



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

28 October 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 28 October 2008 commenced at 10.03am.

MINUTES

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PRESENT

Mr DF Williams (Mayor), Crs SR Adam, S Blackler (attended at 10.04am), WH Earwaker, AL Gower, AG Ormsby and DM Pilkington.

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), GD Bunn (Finance & Administration Manager), RF Proffit (Policy Manager) and CA Tutty (Customer Services Team Leader).

OPENING PRAYER

Cr Earwaker read the Opening Prayer.

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from Cr RJ Prescott, and Cr S Blackler (for lateness) be sustained.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Adam

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL - 14 OCTOBER 2008

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 14 October 2008, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Ormsby / Cr Adam

MATTERS ARISING

Cr Adam pointed out that he did not second the motion in receiving the Otorohanga District Council minutes of 16 September 2008 as he was not present at that meeting.

REPORTS

Item-147 OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 9 OCTOBER 2008

Discussion

LOT 1 WESTRIDGE SUBDIVISION

In reply to Cr Blackler, His Worship advised Lot 1 is currently on the market for \$50,000 however, Council was carrying out an in-house tender process calling for expressions of interest.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 9 October 2008 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Cr Ormsby / Cr Gower

Item-148 ANNUAL REPORT 2008

Discussion

The District Accountant attended the meeting and summarised a schedule of the major changes to the Annual Report following consideration of the report by Council at its last meeting. He said, in the main, these changes relate to the Financial Statements.

His Worship acknowledged Council's Finance & Administration Manager and District Accountant's input into the preparation of the Report.

Resolved

That the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2008 be adopted.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Adam

DISTRICT ACCOUNTANT

The District Accountant then left the meeting at 10.20am.

Item-149 LONG TERM ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Discussion

The Roading Manager attended the meeting and explained to Members the issues associated with securing funding for major road improvement programmes. He said in order for Council to obtain funding it is necessary to submit a profile which identifies the priority of the works. He said priority four and above will be considered for funding using the 'N' funds. The Roading Manager further advised that Pedestrian and Cycle facilities reach priority three under the profile.

The Chief Executive then presented his report advising that the extent of Council's annual Major Road Improvement Programmes for 2009/10 onwards are discussed in light of probable reduced availability of NZTA subsidy for such works. He suggested that Council tailor its budget to deliver work without attracting any subsidy. He suggested the budget be trimmed back to suit the existing local share. His Worship said, this way, any potential subsidy will be a bonus. The Chief Executive advised, without receiving any subsidy it will be necessary to look at the components of the work and if necessary, on the basis of value for money, some programmes could drop out.

Resolved

That Road Improvement Programs for the 2009/10 to 2011/12 years with indicated Council shares of cost in the range of \$300,000 to \$400,000 per annum are incorporated into Council's LTCCP, with progressive increase of program value in later years.

Cr Gower / Cr Earwaker

Item-150 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY

Discussion

The Chief Executive summarised his report presenting suggested changes to Council's Policy on Development and Financial Contributions. He advised that Development Contributions are all about managing the effects of growth within the District.

Resolved

That the following changes are made to Council's Policy on Development and Financial Contributions for inclusion in the 2009-11 LTCCP:

1. The requirement for a contribution in respect of the Old Te Kuiti Water Main Expansion is removed as the associated work is not required.
2. The requirement for a contribution in respect of the Kawhia Community Water Treatment and Headworks is removed if a scheme of Seasonally Variable Water Meter Charges is adopted in that Community.
3. The contribution for the Otorohanga Community Water Treatment Plant is increased to \$615 per Household Equivalent Unit.
4. 'Base' Development Contributions and augmentative Financial Contributions for roading improvements on Mangati, Te Tahī and Hanning Roads are increased to fully compensate for likely reduced NZTA subsidy availability, with no additional financial burden to be placed on ratepayers outside of the defined Area of Benefit for these works.
5. All other existing Development Contributions under the Policy are increased by seven percent to reflect escalation and in addition any potential for further escalation/ indexed to CPI.
6. Other minor changes are made as appropriate to the Policy to reflect timing changes and other relevant matters, and that the policy is written without reference to specific contribution levels so that these can be adjusted in the future as appropriate.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Adam

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

The Finance & Administration Manager left the meeting at 11.20am.

Item-151 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - KAWHIA NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS AND ROWING REGATTA DAY

Discussion

Reference was made to the Engineering Support Officer's report on an Application received from the Kawhia Rowing Regatta Club for road closures within the Kawhia Community for the purpose of holding the Kawhia Rowing Regatta and associated activities.

