



Otorohanga District Council

# MINUTES

5 August 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 5 August 2008 commencing at 10.08am.

## 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), AR Loe (Environmental Services 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 AL Gower be sustained.

**Cr Earwaker / Cr Adam**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **OTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL - 24 JUNE 2008**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 24 June 2008, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**Cr Prescott / Cr Blackler**

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **RECYCLING IN PUBLIC PLACES INITIATIVE**

Cr Pilkington reported that at a recent meeting of the Kawhia Community Board, the possibility of providing recycling bins in Kawhia was raised. She queried whether this could come under the criteria of Council's application to the Ministry of the Environment. The Engineering Manager advised the criteria and conditions of any approval would need to be explored however, he had heard that Council's application had been successful. He was now waiting confirmation of this. The Engineering Manager reported Raglan has recyclable bins therefore there was a possibility some recycling bins could be diverted to Kawhia.

### **NZ POLICE MEETING**

In reply to Cr Pilkington regarding the Kawhia Community Board representative meeting with the local Police Constable and a Police representative from Te Awamutu, she was advised this will take place once Council has considered the Policy Manager's report on West Coast Vehicles on Beaches at today's meeting.

### **KAWHIA MOWING CONTRACT**

Members were informed the Kawhia Mowing Contract has been awarded to a local Contractor.

## **REPORTS**

### **Item-104 BUILDING CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT FOR JULY 2007 TO JUNE 2008**

#### **Discussion**

The Environmental Services Manager summarised the District Building Control Officer's report for July 2007 to June 2008. Cr Pilkington reported she had received a very complimentary comment from a builder regarding this Council's Building Control staff and the efficient and friendly way they assist applicants in processing their Building Consents. His Worship said he had received several similar comments speaking favourably of how much easier this Council was to deal with compared to others in processing Building Consents. The Chief Executive advised Council's Building team is under extreme pressure and needs to complete the accreditation process which hopefully will relieve some of this pressure.

#### **Resolved**

That the Building Control Officer's report to 30 June 2008 be received.

**Cr Pilkington / Cr Prescott**

### **Item-105 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2007 TO JUNE 2008**

#### **Discussion**

The Environmental Services Manager presented the Animal Control Officer's report for October 2007 to June 2008.

#### **Resolved**

That the Environmental Services Manager's report on Dog and Animal Control for 1 October 2007 - 30 June 2008 be received.

**Cr Earwaker / Cr Ormsby**

### **Item-106 PENALTY PROVISIONS SCHEDULE 7 DOG CONTROL POLICY**

#### **Discussion**

The Environmental Services Manager presented a report on the effect of the penalty provisions contained in Schedule 7(5) of the Otorohanga District Dog Control Policy. Cr Earwaker expressed the opinion that once the dog owner has incurred a 50 percent late payment penalty then the two year provisions of Schedule 7(5) (which means they will lose the SOP classification for the next two years), be deleted. The Environmental Services Manager advised the purpose of his report was to highlight how the public perceive an unfairness in the current Dog Control Policy.

#### **Resolved**

That

1. The report from the Environmental Services Manager be received
2. The Dog Control Policy be amended, retrospectively, as reflected in the discussion.

**Cr Earwaker / Cr Blackler**

## **Item-107 REQUEST TO WAIVE INFRINGEMENT NOTICE**

### **Discussion**

The Environmental Services Manager presented a report on Ms K Osborne's written application to Council requesting that the Infringement Notice she was served for owning an unregistered dog be waived. The Environmental Services Manager advised the Infringement Notice has been placed on hold as Ms Osborne is entitled to object and request to be heard by Council. His Worship expressed the opinion Council has a system by which everybody has to abide and he could see no extra-ordinary circumstances in this case.

### **Resolved**

That the report from the Environmental Services Manager be received.

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

## **Item-108 DISTRICT LIBRARIAN'S QUARTERLY REPORT - APRIL - JUNE 2008**

### **Discussion**

The District Librarian attended the meeting and presented her quarterly report for the period April - June 2008.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER**

The Environmental Services Manager left the meeting at 10.45am.

His Worship queried the comment that patrons registered as Kawhia borrowers will receive notices for overdue books but will not incur overdue charges. The District Librarian replied this was an historical issue, some of which was based on past recordings which were not particularly accurate. She said there was also the 'problem' of holding money on the Kawhia Library premises. His Worship said there did not appear to be any consistency between the Otorohanga and Kawhia libraries on this issue. Cr Pilkington said as the Library system has improved, people now need to be responsible for the books. The District Librarian advised any proposal to commence charging for overdue books at Kawhia needs to be publicised. It was agreed that the Finance & Administration Manager prepare a report for consideration by Council on this issue. He advised that as Kawhia is now 'on line' there is the potential to look at the whole library concept with the intention to upgrade the Kawhia Library service.

Cr Blackler referred to the provision of an internet service and questioned the length of an hour of computer use per customer. She thought 30 minutes would be more appropriate. The District Librarian advised that the matter will be kept under review and perhaps if a customer has the internet for 30 minutes and there are no further customers waiting, then an additional 30 minutes be allowed.

Cr Pilkington referred to the activities for children, which she said was a wonderful service however, questioned what the annual budget is for this promotion. Members were advised Council's children's programme budget is approximately \$5,000. The District Librarian reported these activities receive an excellent response.

### **Resolved**

That the District Librarian's quarterly report for the period April to June 2008 be received.

### **Cr Pilkington / Cr Prescott**

## Item-109 ROAD LEGALISATION OF PART OF KIHI ROAD SO 398693

### Discussion

The Finance & Administration Manager presented a report advising Council has documents requiring consent to the legalisation of part of Kihi Road.

### 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 Te Koraha Farms Ltd by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register SA362/28 subject to mortgage 5612447.2.
  - 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 Aroha Farms Ltd by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register SA653/193.
  - d. Pursuant to Section 119 of the Public Works Act 1981 the land described in the **Fourth Schedule** below being taken for severance and vested in the owner, Te Koraha Farms Ltd, by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register SA362/28 subject to mortgage 5612447.2.
  - e. Pursuant to Section 119 of the Public Works Act 1981 the land described in the **Fifth Schedule** below being taken for severance and vested in the owner, Aroha Farms Ltd, by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register SA653/193.

### **South Auckland Land District – Otorohanga District**

#### **First Schedule - Land to be Declared Road**

Area	Description	Owners
7393m <sup>2</sup>	Part Section 33 Block XVI Kawhia North SD Marked as Section 1 on SO 398693 (being part Computer Freehold Register SA2B/497)	Te Koraha Farms Ltd
5871m <sup>2</sup>	Part Section 39 Block XVI Kawhia North SD Marked as Section 4 on SO 398693 (being part Computer Freehold Register SA34A/814)	Aroha Farms Ltd

#### **Second Schedule – Road to be Stopped and Amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA362/28**

8154m<sup>2</sup>                      Sections 3 on SO 398693                      *Te Koraha Farms Ltd*

**Third Schedule** – *Road to be Stopped and Amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA653/193*

5234m<sup>2</sup>                      Section 6 on SO 398693                      *Aroha Farms Ltd*

**Fourth Schedule** – *Land to be Taken for Severance and Amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA362/28*

8839m<sup>2</sup>                      Section 2 on SO 398693                      *Te Koraha Farms Ltd*

**Fifth Schedule** – *Land to be Taken for Severance and Amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA653/193*

2896m<sup>2</sup>                      Section 5 on SO 398693                      *Aroha Farms Ltd*

2. The Mayor and Acting Chief Executive of Otorohanga District Council be authorised to sign and seal any documentation necessary to legalise plan SO 398693.

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

## **Item-113 LEVELS OF SERVICE - INITIAL SURVEY RESULTS AND PROPOSED CHANGES**

### **Discussion**

The Engineering Manager summarised a report on the initial analysis of the results from the recent Levels of Service Survey, together with proposed revised Levels of Service criteria, in respect of Council's Roading and Water Services activities. He then circulated a graph of these final results, highlighting the response under the various activities within the three ratepayer areas, being rural, Otorohanga and Kawhia. The Engineering Manager said the results strongly indicated that there was no general desire for changes to existing levels of service for the surveyed activities. He advised the response from the Kawhia area was the highest with approximately 10 percent. He reported that the greatest indicated desires for improvement appear to be in regard to Council's seal extension programme and improvement to its solid waste services. The Engineering Manager then referred Members to the proposed acceptable Levels of Service in regards to Water Services and Roading which had previously been difficult to understand. He said attempts have been made to simplify these Levels of Service and for them to be more easily measured. He said the most important issue is to ascertain whether the 'Customer' is satisfied. He said the issue of Levels of Service will be considered again when revising the Asset Management Plans.

His Worship acknowledged the Engineering Manager's efforts in providing this information.

### **Resolved**

That

1. The Engineering Manager's report be received, and;
2. The proposed revised technical Levels of Service for Roading and Water Services Activities be reflected in relevant Asset Management Plans and the LTCCP.

### **Cr Adam / Cr Ormsby**

## **Item-111 SPORT WAIKATO QUARTERLY REPORT MARCH - MAY 2008**

### **Discussion**

The Otorohanga District Sports Coordinator attended the meeting and summarised her report. She said this is more a summary of the 2007/08 years activities and said, in future, reports will be presented to Council twice yearly.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER**

The Environmental Services Manager returned to the meeting at 11.20am.

### **Resolved**

That the Otorohanga District Coordinator's report for the period March 2008 – May 2008 be received.

**Cr Adam / Cr Earwaker**

## **Item-112 OTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD REPORT**

### **Discussion**

The Chairperson of the Otorohanga District Development Board, Ms Carolyn Christian, attended the meeting and summarised her report for the period May - July 2008.

The Chairperson reported a good response has been received from advertising for future members of the Board. She said a number of Board Members have indicated they will step down at the forthcoming AGM therefore, advertisements have been placed to see what interest the Board can obtain to keep the diversity of Board Members.

The Chairperson reported there has been a level of frustration expressed by some Businesses with compliance regulations as Consents appear to be complicated and costly. His Worship advised most people do not appreciate how difficult it is now. He said there is a different level of expectation and it is desirable to assist people to understand and be given assistance with their Applications. His Worship queried a way of marketing the Consent process to enable Applicants to be prepared.

His Worship informed Members since Ms Christian has been appointed Chairperson of the Board, it has been like a breath of fresh air. He said it is fantastic to see what does get done, a lot of which is achieved on the back of volunteers. He expressed Council's appreciation and thanks to Ms Christian.

### **Resolved**

That The Otorohanga District Development Board's report for the period May to July 2008 be received.

**Cr Pilkington / Cr Prescott**

## **Item-110 SPORT WAIKATO CONTRACT 2008/9**

### **Discussion**

The Chief Executive referred to the proposed amendments to the draft Contract circulated to Members and advised these have been included in the draft document. Cr Pilkington referred to item 4, Role of Sport Waikato - and queried the proposed third Key Target Area being identified

as 'participation in sport'. Following discussion it was agreed the word 'groups' be deleted from the first sentence and for this to read -

*Sport Waikato will focus its delivery strategies on four Key Targets within the Otorohanga District.*

Cr Pilkington made reference to item 5 'Key Performance Indicators' and queried the inclusion of the first line of Key Indicator No 1. It was further agreed that Key Performance Indicator 1 read -

*'Support initiatives which ensure there is an adequate range of health and well-being, youth and adult social services provided in Kawhia.*

### **Resolved**

That the Contract with Sport Waikato be approved and that the Mayor and Chief Executive be authorised to execute it.

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

## **Item-114 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - 2008 DUNLOP TARGA**

### **Discussion**

The Engineering Manager summarised the Engineering Support Officer's report on an application received from Club Targa Inc for various road closures within the Otorohanga District, to enable the 2008 Dunlop Targa event and associated activities to proceed. During discussion it was agreed Club Targa pay the \$400 road closure application fee. Members highlighted the need for consultation with affected parties and that licenced Artificial Insimination Technicians, including Ambreed and Livestock Improvement, be contacted as a condition of the application.

### **Resolved**

That approval be granted for the following road closures, including 100 metres of each adjoining road, from where it intersects with the road being applied for:

Purpose: 2008 Dunlop Targa

Date: Tuesday, 28 October 2008

Details of Closure: **Stage No. 3 - Otewa/Rangitoto**

**MANGATUTU ROAD** – starting from its intersection with Wharepuhunga Road to its intersection with Maihihi Road.

Includes intersections with Pamotumotu Road (no exit), Grice Road (no exit), Wall Road (no exit), Millard Road (no exit) and Pukemapou Road (no exit).

**MAIHIIHI ROAD** – starting from its intersection with Mangatutu Road to its intersection with Tauraroa Valley Road (SH39).

Includes intersections with Hoddle Road (no exit), Paewhenua Road and Tauraroa Valley Road (no exit).

**TAURAROA VALLEY ROAD** – starting from its intersection with Maihihi Road to its intersection with Otewa Road.

Includes intersections with Waimahora Road (no exit) and Owawenga Road (no exit).

**OTEWA ROAD** – starting from its intersection with Tauraroa Valley Road to its intersection with Barber Road.

**BARBER ROAD** – starting from its intersection with Otewa Road to the district boundary.

**Period of Closure:** 9.30am to 1.30pm

**Stage No. 4 - Waitomo**

**HAURUA ROAD** – starting from the district boundary to its intersection with Waitomo Valley Road.

**WAITOMO VALLEY ROAD** – starting from its intersection with Haurua Road to finish at its intersection with Kawhia Road (SH31/39).

**Period of Closure:** 10.45am to 2.45pm

**Stage No. 5 - Honikiwi**

**HONIKIWI ROAD** – starting from outside house No. 30 at 300 metres from its intersection with State Highway 31 to its intersection with Turitea Road.

Includes intersections with Wooster Road (no exit), Mangamahoe Road, Te Raumauku Road (no exit) and Bromley Road (no exit).

**TURITEA ROAD** – starting from its intersection with Honikiwi Road to finish at its intersection with State Highway 31.

**Period of Closure:** 12.00pm to 4.00pm

**Stage No. 6 - Kawhia Harbour**

**HARBOUR ROAD** – starting from its intersection with Hauturu Road to the district boundary.

Includes intersections with Rakaunui Road (no exit), Whenuaapo Road (no exit), Waipuna Road (no exit) and Owhiro Road (no exit).

**Period of Closure:** 12.45pm to 4.45pm

With the following conditions imposed:

1. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
2. Club Targa Inc is to pay an application fee of \$400.00 towards administration of the road closure to Otorohanga District Council.
3. Club Targa Inc is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News.
4. Club Targa Inc is responsible for obtaining public liability insurance (and paying the cost thereof) to a minimum value of \$2,000,000. This is required to indemnify Council against any damage to property or persons as a result of rally activities during the road closure period.
5. Club Targa Inc is to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
6. Club Targa Inc is to liaise, and provide evidence of liaison with all operators and businesses that may be affected by the road closures.
7. Club Targa Inc is to consult with all residents of all properties on the roads intended to be closed and also residents on roads connecting with the roads intending to be closed, including any no exit roads. Mail drops to residents are also to be carried out. All mail drops to residents are to be approved by Council staff before distribution to residents commences and must include the date that objections close with Council. The subsequent mail drop to be completed no later than ten full days before the proposed closures.

8. Club Targa Inc is solely responsible for signposting and policing of the roads to be closed, to ensure that only vehicles connected with the Rally have access to the road closure areas. This includes arranging the delivery, erection and staffing of all road closure barriers and the removal thereof after closures. All gates and entranceways are to be taped and tape is to be removed thereafter.
9. Signs advising of the road closures are to be erected at the start and end of the closed portions of roads and on each intersecting road two weeks prior to the road closure. All signs are to be removed immediately after the closure. A Club Targa representative is to meet with Council Engineering Staff regarding the required signs format, size, location and quantity of signs for approval before they are manufactured and erected.

**Cr Adam / Cr Earwaker**

**Item-117 TE ARAROA TRACK**

**Discussion**

Council's Roading Manager attended the meeting and presented an update in respect of the Te Araroa Track and associated implications for Council. The Engineer also circulated a location plan for Member's information.

With regard to policy issues, Council's Policy Manager advised there is a range of methods to be looked at alongside the District Plan to define the best method to identify and protect the track. He said the track could be listed as a 'designation' within the District Plan. His Worship reported momentum has gathered in respect to the Te Araroa Track and that in reality Council has no option but to allow the track to pass through its District. He said there is a lot of support for the proposal and the potential for visitors is huge. He said the Trust was looking to Territorial Authorities through which the track will pass for assistance with signage.

**Resolved**

That

1. Otorohanga District Council becomes a supporting partner to Te Araroa.
2. Council approves expenditure of \$2,000 in the 2008/9 year (for safety signage) and inclusion of a \$5,000 allocation in the budget estimates for the 2009/10 year (for formation of a car park) to assist in the establishment of the Te Araroa track.
3. Investigation by staff be conducted of the potential to incorporate appropriate measures in the District Plan to protect the Te Araroa Track from adverse environmental impacts.

**Cr Pilkington / Cr Ormsby**

**Item-115 MANAGMENT FRAMEWORK FOR WORKING WITH IWI MAORI**

**Discussion**

The Policy Manager presented a report which presents a framework that defines and guides Councils' intent and commitment when working with Iwi/Maori of the District. He said the intention of the framework is to provide a basis of discussions with Iwi/Maori in order to clarify the relationship between Council and Iwi/Maori authorities and provide a platform to move these forward. He reported Council has defined a draft Statement of Commitment regarding Councils' relationship with Iwi/Maori, the draft statement being -

*"A partnership through respectful engagement and the building of positive relationships between Iwi and Council for the good of our Communities".*

In reply to Cr Blacker regarding funding of the proposed co-management, His Worship replied all that Council is approving is for adequate resources to be available for co-management to be enabled and that the TLA's will carry the costs of their areas of responsibility.

### **Resolved**

That

1. The report from the Policy Manager be received.
2. Council progresses discussions and relationships with Iwi/Maori authorities within the District using the Management Framework for Working with Iwi/Maori as the basis of those discussions.

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

## **Item-116 WEST COAST VEHICLES ON BEACHES - JOINT PROJECT POLICY FRAMEWORK REVIEW**

### **Discussion**

The Policy Manager summarised his report advising that Franklin, Waikato, Otorohanga and Waitomo Councils are investigating a collective response to address the increasing irresponsible use of vehicles on beaches on the West Coast beaches.

### **LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned for luncheon at 12.35pm and resumed at 1.05pm.

The Policy Manager said the intent being that a collective agreement is reached by the four Councils as to the controls to be implemented that sets up wider discussion and agreement with other relevant agencies as to administration and enforcement. His Worship expressed the opinion that obligation will also fall on other users of the beach. He said the process will force a huge lifestyle change for many Kawhia residents. He said the policy will apply to the locals as well as visitors to the area. Cr Blackler queried whether an area could be set aside to allow people to drive vehicles at speed. The Policy Manager replied this could be done as is the case for Franklin however, location of such an area may be problematic. His Worship said the success of the introduction of the policy will hinge very much on the 'buy in' from the NZ Police and the other Council's agreeing to the proposal. The Policy Manager advised common agreement needs to be reached with the Council's involved then the proposal moved to the NZ Police to jointly communicate with the various Communities.

### **Resolved**

That the Policy Manager's report be received.

### **Cr Pilkington / Cr Prescott**

## **Item-118 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 24 JUNE 2008**

### **Discussion**

The Engineering Manager took Members through the Matters Referred.

## **ROAD SAFETY COORDINATOR SCHEME**

The Engineering Manager reported a meeting had been held two weeks ago and that provision has been made for a further meeting. Cr Blackler extended her apologies for not being in attendance at the previous meeting. Members were informed the 'calendar' project was underway however, the budget for this had been reduced to \$9,000.

## **OTOROHANGA STOP BANKS**

The Engineering Manager reported a survey on the level of the Otorohanga Stopbanks had not to date been undertaken. Cr Ormsby expressed the opinion there needs to be a full appraisal of the Stopbanks.

## **GENERAL**

### **RECYCLING**

Cr Prescott referred to the education of people regarding recycling and advised a Company within Progress Park was burning refuse on a regular basis. The Engineering Manager undertook to look into the matter and to take it up with the property owner.

### **KAKAMUTU ROAD PROPERTY**

Cr Prescott queried whether any progress was being made on the Kakamutu Road properties in particular to the provision of sewerage disposal. The Environmental Services Manager replied no activity had taken place on the property for approximately two months however, a design concept had been received regarding sewerage disposal.

### **MCDONALDS FOOD CHAIN**

In reply to Cr Prescott, the Environmental Services Manager replied no further information has been received from McDonald's Food Chain however, he understood they were currently dealing with Transit NZ.

## **KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARDS**

### **Tourism Meeting**

Cr Pilkington reported that during last month a second tourism meeting was held with an excellent speaker provided by Tourism New Zealand.

### **DR J BURTON**

Cr Pilkington referred to a recent award made to Dr Burton from the Royal NZ College of General Practitioners for his contribution to the aims and work of the College. She said it was appropriate to acknowledge his contribution to residents of Kawhia and the surrounding areas as a rural Doctor, taking his duties far beyond that required.

### **KAWHIA HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**

Cr Pilkington reported a meeting of the Kawhia Health and Welfare Committee had been postponed to 18 August 2008 whereat a Civil Defence Emergency expert will be in attendance.

### **BUILDING CONSENT**

Cr Blackler queried the payment of \$1,000 bond for vehicle access on a rural property where the Owner was building a shed. She was informed this would be an 'entrance' bond however, she said no new entrance was being created from the road. The proposed shed was being built off a tanker track within the property.

## **MAIHIIHI ROAD**

Cr Blackler reported she had been approached by a local farmer who had repaired his fence approximately four times due to an accident on the first corner of Maihihi Road.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT NZ CONFERENCE**

Congratulations was extended to His Worship on his performance in a debating session at the Local Government conference.

His Worship reported on his attendance at the recent conference held in Rotorua. He extended thanks to Cr Adam and the Engineering Manager for their attendance at all or part of the Conference. His Worship reported consideration was given to remits, these being - Biosecurity, Broadband services and the Official Information Act.

His Worship referred to an item on Climate Change and advised experts were predicting the sea level to rise approximately 50cm in 50 years. He said this needs to be recognised on all Building Consents, planning documents, etc.

## **RALLY NZ**

Council's Engineering Support Officer attended the meeting and referred to the Rally NZ Road Closures and reported that a major slip has occurred on Hauturu Road which will affect the special stage of the rally. She said an approach had been made from the Organisers to close the Kawhia to Raglan road from State Highway 31 to the District boundary as a replacement special stage. Members agreed that this proposed change be signaled as an alternative and to commence the consulting process.

## **STORM DAMAGE**

The Engineering Manager reported that during the recent storms a slip has occurred on Lurman Road which will take a few days to clear. He said it was estimated that this will cost up to approximately \$30,000, half of the \$60,000 allocated for Emergency works.

## **SEPTIC TANK DISPOSAL**

The Environmental Services Manager reported the Government was proposing to amend the National Environmental Standards in respect to properties on septic tanks. He said this would require them to be registered and monitored. He said the proposed amendment will incur extra costs and work load for Council.

## **ZONE 2 MEETING**

His Worship reported the next Zone 2 meeting will be held in Gisborne on 4/5 September. He requested any Members interested in attending to advise Council's Executive Assistant.

## **DESTINATION WAITOMO**

His Worship reported a meeting of Destination Waitomo will be held 25 August, 7.00pm.

## **100 YEAR RAIL CELEBRATION**

His Worship referred to the 100 year Rail Celebration and the train trip this Friday. He reported a competition had been held, with the winner being Daniel Davis, a Year 7 pupil at Maihihi School.

## **ECO CORRIDOR**

His Worship queried whether Members had received information on the Eco-corridor.

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE - JL PEVREAL**

His Worship said it was an end of an era with the retiring of Council's Chief Executive Mr John Pevreal, on 15 August 2008. He said this was the last Council meeting where Mr Pevreal will be in attendance and on behalf of Elected Members and staff acknowledged his input, service and contribution to the District. It had been an honour working with him.

The Chief Executive made an appropriate reply. He said he had been very proud to be associated with Councillors, past and present, and advised the last two years have been a real pleasure for him. He acknowledged the contribution made by staff and said this Council was 'blessed' with a high standard of staff.

## **SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND**

The Customer Services Team Leader referred to an application under the SPARC Rural Travel Fund made, in September 2006, to Mr Graham Oberlin-Brown towards travel expenses for him to train at Lake Karapiro. He reported Graham has won a gold medal in the Under 23 light weight single sculls in Berlin, Germany and that he had extended Council's congratulations to his mother. The Customer Services Team Leader said it was extremely rewarding that a recipient of a grant under the SPARC Scheme has continued on to achieve such a successful result.

## **HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY**

The Customer Services Team Leader reported two Housing for the Elderly Tenants had passed away during the past week and that Council will have two bed-sitter units, one in Windsor Court and one in Elizabeth Place to re-allocate.

## **COUNCIL PRAYER**

The Customer Services Team Leader reminded Members of an updated version of the Prayer circulated to them recently which had been prepared by Pastor Peter Coventry. He queried whether Members wished to remain with the existing version or choose to read the updated version. Members agreed to remain with the existing version of the Prayer.

## **LTCCP**

The Finance & Administration Manager reported Members will be kept up-to-date in the LTCCP process over the next six months. He said a meeting had been held with Council's Auditors last week and a timetable set. He said the fee is proposed to increase from approximately \$30,000 to \$67,500.

## **2008 OLYMPICS**

The Chief Executive informed Members the Finance & Administration Manager has coached three Cyclists who are representing NZ at the Olympics.

## **MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting concluded at 2.10pm.

**MAYOR:**

**DATE:**

