



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

24 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 24 June 2008 commenced at 10.05am.

MINUTES

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PRESENT

Mr DF Williams (Mayor), Crs SR Adam, S Blackler, WH Earwaker, AL Gower (attended 10.18am), AG Ormsby, DM Pilkington and RJ Prescott.

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs JL Pevreal (Chief Executive), DC Clibbery (Engineering Manager), RF Proffit (Policy Manager) and CA Tutty (Customer Services Team Leader).

OPENING PRAYER

His Worship read the Opening Prayer.

APOLOGY

Resolved that the apology received from Cr Gower, for lateness, be sustained.

Cr Adam / Cr Pilkington

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL - 3 JUNE 2008

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 3 June 2008, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Prescott

MATTERS ARISING

His Worship referred to page 4, Item 97, Federated Farmers, paragraph two and requested the second sentence be amended to read "He said Federated Farmers represent Council's biggest client and that Council appreciated their feedback."

Cr Pilkington referred to page 6, Kawhia Community Board, and advised she would like it recorded that she spoke in support of the Board's submission.

REPORTS

Item-99 OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 12 JUNE 2008

Discussion

TRUCK WASH FACILITY

The Engineering Manager reported the second tank has now been installed and is functioning. He said he was still waiting to receive the signed performance agreement back from the Couriers Association.

COMMUNITY MAP

Cr Earwaker referred to the upgrading of the Community map and queried where the costs would be charged to. The Chief Executive replied, any cost would be either funded by the Board or perhaps jointly with the Board and the Otorohanga District Development Board.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 12 June 2008 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Cr Ormsby / Cr Prescott

Item-100 KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 29 MAY 2008

Discussion

NZ POLICE MEETING

His Worship advised he will be meeting with the local Police Constable and a Police representative from Te Awamutu tomorrow morning. He said he was unclear on the purpose of the meeting but envisaged it could be on the issue of driving on the foreshore.

KAWHIA MOWING CONTRACT

In reply to Cr Adam, the Engineering Manager advised the Kawhia Mowing Contract is currently out for tender via the 'limited invitation process'. He said tenders close at the end of this week.

Cr Prescott raised the matter of the Otorohanga Mowing Contract, to which the Engineering Manager replied, the new Contractor will take over from 1 July 2008. He said however, he intended to contact them as Council has not communicated with them since the Contract was awarded.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 29 May 2008 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Adam

Item-101 ROAD LEGALISATION OF PART OF PUKETARATA ROAD SO 49266 and SO49267

Discussion

The Chief Executive summarised the Finance & Administration Manager's report advising that Council has documents requiring consent to the legalisation of part of Puketarata Road.

Cr Pilkington referred to the payment made to Mr Peter Drysdale for the sealing of an entrance and queried when this was actually made. The Chief Executive replied Council was honouring an agreement made many years ago.

Cr Adam queried whether there was a programme underway to deal with the stopping and vesting of road pursuant to the Public Works Act 1981. The Engineering Manager replied Council's Consultant, Mr Peter Cotter, is compiling a list of outstanding work. At the moment staff are only dealing with issues as they arise. He said once the list has been prepared, it will be necessary for these items to be prioritised.

Resolved

That

1. The Otorohanga District Council hereby consents to the Minister of Land Information declaring:

- a. Pursuant to Sec 114 of the Public Works Act 1981 the land described in the **First Schedule** below to be road vested in the Otorohanga District Council.
- b. Pursuant to Section 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981, the road described in the **Second Schedule** below being stopped and vested by way of exchange in Campbell Walton Robertson, Fraser Graham Robertson and David Charles Bailey by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register SA734/268 subject to mortgage 6700993.3.
- c. Pursuant to Section 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981, the road described in the **Third Schedule** below being stopped and vested by way of exchange in Peter William Drysdale by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register 389701;
- d. Pursuant to Section 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981 the road described in the **Fourth Schedule** below being stopped and vested by way of exchange in Ross Cedric James Knutson, Denis Lillian Knutson, Brian Edward Knutson and David Charles Bailey by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register SA61A/640.

