



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

15 May 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 15 May 2007 commencing at 10.08am.

MINUTES

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PRESENT

Mr DF Williams (Mayor), Crs S Blackler, D de Haan (attended 10.12am), WH Earwaker, AL Gower, DM Pilkington and GA Wilshier.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

OPENING PRAYER

Cr Earwaker read the Opening Prayer.

APOLOGY

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

Cr Pilkington / Cr Earwaker

His Worship welcomed those present and introduced Council's new Environmental Services Manager, Mr Andrew Loe.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 24 April 2007, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Wilshier / Cr Pilkington

Cr Pilkington referred to the Draft Annual Plan and Management Plan 2007/08 and queried the inclusion of Kawhia Library Services. The Chief Executive replied this item will be included in Council's submission.

REPORTS

Item-377 OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 12 APRIL 2007

Discussion

WESTRIDGE SUBDIVISION

Cr Pilkington advised she endorsed the comments that staff direct property owners to the Mowing Contractor to have any work carried out directly between the two parties.

MANIAPOTO STREET WALKWAY PROPOSAL

Cr Pilkington referred to the Maniapoto Street walkway proposal and queried whether items such as additional lighting were an add-on to the estimated cost of the work. The Engineering Manager reported there was a sum of \$110,000 allocated for the walkway project and after allowing for the cost of construction there would be \$40,000 to utilise for additional work, such as lighting. His Worship informed Members that the Project Kiwiana Committee would also be contributing to the project. Cr Earwaker queried how safe and secure would the speaking modules be particularly in regards to possible vandalism. The Engineering Manager replied he

has concerns regarding the ongoing maintenance of these modules. He agreed to obtain a maintenance estimate from the Consultant, Mr David Walmsley.

SIGNAGE

Cr Pilkington referred to the entrance signs into Otorohanga and agreed signs of graffiti were showing through. She queried how the \$6000 made available would fit within the budget. The Engineering Manager replied a design was being obtained from Mr David Walmsley and that any work will be carried out in the next financial year.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 12 April 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Cr Wilshier / Cr Blackler

Item-378 ROUTINE ROADING REPORT

Discussion

The Engineering Manager summarised his Routine Report on roading matters.

LTNZ AUDIT

Members agreed the Engineering Manager and his staff be complimented on the favourable results of the LTNZ Audit.

ROADSIDE MOWING

The Engineering Manager was asked where a 'high prune' fits into the mowing Contract. Is it on demand? The Engineering Manager replied that Council has a campaign of 'high prune' mowing. He was informed the Pirongia West Road is badly in need of such a prune. Cr Gower suggested high pruning should be carried out when the vegetation is relatively small otherwise it keeps getting taller and taller. Cr Blackler advised that vegetation on private land should be the responsibility of the land owner. She said she would be in favour of discouraging all plantings along the roadside and that this be considered within the District Plan.

Resolved

That the Engineering Manager's Routine Roading report be received.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Blackler

Item-379 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented a report on issues in relation to the management of solid waste in the District.

RURAL RECYCLING CENTRES

His Worship suggested that the provision of a Rural Recycling Centre should be reviewed every 12 months and should include consultation between the party operating the facility and Council staff. He said it is necessary to have an understanding that the receptacle will be in place until at least the review period. The Engineering Manager replied Council would make the facility

available for the two years as it did not wish to move it around the District at any less than two years. His Worship said the facility has to be Community driven in order for it to work satisfactorily. He said people appeared to be more respectful when this is located at a school. His Worship expressed the opinion that Cr Earwaker should be involved in discussions with the Kio Kio School regarding the removal of that receptacle. It was agreed discussion be held later as to what, if anything would be put in its place.

Resolved

That

1. The Engineering Manager's report on issues relating to the management of solid waste in the District be received.
2. Discussion to be undertaken with KioKio School in respect of relocating the recycling container to the Ngutunui School as from August 2007, subject to an appropriate agreement being reached between the Ngutunui School and Council in respect of the operation of this facility.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Wilshier

Item-381 REVIEW OF FIRE LEGISLATION

Discussion

The Engineering Manager reported that Central Government is currently inviting submissions on a proposal to review fire and rescue services that would provide Local Authorities and others with an opportunity to opt out of their current responsibilities to provide Rural Fire Services. His Worship expressed the opinion that should Council wish to retain the service locally, then it would need to have the facilities available to handle the situations. Cr Gower expressed the opinion that there is expertise in this field that Council could not offer however, it could provide administration services in order to keep the service more local. The Engineering Manager advised consideration could be given to amalgamating with other Local Authorities as this would allow the opportunity to meet the required standards. The Engineering Manager advised there were three options available, these being

1. All services provided by a single national Fire & Rescue service
2. All services managed on a regional basis
3. General retention of the status quo (with Rural Fire Authorities) but expanding the role of the NZ Fire Service to encompass all rescue duties.

He expressed the opinion that the service requires local involvement.

Resolved

That Council supports, in principle and through a formal submission, a revision of legislation along the line contained in the 'New Fire Legislation' document released by the Department of Internal Affairs that would enable Council to opt out of providing a rural fire service.

Cr Blackler / Cr Gower

Item-380 ROAD LEGALISATION OF PART OF RAKAUNUI ROAD - SO 382813

Discussion

The Chief Executive presented the Finance & Administration Manager's report advising that Council has documents requiring consent to the legalisation of 650m of Rakaunui Road immediately prior to the Rakaunui Marae. The Consent is to the declaring of land for road and stopping and vesting of road pursuant to the Public Work's Act 1981, as shown on Plan SO 382813.

Resolved

That, pursuant to Part VIII of the Public Works Act 1981 the Otorohanga District Council hereby consents to the Minister for Land Information declaring:

- (a) pursuant to Section 114 of the Public Works Act 1981, the land described in the **First Schedule** below to be road vested in the Otorohanga District Council.
- (b) pursuant to Sections 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981, the portions of road described in the **Second Schedule** below being stopped and vested by way of exchange in Murray Stewart Canavan THOMAS, Joyce THOMAS and McCaw Lewis Chapman Trustees (No.1) Limited as owners of the adjoining land, by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register SA27A/110 subject to mortgage 5960122.3.
- (c) And further, to the land described in the **Third Schedule** being taken under the provisions of Section 119 of the Public Works Act 1981 and amalgamated with the land in Computer Freehold Register SA16C/181 subject to mortgage 5960122.3.

South Auckland Land District – Otorohanga District

First Schedule

Land for Road

Area	Description
2630 m ²	Part Awaroa A7 Section 2B Block; Shown as Section 1 on SO 382813 (part Computer Freehold Register SA6C/101).
5894 m ²	Parts Lot 2, DPS 25555; Shown as Sections 2 and 7 on SO 382813 (parts Computer Freehold Register SA27A/110).
584 m ²	Part Awaroa A3B2C2D4A Block; Shown as Section 5 on SO 382813 (part Computer Freehold Register SA16C/181).

Second Schedule

Road to be Stopped and Amalgamated

Area	Description
7013 m ²	Sections 4 and 8 on SO 382813

Third Schedule

Land to be Taken and Amalgamated

Area	Description
5232 m ²	Part Lot 2, DPS 25555; Shown as Section 6 on SO 382813 (part Computer Freehold Register SA27A/110).

Cr Pilkington / Cr Blackler

Item-382 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS TO 31 MARCH 2007

Discussion

The District Accountant attended the meeting and presented the Management Accounts for the period ended 31 March 2007.

His Worship expressed thanks to everyone for their contribution to the accounts.

Resolved

That the Management Accounts for the period ended 31 March 2007 be received.

Cr Earwaker / Cr de Haan

Item-387 CREATIVE COMMUNITIES NZ – ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 26 APRIL 2007

Discussion

Members were circulated with a copy of minutes of a meeting of the Assessment Committee for Creative Communities NZ Local Arts Scheme held 26 April 2007. These were presented by the Customer Services Team Leader.

Resolved

That Minutes of a meeting of the Assessment Committee for Creative Communities NZ Local Arts Scheme held 26 April 2007 be received and the recommendation contained therein be adopted.

Cr Wilshier / Cr Gower

Item-383 CREATIVE NZ - CREATIVE COMMUNITIES AGREEMENT

Discussion

The Customer Services Team Leader presented a report advising that Creative NZ is offering Council a two year roll-over of the current Creative Communities Agreement on the same terms and conditions to apply for the 1 July 2007-30 June 2009 financial years.

The Chief Executive advised consideration could be given to Council taking a percentage of the allocation towards costs in administering the Scheme.

Resolved

That Council agree to a two year roll over of the current Creative Communities Agreement on the same terms and conditions to apply for the 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2009 financial years and, the issue raised that the amount allocated to Council each year should at least, be increased by the rate of inflation.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Pilkington

Item-384 INTERIM REPORT - COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

Discussion

The Chief Executive presented a report requesting Council to consider the attached interim report which summarises progress towards meeting the Community Outcomes formulated for the 2006 LTCCP.

During discussion it was agreed copies of the report be forwarded to participants involved in the consultative process and to members of the Otorohanga and Kawhia Community Boards.

Resolved

That the Chief Executive's report on Community Outcomes be received.

Cr Gower / Cr Blackler

Item-385 POLICY & DELEGATIONS MANUAL

Discussion

The Chief Executive referred Members to Council's Policy & Delegations Manual and highlighted proposed changes. In discussion the following changes were suggested –

During the Chief Executive's leave of absence the following staff act on his behalf – Engineering Manager in the first instance followed by the Finance & Administration Manager and then the Environmental Services Manager.

It was agreed the word 'Acting' prior to the Chief Executive be deleted.

The individual names of personnel not be included, rather the position title only. Provision is to be made in the Policy for the Deputy Mayor to cover in the absence of His Worship.

Resolved

That Council's Policy & Delegations Manual, be received and further considered at the next meeting of Council.

Cr Earwaker / Cr de Haan

Item-386 MATTERS REFERRED - 24 APRIL 2007

Discussion

The Customer Services Team Leader took Members through Matters Referred.

RESERVE AREA – LAKE WAIPAPA

The Chief Executive reported good progress was being made on investigations for the possible sale of the Reserve area at Lake Waipapa. He said it would be approximately two months before a report would be presented to Council.

SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

Members were informed that the Customer Services Team Leader had contacted the Ministry of Education querying why a school bus service had been discontinued on Mangututu Road. He was informed that the bus service was not a guaranteed service and depends on the children's age and distance from the nearest school. Reference was made to a mid point rule which is the distance to the nearest appropriate school and is used to determine a student's eligibility.

Members were informed in this particular case the Maihihi School was closer than the Korakonui School.

CORNER – OTEWA ROAD

The Engineering Manager reported he had investigated the corner opposite Udy's property on Otewa Road and ascertained that the road surface is extremely slippery and the road slightly out of shape. He suggested the road surface requires, in the short term, water blasting. Cr Blackler queried whether it would be beneficial to erect some form of signage. The Engineering Manager replied he felt it would be best to carry out some low cost maintenance work now.

GENERAL

SIX MONTHLY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Cr De Haan referred to the latest Council newsletter and highlighted one or two items which she felt would be very beneficial to the reader.

KAWHIA YOUTH TRAINING SEMINAR

Cr Pilkington reported on her, along with His Worship's attendance, at the Kawhia Youth Training seminar held at the Waipapa Marae last Sunday. She said this had been held in response to issues that had taken place in Kawhia over the Christmas/New Year period.

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENCE SOCIETY MEETING

Cr Pilkington reported on the Environmental Defence Society's meeting held recently in the Kawhia Community Hall.

SHORE FUTURES

Cr Pilkington reported on her attendance at a Shore Futures Governance meeting held at EW, whereat it was proposed future workshops be held. She said it had been decided to continue under the District Plan review process in parallel with Shore Futures.

MACPHERSON/STEVENS SUBDIVISION

Cr Pilkington reported a decision had been made in respect to the Macpherson/Stevens subdivision, and that Consent had been granted. She said that the suggestions will be raised in the District Plan review process.

ZONE 2 MEETING

Cr Blackler reported on her attendance along with other Members of Council at the recent Zone 2 meeting. She referred, in particular, to the required building accreditation and advised it appeared this Council was well underway with this. Cr Pilkington raised the matter of \$3M being available to assist Councils in obtaining accreditation.

WAIKERIA PRISON LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Cr Blackler reported on her attendance at a recent Waikeria Prison Liaison Committee meeting and advised there is a labour force available from within the prison to go out and work for people. Members were informed that Council is identifying projects which may be suitable for this workforce. It was also agreed that some minor safety work was required on Waikeria Road.

WAIPA CATCHMENT LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE

Cr Blackler reported on her attendance at a recent Waipa Catchment Liaison Subcommittee meeting where Members traveled from Whatawhata to Ngaruawahia. It had been suggested

insufficient funding was being spent in this area with the bulk of the funding directed at the top end of the region. Cr Blackler reported that, should work be carried out at the top end of the region, then this would reduce the silting effect down river.

ENVIRONMENT WAIKATO

Cr Blackler reported she had received very favourable comments on Council's submission to Environment Waikato.

MANGATUTU ROAD

Cr Gower raised the issue of stock on Mangatutu Road.

DRINKING WATER STANDARDS

Cr Wilshier asked the Engineering Manager to brief Members on the proposed Drinking Water Standards. The Engineering Manager advised he had engaged a Consultant to ascertain the work required by Council for its water supplies to meet these standards. He said the advice received to date indicated that \$900,000 was required to be spend on the Otorohanga supply to achieve compliance. He said some of this funding would be from Development Contributions.

He then referred to rural water for use by mixed stock and advised following discussions between LGNZ and the Ministry of Health, it appeared likely that an agreement would be reached that it was not reasonable to treat this water to the same standard. He said a UV filter treatment could be attached to the pipe line supplying the houses on these rural supplies.

MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

His Worship advised that his decision-making Certificate expires as at 30 June 2008 and that the Ministry is developing two options for decision-makers to be re-certified on expiry – these being

1. For those to continue as Members of Hearing panels – attendance at a one day workshop and a simple reassessment and reflection on experience will be required
2. For those who want to continue as Chairs or who would like to develop skills as Chairs, attendance at a specialised one to two day workshop and completion of assignments and reflections will be offered.

ENVIRONMENT WAIKATO

His Worship referred to advice that Land Transport NZ has approved funding for the pilot 'alternatives to roading' project Northland Woodchip Freight Transport. He said this project would encourage the transfer to rail of a growing freight burden of wood products between Whangarei and Kawerau.

RALLY NZ 2007

Confirming that the New Zealand round of the FIA World Rally Championship, the Rally of NZ, will be visiting this District in August/September 2007. The Rally will again be based at the Mystery Creek Events Centre over the period Tuesday 28 August to Sunday 2 September 2007. His Worship reported the course was similar to that of last year however, there were different timeframes.

ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS

His Worship reminded Members that submissions to the Annual Plan will be considered by Council at its next meeting to be held on 5 June 2007.

DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUTION

Members were informed that the cost of auditing the Consultant's report in respect to Development Contributions was more than the cost of obtaining the report. Cr Blackler suggested this matter be taken up with the local MP.

BIODIVERSITY

The Chief Executive reported His Worship and himself had attended a presentation on the development of a Statement of national priority for protecting rare and threatened native biodiversity on private land. He said the statement of national priorities is part of a broader non-statutory bio-diversity work programme being developed by the Ministry for the Environment and the Department of Conservation. The first tasks in this work programme are to communicate widely about the priorities and to produce information about what the national priorities mean at a regional level.

LGNZ

The Chief Executive referred to the LGNZ circulars in particular an overview which highlights the various issues. He said he was seeking feedback from Members as to whether they would contact him requesting information on any particular items of interest.

WAKA TANGATA TRUST BUILDING

The Chief Executive reported an application had been received requesting Council to remit the Building Consent fees in respect to the Waka Tangata building. It was agreed this matter be discussed over lunch.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 12.35pm

MAYOR:

DATE:

