



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 13 November 2008 commencing at 4.04pm.

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4.04pm

PRESENT

Mrs EM Cowan (Chairperson), Mr TJ Jones (attended 4.05pm), Mr AG Ormsby Mr RJ Prescott and Mr PD Tindle.

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, Mr DF Williams, Cr D Pilkington, Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), R Chadwick (Engineering Manager) and CA Tutty (Customer Services Team Leader).

APOLOGY

Resolved that the apology received from Mr B McNeil be sustained.

Mr Prescott / Mr Ormsby

The Chairperson welcomed those present and extended an special welcome to His Worship the Mayor and Cr Pilkington.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD - 9 OCTOBER 2008

MATTERS ARISING

TOP TOWN TEAM

Mrs Cowan referred to the Top Town event to be held in Christchurch and advised this is now being held between 27 November through to 4 December 2008. She highlighted the sponsors assisting the Otorohanga Team to attend the event and wished the team all the very best.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 9 October 2008, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr Prescott / Mr Tindle

REPORTS

Item-73 DISTRICT LIBRARIANS QUARTERLY REPORT JULY - SEPTEMBER 2008

Discussion

The District Librarian attended the meeting and presented her report covering library activities for the period July to September 2008. She advised this report had been considered by Council at its meeting on 14 October 2008. She said that due to the administrative cost in collecting overdue charges in Kawhia and the small amount of money likely to be collected that it was appropriate overdue fees are not applied.

AOTEAROA NZ PEOPLES NETWORK

The Finance & Administration Manager reported that the introduction of the Aotearoa NZ People's Network was a good service however, its introduction was creating a number of other issues for libraries.

Resolved

That the District Librarian's quarterly report for the period July - September 2008 be received.

Mr Tindle / Mr Jones

Item-74 COMMENTS FROM THE LEVELS OF SERVICE SURVEY - OTOROHANGA

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented his report attaching a summary of the comments that ratepayers and residents made on the Levels of Service Survey forms. He said this was an appropriate time for Board members to consider the comments with staff working through the 2009/10 Estimates.

WATER SUPPLY

Mr Jones referred to the proposed upgrade of the water treatment plant and queried whether this would address matters such as taste and quality of water. The Chief Executive replied he hoped the upgrade would provide some assistance however, the taste of the water may still be an issue. His Worship suggested the Board signal a desire to redress taste issues in the Estimates and that any work be carried out over a period of time. He said usually during the summer period of approximately six to eight weeks the taste of the water is at its worst. It was agreed that the cost of potentially appropriate works should be identified. Cr Pilkington queried whether Council could promote an 'in house' filtering system. The Chief Executive replied this would not really assist in the matter of taste as this was due to a chemical issue which could only be addressed through use of chemically active substances such as activated Carbon. The Engineering Manager reported on an incident last week where maintenance cleaning had been carried out causing discolouration of the water supply.

SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Mr Tindle advised plastic bins, instead of plastic bags were now available from SupaBins for collection of recyclables. He referred to the report and queried where the Board goes from here. The Engineering Manager informed Members extra funding should be included in the LTCCP for any proposed work. The Chairperson referred to the suggestion of providing toilets at various locations such as Windsor Park and the Skateboard Park area and said the Board needs to consider the ongoing maintenance of the facilities. His Worship said there should be some recognition of the results of the survey. The Chief Executive advised some funding from the Landfill levy under the Waste Minimisations (Solids) Act will be available. Mr Tindle suggested a 'workshop' meeting should be held to consider further the results of the survey therefore it was agreed that these be looked at at the next Committee meeting to be held 26 November 2008.

Resolved

That the Engineering Manager's report on the Levels of Service survey be received.

Mr Jones / Mr Prescott

Item-75 RURAL HEALTH ISSUES

Discussion

Mr Murray Loewenthal attended the meeting to update Members on rural health issues. He outlined his involvement in health issues in the area and said during the past 30-40 years health issues have always been a problem in this area. Mr Loewenthal referred to the Waikato Primary Health Organisation (WPHO) and the Local Government strategy of 2001 where concentration was put on preventing ill health rather than attempting to respond to illnesses. He said their

vision was prevention rather than cure. Mr Loewenthal said that the people most at risk were - Maori, Polynesian and others in the two lowest decile categories.

Mr Loewenthal said the WPHO's function is to consult with the Community through Local Management Groups. He said funding of \$140,000 has been allocated for the two local Council areas.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

The Finance & Administration Manager left the meeting at 4.35pm.

Mr Loewenthal advised one important achievement was obtaining low cost funding for Otorohanga. He circulated copies of the WPHO Annual Report for the period January-December 2007 which he said actually relates to the July/June financial year.

Mr Loewenthal then spoke briefly about the initiatives that have been brought into the King Country. These being - Community Health Coaches, Get Cooking, Retro fitting, Kawhia Healthy Lifestyles, 50's Forward/Upright and Active, HealthRight - Whanau Household, Rural Scholarships, North King Country Health Workforce Development Group, Oral Health Facilitator, Counselling Services, Minor Surgery, Long term contraception and Podiatry for diabetics.

Mr Loewenthal advised the benchmark in assessing these initiatives is that should they be making a difference, they be retained. If not, they be stopped.

Mr Loewenthal informed Members the Mission Statement of the WPHO is 'To be the Best Primary Health Organisation in NZ'.

With regard to the provision of local medical services Mr Loewenthal reported that this area was 'at risk'. In reply to His Worship, Mr Loewenthal advised the Council and Board can assist in supporting the work that the Health Organisation does and to see the two local Mayors talking and coming to their meetings is certainly an advantage.

HIS WORSHIP

His Worship left the meeting at 5.08pm.

Mrs Cowan thanked Mr Loewenthal for his presentation which had been very informative. In reply he said he would be happy to keep Board Members informed.

Item-76 OCB PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS DATES 2009

Discussion

The Chief Executive referred Members to the proposed schedule of meeting dates for the period January to December 2009. In reply to Mr Jones' query regarding the frequency of Committee meetings, the Chairperson replied she would prefer these to be set in place and cancelled if not required.

Resolved

That the proposed schedule of ordinary meeting dates detailed below, for the period January to December 2009, be adopted.

BOARD		COMMITTEES	
Thursdays	12 February 2009	Wednesdays	28 January 2009
	12 March 2009		25 February 2009
	9 April 2009		25 March 2009
	7 May 2009		29 April 2009
	11 June 2009		27 May 2009
	9 July 2009		24 June 2009
	13 August 2009		29 July 2009
	10 September 2009		26 August 2009
	8 October 2009		30 September 2009
	12 November 2009		28 October 2009
	10 December 2009		25 November

Mr Prescott / Mr Ormsby

Item-77 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 9 OCTOBER 2008

Discussion

The Chairperson took Members through Matters Referred.

LAKE HUIPUTEA MAINTENANCE

The Engineering Manager reported the Technical Services Manager is currently developing a long term maintenance plan for Lake Huiputea and the surrounding area.

SHOP WINDOW CLEAN UP - MANIAPOTO STREET

Mr Tindle reported he had approached Mrs Anne Laws of the Otorohanga Business Association regarding their Members coordinating a shop window clean up. He said he will follow the matter up with Mrs Laws.

SPRAY - SPORTING FIELDS

The Chief Executive reported Council has never used the type of chemical spray identified in the news on its sporting fields.

GENERAL

ROADWORKS - NORTHERN END OF OTOROHANGA

Mr Ormsby expressed his displeasure at the condition of Maniapoto Street due to the earthworks being carried at the northern approach into town. He also referred to the condition of State Highway 31 and suggested a meeting be held with representatives of Transit NZ to discuss his concerns. Mr Ormsby reported due the road works being carried out at the northern approach into town, this has raised the level of the road above the footpath. The Chief Executive informed Members there was a real need to carry out this maintenance work as the road was in a poor state and that the works had been completed in a relatively timely manner. With regard to State

Highway 31, Members were informed that maintenance for this road is in Transits programme. Mr Prescott said he was concerned that maintenance of the roads at both ends of town were being carried out on the same day. Mr Ormsby expressed the opinion that Elected Members and business owners should have been advised of the work.

Mr Tindle referred to the road works being carried out at each end of Maniapoto Street and suggested that any clean up work be carried out as soon as possible. In particular he suggested the footpaths should be washed down. Mr Tindle also highlighted a number of potholes along State Highway 31. In addition Mr Tindle queried whether additional work was to be carried out during the summer on a drop out along State Highway 31 by the river. Mr Ormsby said some years ago there had been a fatality there.

WAIKERIA COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Mr Prescott reported he had attended a meeting of the Waikeria Community Liaison Group whereat failures on this Council's side of Waikeria Road had been highlighted. The Engineering Manager advised one or two failures have been identified which will be fixed.

ACCUMULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE BODIES

Mr Prescott referred to a letter he had received from a number of residents along Old Te Kuiti Road regarding a property which is accumulating a substantial number of derelict vehicles. It was agreed this matter be considered further at the next Committee meetings.

Item-78 ED HILLARY WALKWAY

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented the Engineering Officer's (Roading) report advising construction of the Ed Hillary Walkway is nearing completion and the final costs are now known.

