



Otorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

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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 14 February 2008 commencing at 4.02pm.

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PRESENT

Mrs EM Cowan (Chairperson), Mr TJ Jones (attended 4.04pm), Mr B McNeil, Mr AG Ormsby (attended 4.07pm), Mr RJ Prescott and Mr PD Tindle.

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, Mr DF Williams, Messrs DC Clibbery (Engineering Manager) and CA Tutty (Customer Services Team Leader).

APOLOGY

An apology was received from the Chief Executive Mr John Pevreal.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 13 December 2007 as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr Tindle / Mr Prescott

REPORTS

Item-22 STANDING ORDERS

Discussion

The Customer Services Team Leader presented the Chief Executive's report requesting the Board to consider changes to the Model Standing Orders.

Resolved

That the New Zealand Standard Model Standing Orders NZS 9202:2003 as amended at 1 March 2006 are adopted as the Council's Standing Orders, as from 1 March 2008, and shall apply to all meetings of the Council, its committees and sub-committees, and Community Boards subject to Cl. 2.5.1 (2) (b) and 3.14.2 (b) of the model being amended as follows –

“in the case of equality of votes the Chairperson have the casting vote”

Mr McNeil / Mr Jones

Item-23 WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

Discussion

The Engineering Manager referred Members to his report presenting a recommendation in relation to water supply strategy for the formal approval of the Board.

Mr Jones queried whether the placement of a meter on an excessive usage property owners line, may cause others receiving meters to consider this as punishment. The Engineering Manager replied Council would take the stance that they have highlighted themselves as excessive users and therefore Council is interested in ascertaining their actual consumption. He said it is necessary for the people to understand the water supply strategy and that meters are being put in place for research purposes.

Resolved

That the Engineering Manager's report be received and a press release outlining key water supply issues for the Otorohanga Community (based upon the report to the Board of 28 November 2007 and including the need for limited metering of residential properties) be provided to the Waitomo News, at an appropriate time.

Mr Tindle / Mr Prescott

Item-24 TRAFFIC BYLAW 2005 AMENDMENTS - CUL DE SACS

Discussion

In reply to the Chairperson who queried whether submissions from the public should be called for on the proposed amendments and alterations, the Engineering Manager replied that this was not required as the changes were only a minor revision of the existing Bylaw.

Resolved

That amendments and alterations be made to the First Schedule (Parking Restrictions and Traffic Maps) of the Otorohanga District Traffic Bylaw 2005 based upon the items previously approved by the Board that were contained in the schedule presented at their meeting of 12 December 2007, together with parking restrictions on the last 15 metres of Bluck Road, McKenzie Avenue and Longview Crescent, as described in the Engineering Manager's report dated 14 February 2008.

Mr Jones / Mr Tindle

Item-25 REVISION OF CHARGES FOR SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT

Discussion

The Engineering Manager outlined three options, in respect of the receipt of septic tank effluent at the Otorohanga Waste Water Treatment Plant and said in his opinion Option B was the best. He said this Option maximises the revenue received but still allows for good gauzes to come here. The Engineering Manager proposed that the change take effect from 1 April 2008. Mr McNeil referred to the increased volume and queried whether this would have an effect on the life of the plant. The Engineering Manager replied that in allowing the extra effluent the true costs should remain the same. Mr Jones queried with the opening up of the Westridge Subdivision and others whether these would have an impact on the ponds? The Engineering Manager advised, under the current Resource Consent, it is necessary for Council to monitor the quality of the effluent on a monthly basis.

Resolved

That

1. The Engineering Manager's report be received, and
2. Charges for receipt of septic tank effluent (from sources outside of the Otorohanga District) at the Otorohanga Wastewater Treatment Plant are increased to a level equivalent to \$75 per cubic metre of liquid effective from 1 April 2008.

Mr Ormsby/ Mr McNeil

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER

The Environmental Services Manager attended the meeting at 4.25pm.

Item-27 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Discussion

The Engineering Manager circulated and then presented an application to apply for road closures within the Otorohanga Community to enable the Otorohanga ANZAC Day commemorations to proceed on Friday 25 April 2008.

Resolved

That approval be granted for the following road closures:

Purpose: Anzac Day Commemorations

Date: Friday, 25 April 2008

Periods of Closure: 5.45am to 6.45am;
and
9.30am to 11.00am.

Details of Closure: **STATE HIGHWAY 3 / MANIAPOTO STREET**, from the northern entrance of Huiputea Drive to its intersection with Te Kanawa Street;
and
KAKAMUTU ROAD, from Maniapoto Street to its intersection with Turongo Street
GRADARA AVENUE, from Kakamutu Road to its intersection with Ormsby Crescent.

Detour: Will be by way of Huiputea Drive.

The road closure will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Council must comply with the objection provisions as contained within the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
2. No objections are received from the NZ Police Department or Transit New Zealand.
3. During the proposed period of road closures, emergency services will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
4. Council is to notify the local information centre, bus and taxi operators of the closures.
5. Council is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News.
6. 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.

Mr Jones / Mr Prescott

Item-26 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 13 DECEMBER 2007

Discussion

WORKSHOP

The Customer Services Team Leader reported that the proposed workshop comprising representatives from the Board, Council, District Development Board, Project Kiwiana Committee and Business Association is still to happen and will be organised shortly.

OTOROHANGA DOMAIN PAVILLON

Mr McNeil reported an informal meeting will be held tonight regarding areas around the Pavillon such as the steps, painting and tidying up. His Worship referred to a letter received by Council concerning rubbish in the area and other issues. He said the Domain group wish to meet representatives of the Board to discuss these. The Chairperson advised the Board has previously discussed and agreed upon the work required. Mr McNeil requested a copy of the list of the agreed work. Mr Prescott made mention of a working party from Waikeria Prison which assist with Community Projects.

TRAFFIC BYLAW 2005

The Chairperson raised the matter of Sandwich Boards being placed on the Maniapoto Street footpath and queried the Environmental Services Manager whether this matter could wait until the Committee meetings to be held 27 February 2008. He replied this would be in order. Mr Ormsby expressed the opinion that the Maniapoto Street footpath was disgusting and suggested this be cleaned by some chemical method. The Engineering Manager reported that the replacement of these pavers could be considered and that glazed tiles would be far more effective. The Chairperson suggested the matter of replacing the pavers be signalled in the Estimates. The Environmental Services Manager advised that should new pavers be installed then it would be an appropriate time to introduce a new policy and put the responsibility of keeping these clean back on the businesses.

Members agreed that Council's Community Facility Officer be approached regarding carrying out a clean of the Maniapoto Street pavers.

TREE POLICY

The Engineering Manager circulated a draft 'Planting on Road Reserve' Policy for consideration by Members.

STATE HIGHWAY 3/31

The Engineering Manager reported he had had discussions with Transit NZ who advised that the benefit/cost ratio does not support the installation of a roundabout at the State Highway 3/31 intersection. He said apparently their Head Office in Wellington does not generally favour the installation of roundabouts. He said however, they are planning to carry out some work at this intersection. His Worship reported the four property owners on each corner of the intersection are all willing for some land to be taken to assist in the upgrade of this intersection. He said matters have changed now that McDonalds have been brought into the picture. Consideration also needs to be given to providing some form of pedestrian access. His Worship suggested Council staff ascertain how much land is required and for the matter to be discussed by the Board as there appears to be a lack of supporting information to present to Transit in favour of installing a roundabout. The Chairperson suggested that the Board's General Purposes Committee need to be involved in discussion with McDonalds. His Worship said the Board needs to decide whether the upgrade of this intersection is a priority, if so, allocate funding towards this and then make contact with McDonalds regarding a contribution.

The Engineering Manager reported, even with the installation of a roundabout, you will still see traffic 'stacking up'. The Engineering Manager advised there is a safety issue in regards to traffic exiting from Pine Street. He felt a roundabout would add safety particularly with McDonalds coming into the area. Mr Ormsby reported that State Highway 31 was a very dangerous area with big trucks exiting from this road. Mr McNeil said 'best guess' costs need to be provided to Members before they commit to the proposal in particular, regarding the installation of a roundabout and the obtaining of the land required. Mr Ormsby advised that any financial contribution must serve Council's purpose.

Resolved

That the Otorohanga Community Board support the roundabout proposal, in principle, subject to costs being obtained.

Mr Ormsby / Mr McNeil

ORMSBY CRESCENT SHIPPING CONTAINER

The Environmental Services Manager reported the property owner was well aware of the situation and waiting to make application for a Building Consent.

GENERAL

MITRE 10 PROPOSAL

The Environmental Services Manager circulated a plan of the Mitre 10 yard area for consideration by Members. He said under the District Plan rules it is necessary for the Applicant to provide 26 parking spaces however, this plan shows only 20. He expressed the opinion that 20 would be adequate as the Applicant has made a genuine attempt to provide on-site parking. Members agreed that the Applicant proceed to apply for a Resource Consent which will be followed by a formal report to the Board of the proposed concept.

ZONE 2 REPRESENTATIVE 2008

The Chairperson highlighted a voting paper in respect of the election of NZ Community Board's Executive Committee Zone 2 representation 2008. Following discussion with Members the Chairperson completed the voting paper as agreed to.

Item-28 SMALL TOWN CONFERENCE

Discussion

The Chairperson displayed a hand-out regarding a Small Town Conference to be held in Bulls from 30 April - 2 May 2008. She said the costs, including accommodation and travel, would amount to approximately \$600 per person. Members were informed that the Chairperson will be attending the Conference on behalf of the Project Kiwiana Committee.

Resolved

That Mr B McNeil represent the Board at the Small Towns Conference in Bulls to be held 30 April - 2 May 2008.

Mrs Cowan / Mr Ormsby

Item-29 PROJECT KIWIANA COMMITTEE

Discussion

The Chairperson read a letter received on behalf of the Project Kiwiana Committee requesting the proposed Maniapoto Street/Wahanui Crescent walkway be named in honour of Sir Edmund Hillary. The Committee felt it would be a most appropriate gesture to commemorate New Zealand's 'archetypal Kiwi Hero' in this way. Mr Jones expressed the opinion that the request had a lot of merit. With regard to the Kiwiana modules, Members were informed this matter is to be discussed at the Committee meetings to be held 27 February 2008 whereat representatives

from the Association and Committee will be in attendance. His Worship suggested that the naming request, if agreed to, should be opened for public submissions.

Resolved

That the Otorohanga Community Board agree to proceed with the suggestion to name the proposed Maniapoto Street/Wahanui Crescent walkway in honour of Sir Edmund Hillary subject to Council approval.

Mr Jones / Mr Prescott

LETTER OF APPRECIATION - C & J GRICE

The Chairperson read a letter received from a Mr & Mrs Grice of Manuwera, Auckland expressing their views on what a lovely little township Otorohanga is, with the hanging baskets and the cleanest toilets they had seen in NZ. They advised they will make a point of stopping on their next trip through the area.

DAIRY SYSTEMS

His Worship informed Members of Dairy Systems Official Opening tomorrow at 3.00pm.

MCDONALDS

His Worship circulated copies of the plans for McDonalds new building.

PROPOSED HALF BASKETBALL COURT

Members were informed a request has been received from youngsters in the Community to build a half basketball court adjacent to the present skate park. They were advised an application for funding assistance is to be made to Trust Waikato should the Board be in agreement for the proposal. Mr Prescott suggested why not move the whole facility up to the former WWII Memorial.

Following further discussion Members agreed that Council's Community Facilities Officer apply for funding assistance for the project, and when a result is received the Board's Parks & Reserves Committee consider the proposal and report back to the Board.

KIWIANA MODULES

His Worship reported Council wishes to see agreement reached between the Otorohanga Business Association and the Project Kiwiana Committee on the matter of the continued display and maintenance of the Kiwiana modules. He said these two parties must agree in principle and sign off on the matter, as the Board does not wish to choose between the two organisations.

POOL COMPLEX

Mr Prescott reported on his attendance at the local pool complex. Apparently this had been booked out by a local school however, no provision had been made for a public lane. The Engineering Manager took a note of the matter as he understood that a public adult lane should be made available when booked by schools.

DOG WALKING AREA

Mr Prescott reported the dog exercise area was a complete shambles covered with weeds and being grazed by cows.

Mr Prescott also raised the matter of the Merrin Avenue walking track. The Engineering Manager replied funding for this has been allowed in the 2009/10 year. It was suggested the matter of this walkway be discussed at Estimates time in conjunction with the Community Landscape Plan.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

His Worship left the meeting at 5.45pm.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Mr Jones raised the matter of the provision of a further Habitat for Humanity house. He said this was another building project and encouraged Members to participate.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 5.59pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

