



Otorohanga Community Board

# MINUTES

13 September 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 13 September 2007 commencing at 4.02pm.

### MINUTES

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## **PRESENT**

Mr GA Wilshier (Chairperson), Mrs EM Cowan, Mr CE Jeffries (attended 4.07pm), Mr TJ Jones, Mr B McNeil and Mr AG Ormsby.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

His Worship the Mayor, Mr DF Williams, Deputy Mayor H Earwaker, Messrs JL Pevreal (Chief Executive) (attended at 4.15pm), DC Clibbery (Engineering Manager), GD Bunn (Finance & Administration Manager), AR Loe (Environmental Services Manager) (attended 4.07pm), RF Proffit (Policy Manager) and CA Tutty (Customer Services Team Leader).

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

The Finance & Administration Manager introduced Council's new Policy Manager, Mr Reginald Proffit. He reported Mr Proffit will, in the main, be involved in the review of the District Plan. Members were informed that Mr Proffit was previously employed by Environment Waikato and the South Waikato District Council and has come highly recommended.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 9 August 2007, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

### **Mrs E Cowan / Mr B McNeil**

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **54 Kakamutu Road access**

In reply to Mr Jones, the Engineering Manager advised he has received no response so far, from the property owners off the Plantation Reserve opposite the intersection of Hinewai Street and Kakamutu Road.

### **Truck Wash Facility**

The Chairperson read a letter received from the Otorohanga Carriers Association advising they have appointed a Contractor to manage, on their behalf, the Truck Wash Facility. He said this action has not addressed the issues raised by Council and requested the Engineering Manager to arrange a meeting with Representatives of the Association to re-enforce what is required to bring the Facility up to standard. The Chairman reported Mr Rob Gordon has been appointed as the Contracting Manager. It was agreed the Engineering Manager, along with assistance from the Chief Executive, advance the matter for report back to the Board. His Worship expressed the opinion that it is necessary for the Facility to be brought up to standard now, as it is not complying with the conditions of the Agreement.

## **REPORTS**

### **Item-198 OCB COMMITTEE MINUTES - 23 AUGUST 2007**

#### **Discussion**

### **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

The Chairman summarised minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held 23 August 2007.

## **Library Report**

The Chairman reported Council adopted the recommendation that it accept the Dynix proposal to upgrade the Otorohanga District Library System to the Unicorn Platform, and that the necessary computer hardware be replaced. Furthermore the Kawhia Library is brought on-line in conjunction with the up-grade and the necessary computer hardware replaced. The Finance & Administration Manager reported he had been contacted by Dynix regarding implementation of the programme which should be up and running by Christmas 2007.

## **WORKS & WATER COMMITTEE**

The Chairman continued with summarising minutes of a meeting of the Works & Water Committee held 23 August 2007.

### **New Drinking Water Standards**

The Engineering Manager advised he will be reporting back to the Board in approximately one month's time regarding the new Drinking Water Standards.

### **Waipa River Bridge - State Highway 3**

With regard to the pillars of the bridge structure being graffitied, the Engineering Manager advised this has been taken up with Transfield however it will probably be some time before the work is carried out. Mr Ormsby suggested the whole bridge needs a good clean particularly the build up of materials, rubbish, etc, along the edges.

### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Works & Water and General Purposes Committees held 23 August 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

### **Mr CE Jeffries / Mr T Jones**

## **RETIRING CHAIRMAN**

Mrs Cowan made a presentation to retiring Chairman, Mr Graham Wilshier. She said he was an excellent example of honesty, integrity and commonsense which has brought tremendous benefit to the Otorohanga Community and District. Mrs Cowan thanked Mr Wilshier for his services to the Board over the previous nine years. Mr Wilshier replied saying he had enjoyed his time on the Board and Council and that Otorohanga means an awful lot to him.

## **Item-199 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 9 AUGUST 2007**

### **Discussion**

#### **TRUCK WASH FACILITY**

The Chairman expressed his disappointment at the response to Council's requirements in regard to the operation of the Truck Wash however, he said this matter will be further progressed by the Engineering Manager and Chief Executive.

#### **MANIAPOTO STREET WALKWAY**

The Engineering Manager confirmed he had explored funding options with LTNZ and EW however, these were unsuccessful. He said the linkage between passenger benefit was not strong enough to qualify for funding assistance.

## **PROJECT KIWIANA**

Members were circulated with a letter received from the Project Kiwiana Committee offering a sum of \$25,000 (which includes a \$10,000 Trust Waikato Grant to Project Kiwiana) towards the walkway development subject to the following conditions -

1. The money is assigned to the module component of the walkway
2. The project is to be completed within 12 months (September 2008)
3. Project Kiwiana and D Walmsley to be fully consulted on all design aspects.

Mrs Cowan spoke in support of the offer and advised that the full \$25,000 could be utilised for the walkway development. Mr Ormsby expressed the opinion this was an excellent offer and for Council to ensure the project is successful. He expressed some concern with the area in regards to lighting, accumulation of rubbish and undesirables. The Chairman referred to the provision of seating which he said, has always been a problem around the Community however, as these are only a minor part of the project they could be left out, if agreed to.

### **Resolved**

That Board accept the kind offer of \$25,000 from the Project Kiwiana Committee towards the walkway proposal and that a suitable reply be forwarded.

**Mr T Jones / Mr CE Jeffries**

## **ENTRANCE SIGNS**

The Engineering Manager advised he was waiting for prices in regard to the entrance signs into the Otorohanga Community.

The Engineering Manager referred to the 'Take a Break' signs and reported that these are available in sets of three, comprising large signs at a cost of \$480 per sign. He said funding of \$5000 has been allocated from Land Transport NZ.

## **DOGS - ORMSBY CRESCENT PROPERTY**

The Environmental Services Manager reported Council's Animal Control Contractor was aware of the property concerned which he had inspected approximately one week ago. He reported that only two dogs are there, both are registered. The Contractor was also happy with the fencing of the area.

## **ILLEGAL CAMPING/SHIPPING CONTAINER**

Members were informed that formal Notice has been served to the person living in a caravan at the rear of the Moshims Food Market premises, to leave the location and make arrangements to remove a shipping container placed in the carpark. The Environmental Services Manager reported discussion has also been engaged with the owners of the property, mortgagors, etc.

Mr Ormsby referred to the Food Market building and reported a toilet has been overflowing and leaking across the footpath in Lawrence Street for some time.

## **ORMSBY CRESCENT PROPERTY**

Mr Ormsby reported he understood the owners of a property in Ormsby Crescent were establishing a horse business. The Chairman reported a letter had been received from residents in the area requesting a time to discuss this property with Board Members. He said he had indicated to them a meeting would be scheduled when the Board meets again on 20 September 2007. His Worship informed Members, under the District Plan, no areas within the Community

are zoned. He said he has had some discussion with residents and advised them it was an appropriate time to consider their concerns in conjunction with the review of the District Plan. He said however, he has asked the residents 'what rules they feel Council should apply to avoid this situation happening again'. His Worship said, at the present time there are no 'triggers' that could stop the proposal. The Environmental Services Manager advised he did not believe 'a rule' could be drafted to capture the concerns of the residents. The Chairman said this matter will be discussed further however, there were other areas within the Community where similar situations could occur.

The Environmental Services Manager undertook to look into the matter of the removal of the container from this property.

## **GENERAL**

### **RAZZA PROPERTIES**

A letter received from Mr Richard Jolly of Razza Properties was presented to Members expressing his disappointment to see that trees had been planted on the Road Reserve right along the roadside boundary of his premises in Progress Drive. He said he had not had any notification or consultation on the proposed plantings and certainly would not have agreed to such a plan especially considering the deciduous nature of the trees in the close proximity to the buildings and yard. The Engineering Manager reported attempts were made to consult with property owners however, Mr Jolly was not contacted. He said it was proposed to install a footpath along that side of Progress Drive and following consultation with some of the other property owners, they were of the opinion this area was not a place for trees. Mr Jeffries referred to the Community Landscape Plan, which he said was a public document, and as the area concerned is Road Reserve, Council should make the decision as to what it thinks is best. The Engineering Manager confirmed the trees are placed on Road Reserve however, as the other property owners did not want the trees, these were placed adjacent to Mr Jolly's property without consultation with him. Mrs Cowan queried what type of trees they were and that being deciduous leaves could be a problem on Mr Jolly's property. Mrs Cowan stressed the point that any trees planted must be subject to not interfering with the service lines. Following further discussion it was agreed the matter be referred to the Parks & Reserves Committee in consultation with Mrs Rosemary Davison.

### **HINEWAI STREET - POSTS & STUMPS**

Mrs Cowan referred to the posts and stumps outside the pharmacy in Hinewai Street and requested these be removed as they are a particular hazard to pedestrians. The Engineering Manager undertook to have these completely removed as soon as practicable.

### **ZERO WASTE**

Mrs Cowan reported, with the introduction of Zero Waste, the Auckland Regional Council had supplied a Zero Waste resource for local schools. She said she understood these were still available. It was agreed the Engineering Manager look into the matter for next year.

### **LITTER**

Mr Ormsby queried how often Council's Litter Officer carried out her duties around the Community. The Engineering Manager replied that Maniapoto Street is serviced by Works Infrastructure, twice a week.

### **INTERSECTION HINEWAI/TE KAWA STREETS**

Mr McNeil reported on a letter received from Mr Jim Hogg, regarding north bound vehicles on Te Kawa Street crossing its intersection with Hinewai Street. He said Mr Hogg had recently had two vehicles land on his property and therefore requested whether there was some action

Council could take to alleviate this problem. The Engineering Manager advised he was aware of Mr Hogg's letter and that consideration needs to be given to improving safety at this intersection. It was agreed that the present road markings need to be made clearer. Mr Jeffries also referred to the Te Kawa / Haerehuka Street intersection, and said Te Kawa Street itself is often used as a race track.

### **STREET LIGHTING**

Mr Jones queried whether street lighting was funded out of rates and questioned, due to increasing power costs whether a more environmentally friendly public system could be installed.

### **WINTEC**

His Worship reported a paper has been presented to Wintec outlining a proposal for them to offer free course fees. He said to date, they have agreed to it in principle.

### **OTOROHANGA SUPPORT HOUSE**

His Worship reported a meeting will be held on 20 September 2007 from 7.30-9.30pm at the Otorohanga Support House, to celebrate Youth.

### **HEALTH FORUM**

His Worship referred to a recent Health Forum held in Te Kuiti wherein discussion was held on the affordability of food and suggested whether a Community garden concept could be established in Otorohanga. He queried whether a small area could be made available for the growing of vegetables.

### **BOARD MEETING - 11 OCTOBER 2007**

His Worship reminded Members that the next Board meeting to be held on 11 October 2007 will be the last for this Board.

### **WESTRIDGE SUBDIVISION**

The Chairman reported six Lots were still available for sale in the Westridge Subdivision.

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS - 20 SEPTEMBER 2007**

The Chairman advised there were two letters to discuss at the forthcoming Committee meetings, one from Mr Rob Gordon, the other from the local Doctors.

### **FORTHCOMING ELECTION**

The Chairman extended his best wishes to those Members standing in the forthcoming Local Government Elections.

### **MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting concluded at 5.17pm.

**CHAIRMAN:**

**DATE:**