The Chairperson reported the Project Kiwiana Committee did make various applications to organisations for funding assistance in regard to the walkway however, these were unsuccessful. She said however, some local fundraising had been carried out which will allow the 'gallery' to be totally refurbished. Mr Jones advised, based on the figures contained in the report, these highlighted a shortfall of \$32,000. Discussion was then held on obtaining an extra \$2,000 for the shortfall from Council.

Resolved

That the Otorohanga Community Board confirm it's previous agreement of 8 May 2008 to fund the project shortfall by up to \$30,000 from the Community General Reserve fund.

Mr Ormsby / Mr Jones

Mr Prescott did not vote in favour of the recommendation.

OTOROHANGA ATHLETICS CLUB

The Engineering Manager read a letter received from the Otorohanga Athletics Club requesting permission to use Domain Drive, Alex Telfer Drive and Kakamutu Road for a Combined Athletics Club and Otorohanga Swimming Club Triathlon. The event is to be held on 24 February 2009 from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. The Engineering Manager advised no actual road closure will be undertaken and that the letter is for Members information only.

ST JOHNS AMBULANCE SITE

The Engineering Manager informed Members that preloading of the site was being undertaken where extra filling is placed on the site then lowered after compaction. He said a request has been made for the surface filling to be placed behind the old hall adjacent to the site. He said this will do away with the need for a retaining wall to be installed however, the area will still require reshaping to allow water run-off into the sumps.

Members agreed with the proposal.

RECYCLING BINS - MANIAPOTO STREET

The Engineering Manager read various emails between Council's Engineering Support Officer and the Otorohanga Business Association regarding the placement of recycling bins in Maniapoto Street. A letter of 'objection' had also been received from the Business Association on the proposal. The Chairperson said the Board had previously received verbal agreement from the Association and therefore suggested the Board proceed with the installation of bins as planned. The Chairperson said the Board supported the Engineering Support Officer's response to the Association and said that the installation of such bins will help the profile of the town's clean green image. She further advised that Council has made a commitment to a national policy to install the bins.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

The Chairperson informed Members a letter of appreciation had been received from Mrs Barbara Jones for the flowers forwarded to her during her recent illness.

OTOROHANGA COLLEGE

The Chairperson advised a Mr T Harris has been appointed new Principal of the Otorohanga College. She said an invitation has been extended to Members to meet and greet Mr Harris at the College on 24 November 2008 from 5.30pm to 7.00pm.

SKATEBOARD FACILITY

The Chairperson reported the ply on the Skateboard facility is regularly being replaced and queried whether consideration should be given to the maintenance and future of the facility. She said His Worship had agreed to Chair a meeting regarding these issues. Members agreed it was perhaps time to review the need and/or maintenance of the facility and agreed this be carried out at the next Community Board Committee meetings. The Chairperson requested the item be placed on Matters Referred.

ED HILLARY WALKWAY OPENING

The Chairperson invited Members to attend the Official Opening of the Ed Hillary Walkway by Lady Hillary on 12 December 2008 at 12 noon.

The Chief Executive raised the matter of the proposed \$2,000 shortfall in the construction and completion of the walkway and said Council had been adamant it would not go beyond the agreed figure. He queried whether consideration needed to be given to the Board picking up the additional \$2,000 or reducing the scope of the work. Cr Pilkington reported Council's roading budget was extremely stretched and that Council had made a clear direction. Mr Ormsby agreed the work should be carried out within budget. The Engineering Manager reported Council's Engineering Officer (Roading) had been quite generous in her estimate for the work still to be carried out. Following further discussion it was agreed the matter be clarified with the Officer.

OTOROHANGA DOMAIN CLUB HOUSE

Members referred to a memo from Council's District Building Control Officer regarding the deck barrier and balustrade at the Otorohanga Domain clubhouse. It was agreed this item also be

discussed at the next Committee meetings. Mr Ormsby advised the facility was being used this evening and queried whether it should be 'cordoned' off. The Chief Executive replied, in the short term, a temporary safeguard should be installed. He said he suspected that the proposal to remedy the situation could cost approximately \$12-15,000.

Item-79 BEATTIE HOME ROSE & FLOWER SHOW

Discussion

The Customer Services Team Leader read a letter received from the Beattie Home Rose & Flower Show organizers advising that the Rose Show is to be held on Friday 28 November 2008 and requesting permission to erect a banner promoting the show at the north and south entrance to Otorohanga and to draw chalk roses on the pavement along Maniapoto Street.

Resolved

That

1. Permission be granted to the Beattie Home Rose & Flower Show organisers to erect banners at the north and south ends of Otorohanga one week prior to the Show on Friday 28 November 2008.
2. Permission be granted to draw chalk roses on the pavement along Maniapoto Street.

Mr Prescott / Mr Ormsby

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 6.10pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

