



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 12 February 2009 commencing at 4.00pm.

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PRESENT

Mrs EM Cowan (Chairperson), Mr TJ Jones, Mr B McNeil, Mr AG Ormsby and Mr RJ Prescott.

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, Mr DF Williams, Crs S Blackler & D Pilkington, Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), R Chadwick (Engineering Manager) and Mrs A Burdon (Executive Assistant).

APOLOGY

Resolved that the apology received from Mr P Tindle be sustained.

Mr McNeil/ Mr Prescott

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 11 DECEMBER 2009

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 11 December 2008 as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr Jones / Mr McNeil

REPORTS

Item-85 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - LAND PURCHASE

Discussion

Mr Prescott expressed a conflict of interest in this item and accordingly left the meeting.

The Chief Executive outlined the recent history of the land and a possible process towards sale of the land. He advised that to go ahead with the process there needed to be an undertaking of a minimum offer by the prospective purchaser. Mr Ormsby queried whether this piece of land could be used as an alternative entry / exit point for Progress Park. His Worship replied this had been looked into but was not seen as a suitable option. In reply to His Worship's query about whether or not the offer should be open to the public, the Chief Executive responded that he did not believe this was necessary as a precedent for this was set with the sale of Section 110, Otewa Road. In reply to Cr Pilkington's query about ownership, the Chief Executive said this needs to be clearly established as well as the history of how the land came into Council ownership. Mr McNeil advised he was comfortable to sell this land but that the purchaser should cover Council's costs and suggested that a deposit be paid before starting the process.

Resolved

That the Otorohanga Community Board recommends to Council -

That Council arranges and funds a valuation and other associated administrative and legal work to advance the process to the point where a sale could be agreed, on condition that the prospective purchaser gives an initial written undertaking to Council that they will either pay a mutually agreeable minimum amount for the land, or (if a sale of the land does not eventuate due to a decision on the part of the prospective purchaser) they will fully reimburse Council for the associated costs.

Mr Ormsby / Mr Jones

Item-86 MANIAPOTO STREET PARKING

Discussion

The Engineering Manager outlined the Maniapoto Street Parking report. He highlighted the discrepancy between the Traffic Bylaw and actual signage, and that the Bus Park at Subway was not included in the Bylaw. The Chairperson said, since the completion of the Walkway people had been asking when the Bus Parks would be removed from Maniapoto Street as they are blocking the view of the Village Green and Pou Pou. Mr McNeil said that such removal should only be undertaken in close consultation with the Otorohanga Business Association and affected parties. His Worship said he wholeheartedly agreed and said last time when this matter was floated a number of petitions were received. However, he said what had changed now was the walkway and upgrade of the toilets, creating a very nice 'entrance' for visitors to 'fan' onto the main street. He said it needs to be presented to people as 'a step forward not a step back'. The Chairperson said if the Bus Parks were to be removed she would like to see at least one disabled park in their place. His Worship suggested that a motorcycle bay could also be added. The Chief Executive expressed the opinion that if one Bus Park was to remain in Maniapoto Street this would be seen as favouritism.

Resolved

That the Community Board agrees, in principle, to remove the Bus Parking from Maniapoto Street and develop the Bus Parking area in Bell Lane and recommends to Council that this be included when the next review of the Traffic Bylaw is undertaken.

Mr McNeil / Mr Prescott

And that the Community Board agrees, in principle, to install an additional Disabled Parking in the northern end of Maniapoto Street and recommends to Council that this be included when the next review of the Traffic Bylaw is undertaken.

Mr Prescott / Mr Jones

Item-89 COMMUNITY SURVEILLANCE PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

Discussion

Representatives of Suntech Group attended the meeting and gave a presentation on surveillance camera systems, stating that more growth in a Community meant more crime. They said they were also making presentations to other nearby Communities, such as Taumarunui, so that economies of scale could be achieved for these Communities. In reply to His Worship's query to Otorohanga's Security Patrol Contractor whether there was a demand for a surveillance system, the Contractor replied it would be nice but entirely depends on the cost.

CRS S BLACKLER & D PILKINGTON

Crs S Blackler and D Pilkington left the meeting at 4.55pm.

His Worship queried whether it was practical to have a person in a town this size watching a TV camera all night. Suntech replied that sometimes nothing happens but the system is always recording, and you can decide when to monitor it.

In reply to Mr McNeil's query whether Otorohanga's system could be monitored by a central system at a headquarters in Auckland, the Suntech representative said yes it was possible but it would be very expensive at this stage. They said if the area was being patrolled, only the area being patrolled was being monitored but with a surveillance system all areas are being monitored.

Mr Jones queried what ongoing costs there would be. Suntech replied that because of the location of the devices they were not easily damaged and because it was IP based, it would only be the replacement of parts due to physical damage, which would be carried out by a local contractor. Anything more technical could be carried out via the internet. Suntech said a technician would also visit once a year to check the system. They said costs would depend on maintenance needed but from experience they did not expect them to be very high.

In reply to Mr McNeil's query about the life of the system, Suntech replied 5-10 years could be easily achieved for the network.

The Chairperson queried how effective a surveillance system was in deterring crime. Suntech replied that because of the better quality digital images now there was a far better chance of conviction because details can be seen clearly.

The Security Patrol Contractor queried whether infra red cameras were used, and what was the distance and angle before distortion occurred. Suntech replied that day/night cameras were used in low light areas while infra red were used in no light areas. Suntech said distortion depended on the quality of a lens with 200m clearly seen if it was a good lens, however there was a trade off for angle and distance.

The Chairperson thanked the Suntech representatives for their presentation.

Item-87 ED HILLARY WALKWAY EXPENDITURE

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented his report on the Ed Hillary Walkway Expenditure and advised the project costs came in at less than what had been projected prior to Christmas.

In reply to Mr Jones' query about the amount received from Project Kiwiana for the Walkway project, the Chairperson advised the sum of \$36,884.88 plus additional costs was still outstanding. The Chairman said Project Kiwiana expressed their very grateful thanks to the Community Board in helping to complete the Walkway. Mr Jones said the result was excellent and requested a letter of thanks be sent to Council staff involved and Project Kiwiana for the high standard achieved and an excellent job undertaken.

The Chairperson read a letter she had received from Lady June Hillary thanking them for the wonderful day and that she holds Otorohanga very dear to her heart.

Resolved

That the Ed Hillary Walkway expenditure report and financial reconciliation be received.

Mr Jones / Mr Prescott

Item-88 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented the report for the Temporary Road Closure application for ANZAC Day commemorations and said the details were a repeat of previous years.

HIS WORSHIP

His Worship left the meeting at 5.18pm.

Resolved

That approval is granted for the following road closures:

Purpose: Anzac Day Commemorations
Date: Saturday, 25 April 2009
Periods of Closure: 5.45am to 6.45am;
and
9.45am to 10.45am.
Details of Closure: **STATE HIGHWAY 3 / MANIAPOTO STREET**, from the northern entrance of Huiputea Drive to its intersection with Te Kanawa Street;
KAKAMUTU ROAD, from Maniapoto Street to its intersection with Turongo Street
GRADARA AVENUE, from Kakamutu Road to its intersection with Summit Drive.
RANFURLY STREET, east end from its intersection with Maniapoto Street to end
COWLEY LANE – entire length
WAHANUI CRESCENT – entire length
WHITTINGTON LANE – entire length
Detour: Will be by way of Huiputea Drive.

The road closure will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Council must comply with the objection provisions as contained within the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
2. No objections are received from the NZ Police Department or NZ Transport Agency.
3. During the proposed period of road closures, emergency services will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
4. Council is to notify the local information centre, bus and taxi operators, and affected businesses and residents of the closures.
5. Council is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News.

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.

Mr Jones / Mr Ormsby

Item-90 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 11 DECEMBER 2008

Discussion

- 1.iii. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Parks & Reserves Committee to be held 25 February 2009.
3. i. The Chief Executive advised no further action had been taken on this matter.
- 3.ii. The Engineering Manager said the Roding Manager had reported back to him on his discussions with the Carriers Association saying they are complying well with the agreement. The tanks seemed to be in good condition with no leakages. He said Mr Gordon would be supplied with test results and he would supply Council with information on when the tanks were emptied. There was a grill system over the tanks for safety, and access to the site was restricted by fencing and a padlock on the gates. In respect of presentation, he said although it was not a 'pretty' site, effort had been made and the grass had been mowed. The Roding Manager had suggested ODC could undertake more contouring and improve the loop track and queried whether the access off Huiputea

Drive could be upgraded. He said horses on the adjacent land were still entering the site. Overall he believed that the facility was working well.

- 4.i. The Chief Executive reported the Environmental Services Manager has advised the property owner about creating a nuisance. He said on a recent inspection nothing had altered.
- 5.i. The Engineering Manager advised the Roding Manager had made a start on this matter but had been unable to complete it recently.

GENERAL

OTOROHANGA BRIDGES

Mr Ormsby advised Transit had now painted the south end bridge ends but further repair work will be required following an accident last week on this bridge. He also advised of potholes forming and said Transit could really do better for Otorohanga.

KING COUNTRY MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Mr Prescott highlighted the Waitomo News article on the King Country Motorcycle Club losing their track. He said he had received a letter enquiring if there was any land they could lease from Council. Mr Prescott said the Club brings in a lot of visitors to Otorohanga through their events and that if it was possible he would like to see them get re-established. The Chief Executive said the option could be explored but the Club would need to hold discussions with the current Lease holder and then approach Council.

KIWI HOUSE FALCON AVIARY OFFICIAL OPENING

Mr McNeil reported this was a very good event and did Otorohanga proud.

OTOROHANGA MOWING CONTRACT

Mr McNeil said he believed there were issues that needed to be improved with the performance of the Mowing Contract. As this was the quieter time of year, these issues need to be resolved now before the next busy time.

The Chairperson advised the grass edge on the Village Green had been sprayed making it look quite unsightly. She asked that the Contractor be charged for the cost of repairs as they were not asked to spray this area.

EMPLOYMENT SHOP

Mr McNeil reported the Employment Shop had closed down as of 30 January. He said this was disappointing for the town but there was less business' employing staff now.

OCB MEMBERS NAME BADGES

Mr McNeil requested name badges for Members. The Executive Assistant undertook to provide these to Members.

Item-92 WESTRIDGE LOT 1

Discussion

The Chief Executive queried Members as to what was the minimum acceptable price the Board would accept for this Lot. Mr McNeil suggested \$20,000. Mr Ormsby expressed the opinion that the town's reservoir assets need to be protected so any development on Lot 1 would need to be carefully considered. The Chief Executive advised that as a 'neighbour' Council still had a say in how the Lot would be developed and managed after a sale.

Resolved

That

1. The minimum acceptable price received is \$20,000 net to OCB.
2. The Executive Assistant undertake a sale on 'Trade Me' for a period of 14 days.
3. If the Lot does not sell, the property is to be listed with local Agents, on a first come first sale basis.

Mr McNeil / Mr Prescott

LIBRARY PIANO

The Chairperson advised she had received a letter from Mrs Marx stating the piano was being well used at the Otorohanga Arts Centre. The Chairperson advised the matter of the piano's insurance had not been covered in the letter. She said the Board needed written undertaking from the Centre that the piano was insured. The Chairperson undertook to follow this matter up.

TOURISM CAMPAIGN

The Chairperson advised of a new tourism campaign touring NZ. She said the truck has a fold out deck that converted into a TV studio, which would be visiting three sites in and around Waitomo on about 22 April in the afternoon. The Chairperson said this needed to be advertised widely.

MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

"THAT the Otorohanga Community Board, pursuant to Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolves that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public."

Mr Prescott / Mr Ormsby

Item-91 TE RAUMAUKU ROAD LEASE AGREEMENT CONFIDENTIAL

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 5.48pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