Resolved

That approval be granted for the following road closures:

Purpose: Kawhia New Year's Eve Celebrations and Rowing Regatta Day

Dates: Wednesday, 31 December 2008 and Thursday, 1 January 2009

Details of Closure: **Kawhia New Year's Eve Celebrations**

JERVOIS STREET – from its intersection with Tainui Street to Omimiti Street

OMIMITI STREET – No exit

Period of Closure: 6.00pm to 6.00am

Kawhia Regatta

JERVOIS STREET – from its intersection with Tainui Street to Omimiti Street

OMIMITI STREET – No exit

Period of Closure: 6.00am to 5.00pm

With the following conditions imposed:

1. Council will be responsible for management of the first period of the closure from 6.00pm 31 December 2008 to 6.00am 1 January 2009.
During this first period the road will be completely closed with a water-filled barrier, and residents within the section of closed road will be required to make other prior arrangements if they wish to use a vehicle. Council will be responsible for placing the barrier and signs at the start of the closure.
Emergency access for vehicles will be over the pavement on Jervois Street.
2. The Kawhia Rowing Regatta Club will then be responsible for management of the second period of the closure from 6.00am 1 January 2009 to 5.00pm 1 January 2009.
During this second period the road will be partially closed, with sections of the water-filled barrier removed so that there is controlled access for vehicles associated with the regatta and properties affected by the closure. The Kawhia Rowing Regatta Club will be responsible for removing the barriers and signs at the end of the closure period.
3. During their relevant road closure management periods, Council and the Kawhia Rowing Regatta Club will be responsible for adequate sign posting and policing of the roads to be closed to ensure that no vehicles have access to the closed portion of road, which includes arranging delivery, erection and staffing of all road closure barriers, and the removal thereof after closures.
4. Council will arrange the hire of required barriers and signs, and advertising of the closure in the Waitomo News.
5. The Otorohanga District Council will be responsible for the total costs incurred for the road closure in respect of New Year's Eve and the Rowing Regatta Day, to be funded 50/50 between the Otorohanga District Council and the Kawhia Community Board.
6. No objections are received from the NZ Police Department or the NZ Transport Agency.
7. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
8. Kawhia Rowing Regatta Club 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 activities during the road closure period. Council requires that it is held covered under the terms of such policy and accordingly the policy is required to be in both parties' names on the form prescribed by Council.
9. Council will prepare a traffic management plan for the closure that complies with Transit New Zealand's Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management.
10. 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.
11. The Kawhia Rowing Regatta Club and Council to obtain signatures of residents and businesses affected, confirming notification that the proposal has been received.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Ormsby

Item-152 REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR ROAD CLOSURE - SH 3

Discussion

The Roading Manager summarised his report advising that the Rereamanu Marae are planning a gathering to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Kingitanga movement. As part of that event it is proposed to close State Highway 3 to allow pedestrian movement to the historic signing site.

Resolved

That

1. The application to close the State Highway 3 is supported, on the condition that detailed arrangements are to the satisfaction of the Engineering Manager in accordance with an approved Traffic Management Plan.
2. A letter is to be sent to the Rereamanu Marae by the Roothing Manager confirming this.

Cr Gower / Cr Earwaker

Item-153 ODC PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETING DATES 2009

Discussion

The Chief Executive referred to the Proposed Schedule of Ordinary Meeting Dates for the period January to December 2009.

Resolved

That the Schedule of Meeting Dates for the period January to December 2009, as detailed below, be approved.

SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETING DATES 2009

27 January 2009	7 July 2009
4 February 2009 (<i>Estimates Workshop</i>)	4 August 2009
17 February 2009	25 August 2009
10 March 2009	15 September 2009
31 March 2009	6 October 2009
21 April 2009 (Draft LTCCP)	27 October 2009
12 May 2009	17 November 2009
2 June 2009 (Adopt Draft LTCCP)	8 December 2009
23 June 2009 (Adopt Draft LTCCP, if required)	

TIME: **10.00am**

VENUE: Council Chambers

Cr Pilkington / Cr Adam

Item-154 ENERGY POLICY INITIATIVES - CENTRAL GOVERNMENT & REGIONAL COUNCIL RESPONSES

Discussion

The Policy Manager presented a report providing an overview of the Proposed National Strategy for Renewable Energy and the Draft Regional Energy Strategy with particular focus on implications to this Council. The Policy Manager advised the Proposed National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation objective seeks to achieve 90 percent of New Zealand's electricity to be generated from renewable sources by 2025. He said the objective is

complimented by five policies providing direction as to how this target will be promoted and attained, all of which are specifically directed at Local Authorities in relation to carrying out functions and responsibilities as defined in the RMA. These five policies are summarised as follows -

Consent Process

1. Decision makers must have regard to the national, regional and local benefits relevant to renewable electricity generation activities.
2. Consent authorities must have particular regard to the constraints imposed on achieving measures that may be put in place to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse environmental effects from renewable energy generation activities.
3. When considering proposals, decisions makers must have particular regard to the degree of reversibility of the adverse environmental effects associated with proposed generation technology.

Plans and Policy Statements

4. Through amendments to plans (to be done no later than 13 March 2012), provide policies and provisions to enable identification of renewable electricity generation possibilities
5. Through amendments to plans (to be done no later than 13 March 2012), provide policies and provisions that enable activities associated with the development and operation of small and community-scale distributed renewable electricity generation.

The Policy Manager then presented the Draft Waikato Regional Energy Strategy the purpose of which is -

1. To advocate for energy conservation and efficiency within the Community by fostering partnerships at the national and local level.
2. To develop the Waikato region's role in maintaining security of energy supply.
3. To facilitate access to renewable energy sources and innovative energy technologies within the region by identifying and addressing barriers to development.
4. To raise public awareness of the crucial role of energy in the regional and national economy.

In reply to Cr Adam's query as to whether staff had researched any possible funding avenues the Policy Manager advised that, at the present time, there is no real initiative to base this research on. Given the timeframes for the adoption of both the national and Regional Initiatives overlapping with the District Plan Review process, the Policy Manager recommended that any necessary amendments to Council's District Plan be undertaken via a Plan Change or Plan Variation at a later stage not through the current Review process.

Resolved

That Council accept the report "Energy Policy Initiatives – Central Government and Regional Council Responses" dated 20 October 2008 for information.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Adam

Item-155 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 14 OCTOBER 2008

Discussion

TARGETED RATES

The Chief Executive reported discussion had been held amongst the Management Team and the opinion expressed that it was not a good time to introduce a Targeted Rate on the property at the

intersection of State Highway 3 and 31 to recover costs in maintaining its gardens. His Worship said there was still a principle at stake however, it was agreed the matter be deleted from Matters Referred and that Cr Ormsby discuss the suggestion further at the next meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board.

GENERAL

DERELICT VEHICLES

Cr Ormsby reported that several derelict vehicles were accumulating on various sites around the Community and queried whether there was anything Council could do. The Chief Executive advised there were people around who will pick up such vehicles and pay a minimal amount for them. Following further discussion it was agreed that such collectors be made aware of the sites containing derelict vehicles.

TARGA RALLY

Cr Pilkington reported the Targa Rally was being held throughout the District today.

FORMER QUARRY

Cr Gower advised he had visited a former quarry site owned by Consultant Dorothy Wakeling and her husband who have converted this into something 'very special'. He said it was interesting to see what the couple have achieved.

ZONE 2 MEETING

His Worship reported the next Zone 2 meeting will be held on Friday 14 November 2008 at Ohope. He extended an invitation to Councillors to attend the meeting if they wished.

CIVIL DEFENCE EXERCISE

His Worship reported that a Civil Defence exercise was carried out last week with very pleasing results. He said it was based on a 'mock' ash eruption from Mt Ruapehu. His Worship expressed the opinion that this Council's state of readiness is as high as it needs to be, at the present time. His Worship reported that Council needs to compile a Register of Available Resources.

TELECOM NZ

His Worship advised he had received information from Telecom NZ on a new package entitled 'Total Home' comprising a flat monthly charge with unlimited national calls.

WAIKERIA PRISON LIAISON COMMITTEE

His Worship reminded Members of the Waikeria Prison Liaison Committee meeting to be held 30 November 2008. Cr Gower reported, at this stage, he intended to be there.

RIGHT DEBATE WORKSHOP

The Chief Executive referred to the last workshop meeting of Council and said there is a need for Council to have very broad discussion on the future direction of Council, to lead into the LTCCP. He said it had been suggested, in order to provide a fresh look, that an independent Facilitator be employed. The Chief Executive said key issues need to be discussed for this Council to shape its future direction. It was agreed such a workshop be held on Tuesday 25 November, 9.00am to 4.00pm.

WAIKATO REGIONAL BROAD BAND GROUP

The Chief Executive reported that the group met last week and its ambitions have been scaled down. He said all Councils involved agreed there was a substantial amount of preparatory work required to see if the case was viable. The Chief Executive advised it was the belief of the group that if such a case could be demonstrated it could then be used to underpin applications for funding. He said a letter will be forwarded to Councils requesting a mandate to continue the investigative work. At this stage no further money will be requested. The Chief Executive confirmed Council has contributed \$1,000 to the proposal however, the Consultant's invoice now totaled \$25,000. He said the party who engaged the Consultant will now be required to fund the shortfall. His Worship advised Wintec had put work into the proposal so far and obtained a 'buy in' from local Councils however, there was now speculation as to what is really required. He said it was the intention to make Broadband available to far out properties however, a large amount of research has to be undertaken before hand. He said it is desirable to ascertain whether there is any benefit to the people of this District and to obtain the best service for the best price.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 12.26pm.

MAYOR:

DATE:

