



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

3 June 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 3 June 2008 commenced at 10.05am.

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PRESENT

Mr DF Williams (Mayor), Crs SR Adam, S Blackler, WH Earwaker, AL Gower (attended 10.07am), 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), RF Proffit (Policy Manager) and Mrs A Burdon (Executive Assistant).

OPENING PRAYER

Mr Dave Clibbery read the Opening Prayer.

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from Cr AG Ormsby, and Cr AL Gower (for lateness) be sustained.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Pilkington

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 13 May 2008, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Adam / Cr Blackler

MATTERS ARISING

In reply to Cr Blackler's query about the Levels of Service consultation, the Engineering Manager replied this would be covered in a workshop following the meeting.

Cr Pilkington requested her query in Item 92, paragraph two be clarified to read '...extended to cater for a conference room'.

Cr Earwaker queried Item 91, Proposed Urban Tree Policy, 4.4 Removing Trees, whether 10 years would be a more suitable age. The Engineering Manager replied it is always difficult to identify the age of different tree species as often no records are kept of plantings. The Environmental Services Manager expressed the opinion that trees in a Community are an asset and should only be removed if absolutely necessary. The Engineering Manager undertook to bring to Members a range of options on criteria for public consultation on the Removal of trees.

Cr Adams advised Members that in relation to Item 93 that Transit NZ were working on the pot hole today. He expressed Members thanks to the Engineering Manager on achieving this result.

REPORTS

Item-94 OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 8 MAY 2008

Discussion

TRUCK WASH

Cr Earwaker advised that some action is taking place at the facility. The Engineering Manager advised when he contacted the tank manufacturer himself he was able to easily accelerate the process to receive the tanks earlier. He said that although some work has been undertaken he is extremely disappointed that the Carriers Association have not taken the matter seriously, and

that unless substantial progress is made this week, he will recommend the facility be closed. Cr Pilkington expressed the opinion the Association have had a lot of lead-in time to undertake the work. His Worship advised it appeared the one new tank installed seems to be working to dry out the original tank. He too expressed his disappointment at the lack of urgency from Carriers Association to get the necessary work undertaken.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meetings of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 8 May 2008 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Cr Prescott / Cr Gower

Item-95 ROUTINE ENGINEERING REPORT

Discussion

Cr Adam declared a potential conflict of interest in items contained in the Engineering Managers report relating to contracts.

The Engineering Manager presented his report and highlighted the following items.

ITEM 1 - Road Maintenance Activities

The Engineering Manager advised that due to the extreme dry conditions cracks had appeared in some roads, repairs of which are now completed. He said heavy rain had caused a few slips and drop-outs but nothing he considered serious.

Contract 879 – Lentfer Lane

The Engineering Manager advised in relation to the midden uncovered during excavation, the Historical Places trust have asked Council for a 'good faith' payment of \$500 to mitigate Council's position which would go towards the carbon dating of the shells. He advised he did not think Council should make this payment because it was not at fault.

Wahanui Crescent Walkway

The Engineering Manager advised Lady Hillary has written stating she is happy to have the walkway named in memory of Sir Edmund and in due course, she would like to attend the official opening.

ITEM 2 - ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORK

Waiharakeke Bridge

The Engineering Manager reported the bridge was re-opened over the weekend although minor work is still to be completed on railings. He said the repair costs came in under the LTNZ allocation and that because the length of piles used was shorter than was budgeted for, there will be a reduction on the Contract price. He reminded Members of the formal opening taking place on Wednesday 4 June.

Contract 883 - Owawenga & Tauraroa Valley Roads

Cr Blackler advised she had received good feedback on this work. Cr Gower commented the work was to a very high standard and 'raised the bar' for work of this type. The Engineering Manager said it was pleasing when completed work reaches the expectations of locals. His Worship advised 65 percent of Council's annual spending is on roading but no credit is received for all the great work completed, only complaints if something goes wrong. He said it is great to complete an annual roading programme under budget.

ITEM 3 - OTHE ROADING ISSUES

Stock Truck Effluent Disposal Dump

The Engineering Manager advised the Truck Wash Facility has been identified as a potentially suitable site. He said funding from LTNZ and EW could again be made available to develop and operate the site. Cr Earwaker expressed the opinion this Council has already made significant contributions towards the current site and therefore should not be expected to make any further contribution.

Underpasses

The Engineering Manager advised 12 underpasses have been installed in this financial year. He said this was more than ever before and resulting from the introduction of the Bylaw. He advised significant funding from the Minor Safety Project budget has been used for these underpasses. The Engineering Manager reported only a small amount now remained in the budget for other minor safety work, although he was not aware of any urgent work other than a few minor items recently given to him by Cr Adam. In reply to His Worship's query regarding whether funding for underpasses should be addressed in the budget, the Engineering Manager advised the individual subsidy amounts are not very high but when there are 12 underpasses in one year, that amounts to a significant sum. In reply to Cr Blackler's query whether depreciation could be claimed, the Finance & Administration Manager advised the life of an underpass is approximately 100 years therefore depreciation would be very low.

Road Safety Committee

The Engineering Manager advised he was asking the Road Safety Coordinator to call a meeting to finalise the list of projects. He said he will continue pursuing this.

ITEM 4 Water Services

The Engineering Manager advised Resource Consents have expired for two of the Rural Water Supplies. He said that processing of these consents has been on hold by Environment Waikato because of issues related to EW's proposed new water allocation policy. Processing has however, now resumed and problems in respect of renewing the consents are not expected.

ITEM 5: SOLID WASTE

Arohena Recycling Centre

The Engineering Manager reported that when he was at the opening of the Arohena Recycling Centre Cr Gower and himself saw that the floor of the bus shelter being used for the Centre was made of wooden pallets. It was suggested this be concreted for safety. His Worship advised that Ngutunui School was assisted by Council to originally implement its centre. The Engineering Manager said he felt it would be better if Council funded the concrete. Cr Pilkington expressed the opinion it would be money well spent. Cr Gower reported Arohena have produced a promotional video which is also being used nationally.

Cr Earwaker queried Contract 818, page 2 of the Engineering Manager's report relating to a letter being sent to 'Waipa Networks', whether this should have read Lines Company. The Engineering Manager undertook to report back on this matter.

Resolved

That the Engineering Manager's report be received.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Gower

Item-96 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

Discussion

The Environmental Services Manager presented his report.

NOTIFIED APPLICATIONS

He reported that the Fletcher hearing is expected to be on 5 August, and the Morrison hearing to be in mid July. Following discussion it was agreed no Members would take part in the hearings and that Council appoint independent Commissioners to these hearings.

TIPPING

The Environmental Services Manager reported he expects an increase in fly-dumping if the Water Minimisation (Solids) Bill currently before Parliament is passed. He said the matter is also being discussed at regional level. In reply to Cr Blackler's query regarding the profitability of recycling paper and cardboard, the Engineering Manager replied they are both 'paying their way' while other recyclables do not have economic markets as yet.

Resolved

That

1. The Environmental Services Manager's Planning for March to May 2008 be received,
2. The appointments to hear Resource Consent RM 060029 - Fletcher, and Resource Consent RM 0600168 - Morrison, are confirmed.

Cr Blackler / Cr Pilkington

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER

The Environmental Services Manager left the meeting.

Item-97 SUBMISSIONS TO THE ODC ANNUAL PLAN 2008

Discussion

The Finance & Administration Manager presented his report on submissions to the Annual Plan and reported a late submission had been received from Roding NZ, which would be heard at the end of the submissions.

Federated Farmers

Mr Roy Johnson attended the meeting and presented his submission and highlighted that Federated Farmers' focus was on the transparency of rating. He said Council's Annual Plan needs to be 'readable' to the public and said their report outlined in the four recommendations how this could be achieved.

His Worship thanked Mr Johnson for participating in the submission process. He said Federated Farmers are Council's biggest client and that Council appreciated their feedback.

Cr Blackler queried whether Federated Farmers could advertise the Rates Rebate Scheme in their newsletter. Cr Pilkington said Council had made concerted effort in Kawhia to promote the Rates Rebate Scheme, but there was not a high uptake.

Mr Bill Millar

Mr Millar attended the meeting and expressed he had a passion for the promotion of the region, and that promotion needs to be more for the whole region. Mr Millar showed Members various

promotional pamphlets and said they could be confusing. He also showed a desk pad that had been produced some time ago and said it was a simple means of promoting activities across the whole region.

Mr Millar also said he would like to see a cruise boat take groups of passengers from Te Waitere to historic sites around the Kawhia harbour but there is currently no public transport to Kawhia. He said there needs to be some sort of public transport to Kawhia for it to grow.

His Worship thanked Mr Millar for his submission and said no one can deny Mr Millar's passion for District and referred him to the Otorohanga District Development Board to present specific projects to them.

LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for lunch at 12.26pm and resumed again at 1.05pm.

Members discussed the submissions, with the content of the submissions and associated discussion summarised as follows:

Federated Farmers

Transparency to Ratepayers

The Finance & Administration Manager reported the Revenue and Financing Policy is included in the LTCCP every three years along with all Council Policies. He acknowledged that there are a number of references to the Revenue & Financing Policy and he said in future Annual Plans there will be a description where the Policy can be accessed.

The Finance & Administration Manager said he accepts that breaking down the contribution to each activity on the Rates Demand does increase transparency however, because of the complexities of our rating system and the associated cost (of approximately \$15,000) of extracting the data, this has not been implemented. Council agreed to investigate other options for disclosing this information to ratepayers. The Finance & Administration Manager reported the comparative rates figures from the previous year were hidden to avoid confusion. As a result of the revaluation new values were applied to indicative properties and also valuations across the sector had increased by varying amounts. He said last year's comparatives will be included in next year's Annual Plan. Cr Pilkington said any ratepayer can request a breakdown if they wish.

The Finance & Administration Manager accepted that the descriptions are misleading and for future years said he will change the Otorohanga rural category to Otorohanga District to reflect the funding of the activity.

Uniform Annual General Charges

The Finance & Administration Manager reported Council undertakes a funding review every three years which sets the level of Uniform Charges for each activity. It was accepted that there are inequities in property value rating and that Council endeavours to use the various rating mechanisms available as fairly as possible across the District.

Rates Rebate Scheme

The Chief Executive reported Council had been very proactive in promoting the Scheme. He agreed look for further ways to promote the Scheme and to encourage its widespread uptake.

Community Outcomes

The Finance & Administration Manager reported Council can contribute to Community Outcomes in a number of ways, including lead agency, supporting role, funder, promoter and facilitator or as an advocate. Council is moving into another LTCCP process where Community Outcomes will be re-aggregated into a more understandable framework with better linkages to activities, levels

of service and performance measures. The Finance & Administration Manager reported Council is only required to go out to the Community for consultation every six years.

District Promotion, Development and Tourism

Council noted the Federations comments.

Reform of Local Government Funding

Members said they agreed with the comments made by the Federation and noted their concerns.

Autism NZ

Requesting funding. Council agreed the request be declined.

Cycle Action Waikato

Requesting development of a combined walking and cycling strategy. It was agreed to take no action.

Transit NZ

Commenting positively on its relationship with Council.

Waikato Bio Diversity Forum

Requesting funding. Council agreed to investigate the management of biodiversity as part of the review of the District Plan.

Kawhia Community Board

Requesting Council to reconsider Funding Review decisions to alleviate rates increase. Council considered that it could not support the request.

Staff Submission

Council agreed to -

1. Support an after hours Call Centre
2. Change GIS Data sales charges

Environment Waikato

Commenting on their relationship with Council.

Maniapoto Maori Trust Board

Stating a wish to develop a relationship with Council. Council looks forward to working with the Trust Board towards a Memorandum of Understanding. As part of this process, Council will consider the subsequent points raised.

Bill Millar

Mr Millar be advised to deal with the Otorohanga District Development Board on this issue.

Roading NZ

Advising Council of the impact of substantial increases in bitumen prices on Council's roading programme.

Resolved

That

1. The submissions be received, and
2. Subject to amendments resulting from the submissions, Council adopt the Annual Plan and further,
3. Pursuant to the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 the rates as outlined below for the year 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 be set in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Long Term Council Community Plan and Funding Impact Statement.

1) *Otorohanga District*

a) General Rate

A General Rate of 0.0548 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the District of Otorohanga.

b) Uniform Annual General Charge

A Uniform Annual General Charge of \$277 on every separate rating unit within the District of Otorohanga.

(The total general rate and Uniform Annual General Charge are estimated to produce \$3,058,500 and this revenue will be used for the following purposes: Drainage and Utility Services, Community Services, Regulatory, Democratic Process and Other Activities).

2) *Otorohanga Rural*

a) Rural Targeted Rate

A Targeted Rate of 0.0016 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the District of Otorohanga with the exception of the Otorohanga Community and Kawhia Community areas.

b) Separate Uniform Targeted Rate

A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$88 on every separate rating unit within the District of Otorohanga with the exception of the Otorohanga and Kawhia Community areas.

(These rates are estimated to produce \$235,000 and this revenue will be used for the following purposes: Drainage and Utility Services, Community Services and Other Activities).

3) *Otorohanga Community*

a) Otorohanga Community Targeted Rate

A Targeted Rate levied on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Community of Otorohanga on a differential basis as follows:

- i) Differential Rating Area No. 1 – 0.0478 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$38,000.
- ii) Differential Rating Area No. 2 – 0.0191 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$51,300.

b) Otorohanga Community Uniform Targeted Rate

A Separate Uniform Targeted Rate of \$199 on each separate rating unit within the Community of Otorohanga.

(These rates are estimated to produce \$256,900 and this revenue will be used for the following purposes: Drainage and Utility Services, Democratic Process, Community Services, and Other Activities).

4) *Kawhia Community*

a) Kawhia Community Targeted Rate

A Targeted Rate of 0.0298 cents in the dollar levied on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Community of Kawhia.

b) Kawhia Community Uniform Targeted Rate

A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$66 on each separate rating unit within the Community of Kawhia.

(These rates are estimated to produce \$94,400 and this revenue will be used for the following purposes: Drainage and Utility Services, Community Services, Democratic Process and Other Activities).

5) Targeted Loan Rates

a) Otorohanga Sewage Treatment

A Targeted Loan Rate levied on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Community of Otorohanga on a differential basis as follows:

- i) Differential Rating Area No.1 – 0.0328 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$22,700.
- ii) Differential Rating Area No.2 – 0.0131 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$33,600.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$56,300 for the purpose of paying Sewage Treatment and Reticulation Loan Charges).

b) Otorohanga Water Supply

A Targeted Loan Rate levied on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Community of Otorohanga on a differential basis as follows:

- i) Differential Rating Area No.1 – 0.0223 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$15,500.
- ii) Differential Rating Area No.2 – 0.0089 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$23,900.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$39,400 for the purpose of paying Water Supply Loan Charges).

c) Kawhia Water Supply

A Targeted Loan Rate of 0.0122 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Community of Kawhia.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$16,700 for the purpose of paying Water Supply Loan Charges).

d) Arohena Rural Water Supply

A Targeted Loan Rate of 0.0153 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Arohena Water Supply Area.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$17,900 for the purpose of paying Water Supply Loan Charges).

e) Aotea Erosion Protection

A Uniform Targeted Loan Rate of \$680 on each separate rating unit within the Aotea Community.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$19,000 for the purpose of paying Loan Charges).

6) Targeted Rates

a) Roothing

- i) A Targeted Rate of 0.1036 cents in the dollar levied on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the District of Otorohanga.
- ii) A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$228 on each separate rating unit within the District of Otorohanga.

