



Otorohanga District Council

# MINUTES

19 February 2008

## 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 19 February 2008 commenced at 10.15am.

### MINUTES

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## **PRESENT**

Mr DF Williams (Mayor), Crs SR Adam, S Blackler, WH Earwaker, AG Ormsby, DM Pilkington and RJ Prescott.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs JL Pevreal (Chief Executive), DC Clibbery (Engineering Manager), GD Bunn (Finance & Administration Manager) and CA Tutty (Customer Services Team Leader).

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Cr Earwaker read the Opening Prayer.

## **APOLOGY**

**Resolved** that the apology received from Cr AL Gower be sustained.

**Cr Pilkington / Cr Adam**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 29 January 2008, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**Cr Pilkington / Cr Earwaker**

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **OTOROHANGA LIQUOR CONTROL BYLAW**

Cr Pilkington queried whether any progress had been made in arranging a debrief meeting at Kawhia regarding the recent introduction of the Otorohanga Liquor Control Bylaw.

### **DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY COORDINATOR SCHEME**

Cr Pilkington requested an item be placed on Matters Referred concerning the District Road Safety Coordinator Scheme, in particular a current list of projects still to be considered.

## **REPORTS**

### **Item-52 ROUTINE ENGINEERING REPORT**

#### **Discussion**

Cr Adam declared his interest in matters to be discussed and accordingly took no part in discussion nor voted on the resolution.

The Engineering Manager summarised the Routine Engineering Report which he said, will now cover other activities rather than those just relating to roading.

### **KAWHIA HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY**

Cr Pilkington highlighted the fact that the Kawhia Housing for the Elderly complex missed out on funding from the Housing Initiative Fund and queried whether an Application for funding was still being prepared. She was advised that Council's Community Facilities Officer is preparing an

Application, which along with other Applications, will hopefully demonstrate the need for additional funding to be allocated.

His Worship reported a Pensioner from Hawera who has been on the Housing for the Elderly waiting list since 2004, travels to Otorohanga periodically and on a recent visit donated \$3000 towards the maintenance and/or a specific project at one of Otorohanga's complexes.

### **ROAD MARKING**

Cr Blackler reported that due to seal 'bleeding' on some roads the road markings are not clear. She queried whether these areas would be re-painted and referred in particular to Bayley Road. The Engineering Manager replied that the line marking Contractor has not completed his programme and therefore he would see what could be done.

Cr Blackler was advised that a total fire ban is in place however, the Engineering Manager reported he was thinking of opening up applications for permits. He also said he was obtaining costs for the possible provision of fire ban signs on the six major road entrances into the District.

In reply to Cr Pilkington she was advised that the re-sealing of Ngutunui Road is part of the re-seal programme and will be carried out by Works.

With regard to Kihi Road Cr Pilkington reported that the Contractor is working on the middle section and there is still a further 1.4km above this.

### **ORIHIRI TERRACE**

Mr Ormsby referred to the recent installation of kerb and channel on Orahiri Terrace and said this work had not been carried out satisfactorily. The Engineering Manager undertook to look at it.

### **Resolved**

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

### **Cr Pilkington / Cr Blackler**

## **Item-53 BEE HIVES ON ROADS**

### **Discussion**

The Engineering Manager presented a report on issues relating to the placement of bee hives on public Road Reserve. His Worship expressed the opinion that the operating of bee hives is a private enterprise and therefore should not be allowed on Road Reserve. Cr Pilkington reported most bee hive Operators will approach private property owners to place the hives on their land.

### **Resolved**

That Council prohibit any placement of bee hives on public Reserves, including Road Reserves.

### **Cr Earwaker / Cr Pilkington**

## **Item-54 DRAFT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS TO 31 December 2007**

### **Discussion**

The District Accountant attended the meeting and presented the Draft Management Accounts to 31 December 2007.

## **Resolved**

That the Draft Management Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2007 be received.

## **Cr Earwaker / Cr Adam**

### **Item-55 LOAN RAISING 2007/2008**

#### **Discussion**

The Finance & Administration Manager presented a report requiring Council to consider passing a resolution authorising loan raising for the current financial year.

#### **Resolved**

That

1. Pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002, Council resolves to authorise the Chief Executive to borrow up to \$2,750,000 for a term not exceeding ten years, secured against the rates revenue of the District, and targeted rates as provided for in any Deed of Charge.
2. The purpose of the loan shall be to refinance existing debt, and to allow the works contained in Council's Annual Plan for 2007/2008 and other works to be carried out.
3. Council delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to determine:
  - a. the coupon rate;
  - b. the period of interest payments;
  - c. the maturity date;
  - d. any other terms and conditions necessary for the issuing of security and for compliance with the Local Government Act, any other applicable Act, the security, and the Register and Paying Agency Agreement, and to issue such debenture stock with a face value sufficient to yield the sum \$2,750,000 and execute such; and
4. To give one or more certificates in respect thereof for the purposes of the Local Government Act, and further that
5. In authorising this borrowing, Council has considered the risks and benefits associated with the proposal and is satisfied that the proposed borrowing complies with Council's Borrowing Management Policy.

## **Cr Ormsby / Cr Earwaker**

### **DISTRICT ACCOUNTANT**

The District Accountant left the meeting at 11.25am.

### **Item-56 MATTERS REFERRED - 29 JANUARY 2008**

#### **Discussion**

#### **FIRE RISK - RANGITAHU STREET**

The Engineering Manager reported a letter had been forwarded to the owners of a vacant section in Rangitahi Street, Otorohanga, stating that the long grass on the section was considered a fire risk and requesting that it be cut. Members were advised that there were one or two other

sections within the Otorohanga Community in a similar state and therefore Council must be consistent in its actions. The Environmental Services Manager, who had attended the meeting, was asked whether any action could be taken under the Health Act. His Worship reported that unknown persons were also dumping rubbish on the section concerned. Cr Blackler suggested a letter be forwarded to the Owners and if Council has had no reply or there has been no action taken within one month, Council engage a Contractor to tidy the section up. The Finance & Administration Manager confirmed the property concerned is multiple-owned Maori land. Following further discussion it was agreed the matter be pursued internally by staff.

### **WAIHAREKEHE BRIDGE**

The Engineering Manager reported tenders close at the end of this week for the renewal of all the piles, with work to be completed by June 2008. He said a meeting is to be held with the Waitomo District Council to discuss potential alternative routes.

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The Finance & Administration Manager requested this item remain on Matters Referred.

### **BYLAW TO CONTROL HORSES**

The Environmental Services Manager reported a table of the list of Council Bylaws is to be prepared, following which consideration will be given to presenting an appropriate Bylaw which will include public places as well as animals in urban areas.

### **ENVIRONMENT WAIKATO**

Cr Ormsby referred to Environment Waikato's substantial loss of shares and said as a result this will be passed on to the ratepayer.

## **Item-58 REBATE REQUESTED FOR BUILDING CONSENT FEES - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY & OTOROHANGA SOUTH SCHOOL (TABLED ITEM)**

### **Discussion**

The Environmental Services Manager circulated and presented a report advising that Council had received a letter from Habitat for Humanity asking for a grant to cover the Building Consent fees for their next project in Te Kawa Street, Otorohanga. He said for this project a grant of \$1541 has been requested.

In addition, a further request for a \$416 grant has been received for a playground at the Otorohanga South School.

Following discussion, points were raised that Habitat for Humanity had received financial assistance with their first project and in relation to the installation of a playground schools do not pay Local Authority rates.

### **Resolved**

That Council decline the requests from -

1. Habitat for Humanity asking for a grant of \$1542 to cover the Building Consent fees for their next project in Te Kawa Street,
2. Otorohanga South School for \$416 grant towards a playground.

### **Cr Earwaker / Cr Adam**

## **GENERAL**

### **FREEDOM CAMPING**

Members were informed that Council does receive complaints concerning 'freedom camping' and that this issue has been discussed with Transit NZ.

### **RURAL SECTOR**

His Worship reported the Chief Executive and himself will be attending a Rural Sector meeting this coming Thursday and Friday.

### **TIGHT FIVE**

His Worship reported a Tight Five/Combined Council meeting, followed by a dinner, is to be held Friday 22 February 2008.

### **NORTH KING COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

His Worship advised the Chief Executive and himself will be attending a meeting of the North King Country Development Trust next Wednesday in Te Kuiti.

### **ESTIMATES WORKSHOP**

Members were reminded of an Estimates Workshop to be held Tuesday 4 March 2008.

### **COUNCIL MEETING 11 MARCH 2008**

His Worship reported he will be unable to attend the Council meeting to be held 11 March 2008 and requested Cr Earwaker, as Deputy Mayor, fill his position.

### **LIBRARY PIANO**

The Chief Executive advised he had received a request from the Otorohanga Art House whether they could house the Library piano. He said discussions will be held with the 'Friends of the Library' and a draft agreement prepared, regarding responsibilities regarding its relocation.

### **MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

"THAT the Otorohanga District Council, pursuant to Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolves that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public."

### **Cr Adam / Cr Pilkington**

**Item-57 RATES REMISSION - 24 PHILLIPS AVENUE CONFIDENTIAL**

**Item-59 SUPA BINS**

**MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting concluded at 12.35pm.

**MAYOR:**

**DATE:**

