



Otorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on Thursday 11 December 2008 commencing at 4.02pm.

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PRESENT

Mrs EM Cowan (Chairperson), Mr TJ Jones, Mr B McNeil, Mr RJ Prescott and Mr PD Tindle (attended 4.08pm).

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from Mr AG Ormsby, and Mr P Tindle (for lateness) be sustained.

Mr Jones / Mr Prescott

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD - 13 NOVEMBER 2008

MATTERS ARISING

OTOROHANGA MEDICAL CENTRE

Mr Jones referred to the item Rural Health Issues and reported that local Doctor, Dr Sasha, has resigned from the Otorohanga Medical Centre effective from 16 January 2009.

OTOROHANGA DOMAIN CLUB HOUSE

The Chief Executive advised back in 2001 a Lease Agreement had been prepared but not signed by the relevant parties for the Otorohanga Domain Club House. He said, within this document, it was acknowledged that the ownership of the Club House was with the Otorohanga Soccer Club. He suggested a meeting needs to be held with representatives of the Soccer Club to finalise the matter. The Chief Executive said Council owns the land on which the Club House is situated. It was agreed staff organise a meeting with the representatives of the Soccer Club.

Mr McNeil reported that the steps up the embankment have been installed by Members of the Otorohanga Cricket and Soccer Clubs.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 13 November 2008, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr Prescott / Mr Jones

REPORTS

Item-80 OCB COMMITTEE MINUTES - 26 November 2008

Discussion

PARKS & RESERVES COMMITTEE

Mr McNeil presented minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Reserves Committee held 26 November 2008.

Otorohanga Cemetery - Proposed Memorial Garden

Mr McNeil circulated photographs of sections of the Hamilton Crematorium identifying various memorial gardens for the placement of ashes. He said the suggestion had been made by local resident Mrs Hazelton. In support of this he expressed the opinion it was a means by which Council could extend its level of service for the placement of ashes within the Cemetery.

Mr McNeil reported he had visited the Cemetery with Mrs Rosemary Davison to identify suitable areas for the proposal. It had been suggested that the inner circle of the cul du sac at the end of the new section of cemetery above Main North Road would be a possibility or alternatively, an area adjacent to this roundabout in front of Ash Bern No 2. Mr McNeil suggested an 8 metre square area adjacent to Ash Bern No 2 would be the better site to develop from a financial point of view. He suggested that the proposal be given to Council's Engineering Department to provide a draft design with costings for consideration at Estimates time. It was agreed the cost of ongoing maintenance be included.

Mr McNeil advised that each space within the area would be sold for approx \$200 therefore making the proposal self funding. Mrs Cowan referred to the photos and expressed disappointment at these as the plaques and concrete mounts were covered in lichen and moss, etc. Mrs Cowan suggested Mrs Rosemary Davison be approached to provide landscape design and suggestions for appropriate planting.

Ed Hillary Walkway

Mr McNeil informed Members the Official Opening of the Maniapoto Street/Wahanui Crescent walkway will be carried out tomorrow, 12 December 2008.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Mrs Cowan summarised minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held 26 November 2008.

WORKS & WATER COMMITTEE

Mr Jones presented minutes of a meeting of the Works & Water Committee held 26 November 2008.

Truck Wash Facility

The Engineering Manager undertook to follow up on the matter of the Truck Wash Facility particularly in regards to the tidying up of the area. Mr McNeil suggested those responsible for the Truck Wash Facility need to be closely monitored by Council and enforcement action taken should the operation not be carried out as per the Agreement. The Chief Executive agreed that Council staff need to monitor the Facility and take the appropriate action if required. In reply to Mr Tindle the Chief Executive advised it is necessary for Council staff to carry out regular inspections and that Council is responsible for the cost of this monitoring. It was agreed a report be prepared for the next Board meeting.

Signage

His Worship referred to various signs around the Community in particular to one erected at the Skate Park Facility prohibiting vehicles on the grassed area. He queried whether there was a softer way to get the message across to people and suggested perhaps more personalised signage could be considered. The Chief Executive replied he had looked at this particular sign which he said was aimed at local people and therefore felt the wording was appropriate, but the signs placement may be wrong.

Resolved

That

1. Council staff in conjunction with Mrs Rosemary Davison, investigate the Memorial Garden proposal and to provide design and costings for further consideration by the Board

Mr McNeil / Mr Prescott

2. The minutes of the meeting of the Parks & Reserves, Works & Water and General Purposes Committees held 26 November 2008 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Mr Jones / Mr Tindle

Item-81 ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION 2008

Discussion

The Customer Services Team Leader presented the results of the Annual Garden Competition.

Resolved

That

1. The results of the Annual Garden Competition be received,
2. The winners of each category be paid \$75 and the judges \$30 out-of-pocket expenses.

Mr Prescott / Mr Jones

Item-82 OTOROHANGA CEMETERY - LAND REQUIRED FOR ROAD - SH3

Discussion

The Engineering Manager summarised a report on the recent upgrading of State Highway 3 along the road frontage of the Otorohanga Cemetery. This has identified the fact that some of the Cemetery land was required for road. He said the land is held in two forms of ownership requiring separate areas to be acquired for road.

The Engineering Manager reported that a large area of the Otorohanga Cemetery is not classified as Cemetery Reserve, and therefore it needs to be 'tidied up' and vested. His Worship expressed the opinion it may be better to leave the land with an open designation.

Resolved

That

1. The Otorohanga Community Board recommends to the Otorohanga District Council that the land required for State Highway 3 adjoining the Otorohanga Cemetery Reserve (Crown Land) be offered to NZ Transport Agency at no cost for the land. This offer by the Otorohanga District Council is as Trustees of the Cemetery Reserve (Crown Land).
2. The Otorohanga Community Board recommends to the Otorohanga District Council that the land required for State Highway 3 adjoining the Council owned land next to the Cemetery Reserve (CT SA 271/106) be offered at no costs for the land.
3. The Otorohanga Community Board recommends to the Otorohanga District Council that regarding the lands required for State Highway 3 adjoining the Otorohanga Cemetery Reserve, and the Council owned adjoining land, that all survey and legal costs related to the required boundary adjustments be the responsibility and cost of the NZ Transport Agency.

Mr Tindle / Mr McNeil

Item-83 HUIPUTEA RECREATION RESERVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented a report on a draft Development Plan for the Lake Huiputea Recreation Reserve for consideration by the Board. The Chief Executive informed Members it is not necessary for the work to commence in the 2009/10 year as set out, as it has already been established that this may not be a good year to commence significant works. The Chairperson suggested that the draft Development Plan be considered in more detail at the next Parks & Reserves Committee meeting. Cr Blackler suggested an approach could be made to the three local schools for them to get involved with any development of the area. The Chairperson agreed that the area could be made a focus of Community interest. Mr Jones said he had some concerns with the current and potential use of the area and its proximity to the Truck Wash Facility. The Engineering Manager undertook to check on the advice from Mr Prescott that an outdoor table etc had been removed and tossed on the lake edge.

Resolved

That

1. The draft Huiputea Recreation Reserve Development Plan be received and,
2. To considered further at the next Committee meetings the options proposed and decide what level of improvement to the Reserve area is appropriate so that a final development plan can then be prepared and works included in the forward estimates and LTCCP.

Mr Tindle / Mr Prescott

Item-84 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 13 NOVEMBER 2008

Discussion

The Chairperson took Members through Matters Referred.

SKATEBOARD FACILITY

The Chairperson reported that His Worship had offered to chair a meeting, in the New Year, regarding the need and/or maintenance for the Skateboard Facility.

WAHANUI CRESCENT TOILET - BABY CHANGING TABLE

Members were informed that the provision of a baby changing table in the Wahanui Crescent toilets has been completed.

TRANSIT SIGNAGE

Members were informed that Council's Roothing Manager, Mr Martin Gould, will be the staff member responsible for the preparation of a report, following the Christmas break, on the review of Transit's signage within the Otorohanga Community.

GENERAL

MCDONALDS FOOD CHAIN

Mr Jones requested an update on the McDonald's food chain proposal. The Engineering Manager replied he understood Transit was happy with the proposed layout of the entrance and exits onto the State Highway however, they still wished to tick off the final design plan. Members were informed that submissions to the Application have closed.

Mr McNeil queried whether McDonalds will employ personnel to clean up their site and surrounding areas. Mr Jones suggested that Council liaise with representatives of McDonald as being a Corporate Citizen, issues such as Otorohanga's Kiwiana theme and other matters should

be discussed with them. His Worship referred to the softening in the market place with a few employees being laid off. He also made reference to the role of the economic arm of the Otorohanga District Development Board during this period.

Cr Blackler raised the issue of the road shoulder dropping away outside the front entrance to Beattie Home.

ELECTED MEMBERS TRAINING

His Worship highlighted Elected Members training which would be available in the New Year on meeting procedures and processes.

Discussion was held on proposed Development Training for Members with Mr Tindle and Mr Jones expressing interest in attending. It was agreed the Chief Executive ascertain which particular training session was being discussed.

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

His Worship reminded Members of the Council Christmas Function to be held on Friday 12 December at the Waitomo Golf Club.

OTEWA ROAD 55+ DEVELOPMENT

His Worship reported that there were some issues in relation to payment for the property that are being addressed by staff.

APPRECIATION

His Worship thanked Members for their contribution to the affairs of the District and their assistance in the smooth running of Council. He said Members support was very much appreciated and he invited them to stay at the conclusion of the meeting for a celebration drink.

PROGRESS PARK

Cr Blackler reported she had received a complaint regarding feed wagons being placed for a very long time, down Progress Park.

LIBRARY PIANO

The Chairperson reported, back in March 2008, the Library piano had been loaned to the Otorohanga Arts Centre subject to various conditions. Following discussion it was agreed a letter be forwarded to Mr & Mrs Marx of the Otorohanga Arts Centre querying the use of the piano at the Arts Centre, and that there are other Community Groups interested in using the piano.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Chairperson thanked His Worship and Cr Blackler for their attendance and said she will join them tomorrow at the Official Opening of the Ed Hillary Walkway at 12 noon. The Chairperson extended Christmas greetings to Members and staff.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 5.32pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

