



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

2 June 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 2 June 2009 commenced at 10.00am.

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PRESENT

Mr DF Williams (Mayor), Crs SR Adam, S Blackler, WH Earwaker, AL Gower (attended 10.18am), AG Ormsby, DM Pilkington and RJ Prescott.

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 Blackler read the Opening Prayer.

APOLOGY

Resolved that the apology received from Cr AL Gower for lateness, be sustained.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Earwaker

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 12 MAY 2009

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 12 May 2009, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Prescott

MATTERS ARISING

Reference was made to page six of the minutes regarding the item Pre-seal Repairs which should read 'pre-reseal repairs'.

REPORTS

Item-211 OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 7 MAY 2009

Discussion

OTOROHANGA MEMORIAL POOLS MANAGEMENT

Cr Earwaker requested confirmation that there was no funding available for the proposed increased cost of \$12,500 pa for the increase in the number of life guards to meet safety requirements. Cr Blackler queried whether a partial increase in the fees could be considered. She also suggested consideration be given to the opening hours of the pool complex. Members were informed that the opening hours have already been reduced to offset costs of operating. Cr Pilkington queried whether these standard safety requirements will be written into future Contracts. The Chief Executive replied these are not included in the existing Contract however, they will be in future Contracts.

Resolved

The minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 7 May 2009 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Cr Ormsby / Cr Prescott

Item-218 ODC WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Discussion

The IS Manager attended the meeting and presented a report providing an update on this Council's proposed Website development and outlining the options available. He reported that Council has available \$30,000 over a two year period to implement this proposal. He referred to the Community On-line (COL) template website solution which has been provided for this Council and 21 other Local Authorities who wish to gain benefits from participating in a shared offering. COL enabled this Council to re-use and leverage developments from other Members of the COL community and therefore share and reduce costs. In reply to His Worship, the IS Manager advised this would be a two year project and that staff would look at changes and whether these can be afforded year by year. In reply to Cr Blackler, the IS Manager advised that the current website had received 7256 visits per month. Cr Pilkington queried whether a useability report had been prepared on the website. The IS Manager replied it had not. In reply to Cr Pilkington, the IS Manager advised that two other quotations had been received highlighting a cost of 30-50 percent more than that outlined in the report.

Resolved

That the IS Manager's report providing an update on the Otorohanga District Council's proposed website Development Update be received.

Cr Adam / Cr Blackler

Item-214 MOTOR VEHICLE MILEAGE ALLOWANCE FOR ELECTED MEMBERS

Discussion

The Finance & Administration Manager presented a report and discussion paper outlining the anomalies in the current system of paying Elected Members mileage allowance and identifying options for reimbursing Elected Members for mileage in the future. He said the purpose of the report was to highlight that the Remuneration Authority was proposing to make some changes to the reimbursement of travelling and associated costs. He said the current system has never been satisfactory as it was applied to all Councils whether city or rural. His Worship said he would be concerned if the change was to an hourly reimbursement as city people are often held up in traffic. He said the reimbursement is to keep a vehicle operating in order for Members to carry out their functions. Cr Blackler also highlighted the effects of carpooling. His Worship said he would like to see Council forward a submission to the proposal expressing Council's concern in some areas. Cr Earwaker expressed the opinion the rate should be increased particularly due to the cost of fuel. Cr Pilkington agreed as running a vehicle for a rural Member was an expensive exercise.

Resolved

That

1. The Finance & Administration Manager's report be received and
2. A submission be prepared and forwarded to the Remuneration Authority on the matter of mileage allowance for Elected Members.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Pilkington

CR GOWER

Cr Gower attended the meeting at 10.18pm.

Item-215 POLICY & DELEGATIONS MANUAL

Discussion

The Chief Executive presented a report on proposed minor updating of Council's Policy & Delegations Manual. He said the most significant changes are -

1. Order of Managers to act on behalf of the Chief Executive in his absence
2. Reflection of impending minor changes to organisational structure in the Governance Support/Customer Services areas
3. Updating of staff financial accountabilities.

Resolved

That the updated Policy & Delegations Manual be adopted.

Cr Blackler / Cr Earwaker

Item-213 LTCCP SUBMISSIONS 2009-19

Discussion

WAIKATO RIVER TRAILS

Mr Hainsworth, Chief Executive of Waikato River Trails Trust attended the meeting and presented a written submission. He thanked Council for its staff assistance in particular, the Roading Manager. Mr Hainsworth explained the Trust's purpose of constructing a series of walking trails along the Waikato River. He outlined the project and said that this Council could be part of it. Cr Blackler referred to the Waipapa Lake area and queried whether there was sufficient room to install a track along side the edge of the road. Mr Hainsworth replied that there was plenty of room in most areas and that some proposed road repairs will assist in this matter. In reply to Cr Blackler regarding the Waipapa Reserve and whether any development may occur around the Reserve, Mr Hainsworth replied he did not envisage anything being built there. Cr Gower queried what was the Trust's long term planning in regards to the provision of public conveniences. Mr Hainsworth replied there are some basic toilets already in place however, there was an undertaking that additional toilets will be erected.

QEII NATIONAL TRUST

Mr Malcolm McKenzie presented a written submission on behalf of the QEII National Trust. He questioned Council's commitment to its promotion of QEII Covenants and commented on three outcomes namely -

1. Manage the natural and physical environment in a sustainable matter
2. Protect the special character of our harbours and their catchments
3. Recognise the importance of the Districts' rural character.

Mr McKenzie said there needs to be development of walking tracks and internal tracks within a Reserve. He said this Council has no staff employed for such purposes and has not committed funding to promote formal protection and promotion of QEII Open Space Covenants. He said when rural land including significant natural areas is subdivided many District Councils insist upon the protection of the area by a QEII Covenant as a condition of the Resource Consent.

Mr McKenzie said he supported Rates Remissions for areas protected under QEII Covenants however, this Council could do more to promote and enhance the policy. He suggested that the policy should be noted on Rates Invoices to land owners and the remission calculation should be more generous. Mr McKenzie recommended that this Council implement Environment Waikato's (EW) policy of remission calculation based on area under Covenant as a proportion of the total rateable area.

Mr McKenzie then questioned ODC's policy of debt reduction outlined in the LTCCP. He said he does not see the need or benefit from the projected rapid repayment of about \$11M over the 10 year period of the plan. The Finance & Administration Manager advised that this is a cash flow issue, not a rating issue. His Worship advised that Council has an ongoing level of projects such as the replacement of infrastructure and other capital works. His Worship then referred to rates relief over covenanted property and referred Mr McKenzie to the current District Plan review. His Worship said when the Draft Plan is completed, it will contain a number of new rules and future thinking around significant areas, landscapes and peoples value. He suggested Mr McKenzie will be comfortable with the Draft District Plan.

With regard to staff commitment and funding to promote formal protection, His Worship queried who will pay for this. Mr McKenzie replied that the Community which benefits should pick up the tab. He said there was no ongoing commitment to maintenance due to the lack of funding. Mr McKenzie then referred to EW's policy of remission on an area basis being the preferred option and said this makes the remission more meaningful. Cr Earwaker advised that there was a valuation issue to consider. Cr Gower agreed that when a Covenant is placed over an area no follow up is carried out. Cr Pilkington advised there is a substantial amount of land covered in bush which has remained so for the past 100 years or more. She said this area has been protected and still remains there. Mr McKenzie said there was a substantial difference between bush cover over land and land protected by stock control and pest management.

WAIKATO BIODIVERSITY FORUM

Council's Policy Manager presented a written submission on behalf of the Waikato Biodiversity Forum. The Policy Manager advised that the Waikato Biodiversity Forum would like to submit to the Otorohanga District Council for a contribution to help fund biodiversity. The amount requested is up to \$3000 (plus GST) annually for three years. He advised the Forum is supported in EW's draft LTCCP and has been operating for six years, during which time the Otorohanga District Council staff members have received opportunities to be involved in Forum events and receive biodiversity information. His Worship queried where the Forum sits within EW. The Policy Manager replied the Forum takes on the role of promotion etc outside of EW's Pest Management Strategy. He said it attempts to cover all other matters working with all members to highlight the importance of biodiversity through running events and workshop advocacy, information sharing, advisory service, public education and media articles.

LM & MA YEATES

Mr & Mrs Yeates attended the meeting and Mrs Yeates presented their written submission. Mrs Yeates expanded on their three main concerns -

1. Threat to mountain streams
2. Roading concerns over ODC allowing close settlements of 12 house lots together in a rural area.
3. Intensive rural subdivisions settlement and their impact on the farming operations.

In summary Mrs Yeates advised that all farming operations need to continue in a sustainable manner without conflicts arising between two very different categories of landowners. They are sure that anyone who farms themselves or comes into contact with farming, will agree with this. Mr & Mrs Yeates asked for Council to take this into account in setting the parameters for the LTCCP.

His Worship thanked Mr & Mrs Yeates for the level of detail in their submission. He said the LTCCP is a document derived from how the public would like the District to be. He said the District Plan contains policies and plans to achieve this. His Worship said Mr & Mrs Yeates submission was perhaps more directed at the District Plan.

Cr Blackler queried how the river flow has been reduced, was it due to people pumping out of the river. She said EW would be the Organisation responsible for this and those people would

require a water right. Mrs Yeates replied that many owners are developing ponds, some having springs from the river however, water from the adjacent land is now running into these ponds rather than into the rivers. The Policy Manager confirmed that the people are required to obtain consent for water take.

L CHICK

Mr Leith Chick attended the meeting and expressed his concern that Council is considering a subdivision at Kawhia, firstly at all and especially in this current economic climate. Mr Chick referred to the budgeted \$1.1M for the Waiwera subdivision and expressed the opinion this was not good business practice. He referred to the level of debt and felt this was not good practice in the current economic climate. Mr Chick suggested such development is for the private sector to undertake. His Worship replied that the current property market has changed and that Council is very conservative in its involvement and thinking in this regard. He said the driver of the project is the Kawhia Community Board which is facing many financial issues and this development proposal could enable them to introduce a new income stream. His Worship said the Kawhia Community Board and Council still have the opportunity, at the present time, not to progress the subdivision.

WAIKATO FEDERATED FARMERS

Representatives of Waikato Federated Farmers, Mr Nigel Billings and Mr Roy Johnston attended the meeting. Mr Billings thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting and reported that this Council's efforts to maintain a focus on core services and efficiencies is very much supported by Federated Farmers (FF). His Worship replied that Council appreciates its relationship with FF being this District's largest group of Ratepayers. Members were informed there was a general concern with the reduced contribution from Central Government into the roading activity.

Members were informed that FF continues to strongly advocate for the reform of Local Government funding at a National level. His Worship acknowledged the representatives attendance and said this District was very well served by FF members.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER

The Environmental Services Manager attended the meeting at 11.30am.

ENVIRONMENT WAIKATO

Representatives of Environment Waikato (EW) attended the meeting and submitted an apology on behalf of Cr Andra Neeley. EW submitted on the following items -

Waste Water, Shore Futures, Regional Pest Management Strategy, Enviro-Schools, Land Transport Policy, Stock Truck Effluent Disposal Facilities, Road Safety, Public Place Recycling, Waikato and Bay of Plenty Waste Liaison Group and Navigation Safety.

With regard to Enviro-Schools, EW requested that this Council provide a budget of up to \$6,000 annually in its LTCCP. This would show Council provides support for schools and demonstrates a commitment to Enviro-schools within the Otorohanga District.

His Worship said there was a need for an effluent dumping area for stock trucks. He said there was potential at the existing Otorohanga Truck Wash Facility. Cr Earwaker queried should this Council provide funding to the Enviro-Schools project, would this actually stay within the District. He was advised it would as the funding received was not pooled.

His Worship informed the representatives that Council appreciated the relationship it had with their organisation.

SUBMISSIONS NOT TO BE HEARD

K & M ROBBINS

Advising they are against the Waiwera Street Subdivision development in Kawhia being included in the 2009/10 Financial Plan for the following reasons -

1. The timing is wrong
2. There is very low demand for sections in the present economic cycle
3. There are numerous unsold sections already available in Kawhia
4. The increased demand on the water supply.

SUSTAINABLE FUTURE INSTITUTE

Advising their Organisation is an independent 'think tank' specialising in research and policy analysis. They believe Council should explore timeframes longer than ten years, as under the Local Government Act 2002 it does not limit LTCCP's to a ten year timeframe. He said it can take much longer than ten years to take an idea and implement it into something meaningful for the wider Community. This is particularly the case for large infrastructure projects.

MAYORS TASKFORCE FOR JOBS

Requesting the youth goal of the Taskforce, 'that all young people under the age of 25 should be engaged in appropriate education, training, work or other options, which will lead to long term economic independence and well-being' be included in the LTCCP. Members were informed that this Council is a financial Member of Mayors Taskforce for Jobs.

AUTISM NZ INC

Forwarding a submission for funding in Council's LTCCP. Informing Members they are a charitable organisation providing services in this Community to families and agencies dealing with clients who have Autism Spectrum Disorder. Advising they have 10 families within the District and therefore request that Council consider funding just one visit per family per annum at a cost of \$1,000.

TIHIROA RURAL WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE

Requesting Council to amend the charging rates for the volumetric charging of water to the Members of the Tihiroa Rural Water Supply Scheme. The current charges in the LTCCP are 76c/m³ (including GST), \$450 per metre (including GST), and the first 100m³ is free. Requesting a change to these charges to become 78c/m³ (including GST), \$450 per metre (including GST) and to remove the exemption of the first 100m³ being free.

NZTA

Advising Council's LTCCP plays an important role in ensuring integrated decision making and coordination of resources while providing for a long-term focus for the decisions and activities of Council. Informing Members that the National Strategy for land transport identifies the following five transport objectives -

1. Ensuring environmental sustainability
2. Assisting economic development
3. Assisting safety and personal security
4. Improving access and mobility
5. Protecting and promoting public health.

The NZTA considers that LTCCP's have a role in contributing towards these transport outcomes and seeks to ensure that this potential is realised through realistic planning and effective implementation. Further comments on the following -

Asset Management Planning, Integrated Planning, Development Contributions Policy, Road Maintenance, Financial Prudence, General Comments.

SHANE EDWARDS

Forwarding his submission taken from his perspective as a Tangata Whenua member of Kawhia. Referring in particular, to Cemeteries and asking Council to note that Maori residents pay their rates towards public cemeteries however, they are mostly buried in Marae cemeteries that they also upgrade and fund the up-keep of. Cr Pilkington highlighted the fact that some of Mr Edwards comments were more related to the review of the District Plan.

HAMILTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Seeking to gain provision through the LTCCP process, from the Otorohanga District Council to ultimately support regional tourism marketing and development initiatives suitable to the shareholders.

WAIPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Believing it would be helpful to establish a closer working relationship between engineering staff of their respective Councils to assist in the coordination of existing and new services (roading and water supply) across or near their boundaries. Further advising that the Waipa District Council is currently preparing to notify a review of its District Plan and to this end they are preparing a District Growth Strategy, an Environment Strategy and Town Concept Plans for their towns and major villages. Believing it would be beneficial to establish a dialogue between the two Councils.

PIRONGIA SPORTS CLUB

His Worship referred to a letter received from the Waipa District Council regarding a rating area for the Pirongia Sports Club. The Finance & Administration Manager advised it was too late to consider such a proposal as this covered a huge area. He said Council could support the proposal in principle but further investigation was required. It was suggested that this Council's staff and Waipa District Council staff work together with the Pirongia Sports Club to negotiate a deal and to ascertain that the local people are aware of what they are buying into.

CYCLE ACTION WAIKATO

Requesting provision for walking, cycling and mobility impaired strategies within this District and also within all Districts within the Waikato Region. Expressing their disappointment that Council's LTCCP does not appear to provide funding for cycling network projects, despite financial commitment and planned provision of new footpaths in the 2009 Regional Land Transport Programme. His Worship reported he was not aware of any areas that were restrictive to cycling. He suggested that the Organisation demonstrate these areas to Council.

STAFF SUBMISSION

The Finance & Administration Manager summarised the Staff Submission of changes to the 2009-19 LTCCP.

His Worship raised the matter of the sundry allowance under Democratic process and said this is currently budgeted at \$7,000 pa and at the present time has amounted to \$12,000. It was agreed that this allowance be increased to \$15,000 pa.

LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for luncheon at 12.30pm and resumed at 1.05pm.

Members summarised Council's responses to the submissions received -

WAIKATO RIVER TRAILS

It was agreed this submission be acknowledged and the submitters thanked.

QEII NATIONAL TRUST

Members were informed that the issues raised by the Trust would apply more to the review of the District Plan. The Finance & Administration Manager suggested he contact representatives of Quotable Value to ascertain their methodology of valuation. Cr Gower expressed the opinion that no on-going initiative was encouraged for the maintenance of covenanted land. He said these areas are highlighted but there is no incentive to encourage the property owner to maintain them. The Chief Executive suggested that a composite system taking account of both land value and area could be introduced. Cr Earwaker expressed the opinion that the QEII Trust should monitor these covenanted areas. The Policy Manager advised that the current Rate Remission is an opportunity for ongoing maintenance to be carried out. He suggested whether, over a three or five year period, the land owners present information on the block of land concerned. Cr Pilkington agreed with Cr Earwaker that monitoring of these areas should be the responsibility of the QEII Trust.

SPORT WAIKATO

Representatives of Sport Waikato, Mr Mike McGuire and Ms Robbie Matthews, attended the meeting. Mr McGuire submitted an apology on behalf of Mr Matthew Cooper. Mr McGuire acknowledged Council's commitment to the role and said this was hugely important to the District. He said it was his Organisation's intention to focus around schools and Clubs within the District and felt that a coordinated approach made best use of the resources available. Mr McGuire reported that physical recreation and sport are particularly important in this current economic environment. Ms Matthews then outlined future events within the District. His Worship advised that Council appreciates the partnership it has with Sport Waikato. He said Council has always committed to supporting healthy lifestyle and extended a special thanks to local Coordinator, Ms Robbie Matthews.

WAIKATO BIODIVERSITY FORUM

It was felt that the Forum's work was a double up on that of EW. Accordingly Council declined the application, with regret.

LM & MA YEATES

Members agreed that much of the detail in Mr & Mrs Yeates' submission could be considered under the review of the District Plan. Cr Blackler queried whether the Yeates' had an understanding of Council's Development Levies. It was agreed that they be referred to the Draft District Plan Review and that their immediate or past concerns were issues they would have to live with.

L CHICK

Cr Blackler said she was impressed that Mr Chick had taken the time to read the LTCCP and expressed his concerns. It was agreed however his concerns have already been voiced and that Council was just working through the process. It was highlighted that Mr Chick's comments were focused on the expense side of the proposal not taking into account any return. It was highlighted that the last two subdivision projects undertaken by Council have come out 'square'. It was agreed that any decision will be in the best interest of the people.

FEDERATED FARMERS

It was agreed that Waikato Federated Farmers be thanked for their submission and that the page given to 'examples of contributions to Council services' will be included in the LTCCP. It was further agreed to state in the Plan the extent to which Council uses the UAGC relative to the 30 percent cap in the Local Government Rating Act 2002.

ENVIRONMENT WAIKATO

Enviro-Schools

The Chief Executive suggested funding from the Waste Minimisation Bill could be utilised towards education. His Worship suggested consideration be given to providing \$2,000 for a three year period in support of Council's principle of Zero Waste. He said this was owed to Rural Ratepayers and queried where it would fit in with Council's Zero Waste target. The Chief Executive advised that the Enviro-schools programme could build a philosophy behind the Recyclable containers. His Worship suggested aligning any assistance with the provision of a recyclable container. Cr Pilkington stressed the need for commitment from the Schools within the District as once they become aware of what is involved they may not be as committed. Cr Gower agreed that any assistance be linked up with the provision of containers. Cr Earwaker suggested that more discussion should be held on this matter and whether funding would be available under the Waste Minimisation Bill. It was agreed that any assistance, at the present time, be declined for further consideration next year.

SPORT WAIKATO

It was agreed Members were happy with the content of Sport Waikato's submission.

K & M ROBBINS

It was agreed that a response to this submission be along the lines of that to Mr L Chick.

SUSTAINABLE FUTURE INSTITUTE

It was agreed that the Institute be thanked for their submission.

MAYORS TASKFORCE FOR JOBS

It was agreed that the Youth Goal be included in the LTCCP and that the Organisation be thanked for their submission.

AUTISM NZ INC

It was agreed that although this is a worthwhile cause, it is more a health issue than that of rating.

TIHIROA RURAL WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE

Members agreed to carry out the request of the Tihiroa Rural Water Supply Committee.

NZTA

Consideration would be given to revising the wording contained in the roading section of the LTCCP.

SHANE EDWARDS

It was agreed that Mr Edwards be thanked for his submission. This would require further discussion in the future with some issues relating to the review of the District Plan. The Policy Manager suggested that it be acknowledged the interactions that have occurred in the past to encourage both parties to work together to build a strong relationship.

With regard to Cemeteries, it was agreed Council provides Cemeteries in the District to make burials available to who ever requires them. It was agreed that many activities highlighted by Mr Edwards have a component of public good.

HAMILTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The submitter be thanked for their submission and that Council believes it is supportive of all the elements outlined.

WAIPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

It was agreed that Engineering liaison and support be encouraged between the two Council's and that this Council will support Waipa District Council staff to work together with a proposal in mind for the Pirongia Sports Club.

CYCLE ACTION WAIKATO

Members agreed Council's Roding Structure was well established however, maps could be prepared highlighting where walking and cycling tracks are located. His Worship suggested that should the organisation be aware of any roads that are not conducive to cycling then they inform Council. The Chief Executive advised that this District was not like the Hamilton City that it was a fairly easy and safe place to cycle due to the different environment.

STAFF SUBMISSION

It was agreed staff be thanked for their submission.

His Worship continued with the endorsement that this Council's LTCCP is not too far off the Ratepayers and Residents desire.

Item-216 ADOPTION OF ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS

Discussion

The Chief Executive presented a report on updated Asset Management Plans for adoption by Council. He tabled a full set of Council's Asset Management Plans for Members information.

Resolved

That Council adopts the presented Asset Management Plans as the technical underpinnings of the 2009-19 LTCCP.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Adam

Item-217 ADOPTION OF AMENDED WATER SERVICES BYLAW

Discussion

The Chief Executive presented a report advising that no submissions have been received in respect of the proposed amendment of Council's Water Services Bylaw as presented to Council on 21 April 2009.

Resolved

That Council adopts the proposed amended Bylaw, which is to be titled the *Otorohanga District Council Water Services Bylaw (amended June 2009)*.

Cr Prescott / Cr Pilkington

Item-219 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 12 MAY 2009

Discussion

HAMILTON AIRPORT - ADEQUATE GEAR

His Worship advised he had not had the opportunity to query whether the Hamilton Airport has adequate gear in place to provide the necessary services.

Item-212 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT FOR JULY 2008 TO MARCH 2009

Discussion

The Environmental Services Manager presented a report on Dog and Animal Control activities in the District. He advised that the improvements carried out to the Otorohanga Pound have been completed with the Animal Control area now being dog proofed.

Resolved

That the Environmental Services Manager report on Dog and Animal Control for 1 July 2008 - 31 March 2009 be received.

Cr Blackler / Cr Gower

GENERAL

FOOT PATH & KERB & CHANNEL REPAIR

Cr Prescott reported he had been approached by a resident questioning why the footpath and kerb and channel had been re-laid outside the Wintec facility. His Worship queried why Cr Prescott had brought this matter up in General Business at a Council meeting. Cr Earwaker advised that such work is under management control and that the matter should be discussed with Council's Engineering Manager.

SHORE FUTURES GOVERNANCE GROUP

The Policy Manager reported a document has been completed and is now available to go out to the Community for consultation.

ENVIRONMENT WAIKATO

His Worship reported Council's submission to EW's LTCCP went well.

RURAL SECTOR

His Worship informed Members of a Rural Sector meeting next Thursday and Friday in Wellington.

SUNDAY PROGRAMME

His Worship suggested Members watch the Sunday programme screening on TV1 at 7.30pm on 7 June 2009.

DISTRICT PLANNER

The Environmental Services Manager introduced the new District Planner, Aimee Bishop, to Members.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 1.50pm.

MAYOR:

DATE:

