



Otorohanga District Council

# MINUTES

17 February 2009

**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 17 February 2009 commenced at 10.00am.

**MINUTES**

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## **PRESENT**

Mr DF Williams (Mayor), Crs SR Adam, S Blackler, WH Earwaker, AL Gower (attended 10.05am), DM Pilkington and RJ Prescott.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), R Chadwick (Engineering Manager) and CA Tutty (Customer Services Team Leader).

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Cr Blackler read the Opening Prayer.

## **APOLOGIES**

**Resolved** that the apologies received from Cr AG Ormsby, and Cr AL Gower (for lateness) be sustained.

### **Cr Prescott / Cr Earwaker**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 27 JANUARY 2009**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 27 January 2009 as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

### **Cr Adam / Cr Earwaker**

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **OPARAU/HAUTURU WOMEN'S GROUP**

Following discussion it was agreed the second to last sentence in the first paragraph be amended to read 'apparently advice has been received that a Ministry Representative will not be willing to attend such a meeting to date.'

### **KAWHIA MUSEUM BUILDING RESTORATION**

Cr Earwaker requested the first sentence be amended to read 'Cr Earwaker expressed the opinion he would like to see the lowest cost option to Council, ...'. It was agreed the following sentence be added to this item 'All Members supported the need for Community fundraising towards this project'.

### **ITEM 175 CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FOR CAMPING GROUND**

Members agreed the following comment be made at the end of the first paragraph, 'The Environmental Services Manager's report indicated that the Department of Conservation would not be making a charge for use of this area.'

## **CR GOWER**

Cr Gower attended the meeting at 10.05am.

## **REPORTS**

### **Item-178            KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 30 JANUARY 2009**

#### **Discussion**

#### **KAWHIA WHARF RENTAL SHEDS**

Reference was made to the second paragraph of the discussion with a requested that 'His Worship' be amended to read 'the Chairman'.

#### **MUSEUM BUILDING**

Following discussion it was agreed that the second to last sentence regarding this item be deleted from the minutes.

#### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 30 January 2009 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

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

### **Item-179            ROUTINE ENGINEERING REPORT**

#### **Discussion**

The Engineering Manager presented a routine report on Engineering matters for December 2008 - January 2009.

#### **CONTRACT 908 - LOOP ROAD USWP**

Cr Gower referred to the proposed work on Loop Road and reported that there are outstanding natural rock formations along this road. He expressed the opinion that he hoped these were not going to be 'chopped' into. The Engineering Manager replied that the majority of the proposed works were at the northern end of Loop Road with very little work being undertaken around the rock formations.

#### **CONTRACT PRICES**

In reply to Cr Earwaker he was advised that a number of the Tender Prices received were within the budget allocation but higher than the estimated figures.

#### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION MANAGER**

The Finance & Administration Manager attended the meeting at 10.30am.

#### **Resolved**

That the Engineering Manager's routine report on Engineering matters for December 2008-January 2009, be received.

#### **Cr Pilkington / Cr Adam**

### **Item-180            OTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD REPORT**

#### **Discussion**

Representatives of the Otorohanga District Development Board, Carolyn Christian and Andrew Giltrap, attended the meeting. Members were circulated with a copy of today's presentation

which was jointly presented by both representatives. Members were informed that the Otorohanga District Development Board wish to apply for an increase in funds for the upcoming financial year with the amounts being inflation adjusted in the future years. In support of the request, details on the following activities were highlighted - i-Site, Development and other projects, Member remuneration, achievements (Trade Training Centre), Careers Day, Incite, Otorohanga i-Site, Kawhia Information Centre, Destination Waitomo, Kiwiana, and the website. Cr Gower indicated that he would be prepared to donate any increase in his remuneration, as a Councillor, towards the Trade Training Centre. His Worship acknowledged the work and time put into the Development Board by the two representatives present and their team. He encouraged Councillors to attend a future meeting of the Board to gain an insight into the substantial amount of work undertaken by their Members. He said, by choice, Board Members had agreed to provide a Community Service.

### **Resolved**

That the Otorohanga District Development Board's report for the period November 2008 - January 2009 be received.

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

#### **Item-181            DRAFT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2008**

##### **Discussion**

The District Accountant attended the meeting and presented the Draft Management Accounts to 31 December 2008.

His Worship referred to the retiring of debt and accordingly acknowledged everyone's contribution to this. He said Councillors and Staff were aware of their responsibilities and people's expectations.

##### **LTCCP**

The Finance & Administration Manager reported Council's Auditors will be arriving at Council on 2 March 2009 therefore it was proposed Council consider the draft document at its meeting on 10 March 2009. He said it was a huge document and consideration needed to be given to the 'wording' therein. Following discussion it was agreed Council go through the draft document on 10 March 2009 in conjunction with its normal meeting.

##### **Resolved**

That the Draft Management Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2008 be received.

### **Cr Adam / Cr Earwaker**

#### **Item-182            DRAFT PROPOSED KEEPING OF STOCK, POULTRY & BEES BYLAW**

##### **Discussion**

The Environmental Services Manager attended the meeting and presented, for discussion, a proposed Bylaw to regulate the keeping of stock, poultry and bees within the Community boundaries of Otorohanga and Kawhia.

Cr Blackler referred to paragraph 4 of the proposed Bylaw and queried whether an age limit should be placed on the description of 'stallion'. She also suggested bulls should be included. The Environmental Services Manager replied the proposed Bylaw allows sufficient flexibility to cover any animals that create a nuisance. In reply to Cr Adam regarding the keeping of bird aviaries, the Environmental Services Manager advised this would be covered under domestic fowls, pets of all descriptions. Cr Pilkington raised the point that as the proposed Bylaw is

applicable to the Otorohanga and Kawhia Communities then the report should be placed on their Agenda for their next meetings.

### **Resolved**

That

1. The Environmental Services Manager's report be received,
2. It has been determined that the proposed bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing Community concern over the nuisances created by the keeping of stock, poultry and bees within the Community boundaries of Otorohanga and Kawhia.
3. Council approve for public consultation the proposed Keeping of Stock, Poultry and Bees Bylaw 2009.

### **Cr Adam / Cr Prescott**

#### **Item-183           RURAL WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY, DECEMBER 2007 & JANUARY 2009**

#### **Discussion**

The District Accountant and the Customer Services Team Leader summarised minutes of the meetings of the Arohena Rural Water Supply Committee held 16 January 2009, Ranginui Rural Water Supply Committee held 23 January 2009 and Tihiroa and Waipa Rural Water Supply Committee meetings held 15 January 2009.

#### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meetings of the Arohena, Ranginui, Tihiroa and Waipa Rural Water Supply Committees held in February and December 2007 and January 2009 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

### **Cr Earwaker / Cr Adam**

#### **Item-184           MATTERS REFERRED FROM 27 JANUARY 2009**

#### **Discussion**

There were no items placed on Matters Referred from 27 January 2009.

### **GENERAL**

#### **PHILLIPS AVENUE/KARAKA ROAD**

Cr Prescott reported on the number of heavy trucks and tankers utilising Karaka Road to join Phillips Avenue. He said a number of the vehicles are crossing the white centre line when negotiating the intersection. Cr Prescott queried whether there was any action Council could take to alleviate the situation before there is a serious accident. The Engineering Manager replied, as a public road there was nothing in place for Council to act upon however, should the vehicles be breaking the law then it becomes a Police matter. He suggested that some form of structure such as refuge islands could be installed at the intersection. His Worship suggested Cr Prescott raise the matter at the next meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board. The Chief Executive advised that a letter could be forwarded to all the relevant trucking companies requesting them to minimise the use of Karaka Road when accessing Phillips Avenue.

## **WINDSOR PARK**

Cr Prescott raised one or two maintenance items for attention in Windsor Park.

## **SECURITY SERVEILLANCE CAMERAS**

Cr Prescott referred to a recent presentation to Board Members on Security Surveillance Cameras within the Otorohanga CBD.

## **TRANSPORT MEETING**

Cr Earwaker reported on his recent attendance at a Regional Land Transport meeting whereat Local Authorities had been requested to cut back on Capital spending.

## **MAYORAL FORUM**

Cr Pilkington and Cr Blackler briefly reported on their attendance at a recent Waikato Mayoral Forum. Cr Blackler said it was interesting to see all the various Council's struggling to keep rates increases to a minimum.

## **OTOROHANGA KIWI HOUSE**

His Worship referred to the official visit by the Prime Minister, Mr John Key, to open the Falcon Aviary at the Otorohanga Kiwi House. He said the Otorohanga Zoological Society did a great job in organising and carrying out the official opening. His Worship suggested a letter of congratulations be forwarded to the Society.

## **MAYORS TASKFORCE / RURAL SECTOR / EMPLOYMENT SUMMIT**

His Worship advised Members he will be attending meetings of the Mayor's Taskforce, Rural Sector and Prime Minister's Employment Summit. With regard to the Employment Summit His Worship reported such issues as attracting new businesses from overseas to NZ and stopping business' relocating overseas, are to be discussed. He said Local Government NZ will also be involved.

## **ENVIRONMENT WAIKATO TRIENNIAL AGREEMENT MEETING**

His Worship informed Members EW's Triennial Agreement meeting will be held on 2 March 2009 from 10.00am to 12 noon. He said this affects all Councils within EW's area.

His Worship reported EW's Chairman Mr Peter Buckley, CEO Mr Bob Laing and Mrs Andra Neeley called into his office yesterday. He said they wish to encourage Council to forward a submission to EW's Annual Plan. He said apparently a significant amount of work affecting this region has been deleted. His Worship advised he had requested the representatives to prepare a summary of the proposed deletions which relate to this area.

## **MEETING AND GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP FOR ELECTED MEMBERS**

The Customer Services Team Leader reported advice has been received from Meeting and Governance Solutions Ltd that they will be able to present a workshop for Elected Members on either Wednesday 25 or Thursday 26 March 2009. Following discussion it was agreed that the proposed workshop be held on Wednesday 25 March 2009, in the afternoon.

## **MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting concluded at 12.02pm.

**MAYOR:**

**DATE:**

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