(These rates are estimated to produce \$4,592,600 and this revenue will be used for Roothing).

b) Security Patrol

- i) A Targeted Rate of 0.0883 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the “Security Patrol Area” (formerly Differential Rating Area No 1) in the Community of Otorohanga.
- ii) A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$336 on each separate rating unit within the “Security Patrol Area” (formerly Differential Rating Area No 1) in the Community of Otorohanga.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$83,250 for the purpose of funding a Security Patrol Service in a defined area of the Otorohanga Community.

c) Otorohanga CBD Development Rate

- i) A Targeted Rate of 0.0106 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable properties within the Otorohanga Commercial Area (differential Rating Area No 1).
- ii) A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$137 on each separate rating unit within the Otorohanga Commercial Area (Differential Rating Area No 1).

(This rate is estimated to produce \$29,200 for the purpose of funding services specific to the Otorohanga Commercial area.

d) Aotea Erosion Targeted Rate

- i) A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$102 on each separate rating unit within the Aotea Community.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$17,000 and this revenue will be used for the following purposes: maintenance costs relating to the Aotea Seawall).

e) District Halls

Targeted Hall rates as follows:

HALL SEPARATE RATING DISTRICT	RATE IN \$	RATING SYSTEM	UNIFORM ANNUAL CHARGE	EST. RATE LEVY \$
Arohena	0.0005	Capital Value	\$45	3,560
Kio Kio	0.0009	Capital Value	\$20	6,170
Tokanui Crossroads	-	Capital Value	\$15	2,430
Puketotara/ Ngutunui	0.0003	Capital Value	\$9	2,865
Maihihi	0.0019	Capital Value	-	2,080
Otewa	-	Capital Value	\$18	2,300
Whawharua	-	Capital Value	\$10	740
Honikiwi	0.0013	Capital Value	-	1,700

(These rates are estimated to produce \$21,845 for the purpose of maintenance, operation, renovation and extension of the respective Halls).

7) Targeted Refuse Rates

Otorohanga Community

A Uniform Targeted Rate for Refuse Collection and Disposal of \$114 in respect of each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the Otorohanga Refuse Collection area.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$149,000 for the purpose of financing the Otorohanga Refuse Collection and Disposal costs).

Kawhia Community

- a) A Uniform Targeted Rate for Refuse Collection and Disposal of \$213 in respect of each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the Community of Kawhia.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$110,200 for the purpose of financing the Kawhia Community Refuse Collection and Disposal costs).

8) Targeted Water Rates

Otorohanga Community

- a) A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$206 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the Community of Otorohanga which receives an ordinary supply of water from the Otorohanga Community Water Supply.
- b) A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$280 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit located outside the Community of Otorohanga which receives an ordinary supply of water from the Otorohanga Community Water Supply.

(These rates are estimated to produce \$271,500 for the purpose of contributing to the costs of operating the Otorohanga Community Water Supply).

Kawhia Community

- c) A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$293 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, which receives an ordinary supply of water within the Community of Kawhia.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$122,400 for the purpose of contributing to the costs of operating the Kawhia Community Water Supply).

9) Targeted Sewerage Rates

A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$290 for the first water closet or urinal and \$0 for the second to fourth, \$50 for subsequent closets or urinals, on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected, either directly or through a private drain to the Otorohanga Community Sewerage Scheme.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$371,300 for the purpose of financing the costs of operating the Otorohanga Community Sewerage Scheme).

10) Targeted Rates for Extraordinary Water Supply

i) Otorohanga Community

- a) Each rateable separate rating unit within the Otorohanga Community on a metered supply to receive a free allowance of 220 cubic metres per annum with excess consumption charged at 64 cents per cubic metre.
- b) Each non-rateable separate rating unit within the Otorohanga Community to pay a charge of \$206 per annum and those on a metered supply 86 cents per cubic metre with a minimum charge of \$206 per annum.
- c) Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable outside the Otorohanga Community on a metered supply 86 cents per cubic metre with a minimum charge of \$280 per annum.
- d) In addition to the above charges each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable receiving an extraordinary supply from the Otorohanga Community Water Supply \$115 per meter.

ii) Kawhia Community

- a) Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable in the Kawhia Community on a metered supply to receive a free allowance of 220 cubic metres per annum with excess consumption charged at \$1.14 cents per cubic metre.
- b) Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable outside the Kawhia Community on a metered supply - \$1.32 cents per cubic metre with a minimum charge of \$319 per annum.
- c) In addition to the above charges each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable receiving an extraordinary supply from the Kawhia Community Water Supply \$115 per meter.

iii) Rural Water Supplies

- a) Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable within the Arohena Rural Water Supply Area on a metered supply – 36 cents per cubic metre plus an availability charge of \$425 per meter per annum.
- b) Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable within the Ranginui Rural Water Supply Area on a metered supply – 31.0 cents per cubic metre, plus an availability charge of \$1,000 per meter per annum.
- c) Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable within the Tihiroa Rural Water Supply area on a metered supply - 68.0 cents per cubic metre for consumption in excess of 100 cubic metres plus an availability charge of \$450 per meter per annum.
- d) Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable within the Waipa Rural Water Supply Area on a metered supply - 55.0 cents per cubic metre plus an availability charge of \$100 per meter per annum.

And that with the exception of water by meter charges, Council charge the rates to the 2008/09 year by way of two instalments. Each instalment to be paid on or before the penalty dates set out below. Any rates paid after the penalty date to become liable for the penalties as set out below.

11) Instalments

The above rates and charges will be payable in two equal instalments due on 8 August 2008 and 9 January 2009 at the Council Office, Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga.

And that pursuant to sections 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, Council impose the following penalties.

12) Additional Charges

- a) An additional charge of 10% will be added to all rates levied and due for the 2008/09 year that remain unpaid after 29 August 2008 and 30 January 2009.
- b) A further additional charge of 10% will be added to all rates that have been levied in any financial year previous to 1 July 2008 and which remain unpaid on 1 July 2008.
- c) A further additional charge of 10% will be added to all rates to which an additional charge has been added under 12(b) and which remain unpaid on 1 January 2009.
 - ◆ *The valuation roll and rate records for the District are available for inspection at the Council Office, Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga during normal office hours.*
 - ◆ *The above rates and charges take effect from 1 July 2008 and are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax.*

Cr Earwaker / Cr Adam

Item-98 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 13 MAY 2008

Discussion

His Worship reported the tenant from the Rangitahi Street property has now moved to the former Elwoods property. He advised the landowner has been notified and the situation is being monitored. In reply to Cr Blackler's query about the Rangitahi Street property being cleaned up, the Chief Executive replied that it hasn't and that issues of waste on the site and unauthorised buildings are being dealt with.

GENERAL

VTNZ

In reply to Cr Prescott's statement that older people are having to drive out of town to renew their drivers licence, His Worship advised Wintec provides a service for them at the centre in Otorohanga. Others do however, need to drive to Te Kuiti or Te Awamutu.

COUNCILS' WEBSITE

Cr Adam stated Council's website needs to be revamped, updated and to have additional information on it. The Finance & Administration Manager advised in a recent survey of Council websites, Otorohanga website was placed 68 out of 85 Councils. The survey particularly looked at functionality of the site not just how it looked. He further said it comes back to how much Council wants to spend on the site. The Chief Executive said Members comments have been taken on board and he will facilitate further discussion on the matter. He requested it to be put on Matters Referred.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO KAWHIA

Cr Adam queried whether there was currently any public transport to Kawhia and if not, should it be something the District Development Board should be looking into. His Worship replied this has been discussed at length but it was considered not viable. If it was to be funded by rates, the cost would be significant to ratepayers. Cr Pilkington advised there is a service running in Kawhia provided by volunteers to take people to appointments in Te Awamutu, Hamilton, etc. His Worship responded that if there is a demand for this service, it is something that the Kawhia Community Board should be driving.

PROJECT KIWIANA WORKSHOP

His Worship reminded Members of a workshop with Project Kiwiana on Thursday 5 June, 5.30pm to discuss operational and future branding of Kiwiana.

RURAL SECTOR

His Worship advised Members of the Rural Sector meeting he will be attending in Wellington on 12/13 June. He said prior to this meeting starting at 12.30pm, a Mayor's Taskforce meeting will be held in the morning.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER

The Finance & Administration Manager reminded Members they need to return their completed forms to him. It was agreed he would circulate these again to all Members following the meeting.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 1.58pm.

MAYOR:

DATE:

