



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

22 April 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 22 April 2008 commencing at 10.07am.

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PRESENT

Mr DF Williams (Mayor), Crs SR Adam, WH Earwaker, AL Gower (attended 10.40am), AG Ormsby, DM Pilkington and RJ Prescott.

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).

OPENING PRAYER

Cr Pilkington read the Opening Prayer.

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from Cr S Blackler and Cr Gower (for lateness), be sustained.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Pilkington

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MATTERS ARISING

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 1 April 2008, as amended, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Ormsby / Cr Adam

RANGITAHU STREET PROPERTY

Members were informed that the 'squatter' previously residing at the Rangitahi Street property has moved onto a property along State Highway 31 and left his accumulation of rubbish behind. The Chief Executive reported that discussions have been held with the 'other' property owners who are supportive of what Council is attempting to do however, it is now time to talk to the main property owner himself.

REPORTS

Item-79 OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 11 APRIL 2008

Resolved

That the minutes of the meetings of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 10 April 2008 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Cr Prescott / Cr Ormsby

Item-80 KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 28 MARCH 2008

Discussion

Cr Pilkington referred to the item regarding the Kawhia Museum under Matters Arising, in particular to the first sentence of discussion and requested that the word 'difficulty' be amended to read 'uncertainty'.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 28 March 2008 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Earwaker

Item-81 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN & DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Discussion

The District Accountant attended the meeting. The Finance & Administration Manager summarised the Annual plan process to date where Council is currently at. He said that the revaluation of the District in September 2007 resulted in a 100 percent increase in the values of the Otorohanga Community. He further advised at the Funding Review Workshop held in February 2008 there were changes to certain activities which have been incorporated into the Annual Plan. The Finance & Administration Manager confirmed that Council was now looking at an overall rate increase of 4.8 percent, comprising 9.6 percent for the Kawhia Community, 7.8 percent in the Otorohanga Community and a 2.9 percent increase in the Rural Area.

The Finance & Administration Manager then outlined changes in the draft Annual Plan affecting the Otorohanga and Kawhia Communities.

Cr Pilkington requested staff give consideration to the wording within the document, in particular to Council's contribution to Community Outcomes.

Cr Earwaker thanked staff for their input in the preparation of a very satisfactory document. His Worship expressed thanks also to staff and Councillors on a job well done in achieving such a good result.

Resolved

That

1. The Draft Management Plan 2008/09 be approved,
2. The Draft Annual Plan for 2008/09 be approved,
3. Submissions be heard at the Council meeting to be held 3 June 2008.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Adam

CR GOWER

Cr Gower attended the meeting at 10.40am.

Item-84 APPLICATION FOR GRANT TO PAY BUILDING CONSENT FEES

Discussion

The Environmental Services Manager circulated a report on a written request from Ms Heather Rawles, Secretary of the King Country Play Centre Association that Council make a grant to cover the fee for Building Consent BC 088560. The Association have made application to install a playground at the rear of the Playcentre building at 40A Te Kawa Street, Otorohanga. During

discussion it was agreed that Council must follow consistent principles when making such grants. Issues to consider are affordability, and the requirement to provide a Financial Statement. Cr Gower expressed the opinion he was happy with Council's Rate Remission Policy for Non-profit Organisations but expressed concern with remission of fees under the Building Act. He felt Council was not in the business to remit Consent fees.

Resolved

That

1. The Environmental Services Manager's report be received,
2. Council support its present Rates Remission Policy but is unable to apply a remission to other Council fees.

Cr Gower / Cr Earwaker

Item-82 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 1 APRIL 2008

Discussion

It was agreed that item 1.ii be deleted.

The Engineering Manager reported Targa Rally had confirmed it will proceed with the proposed Road Closure being held on 1 June 2008. Accordingly item 2.ii was deleted from Matters Referred.

GENERAL

PHILLIPS AVENUE FOOTPATH

Cr Prescott reported of a severe break in the tar seal section of the Phillips Avenue footpath.

SUBDIVISION CONSENT - 37 KAKAMUTU ROAD

Cr Prescott referred to a subdivision Consent Application creating unit titles in respect to the property at 37 Kakamutu Road. He queried the section size being 300m². The Environmental Services Manager referred to the District Plan which he advised is 'effects based' and that these matters were considered and decided when approval was given to relocate the dwellings. He said that the form of land ownership was not going to change the usage of the five houses on the site. Cr Prescott was informed, that with the current District Plan Review, it is an opportune time to put forward any concerns or proposed changes and suggest changes to the matter of section size and site coverage.

STATE HIGHWAY 3/31

Cr Ormsby informed the Engineering Manager that there is no Stop sign painted on the road surface at the intersection of State Highway 3/31.

CARRIAGEWAY - TE KAWA SWAMP

Cr Earwaker reported, going through the Te Kawa swamp from the east there is no signage to identify a slump in the carriageway.

SIGNAGE

Cr Pilkington reported the 'No Dogs' sign has been pulled out on the Omimiti Reserve, Kawhia and that a One Way sign along the road to the Kawhia Museum was missing. In addition the corner box flashing on the shed adjacent to the Museum requires attention.

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Cr Pilkington reported the Otorohanga District Development Board's Tourism Operator's evening was very successful.

AOTEA ESTATE

Cr Pilkington reported Environment Waikato's Hearing in regard to the Aotea Estate earthworks is resuming at Kawhia today.

RALLY NEW ZEALAND

His Worship reported Rally New Zealand will be holding an event between 24 - 31 August 2008, being in the Otorohanga District on Friday 29 August.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND

His Worship reported there will be an increase in subscriptions, these going up on average five percent.

BUILDING ACCREDITATION

The Chief Executive informed Members of the result of the recent Building Accreditation audit and said he was very proud how this Council had fared, with only nine corrective actions. Cr Pilkington requested her congratulations be passed on to the staff concerned. The Chief Executive advised that, due to new legislation the process of Consents was taking longer and this has highlighted the possibility of requiring additional staff.

Item-83 CALL CENTRE DEMONSTRATION - TABLED ITEM

Discussion

Council's IT Manager Mr Mike Wanden introduced Mr Mike Manson from the Palmerston North City Council to make an 'After Hours Call Centre' presentation. Mr Manson said the Centre comprised of Local Authorities working together and benefiting from their knowledge. He said the Call Centre concept enabled Local Government to provide improved service delivery through effective communication. He said Community expectations of service are rising.

His Worship thanked Mr Manson for his presentation.

A RUBAY

His Worship welcomed Mr Allan RuBay and his partner Sandra Drummond to the meeting. He said Council wished to acknowledge Allan's contribution to Council and to the people of Kawhia during six terms on the Kawhia Community Board. His Worship acknowledged the type of service Mr RuBay provided to the people and to Council which he said is a very challenging role particularly within a small Community. He said Mr RuBay's special skills comprised integrity, honesty and directness. His Worship said Mr RuBay was very passionate in representing Kawhia and that he personally valued his support, advice and friendship.

Mr RuBay made the appropriate reply. Cr Pilkington also said she had appreciated the support, knowledge and friendship given by Mr RuBay and wished him and Sandra all the best for the future.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 12.30pm.

MAYOR:

DATE:

