenance of the right-of-way is their responsibility. The Engineering Manager replied he envisaged so however, said he would forward a letter to the right-of-way property owners advising of the name and that the maintenance of the right-of-way remains their responsibility.

CR WILSHIER

Cr Wilshier attended the meeting at 11.00am and apologised for his lateness.

In reply to Cr Pilkington regarding the local iwi, the Engineering Manager replied Council did not go through a public consultation process however, he was aware the Developers have consulted with the local iwi. Cr Pilkington queried the situation regarding storm water on the subdivision. The Engineering Manager replied this matter had not been resolved and that it was, in the main, between Environment Waikato and the Developer. He said he understood EW was continuing to put pressure on the Developer. The Engineering Manager reported Council, through its Building Consent process has required on-site stormwater disposal.

Resolved

That

- a. Pursuant to Section 319(j) of the Local Government Act 1974 the Otorohanga District Council resolves that the name Maukutea Drive is acceptable for the land shown as Lot 104 and Lot 106 on Plan D.P. 338649 that has been vested in Council as public road; and:
- b. That pursuant to Section 319(j) of the Local Government Act 1974 the Otorohanga District Council resolves that the following names are acceptable for the rights of way as listed.

R.O.W. A shown as	(P)	on D.P. 340706	Sulby Drive
R.O.W. N shown as	(N)	on D.P. 340706	Korotangi Place
R.O.W. V shown as	(V)	on D.P. 340706	Te Wetini Roore Place
R.O.W. B shown as	(W)	on D.P. 340706	Okapu Place
R.O.W. M shown as	(M)	on D.P. 340706	Ocean Ridge Place
R.O.W. U shown as	(U)	on D.P. 340706	Kevlor Place

Cr Blackler / Cr Pilkington

Item-337 SCHOOL BUS PULL OFF AREA - OTEWA ROAD

Discussion

His Worship extended a welcome to Members of the public who had an interest in the report.

The Engineering summarised a report on a request for construction of a school bus pull-off area on Otewa Road in the vicinity of the location where a fatal accident occurred recently. The cost of creating a 30m long 3m wide sealed pull-off area in this location could be expected to arrive at a maximum of \$4,500. The Engineering Manager reported this proposal was of benefit in regard to safety however, he did have some concern at Council setting a precedent. He said the area does have quite a concentration of heavy traffic, children are required to cross the road to get to their homes and the speed of the traffic often exceeds that recommended. He said a policy could be put in place with guide lines that need to be adhered to.

The Engineering Manager advised the funding of the proposal would be from the minor safety account and that the work, if approved, could be carried out in the near future. He said the proposed site will remain in the District. Cr Blackler said as a result of the fatal accident it stresses the importance of educating people around buses.

Mrs Rose Sisley, member of the public and mother of the fatal accident victim extended her thanks to Council, Police and the Community for their support. She said there has been a tremendous cost to her and her husband in losing a son and that they will make every effort to avoid this happening to others. Mrs Sisley said they support the application to have designated areas and asked for consideration to be given to erecting a sign near the area, and to the speed limit along this portion of road.

His Worship, on behalf of Council, extended its deepest sympathy to the family.

Resolved

That Council approves construction of a widened area for school bus pull-off opposite the houses at the southern edge of the Otorohanga Community on Otewa Road.

Cr Gower / Cr Pilkington

Item-338 MATTERS REFERRED - 12 DECEMBER 2006

Discussion

The Chief Executive referred Members to the Matters Referred and advised no progress had been made by the Environmental Services Manager to investigate the suggestion to introduce a Bylaw to control horses in urban areas.

GENERAL

MR J EARWAKER

Cr Earwaker expressed his thanks on behalf of his family for the comfort and support received in the recent loss of his father.

SHORE FUTURES

Cr Pilkington reported a Shore Futures Governance meeting was held last week at Environment Waikato. It was proposed to hold Open Days and various workshops.

LIQUOR LICENSING

Cr Pilkington referred to Otorohanga Liquor Licensing Agency debrief meeting held at Kawhia on 22 January 2007. She said there was a strong possibility that a Liquor Ban may be introduced. In the meantime consideration needs to be given to the area to be covered, times, etc.

KAI FESTIVAL

Cr Pilkington reminded Members the Kai Festival is to be held this coming Saturday in Kawhia.

TOA'S BRIDGE

Cr Blackler reported a request had been received for a notice 'No Jumping' be erected on Toa's Bridge. The Engineering Manager replied the sign has been placed on the bridge.

BRANZ PAMPHLET

Cr Blackler queried whether a BRANZ pamphlet should have been sent out with Council's second rate installment. His Worship expressed the opinion the public would see this as an endorsement from Council. The Finance & Administration reported he had given approval for the pamphlet to be sent with the Rate Demands. Members agreed for only Council information to be included with Rate Demands.

LAKE HUIPUTEA/TRUCK WASH

Cr Wilshier reported on the number of people who have approached him regarding the odour coming from the Truck Wash/Lake Huiputea area. The Engineering Manager reported there could be two issues. Firstly the Truck Wash not being cleaned out as regularly as it should be and secondly the stagnant state of the Lake, due to stormwater not being directed through it. Members agreed the Otorohanga Carriers Association be instructed to maintain the Truck Wash facility as was originally agreed to. The Engineering Manager undertook to follow the matter up.

NORTH KING COUNTRY MOTORCYCLE CLUB

The Engineering Manager reported Council has approved an application from the North King Country Motorcycle Club to hold an event on Tolley's Road during 27/28 January 2007. He said however, there has been insufficient interest for the event and accordingly the Club have requested for it to be re-scheduled to 10/11 March 2007. The Engineering Manager advised he had no objection to the re-scheduling of the event but did have some concerns that Clubs, when originally submitting their application, will not be firm on the dates. His Worship suggested the Club should consult with Council again like a new application however, it not be charged another application fee. Members agreed with this suggestion. Cr Pilkington felt that the small additional cost incurred by staff processing the change should be passed on to the Club.

WESTRIDGE SUBDIVISION

His Worship reported he had noticed that a sale sign had been graffitied and as the grass is long, the subdivision looks somewhat unkept. Cr Wilshier said he intended addressing this matter at the next Community Board meeting.

MAYORS TASKFORCE FOR JOBS

His Worship reported he had made application under the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs seeking \$10,000 to engage a person to research Youth Transition Services through the Harvest Centre. He also referred to a Teen Parent Unit based around the Otorohanga College to cater for student pregnancy. He said funds have been granted and will be paid to Council to engage a person 20 hours per week for a six month period. His Worship felt that the project would be worthwhile and if proved there would be funding available for any particular project. Application would be made to the Ministry of Youth. He said, due to other commitments, he has offered the Contract to the Harvest Centre for the work to be undertaken by a Mrs Carol Coventry. Cr Blackler queried what accountability Council requires in order to receive the funds. His Worship replied only a report would need to be completed on the conclusion of the project.

RURAL WATER SUPPLY MEETINGS

His Worship reminded Members of the four Rural Water Supply Committee meetings to be held during next week.

KIWIHOUSE TRUST

His Worship reported there will be a meeting of the Kiwi House Trust next Thursday where a report will be presented on the final Stage III of the proposal.

TRIENNIAL MEETING

His Worship informed Members of a Triennial meeting to be held in Te Aroha on 16 February 2007 involving the 13 Council's in the Environment Waikato region. Cr Gower expressed the opinion that a rate is charged over the whole region however, he had concerns as to where this funding was being spent. A large amount is apparently mainly spent in DOC estates. Cr Pilkington advised this is where the submission process is very important.

AOTEA RESIDENTS

His Worship referred to a letter received and several verbal expressions of gratitude for the road sealing work carried out in Aotea.

RURAL SECTOR

His Worship reported a Rural Sector meeting is planned for 22/23 February 2007 in Wellington and a Waikato Mayoral Forum meeting in Hamilton 23 February at 1.00pm. Cr Gower suggested it was an appropriate venue to bring up the issue of pest rates. He said he did not believe urban people should be paying a pest rate on private land. He said should this rate be paid by urban people then they may assume they have the right to utilise the area. Instead he was in agreement with a proposal to give private owners an incentive to spend money on private bush on their properties.

KAWHIA COMMUNITY

His Worship referred to the poor start to the year at Kawhia. He said the Community Board is considering the various issues however, it is firm in its decision not to put up with the undesirable element visiting Kawhia, and that they intent to re-claim Kawhia for its local families and residents.

CI MUNRO

His Worship referred to the shock announcement made by caravan manufacturer CI Munro of its decision to relocate to Hamilton. He said if the Company had allowed Council the opportunity, consideration would have been made to addressing the options available to assist the Company to remain in Otorohanga.

DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

His Worship referred to the decision of the District Health Board that the service currently provided by Medlab be undertaken by Pathlab. He said the proposal would generate a \$3 M saving and that the providers were comfortable the services will be preserved.

ADVISORY PANEL REPORT - WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Chief Executive undertook that copies of the Waitomo District Council - Advisory Panel Report, dated 19 December 2006 be forwarded to Members for their information.

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 Wilshier

Item-339 SERVICES CONTRACT OPTIONS CONFIDENTIAL

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 12.29pm.

MAYOR:

DATE:

