



Otorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

12 April 2007

OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on Thursday 12 April 2007 commenced at 4.03pm.

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PRESENT

Mr GA Wilshier (Chairperson), Mrs EM Cowan, Mr B McNeil (attended 4.05pm) and Mr AG Ormsby.

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, Mr DF Williams, Messrs JL Pevreal (Chief Executive), DC Clibbery (Engineering Manager), G Bunn (Finance & Administration Manager) and Mr CA Tutty (Customer Services Team Leader).

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from Messrs CE Jeffries and TJ Jones be sustained.

Mr A Ormsby / Mrs E Cowan

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 8 March 2007, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mrs E Cowan / Mr A Ormsby

REPORTS

Item-177 DISTRICT LIBRARIANS QUARTERLY REPORT - JANUARY - MARCH 2007

Discussion

The District Librarian attended the meeting and presented her quarterly report for the period January to March 2007. She referred to the quarterly issues statistics, in particular to the Kawhia library and said she could not explain why these were down other than perhaps it was the way the issues were being recorded by the staff at Kawhia.

Discussion was then held on the revenue of the library and the District Librarian advised there was potential to increase the revenue from other activities within the Library.

Resolved

That the District Librarian's quarterly report for the period January to March 2007 be received.

Mr B McNeil / Mrs E Cowan

Item-178 HOUSING FOR THE ELDER REVIEW OF RENTAL

Discussion

The Customer Services Team Leader presented his report on the review of the Housing for the Elderly rentals in Otorohanga. He advised, advice had been received from Work & Income that Superannuants had received an approximate 5.25 percent increase in their National Super Income rates effective from 1 April 2007. The Customer Services Team Leader reported that the proposed 5 percent increase in rentals would generate an extra \$3,400 annual income.

Resolved

That rental charged for the Housing for the Elderly units be increased by approximately 5 percent to;

Single - \$55 per week

Double - \$79.50 per week

Effective from 1 July 2007.

Mrs E Cowan / Mr A Ormsby

Item-179 PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Discussion

The Chief Executive referred Members to minutes of a meeting of the Property Sub-committee held 15 March 2007. He advised the Chairman, Council has 12 Lots remaining for sale in the Westridge subdivision. Mrs Cowan referred to the mowing of the sections within the subdivision, in particular to those that have been sold and queried whether Council should arrange for these sections to be mowed and the owner invoiced. The Chief Executive replied a problem can be created in obtaining payment for the mown sections and that Council has accepted responsibility for carrying out work on private property. He said, to date, staff have been directing property owners to the Mowing Contractor to have this work carried out directly between the two parties.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of Property Sub-committee held 15 March 2007 be received.

Mr A Ormsby / Mrs E Cowan

Item-180 MANIAPOTO STREET WALKWAY PROPOSAL

Discussion

Council's Community Facilities Officer attended the meeting and presented a report on Mr David Walmsley's proposal for the walkway between Maniapoto Street and Bell Lane. He suggested the proposal be staged over two years and that paving of the area will need to be considered as part of the overall project. His Worship reported there was a sum of \$110,000 allocated for the walkway project, however, the Chief Executive advised that there will be work to be carried out outside of the walkway project itself. Mrs Cowan stressed the point that lighting needs to be integrated into the proposal. The Community Facilities Officer advised that the proposal has been designed to avoid dark spots however, it does need to be quite robust in terms of potential graffiti and vandalism. Mr McNeil agreed that additional lighting should be included in the proposal. The Chairperson said it would be necessary for Council staff to approach the ANZ bank regarding the proposed structure encroaching over their property. He said it was important to know the proposal has to be staged however, both stages must not exceed the budget and that confirmed prices are required. Mrs Cowan reported Mr David Walmsley would be able to either build or oversee the modules however, a lighting plan is required in order to obtain a firm quotation. The Chairman expressed the opinion that the project will provide a great entrance statement when completed. Mrs Cowan queried whether there was any possibility of commencing the modules earlier. It was agreed that the Community Facilities Officer contact the ANZ bank for their approval of the project. Following a comment by Mr Ormsby, it was agreed the Officer will also contact Mr Warren King regarding the other side of the project.

Resolved

That

1. Mr David Walmsley's Maniapoto Street Kiwiana Display proposal be received.
2. The proposal be approved and staged over two years.

Mrs E Cowan / Mr B McNeil

Item-181 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 8 MARCH 2007

Discussion

PROGRESS PARK

The Chairman advised he has again approached Mr Eric Tait regarding a meeting concerning matters in Progress Park. He said Mr Tait had undertaken to get back to him within the next two weeks.

VISIONARY WORKSHOP

The Chairman suggested the item dated 8 February 2007 that a Visionary Workshop be held, be taken out of 'Matters Referred'. This is to be discussed at the end of this meeting.

Item-182 MEMBERS REMUNERATION (TABLED ITEM)

Discussion

The Chief Executive circulated a report for the Board to consider formally adopting the proposed levels of Remuneration to apply from 1 July 2007. The Chairperson informed Members the Chief Executive has to advise the Remuneration Authority of the Board's recommendation.

Resolved

That the following levels of remuneration apply from 1 July 2007 –

OCB Chair	\$8,710
OCB Appt	\$7,710
Board Member	\$7,710
Board Member	\$7,710
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Board Member	\$7,710

Mr A Ormsby / Mrs E Cowan

GENERAL

ANZAC DAY CIVIC CEREMONY

Members were circulated with a copy of the programme for the ANZAC Day Civic Ceremony to be held 25 April 2007 commencing at 10.00am. His Worship extended an invitation to Members to attend and said he will undertake laying a wreath on behalf of the Board.

OTOROHANGA KIWITOWN HOLIDAY PARK

The Chairman read a letter received from American tourists expressing their enjoyment at staying at the Otorohanga Kiwitown Holiday Park during March 2007 and congratulated the Custodian on his hospitality and cleanliness of the facility. It was agreed that the letter be acknowledged and that the Board's congratulations be expressed to the Custodian of the Park on the complimentary comments received.

OTOROHANGA FLOODING ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

The Engineering Manager confirmed that Board Members and Councillors have received copies of his Otorohanga Flooding Assessment Guidelines. The Chairman referred to the 1958 flood in Otorohanga and said there was no mention of these figures being compared with those in the report. The Engineering Manager replied that the data in respect of the 1958 flood is somewhat sparse but it was believed it was a 100 year event. In the meantime the river has also changed course and this makes it difficult to relate the 1958 flood to today.

Item-183 OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY ENTRANCE SIGNS (TABLED ITEM)

Discussion

Members were circulated with a report prepared by Council's Community Facilities Officer regarding the existing signage at the entrance to Otorohanga. The Officer advised that the existing signage is reaching the end of its life and needs replacing. He said the signs are showing significant wear and damage from graffiti and graffiti removal techniques. Some signs have holes and fading lettering. Mrs Cowan queried whether the existing logo could be freshened up and whether there were any issues with Transit should this be carried out. The Engineering Manager replied that should the sign, lettering, etc, be similar to that already there, there should be no problem with Transit requirements. The Chief Executive referred to the \$6,000 estimated for the replacement of the signs and said that priorities could be re-arranged within the Estimates to include this cost.

Resolved

That the sum of \$6,000 be allowed in the Estimates to replace the Otorohanga Entrance signs.

Mrs E Cowan / Mr B McNeil

HINEWAI STREET PARKING

The Chairman reported the question of parking in Hinewai Street, within the vicinity of the Otorohanga Medical Centre has arisen again. He suggested that the Board visit the site as Doctors are concerned, from a safety point of view, and there is no space available for the Otorohanga Kindergarten to operate safely. The Chairperson suggested consideration needs to be given again to the proposal to install an entrance to the Otorohanga Kindergarten from Haerehuka Street. Mrs Cowan and Mr Ormsby agreed it would be desirable for Board Members to drive around the Community to look at work that has been carried out and what could be carried out in the future. It was agreed this drive around be held on Saturday 21 April 2007 commencing at 9.00am.

RESERVE – ADJACENT OTOROHANGA CEMETERY

Mr Ormsby referred to CI Munro staff parking in the Reserve adjacent to the Otorohanga Cemetery and queried what will happen when a funeral is being held. His Worship suggested the Company be advised that the road is available for parking and not the Reserve grounds. It was agreed a letter be forwarded to CI Munro requesting them to inform staff not to park on the Reserve adjacent to the Otorohanga Cemetery due to damage being caused to the grounds especially during winter.

ILLUMINATED CROSS

Mr Ormsby expressed the opinion the newly erected illuminated Cross on the former pig farm land, looks very good. It was agreed a letter of appreciation be forwarded to The Lines Company.

OTOROHANGA LANDSCAPE PLAN PROJECT

The Engineering Manager circulated a memo in regard to Otorohanga Landscape Plan projects following a meeting of the Parks & Reserve Committee held 4 April 2007. Details of the Landscape Plan projects proposed for the 2007/08 year totaling \$42,500 were detailed in the memo.

With regard to the removal of vegetation from the rock face near the State Highway 3 rail bridge, the Engineering Manager advised Transit may assist with this work and have agreed to provide two days free traffic control. Mrs Cowan extended her thanks and congratulations to the Engineering Manager and his staff on the successful discussion they held with Transit. The Engineering Manager agreed the liaison with Transfield Services is proving to be very beneficial to Council.

OTOROHANGA CARRIERS ASSOCIATION – TRUCK WASH

The Engineering Manager reported ground water samples were taken which suggested that the apparent leakage from the Truck Wash settling ponds is not contaminating Lake Huiputea. He said Environment Waikato and the Otorohanga Carriers Association will address the issue.

DOMAIN – SOCCER FIELDS

Mr McNeil referred to the recent aeration of the soccer fields and advised that only half of the area identified had been aerated. Mr McNeil reported the playing field near the Camping ground was identified as being in most need of this service however, this was not done. The Engineering Manager replied the Parks & Reserves account is well over budget and a reduction of the required work may have been carried out due to costs. He said he would follow up on the matter.

OTOROHANGA VILLAGE GREEN

Mr McNeil reported that considerable rubbish, particularly during the weekends, was accumulating on the Village Green, around the seating adjacent to the new bakery. It was agreed that the existing rubbish bin be relocated to a more suitable location.

PROJECT KIWIANA

Mrs Cowan referred to a sign opposite Apperly's Timber Yard on State Highway 31 and reported this looks untidy. She said however, the structure is sound and should the Board approve, a new sign will be erected. Mrs Cowan indicated the Project Kiwiana Committee maybe able to assist with funding. The Chairman suggested Mr David Walmsley be contacted regarding designing a replacement sign.

KIWI – SOUTHERN END OF TOWN

Mrs Cowan queried whether the kiwi at the southern end of town could be 'lit up'. The Chairman suggested costings be obtained.

Item-183 COMMUNITY BOARD'S CONFERENCE

Discussion

The Chairman highlighted information on the Community Board's Conference to be held in Auckland 7-9 June 2007.

Resolved

That the Board agreed to send two delegates to the Community Board Conference to be held 7-9 June 2007, in Auckland.

Mrs E Cowan / Mr B McNeil

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 5.12pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