South Auckland Land District – Otorohanga District

First Schedule - Land to be Declared Road

Area	Description	Owners
795m ²	Parts Section 1 S Puketarata Settlement Marked C, D, E, F and G on SO 49266 and SO 49267 (being parts Computer Freehold Register SA734/268)	<i>Robertson Family</i>
640m ²	Part Lot 1 DP 397643 Marked B on SO 49266 (being part Computer Freehold Register 389701)	<i>Drysdale Family</i>
867m ²	Parts Lot 1 DPS 76999 Marked M and N on SO 49267 (being parts Computer Freehold Register SA61A/640)	<i>Knutson Family</i>
259m ²	Parts Lot 1 DPS 88673 Marked as O and P on SO 49267 (being part Computer Freehold Register SA67D/578)	<i>Loveridge Family</i>
307m ²	Part Section 5S Puketarata Settlement Marked Q on SO 49267 (being part Computer Freehold Register SA49A/797)	<i>Corbett Family</i>

Second Schedule – Road to be Stopped and Amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA734/268

1765m ²	Adjoining or passing through Section 1 S Puketarata Settlement marked H and I on SO 49266 and SO 49267 respectively	<i>Robertson Family</i>
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Third Schedule – Road to be Stopped and Amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register 389701

186m² Adjoining or passing through Lot 1 DP397643 *Drysdale Family*
marked A on SO 49266

Fourth Schedule – Road to be Stopped and Amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA61A/640

743m² Adjoining or passing through Parts Lot 1 DPS *Knutson Family*
76999 marked J and K on SO 49266 and L on SO
49267 parts Computer Freehold Register
SA61A/640

2. The Mayor and Acting Chief Executive of Otorohanga District Council be authorised to sign and seal any documentation necessary to legalise plans SO 49266 and SO 49267.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Adam

Item-102 RECYCLING IN PUBLIC PLACES INITIATIVE

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented a report informing Members that Council is one of a number of parties making an application to the Ministry of the Environment (through Environment Waikato (EW)) for funding to install and operate receptacles for recyclable materials in public places under the MfE's Recycling in Public Places initiative. He informed Members he has had discussions with representatives of EW advising that even if the application is approved, it may not be utilised by Council as there are further issues to consider regarding the proposal. He advised the purpose of his report is to make Members aware of the application being made. His Worship expressed the opinion the Board is already having issues with street furniture, in Maniapoto Street particularly. Cr Blackler suggested consideration be given to providing a recyclable receptacle at each of the local schools. His Worship replied a strategy needs to be prepared highlighting the best areas of benefit. He also referred to areas such as the local sports grounds. The Engineering Manager replied, these may not meet the criteria. His Worship suggested that the initiative be on this Council's terms not that of the MfE.

Resolved

That the Engineering Manager's report on the application to the Ministry of the Environment for funding to install and operate receptacles for recyclable materials in public places, be received.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Earwaker

Item-103 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 3 JUNE 2008

Discussion

RATES REBATE SCHEME

The Chief Executive informed Members national initiatives are in place to promote the Rates Rebate Scheme. He said this Council will however, be placing an item in the next Rates Newsletter, undertaking more publicity in the Kawhia area and will be holding discussions with the Waitomo and Waipa District Councils regarding a joint press release. Cr Pilkington referred to owners of multiple properties, to which the Chief Executive replied the rebate applies to a Ratepayer's normal place of residence.

COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

The Chief Executive reported Council's IT Department and the Finance & Administration Manager are looking into Council's website. He said it is envisaged this coming year, to carry out

some 'cosmetic' work on the website, with a budget of \$25,000 to be considered in next year's Estimates. His Worship expressed the opinion it was an issue that Council needs to give more attention to. Cr Pilkington reported a number of rural people find that accessing Council's website is not a priority for them, due to limited coverage.

ROAD SAFETY COORDINATOR SCHEME

The Engineering Manager reported he had spoken to Council's Rooding Manager this morning regarding confirming a date for a meeting with the Safety Co-ordinator to discuss a revised list of projects.

OTOROHANGA STOPBANKS

The Engineering Manager reported to-date no progress has been made in arranging a survey of the level of the Otorohanga Stop banks. Cr Ormsby referred to an area behind Otorohanga Groundspread which requires attention. The Engineering Manager undertook to follow up on the matter and report back to the Otorohanga Community Board.

PROPOSED URBAN TREE POLICY

The Engineering Manager circulated details of options available in relation to consultation criteria for the removal of trees under the proposed Tree Policy.

Resolved

That Council accept an amendment to the proposed Tree Policy, detailed below, together with the introduction of a register of Memorial Trees. The beginning of the relevant section of the Tree Policy to be revised as follows -

4.4 Removing Trees

There are times when trees need to be felled. They can be damaged in strong winds, by fire, by vandalism or disease and be left in a hazardous state. If damaged trees are posing an obvious hazard to people or property they shall be felled as soon as possible. If there is some doubt about the safety of a damaged mature tree a qualified arborist shall be consulted.

Some trees can outgrow their space and damage or pose a risk to services, roading or private or public property or cause other nuisance. In such cases the proposed removal of one or more trees of 5 metres or more in height in an urban area shall be considered by the relevant Community Board, who shall determine whether public consultation is required before a final decision is made.

Similar consideration shall also be applied to any tree planted for memorial purposes, a record of which is contained in a register kept by Council.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Prescott

WAIPA NETWORKS

The Engineering Manager referred to Contract 818 and informed Members that this related to Kawhia, where electricity supply is managed by Waipa Networks.

RANGITAHU STREET PROPERTY

The Chief Executive advised no further progress has been made in relation to the Rangitahi Street property.

GENERAL

BLOCKED STORMWATER TRAP

Cr Prescott reported he had been approached by a resident on the corner of Hinewai/Te Kawa Streets advising that following a recent down pour and due to the stormwater trap being blocked with leaves, surface water had banked up across the intersection and down Hinewai Street as far as St Mary's School. He said he approached one of Council's Contractor's to be told the unblocking of the trap was not part of their Contract. The Engineering Manager replied it was not part of Contractor's Contract to remove leaves from the kerb and channel. He said this could be done but at a cost. His Worship expressed the opinion residents should be aware that such blockages sometimes happens following periods of heavy rain. He suggested that Cr Prescott raise the matter at the next Otorohanga Community Board meeting. Cr Blackler also expressed the opinion that it was an indication for Council not to plant deciduous trees on Road Reserves.

LANDUSE APPLICATION - GILTRAPS

Cr Ormsby referred to a Landuse Application submitted by Giltraps in respect of a height restriction and was advised by staff to approach Council's Environmental Services Manager.

SURVEY - LEVEL OF SERVICE

The Engineering Manager circulated copies of a proposed Customer Satisfaction Survey on 'Level of Service' and outlined its contents for Members. His Worship suggested a 'tick' be used to highlight the preferred option. The Engineering Manager said staff would welcome any suggestions to the survey form.

RURAL SECTOR

His Worship reported on his attendance at a recent Rural Sector meeting. He advised that the deadline of 2013 highlighted to supply power to remote areas has been lifted therefore the supply is guaranteed meantime. His Worship then spoke on issues such as Sanitary Water Subsidy, Broadband and future views of the two major parties, in particular Damien O'Conner said his party was looking at introducing a tourism levy on Operators to fund their own promotion/operation. He also envisaged introducing a regional rate for museums/art centres which is currently only funded by Central Government. National MP Shane Ardern had spoken on the Resource Management Act and advised that National have a commitment to a series of changes which could be in place within six months.

His Worship said that both parties were committed to providing Broadband however, it was the running costs related to this that most people are not happy with.

RURAL - PROOF YOUR POLICY

His Worship displayed a pamphlet titled 'Rural-proof your policy' which stressed the point that rural NZ is important and that policy makers should consider this.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND

His Worship advised of those candidates standing for the President and Vice-president of LGNZ and said their CV's were now available.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 11.15am.

MAYOR:

DATE:

