



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 12 June 2008 commencing at 4.00pm.

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PRESENT

Mrs EM Cowan (Chairperson), Messrs B McNeil, AG Ormsby, RJ Prescott and PD Tindle (attended 4.16pm).

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs JL Pevreal (Chief Executive), DC Clibbery (Engineering Manager), GD Bunn (Finance & Administration Manager) (attended 4.03pm) and CA Tutty (Customer Services Team Leader).

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from His Worship the Mayor Mr DF Williams, Mr T Jones, and Mr P Tindle (for lateness) be sustained.

Mr Prescott / Mr Ormsby

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MATTERS ARISING

Truck Wash Facility

In reply to Mr McNeil, the Engineering Manager advised the new tanks had been installed yesterday and the plumbing would be carried out today. He said, basically everything appears to be ok, but Council has not received the 'signed agreement' back from the Association. The Engineering Manager undertook to follow this up.

Floodland

Following further discussion on the application received from Mr Bob Sands of PrillTech to lease a small portion of the original area behind 38 Progress Drive, it was agreed an item be placed on 'Matters Referred' under the Engineering Manager to develop a standard list of criteria, for use of the land adjacent to the Stopbanks, for approval by the Board.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 8 May 2008, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr McNeil / Mr Prescott

ENGINEERING MANAGER

Mrs Cowan extended the Board's congratulations to the Engineering Manager on his appointment to the position of Chief Executive. She said it was wonderful news, and on behalf of Board Members, wished him all the best in his new position.

The Engineering Manager replied the position will be a challenge for him however, he will give it his best.

REPORTS

Item-45 CLEANING OF MANIAPOTO STREET PAVERS

Discussion

The Engineering Manager summarised his report on a process to effectively clean the existing pavers on Maniapoto Street. In reply to Mr McNeil regarding the purchase of a pavement cleaning machine, the Engineering Manager said it was not the initial cost of the machine but the significant cost of the consumables. Mrs Cowan queried the quality of the existing pavers. The Engineering Manager replied some pavers were pitted however, at this point in time they were not a safety hazard. He said any replacement of the pavers would be purely cosmetic.

Mr Ormsby reported he had carried out an appraisal on the pavers here in Otorohanga compared with those in Victoria Street, Hamilton. He said both were concrete type pavers and that the Victoria Street ones were in excellent order compared to Otorohanga's which are in a disgusting state. He expressed the opinion the Board could not afford \$38,000 to clean the pavers and suggested that individual businesses should take some responsibility for their upkeep. Mrs Cowan reported there appeared to be only two options available to the Board, 1. to carry out an extensive clean of the pavers or, 2. replace them. Mr Ormsby reported the pavers at the south end of Otorohanga were in very poor condition. Mr McNeil suggested Members of the Otorohanga Business Association should be informed of the situation and the remedies available. He queried whether the cleaning of the pavers could be carried out in stages.

MR P TINDLE

Mr Tindle attended the meeting at 4.16pm.

The Chief Executive suggested consideration be given to carry out the work up front and for the cost to be claimed back over five years. He also agreed it was necessary to involve Members of the Otorohanga Business Association. Mrs Cowan reported she was still attempting to hold a meeting with representatives of the Otorohanga Business Association regarding other matters. Mr Ormsby suggested the Engineering Manager contact the Hamilton City Council regarding maintenance of their pavers. He also queried whether cleaning could be undertaken on a 'shop by shop' basis and whether a bond could be introduced in respect to damage being caused to the pavers. Mr Tindle reported he had walked along the pavers this morning and agreed that they do require cleaning. He queried whether a suitable cleaning agent could be purchased and for its application to be carried out by a voluntary group. The Chief Executive suggested the Engineering Manager contact the Huntly and Ngaruawahia townships regarding the cost to install new pavers in their towns.

Resolved

That the Engineering Manager's report on a process to effectively clean the existing pavers in Maniapoto Street be received and for further investigations regarding the cleaning and/or replacement of the pavers be carried out, for report back to the Board.

Mr Ormsby / Mr McNeil

Item-46 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 8 MAY 2008

Discussion

Mrs Cowan took Members through Matters Referred.

MEMORIAL GARDEN AT OTOROHANGA CEMETERY

With regard to the suggestion of creating a memorial garden at the Otorohanga Cemetery, it was agreed the Customer Services Team Leader investigate the suggestion of providing a portion of the Otorohanga Cemetery for eco-burials.

RANGITAHU STREET PROPERTY

The Chief Executive reported discussions are currently being held with the owner of the container formerly placed on Moshims site.

TRAFFIC BYLAW

The Chief Executive reported Council's Environmental Services Manager has progressed the proposed amendments to the Traffic Bylaw.

It was agreed all items remain on Matters Referred.

GENERAL

CORNER STATE HIGHWAY 3/31

Mr McNeil raised the issue of the poor state of the gardens on the Moshims side at the corner of State Highways 3/31. He reported he had contacted the Owner of the property who expressed the opinion that the state of the site was not an issue. Mr McNeil requested whether Council staff could contact the Owner of the property, with an estimate of the costs to tidy up the gardens on this site, for his consideration.

Mr Ormsby queried the costs involved in the recent reinstatement of the intersection of State Highway 3 and 31. He said the Proprietors of Prescott Holden were not happy with how the work had been undertaken. The Engineering Manager agreed the Contractor did not appear to have planned the work particularly well.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Mr Tindle raised the issue of how quiet the activities of the Board appeared to be and queried whether this was just due to the time of the year or whether Members should be more proactive. The Engineering Manager replied that in general Engineering issues within the Community were in hand.

LEVEL OF SERVICES

The Engineering Manager reported a questionnaire is being prepared to obtain peoples' expectation on the level of services available in the Community. He said the questionnaire would relate to main activities such as water supply, waste water, sealed/unsealed roads and parks and reserves. He said the proposed level of services will be accompanied with the estimated costs achieving these.

Item-47 PROPOSED WALKWAY

Discussion

The Engineering Manager reported a decision was required on the colour of the pavers to be installed and that three portions of work of the project have been awarded.

Mrs Cowan reported Lady Hillary had been approached regarding the proposed naming of the walkway in honour of her late husband. Members were informed she was delighted but requested that no 'Sir' be included in the name. Mrs Cowan advised the Project Kiwiana Committee would be happy to organise the official opening. It was suggested this take place late November 2008.

Resolved

That the proposed walkway between Maniapoto Street and Wahanui Crescent be named the Ed Hillary Walkway.

Mr McNeil / Mr Prescott
NOTES - COMMUNITY MEETING

Mrs Cowan circulated notes from a Community meeting convened by the Board on 6 June 2008. She reported all parties involved felt it was a good forum and extended the thanks of the Board to those who attended.

COMMUNITY MAP

Mrs Cowan held up a copy of the original Community map designed by Mr David Walmsley. She said there are several items which have become outdated and requested approval to approach Mr Walmsley and Council staff to carry out a comprehensive update. Mrs Cowan also suggested, when the map is updated, that it be placed on Council's website. Mr McNeil queried the costs that would be incurred in updating the map. It was agreed Council's Community Facilities Officer ascertain these costings, for report back to the Board.

MR TINDLE

Mr Tindle left the meeting at 4.55pm.

SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION/OTOROHANGA KINDERGARTEN

The Finance & Administration Manager reported the land on which the Senior Citizens and Otorohanga Kindergarten are erected is leased by Council from the Maori Trustees. He said a recent rent review has been carried out and the rental has increased significantly. The Finance & Administration Manager advised the increased rentals had been accepted, though reluctantly, by the Tenants.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 5.00pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

