



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

28 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 28 August 2007 commenced at 10.32am.

MINUTES

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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 DC Clibbery (Engineering Manager), AR Loe (Environmental Services Manager), RF Proffit (Policy Manager) and CA Tutty (Customer Services Team Leader).

OPENING PRAYER

The Engineering Manager read the Opening Prayer.

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from Cr C Jeffries and Mr JL Pevreal (Chief Executive) be sustained.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Gower

STAFF INTRODUCTION

The Environmental Services Manager introduced Council's new Policy Manager, Mr Reg Proffit. Mr Proffit will mainly be involved in the review of the District Plan.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 7 August 2007, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Pilkington / Cr de Haan

MATTERS ARISING

Kawhia Medical Centre

Cr Pilkington reported the maintenance, such as the removal of grass, litter, etc from the guttering of the Kawhia Medical Centre building, has not yet be undertaken. She requested this be carried out as soon as possible.

Rally of NZ

Cr Blackler queried whether any objections had been received to the forthcoming Rally of NZ. The Engineering Manager replied a letter of complaint had been received after objections had closed. He said the letter raised issues such as the timing of the Rally, grading and recently metalled roads, and has been responded to. His Worship reported the timing of the Rally appears to be an issue right across the Waikato District. Cr Gower expressed his concern as this coincides with the lambing season and invasion of helicopters for the rally is a major issue.

With regard to the forthcoming Targa Rally the Engineering Manager advised no objections have been received.

His Worship suggested the Engineering Manager contact other Local Authorities in the region to gain their thoughts on the WRC Rally in particular, the timing of the event.

REPORTS

Item-421 OTOROHNAGA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 9 AUGUST 2007

Discussion

TRUCKWASH FACILITY

In reply to Cr Pilkington, the Engineering Manager reported the Otorohanga Carrier's Association were running out of time to provide Council with an acceptable plan. Cr Wilshier said he had reminded Mr David Bailey, representing the Association, that this information is required by 31 August 2007. His Worship said the Otorohanga Community Board has made its position quite clear to the Association regarding the facility.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 9 August 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Cr Wilshier / Cr Gower

Item-422 OTOROHANGA LIBRARY PROPOSAL

Discussion

The IT Manager attended the meeting and presented the Finance & Administration Manager's report covering the failure of the Greater Waikato Libraries Consortium proposal and the options to upgrade Council's current Dynix software. In reply to Cr Pilkington, the IT Manager confirmed the proposed total upgrade cost of between \$25-30,000 included bringing the Kawhia Library on line.

Resolved

That

1. Council accept the Dynix proposal to upgrade the Otorohanga District Library system to the Unicorn platform, and that the necessary computer hardware is replaced.
2. The Kawhia Library is brought online in conjunction with the upgrade and the necessary computer hardware is also replaced.

Cr Wilshier / Cr Pilkington

Item-423 ROAD LEGALISATION - PART LETHBRIDGE ROAD SO 376015

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented the Finance & Administration Manager's report advising that Council has documents requiring consent to the legalisation of part of Lethbridge Road.

The Engineering Manager reported the area of 102m² under the name of Riddings Farm Ltd was subject to a subdivision application and therefore details of legal title to that block will change, relative to that presented in the report.

Resolved

That

1. 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 road described in the Second Schedule below being stopped and vested by way of exchange in Craig Stevenson Horn and Cynthia Jane Horn as owners of the adjoining land, by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register SA25D/471 subject to mortgage 5125768.3

South Auckland Land District – Otorohanga District

First Schedule - Land for Road

Area	Description	
102 m ²	Part 5D Wharepungua Block Shown as Section 1 on SO 376015 (part Computer Freehold Register SA25B/284)	<i>Riddings Farm Ltd</i>
1785m ²	Part Lot 3 DP 20794 Shown as Sections 3, and 4 on SO 376015 (parts computer Freehold RegisterSA10A/1416).	<i>F D Lands Ltd</i>
157m ²	Part Lot 2, DP S22557 Shown as Sections 5, on SO 376015 (parts Computer Freehold Register SA25D/471).	<i>Horn Family</i>

Second Schedule – Road to be Stopped and Amalgamated

1411 m ²	Section 2, SO 376015	<i>Horn Family</i>
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2. The Mayor and Chief Executive of Otorohanga District Council be authorised to sign and seal any documentation necessary to legalise plan So 376015.

Cr Gower / Cr Earwaker

Item-424 REVIEW OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT FEES

Discussion

The Environmental Services Manager presented a report on the review of Council's Fees and Charges to ensure the recovery of actual and reasonable costs for processing applications and making decisions under the Resource Management Act 1991. In reply to Cr Pilkington the Environmental Services Manager advised the proposed Fees will be introduced as soon as practicable. In answer to Cr Blackler's query the Environmental Services Manager reported approximately 35 percent of costs incurred are met by the current fees. He said the proposed new fees will be on par with the national average of all Councils.

His Worship expressed the opinion he was in total support that the Consent Applicant should meet the costs involved and that this was a situation Council had no control over. He suggested the Environmental Services Manager feel free to bring further reports to Council on the Fees & Charges should these be justified. He said the costs must be 100 percent privately funded

With regard to the proposed staffing situation in the Planning Department, Cr Wilshier queried why this activity should be carried out 'in house'. He was advised the Consultants work from within the office however they have been 'stretched' which is raising issues of service delivery and the ability to capture and build 'institutional knowledge'.

Resolved

That

1. Council receive the report of the Environmental Services Manager, and
2. Council approve that the proposed Fees as detailed in the report, be notified for public comment and submission.

Cr Blackler / Cr Pilkington

Item-425 TE PUIA ROAD ISSUES

Discussion

The Engineering Manager summarised his report on the proposed package of measures to address issues of vandalism, fire risk and traffic safety on Te Puia Road, based on previous discussions of the Kawhia Community Board and the Tainui Kawhia Incorporation (TKI). The Engineering Manager referred, in particular, to the six measures proposed to be implemented to restrict access to Te Puia Road. He expressed the opinion that Council be responsible for 'works on the road' such as the installation of speed humps and street lighting totalling approximately \$3000 and ongoing costs associated with the operation and maintenance of these items, estimated at \$800 per annum. The Engineering Manager said due to the issues on Te Puia Road being closely associated with the Kawhia Community it was however, believed it might be appropriate to fund at least part of the Capital Contribution towards the works from the \$10,000 unsubsidised roading budget allocation for Sundry Allowance - Kawhia rather than from a more rural account. The Engineering Manager then referred to a reply from NZ Forestry Ltd advising that Council should fully fund the Capital Cost of street lighting installation and fire prevention signage and that Council and TKI should share, on a 50/50 basis, the capital costs of the video surveillance system, speed hump and associated warning signs. He said this proposal would require Council to contribute approximately \$10,000 towards the cost of these works.

The Shareholders of TKI commented they felt insulted by the lack of recognition given to forestry for the benefits it had brought to the local Community. The Engineering Manager reported that, to assist the forestry, Council had fully funded the purchase of land and provided a sealed roadway for their use. His Worship expressed the opinion he was not in favour of enhancing the recommendation of the Kawhia Community Board. The Engineering Manager advised that the road is District funded and therefore outside of the Community. Cr Earwaker expressed the opinion this was a private issue for the forestry and that Council has no room to move in their offer of contribution, which he felt was fair and reasonable. Cr Blackler suggested Council's contribution towards the capital cost of these works remain at \$3000. Cr Gower expressed the opinion he would not like to see Council involved in the installation of speed cameras.

Resolved

That

1. Council gives approval for a package of measures to be undertaken as described in the Engineering Managers report to address issues of vandalism, fire risk and traffic safety on Te Puia Road.
2. Council makes a financial contribution of \$3,000 towards the capital cost of these works, with the remainder of this cost being met by the Tainui Kawhia Incorporation (TKI). Council's costs to be funded 50/50 between Council and the Kawhia Community Board. Should the Kawhia Community Board be prepared to offer more financial assistance this would be funded from the \$10,000 unsubsidised roading budget allocation for Sundry Allowance - Kawhia.

3. Council undertakes to ensure and fund continuing operation and maintenance of the new speed hump(s) and associated streetlight and warning signage. Responsibility and costs for continuing delivery of other elements of the proposed package of measures shall rest with TKI.
4. Further correspondence from TKI be referred to the Kawhia Community Board for their consideration.

Cr Pilkington / Cr de Haan

Item-426 MATTERS REFERRED - 7 AUGUST 2007

Discussion

RESERVE AREA - LAKE WAIPAPA

The Engineering Manager reported a Registered Valuer has been engaged to provide a value of the Reserve area at Lake Waipapa. He said a final valuation has not yet been received as there are a number of issues the Valuer needs to take into account. He confirmed the area involved was approximately two hectares. Cr Earwaker suggested the 'Reserve' status should be removed however, Council not sell the land at the present time.

MANIAPOTO STREET WALKWAY PROPOSAL

The Engineering Manager reported the main issue with the Maniapoto Street walkway proposal was that of cost. He said the Project Kiwiana Committee have been considering what funding they could provide and how many modules are moved into the actual walkway. Cr Wilshier reported that the Project Kiwiana Committee have already received a grant towards the proposal.

WORKSHOP - ROADING

The Engineering Manager reported, due to staff being absent at a Seminar, he was not able to provide a workshop on issues such as grading and the review of the roading programme. His Worship suggested this matter be held over until after the election which could include a tour of the District and the training for new Council and Board Members. It was agreed all items remain on Matters Referred.

GENERAL

KAWHIA MUSEUM BUILDING

Cr Pilkington reported she attended a recent meeting regarding the Kawhia Museum building restoration and advised a Consultant has been engaged to carry out a feasibility study, for funding applications.

SHORE FUTURES

Cr Pilkington reported she attended a recent Shore Futures Governance meeting.

ABBOTS SLIP

Cr Pilkington reported she had received an approach from Mrs Barbara Abbot regarding a Number 2 slip on Raglan Road. Mrs Abbot reported she has to drive through approximately one foot deep slush four times a day. It appears the slush is deeper on the inside of the road thus encouraging vehicles to travel along the outside which raises serious safety issues. His Worship queried whether some type of rehabilitation work, perhaps using vegetation, should be carried out this coming summer. The Engineering Manager replied it would take years for vegetation to obtain deep anchorage on this slip. He said Council would require the previously discussed

\$80,000 package of work to correct the slip. Cr Blackler suggested Council may have to look at its roading programme and delay some other work in order for this to be carried out.

BUILDING CONSENT

Cr Pilkington reported on a High Court decision that ruled against the Auckland Regional Council (ARC). The ARC was seeking a Court Determination to overturn a decision by the Rodney District Council to issue a building Consent for a new dwelling on a prominent ridgeline.

RALLY NZ

Cr Pilkington reminded Members of the rally which will take place on Friday.

OTEWA ROAD

Cr Blackler raised the issue of a slip on Otewa Road and queried whether the Engineering Manager had checked on the status of the land.

OTOROHANGA KIWI HOUSE

His Worship reported the Otorohanga Zoological Society is to 'take back' to their people Council's agreement/conditions to the proposed re-development of the Kiwi House. He said this had been well received by the Zoological Society Members however, the matter will be deferred until the next meeting of Council.

STAFFING MATTER

The Engineering Manager reported on the appointment of Ms Sharlene McGaughran who will take up the position of Engineering Officer

OTOROHANGA SUPPORT HOUSE

The Engineering Manager advised the Otorohanga Support House has requested Council give approval for an application to Trust Waikato by them for the sealing of the carpark at the rear of their premises. His Worship informed Members that the Support House has no legal access other than a driveway shared with Hammer Hardware.

SOLGM CONFERENCE

His Worship reported on his attendance at the SOLGM Conference and said this provided excellent speakers, in particular that relating to climate change.

ZONE 2

His Worship reminded Members of a Zone 2 meeting to be held this Thursday/Friday in Whakatane.

OTOROHANGA COLLEGE STUDENTS

His Worship reported two groups from the Otorohanga College will be coming to visit Council next Wednesday and Thursday to obtain an insight into the operation of Council and in particular, that relating to the 'Kids Voting' programme.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

His Worship acknowledged the successful outcome of the nominations for the forthcoming local authority elections. He felt this indicated a strong endorsement of the current Council and viewed present Members as doing a very good job. He said it will be interesting to see the results of the Kawhia Community Board election.

The Customer Services Team Leader endorsed the comments made by His Worship regarding nominations and congratulated those Members re-elected.

LIQUOR LICENSING

His Worship informed Members of a Liquor Licensing meeting to be held on Thursday 6 September, 10.00am with various Licensees in attendance.

DRINK DRIVING

His Worship referred to information received from students against drink driving which included a table highlighting the high risk locations, and for 13-17 year olds, Otorohanga was at the top of the list. He said it was proposed to hold a meeting of representatives of the Police, Road Safety Coordinator, SADD, etc to discuss the matter.

KOWHAI CONSULTING

His Worship queried with the Policy Manager whether he had contacted Kowhai Consulting regarding the meeting on 12 September 2007.

POPULATION HEALTH SERVICE

His Worship highlighted a booklet produced by Population Health Service for Members information.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 12.25pm.

MAYOR:

DATE:

