



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

7 August 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 7 August 2007 commencing at 10.10am.

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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 (Chief Executive), DC Clibbery (Engineering Manager), GD Bunn (Finance & Administration Manager), AR Loe (Environmental Services Manager) and CA Tutty (Customer Services Team Leader).

OBITUARY - LATE I HARDY

His Worship referred to the recent death of former Otorohanga Community Board Member Mr Ian Hardy. Council stood as a mark of respect.

OPENING PRAYER

Cr Wilshier read the Opening Prayer.

APOLOGY

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

Cr Earwaker / Cr de Haan

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 10 July 2007, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr de Haan / Cr Pilkington

REPORTS

Item-415 OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 12 JULY 2007

Discussion

CAREERS EVENING

Cr Pilkington queried the comment made by Mr McNeil that the Careers Evening was not supported by management and staff of the Otorohanga College. During discussion His Worship advised the College did not financially support the evening however, it was agreed the complete sentence be deleted from the minutes.

Resolved

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 12 July 2007, be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Cr Wilshier / Cr Gower

Item-416 KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 26 JULY 2007

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 26 July 2007, be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Earwaker

Item-419 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - 2007 DUNLOP TARGA

Discussion

The Engineering Manager summarised the Engineering Support Officer's report on an Application received from Club Targa Inc for various road closures within the Otorohanga District to enable the 2007 Dunlop Targa event and associated activities to proceed. He referred to a change in the standard conditions approving the Application that '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 these roads intending to be closed, including any No Exit roads, **'seven days prior to the closure date for objections.....'**.

The Engineering Manager highlighted the fact that Club Targa Inc had planned a pit stop and lunch in the Kawhia township between Stages 4 and 5. Because of this the matter was discussed by the Kawhia Community Board at their meeting on 26 July 2007 and the Board had indicated they had no objections to the proposal.

Cr Pilkington referred to Stage 6, Harbour Road and advised that due to the period of closure being 12.00pm to 4.00pm she said there may be an issue with the local school bus.

With regard to the planned Pit Stop in Kawhia, Cr Blackler queried whether the Kawhia businesses were coming to the fore. She was advised that Targa had indicated they would be liaising with local businesses.

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: 2007 Dunlop Targa

Date: Tuesday, 23 October 2007

Details of Closure: **Stage No. 4**

HONIKIWI ROAD – starting from house No. 30 at 300m from its intersection with S.H.31 to its intersection with Turitea Road. Includes intersections with Wooster Road (no exist), Mangamahoe Road and Bromley Road (no exit).

TURITEA ROAD –entire length from Honikiwi Road to S.H.31.

Period of Closure: 10.00am to 2.00pm

Stage No. 5

PEKANUI ROAD – starting at 500m from its intersection with Ngutunui Road to finish at its intersection with Te Rauamoia, Pirongia West and Okupata Roads. Includes intersection with Scott Road (no exit).

Period of Closure: 10.30am to 2.30pm

Stage No. 6

HARBOUR ROAD – starting from its intersection with Hauturu Road to the district boundary at Waiharakeke Bridge. Includes intersections with Rakaunui Road and Hikuparea Road (no exit), Whenuaapo Road and Grey Road (no exit), Owhiro Road and Brown Road (no exit), and Waipuna Road (no exit).

Period of Closure: 12.00pm to 4.00pm

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.
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 \$2,000,000. This is required to indemnify Council against any damage to property or persons as a result of rally activities during the road closure period.
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, **seven days** prior to the closure date for objections. Two 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. An initial mail drop must state the closing date for objections to the event, which is 27 August 2007. The subsequent mail drop is 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 de Haan / Cr Pilkington

Item-417 DISTRICT LIBRARIAN'S QUARTERLY REPORT APRIL - JUNE 2007

Discussion

The District Librarian attended the meeting and presented a report summarising the Library activities for the period April - June 2007.

The District Librarian reported that the drop in revenue from the previous year could be attributed to the substantial donation received from the 'Friends of the Library' in the 2006 quarter. She said however, there has been an increase in the revenue received from DVD/Videos and the internet.

The Chief Executive reported Library Assistant Mrs Lois Thompson had recently completed 20 years service in the Library and accordingly this had been acknowledged.

The District Librarian advised only initial issues to the Hauturu Community Library were recorded through the Otorohanga Library in order to keep a track of the books. In reply to Cr Blackler the District Librarian advised that the usage by Community Libraries was fairly low.

The Finance & Administration Manager referred to this Council's participation in the greater Waikato Library Group and advised a Contracts Manager and Project Manager had been engaged to arrive at a point where the Council's involved could make a decision as whether they wished to proceed with the proposal or not. He said the Project Manager had recently presented a final budget which left this Council with no option but to decline to participate. He confirmed that this Council's share would be approximately \$150,000. The Finance & Administration Manager said it was now the intention to give consideration to upgrading the current system however a report will be presented to Council in due course.

Resolved

That the District Librarian's quarterly report for the period April - June 2007 be received.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Blackler

Item-418 ROUTINE ROADING REPORT

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented a routine report on roading matters.

METAL ROAD GRADING

Cr Pilkington queried whether it would be possible for potholes to be filled prior to roadway grading taking place. The Engineering Manager replied, should there be little metal on the roadway, that the onus is on the Contractor to use its discretion. His Worship suggested a minimum standard for road maintenance be introduced with conditions which would involve the Contractor more closely in the maintenance of these. He said there appeared to be some lack of communication. Cr Gower advised there appeared to be problems with winter grading and suggested that less gradings be carried out but done properly. The Engineering Manager reported quite often it has been necessary to undertake grading when it is wet, and in the short term this causes muddy conditions which need to be tolerated. He advised the matter of grading is not specified within the Contract however, Council could come up with better alternatives. Following discussion it was agreed an in-house roading workshop be held to consider issues such as grading and the review of the roading programme.

Resolved

That

1. The Engineering Manager's routine roading report be received,
2. Widening of a 1.7km length of Waikeria Road be conducted during the current financial year, using Minor Safety Project funds.

Cr Gower / Cr Blackler

Item-420 DRAFT LIQUOR CONTROL BYLAW REPORT

Discussion

The Liquor Licensing Inspector attended the meeting and presented a report for discussion on a Proposed Liquor Control Bylaw.

Cr Wilshier queried how Council would relay the provisions of the Liquor Control Bylaw out to the general public. The Inspector replied publicity would be carried out via the media and large signs erected well before the Christmas period.

Resolved

That

1. The Liquor Licensing Inspector's report be received,
2. It has been determined that a liquor control bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the problem created by antisocial and aggressive behaviour in public places,
3. It considers that the Draft Liquor Control Bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw and that it does not give rise to implications under the Bill of Rights Act 1990.
4. Council approve for public consultation the Draft Liquor Control Bylaw.

Cr Wilshier / Cr de Haan

MARAEROA C PRESENTATION

Representatives of the Maraeroa C Inc, Mr G Katu (Chief Executive), P Crown (Chairman) and Ms D Pearce (Administration Manager) attended the meeting. Mr Crown thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting and extended a warm greeting to all those present. He said the presentation would comprise the Incorporation's ideas and dreams for which they were seeking Council's support. Mr Katu then made a presentation to Council seeking its support, in principle, to the development of the King Country Eco-corridor concept. Cr Pilkington queried what infrastructure or activities would be proposed for Kawhia as part of the proposed corridor. Mr Katu advised all that the King Country has to offer has been documented and he would envisage guided tours within the Kawhia area. In reply to Cr Earwaker the Chief Executive said the Incorporation was seeking Council's support in principle initially and for it to have a representative on the Project Team if applications for MRI funding were successful.

His Worship thanked the Representatives for their presentation.

Item-421 MATTERS REFERRED - 10 JULY 2007

Discussion

The Chief Executive took Members through Matters Referred.

BYLAW - CONTROL HORSES

The Environmental Services Manager reported he had spoken to Council's Animal Control Contractor who had advised he would prefer to see a Bylaw introduced to control the husbandary of animals and poultry. He said he had undertaken to procure a copy of the standard Bylaw.

KAWHIA MEDICAL CENTRE

The Finance & Administration Manager reported that the Lease Agreement for the Kawhia Medical Centre had indicated that Council should carry out structural repairs and other repairs

necessary to maintain the building in good order. He said therefore, Council is responsible for the removal of grass, litter, etc in the guttering.

It was agreed that items 2. ii, and 4. i, be deleted from Matters Referred.

GENERAL

RECYCLING - KIOKIO SCHOOL

Cr Earwaker reported the Engineering Manager and himself had met with representatives of the Kio Kio School and advised they were agreeable to the removal of the recycling bin. He said they would however, still like to carry out recycling within the school. It was suggested the school could organize this service themselves. The Engineering Manager reported that Ngutunui School had advised they would prefer to house their recycling in a disused bus shed at the school rather than utilise a container.

LGNZ CONFERENCE

Cr Pilkington thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the LGNZ Conference recently and advised she attended workshops on effective Community Boards and Building Heritage into the Future.

Cr Blackler also extended her thanks to Council for her attendance at the LGNZ Conference and reported she attended a Sustainability workshop, Baby Boomers and paid a visit to the Albatross colony.

His Worship said this was a great occasion giving Mayors and Councillors the opportunity to network.

HEALTH FORUM

Cr Pilkington advised the Health Forum had held its second meeting, at which she attended along with His Worship and Council's Environmental Services Manager. She referred to the Kawhia Health Needs Assessment and advised this will be a very good working project.

BUILDING ACCREDITATION

The Environmental Services Manager reported a preliminary visit had been undertaken by International Accreditation NZ and that a full on-site assessment will be carried out in approximately five weeks.

MAYORS TASKFORCE FOR JOBS

His Worship reported the AGM was held recently and that Otorohanga features in its latest brochure.

TELECOM NZ

His Worship reported Telecom NZ School Connection Scheme finishes in July 2008.

MAYORAL FORUM / TRIENNIAL AGREEMENT MEETING

His Worship informed Members the Waikato Mayoral Forum and Environment Waikato's Triennial Agreement Forum are to be held Friday 10 August 2007.

TE KEETI MARAE

His Worship extended an invitation to Members to attend the Te Keeti Marae on Sunday 12 August 2007 at 11.00am to discuss issues around water catchment. He said representatives of Environment Waikato will also be in attendance.

NZ POLICE

His Worship reported he will be meeting with the new Regional Commissioner and local Sergeant on Monday 13 August 2007. Cr Pilkington reminded him to raise the matter of Policing in Kawhia.

MAYORAL WELCOME

Hatogaya City will be visiting Otorohanga again this year between 17 and 23 August. A Welcome to Otorohanga will be given by the Mayor on Tuesday 21 August, 2.00pm in the Council Chambers. All Councillors are welcome to attend.

ZONE 2

The Chief Executive reported the next Zone 2 is to be held in Whakatane on 30/31 August 2007. Members were informed that to date the Mayor and Chief Executive will be attending.

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

His Worship extended an invite to Members to attend a promotion by the Otorohanga District Development Board at the Otorohanga Club on the evening of 22 August 2007. This is titled 'Incite' and will be a night of inspiration, motivation and entertainment.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 12.38pm.

MAYOR:

DATE:

