



Otorohanga District Council

# MINUTES

23 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 23 June 2009 commenced at 10.08am.

## MINUTES

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## **PRESENT**

Mr DF Williams (Mayor), Crs SR Adam, S Blackler (attended 10.10am), WH Earwaker, AL Gower, DM Pilkington and RJ Prescott.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), GD Bunn (Finance & Administration Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Cr Earwaker read the Opening Prayer.

## **APOLOGIES**

**Resolved** that the apologies received from Cr AG Ormsby, and Cr S Blackler for lateness, be sustained.

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

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 2 JUNE 2009**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 2 June 2009 as amended, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

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

Cr Pilkington referred to the item Hamilton International Airport and requested the spelling of 'international' be corrected.

Cr Pilkington also referred to the summing up of the submission by Federated Farmers and requested the last sentence be amended to read "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.

In reply to Cr Earwaker, the Finance & Administration Manager outlined the content of a submission forwarded to the Remuneration Authority on the matter of mileage allowance for Elected Members.

## **CR BLACKLER**

Cr Blackler attended the meeting at 10.10am.

## **REPORTS**

### **Item-220            2009-19 LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN & RATES RESOLUTION 2009/10**

#### **Discussion**

The Finance & Administration Manager presented a report requesting Council to adopt the final Long Term Council Community Plan 2009/19 and the associated Rates Resolution for 2009/10 year. Cr Gower referred to the funding of roading projects and the statement that 'This slower

rate improvements reflects both the financial constraints that Council is currently facing (in particular those constraints associated with servicing the debt incurred in delivering previous road improvements)...'. He expressed the opinion Council was not in a good position as it cannot carry out its roading improvements from rates revenue, and in addition to receiving a 50 percent subsidy. His Worship replied this is due to the advanced previous roading programme which was the main target Council aimed for, now it is focused on Council's debt and stepping back from carrying out Capital Works. The Finance & Administration Manager advised that Council's debt is not increasing but remaining constant. His Worship stressed that the deferring of Capital Works is only a one-off situation and that Council needs to watch the situation, going forward. His Worship advised that the debt level was self-imposed by Council however, the capacity to build infrastructure is still there. He said Council's Asset Schedule shows huge assets with modest debt.

His Worship reported, as a result of Rural Sector meetings, pressure was coming on from Mayors as to a vote of No Confidence in the new Minister of Local Government. The MP referred to Local Authorities as being irresponsible however, he doesn't understand the functions and processes of Local Government.

The Finance & Administration Manager reported that Council's debt is under \$13M as at 30 June 2009. He said this will only rise should Council proceed with the Waiwera Street subdivision. His Worship said this is a challenge for Council particularly through the period of the recession and he expressed caution. The Finance & Administration Manager said Council was advantaged by a good cash flow situation and low interest rates.

His Worship said this was a very good result with a low number of submissions being received. He congratulated all those involved in the LTCCP on a job well done. The District Accountant had been present at the meeting during consideration of the above but left the meeting at 10.30am.

### **Resolved**

That

1. Council adopt the 2009-19 Long Term Council Community Plan; and
2. Pursuant to the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 the rates as outlined in the separate schedule for the year 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 be set in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Long Term Council Community Plan and Funding Impact Statement

### **Cr Earwaker / Cr Pilkington**

#### **Item-221 ROAD LEGALISATION PART LURMAN ROAD SO 61836, SO 61837, SO 379111**

### **Discussion**

The Finance & Administration Manager summarised a report advising that Council has documents requiring its consent to the legalisation of a large section of Lurman Road from Sircombe Road to Paewhenua Road.

The Finance & Administration Manager advised that there are two adjoining portions of land owned by Council on Lurman Road which are not leased to the adjoining owner, Waione Station. He said the land is not fenced and is grazed by Waione Station. It has been suggested by Council's Surveying Consultant that Council needs to assess if it has any current or future use for the land.

### **Resolved**

That

1. The Otorohanga District Council hereby consents to the Minister of Land Information declaring -
  - a. Pursuant to Sec 114 of the Public Works Act 1981 the land described in the **First Schedule** below to be vested in the Otorohanga District Council.
  - b. Pursuant to Sec 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981 the road described in the **Second Schedule** below being stopped and vested by way of exchange in Terence Edwin Crosby and Trudy May Crosby and Fenton McFadden Trustee Company Ltd by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register 229486 subject to mortgage 6358732.2 to the Bank of New Zealand.
  - c. Pursuant to Sec 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981 the road described in the **Third Schedule** below being stopped and vested by way of exchange in Waione Station (LH & JA Pickens) by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register SA615/11.
  - d. Pursuant to Sec 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981 the road described in the **Fourth Schedule** below being stopped and vested by way of exchange in Waione Station (LH & JA Pickens) by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register SA1250/61.
  - e. Pursuant to Sec 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981 the road described in the **Fifth Schedule** below being stopped and vested by way of part settlement in Craig James Pickens and Daniel Perry Johnston by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register 333832.
  - f. Pursuant to Sec 116(2)(d) of the Public Works Act 1981 the road described in the **Sixth Schedule** below and pursuant to Section 117(3)(b) of the Public Works Act 1981 hereby certifies that it considers it equitable to amalgamate the stopped road in the Otorohanga District Council by way of amalgamation with the adjoining land in Computer Freehold Register SA1250/60.

***South Auckland Land District - Otorohanga District***

***First Schedule - Land to be Declared Road***

Area	Description	Owners
280m <sup>2</sup>	Part Lot 1 DPS 75924 Shown as Section 2 on SO 61835 Being part Computer Freehold Register 229486	TW & TM Crosby
1743m <sup>2</sup>	Part Lot 1 DPS 75924 Shown as Section 1 on SO 66836 Being part Computer Freehold Register 229486	TW & TM Crosby
174m <sup>2</sup>	Part Rangitoto A No. 63B No. 2 Block Shown as Section 3 on SO 61836 Being part Computer Freehold Register SA615/11	Waione Station LH & JA Pickens
1610m <sup>2</sup>	Part Rangitoto A No. 63B No. 2 Block Shown as Sections 1 and 4 on SO 61837 Being part Computer Freehold Register SA615/11	Waione Station LH & JA Pickens
771m <sup>2</sup>	Part Rangitoto A No. 63B No. 2 Block Shown as Section 8 on SO 379111 Being part Computer Freehold Register SA615/11	Waione Station LH & JA Pickens
276m <sup>2</sup>	Part Section 28, Block VII, Mangaorongo Survey District Shown as Section 5 on SO 61837 Being part Computer Freehold Register SA1250/61	Waione Station LH & JA Pickens

2679m <sup>2</sup>	Parts Section 28, Block VII, Mangaorongo Survey District Shown as Sections 1, 4, 6 and 10 on SO 379111 Being part Computer Freehold Register SA1250/61	Waione Station LH & JA Pickens
2714m <sup>2</sup>	Parts Section 28, Block VII, Mangaorongo Survey District Shown as Sections 13, 14 and 16 on SO 379111 Being part Computer Freehold Register SA1250/61	Waione Station LH & JA Pickens
1773m <sup>2</sup>	Parts Lot 2 DP 383633 Shown as Sections 19, and 20 on SO 379111 Being part Computer Freehold Register 333832	Purimu Trust CJ Pickens DP Johnston

**Second Schedule** - Road to be stopped and amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register 229486

Area	Description	Owners
853m <sup>2</sup>	Adjoining or passing through Lot 1 DPS 75924 Marked Section 1 on SO 61835 Marked Section 2 on SO 61836	TW & TM Crosby

**Third Schedule** - Road to be stopped and amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA 615/11

Area	Description	Owners
6186m <sup>2</sup>	Section 2 on SO 61832 and Section 3 and 7 on SO 379111	Waione Station LH & JA Pickens

**Fourth Schedule** - Road to be stopped and amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA1250/61

Area	Description	Owners
5190m <sup>2</sup>	Sections 2, 5, 9, 11, 12 and 17 on SO 379111	Waione Station LH & JA Pickens

**Fifth Schedule** - Road to be stopped and amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA333832

Area	Description	Owners
321m <sup>2</sup>	Section 18 on SO 379111	Purimu Trust CJ Pickens DP Johnston

**Sixth Schedule** - Road to be stopped and amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA1250/60

Area	Description	Owners
1061m <sup>2</sup>	Section 15 on SO 379111 adjoining Part Section 18 Block VII Mangaorongo Survey District	Otorohanga District Council

- The Mayor and Chief Executive of Otorohanga District Council be authorised to sign and seal any documentation necessary to legalise plans SO 61836, SO 61837 and SO 379111.

**Cr Blackler / Cr Adam**

**Item-222 ROAD LEGALISATION PART OURUWHERE ROAD, PEACOCK ROAD TO MARTIN ROAD SO 331235**

**Discussion**

The Finance & Administration Manager summarised a report advising that Council has documents requiring its consent to the legalisation of part of Ouruwhere Road, from Peacock Road to Martin Road.

The Finance & Administration Manager advised that good agreements have been reached with the owners concerned before the work commenced and Compensation Certificates registered on the Titles to the land.

**Resolved**

That

1. The Otorohanga District Council hereby consents to the Minister of Land Information declaring -
  - a. Pursuant to Sec 114 of the Public Works Act 1981 the land described in the **First Schedule** below to be road vested in the Otorohanga District Council.
  - b. Pursuant to Sec 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981 the road described in the **Second Schedule** below being stopped and vested by way of exchange in Te Kawa Farms Ltd by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register SA720/112 subject to mortgage B.535112.2.
  - c. Pursuant to Sec 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981 the road described in the **Third Schedule** below being stopped and vested by way of exchange in Te Kawa Farms Ltd by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register SA857/219 subject to mortgage B.535112.2.
  - d. Pursuant to Sec 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981 the road described in the **Fourth Schedule** below being stopped and vested by way of exchange in Te Kawa Farms Ltd by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register SA1051/210 subject to mortgage B.535112.2.
  - e. Pursuant to Sec 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981 the road described in the **Fifth Schedule** below being stopped and vested by way of exchange in Coull Farms No. 2 Ltd by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register SA1702/19 subject to mortgage 5251101.3.
  - f. Pursuant to Sec 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981 the road described in the **Sixth Schedule** below being stopped and vested by way of exchange in Northmead Farms Ltd by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register SA231/220.
  - g. Pursuant to Sec 119 of the Public Works Act 1981 the land described in the **Seventh Schedule** below being taken for severance and vested in Te Kawa Farms Ltd by way of amalgamation with the land held in Computer Freehold Register SA1051/210 subject to mortgage B.535112.2.

**South Auckland Land District - Otorohanga District**

**First Schedule - Land to be Declared Road**

<i>Area</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Owners</i>
2591m <sup>2</sup>	Part 4G2D2B2B2C Puketarata Shown as Section 3 & 4 on SO 331235	Rogers Family
4151m <sup>2</sup>	Part Sec 50 Blk XVI Pirongia SD	Te Kawa Farms Ltd

	Shown as Sec 7, 15, 19, 23 on SO 331235	(Empson)
2904m <sup>2</sup>	Part 4G2C2 and Part 4D2 Puketarata Shown as Sec 9, 11, 16 on SO 331235	Coull Family
174m <sup>2</sup>	Part Sec 6 Blk XIII Puniu SD Shown as Sec 20 & 22 on SO 331235	Northmead Farms (Barker)
<b>Second Schedule - Road to be stopped and amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA 720/112</b>		
<i>Area</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Owners</i>
1759m <sup>2</sup>	Part 4G2D2B2B2B Puketarata Shown as Sec 1 on SO 331235	Te Kawa Farms Ltd
<b>Third Schedule - Road to be stopped and amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA 857/219</b>		
<i>Area</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Owners</i>
838m <sup>2</sup>	Part 4G2D2B2B2C Puketarata Shown as Sec 2 & 5 on SO 331235	Te Kawa Farms Ltd
<b>Fourth Schedule - Road to be stopped and amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA 1051/210</b>		
<i>Area</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Owners</i>
3630m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 50 Blk XVI Pirongia SD Shown as Sec 13 & 17 on SO 331235	Te Kawa Farms Ltd
<b>Fifth Schedule - Road to be stopped and amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA 1702/19</b>		
<i>Area</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Owners</i>
3019m <sup>2</sup>	Part 4G2C1 and Part 4G2C2 Puketarata Shown as Sec 6, 8, 14 on SO 331235	Coull Farms No. 2 Ltd
<b>Sixth Schedule - Road to be stopped and amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA 1051/210</b>		
<i>Area</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Owners</i>
1533m <sup>2</sup>	Part Sec 6 Blk XIII Puniu SD Shown as Sec 18 & 20 on SO 331235	Northmead Farms Ltd
<b>Seventh Schedule - Land to be taken for severance and amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA 1051/210</b>		
<i>Area</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Owners</i>
1340m <sup>2</sup>	Part 462C2 and Part 4D2 Puketarata Shown as Sec 10 & 11 on SO 331235	Coull Farms No 2 Ltd

2. The Mayor and Chief Executive of Otorohanga District Council be authorised to sign and seal any documentation necessary to legalise plan SO 331235.

**Cr Adam / Cr Earwaker**

**Item-223            ROAD LEGALISATION PART MANGATI ROAD - ORMSBY  
PROPERTY LT 418022**

**Discussion**

The Finance & Administration Manager presented a report advising that Council has a Memorandum of Agreement that requires its consent for the Road Legalisation of part of Mangati Road along the frontage of the property owned by RC and KM Ormsby.

The Finance & Administration Manager advised this is part of an extensive road legalisation process needed on Mangati Road as the road was never constructed in the correct legal alignment from the beginning. He said subdivision along the road is complicating the process and making it more expensive.

The Finance & Administration Manager reported that the land to be vested includes additional land from that already occupied for road as there is a need for road widening and re-alignment. Members were advised that the process will be less expensive than a separate survey and that the land compensation is much less than if the new separate titles were transferred to new owners.

**Resolved**

That the Mayor and Chief Executive of the Otorohanga District Council be authorised to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Council and RC & KM Ormsby and Bailey Ingham Trustees regards land to vest as road on Mangati Road.

**Cr Adam / Cr Pilkington**

**Item-224            INCREASE PRICE OF REFUSE BAGS**

**Discussion**

The Chief Executive presented the Engineering Manager's report advising that, with the introduction of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008, this will result in an increased cost of waste disposal from 1 July 2009. Therefore the retail price of official refuse bags has been reviewed. His Worship expressed the opinion he preferred a standardised retail price. The Chief Executive replied that Council does not have the power to set the bag price, with the Contractor only required to advise Council of the price, it will be advised a wholesale cost. Cr Earwaker expressed the opinion that Council cannot set the retail price of the bags. His Worship said however, it was important for Council to be able to justify the price of the bags. Cr Blackler suggested the Contractor places an advertisement in the local paper listing the outlets selling the refuse bags and the price. Cr Earwaker suggested that an advertisement be placed advising of the percentage increase in the wholesale price.

**Resolved**

That

1. The Engineering Manager's report be received,
2. Discussion be conducted with the Contractor, SupaBins, with a view to standardising the retail price of the bags.

**Cr Prescott / Cr Blackler**

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER**

The Environmental Services Manager attended the meeting at 10.55am.

**Item-225            APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - POSSUM BOURNE MEMORIAL RALLY**

**Discussion**

The Engineering Support Officer attended the meeting and presented a report on an application received from Rally NZ in association with the Pukekohe Car Club for the closure of various roads within the Otorohanga District, to enable the Possum Bourne Memorial Rally event and associated activities to proceed. Cr Pilkington expressed some concern with the proposed closure times being early in the morning, for long periods and in particular, on a Saturday morning. Members were informed that the Residents concerned will be notified of the reconnaissance stage. His Worship advised that the Organisers need to obtain feedback from the Residents concerned and then take the appropriate action. In reply to His Worship who queried the level of approval, the Engineering Support Officer advised that Organisers would be required to go through an objection process. Cr Pilkington queried whether local Community groups would be able to capitalise on the event by fundraising. The Officer replied this has been allowed for and outlined the various income streams. Cr Gower queried whether Council was receiving sufficient funds to reinstate the roads. Cr Pilkington reported that previously grading had been carried out more or less straight away and she would like to see this continue. She said this action was very much appreciated by the locals concerned. In reply to His Worship as to whether the \$2000 per road bond was sufficient, the Chief Executive replied 'generally yes'. It was agreed that a clause should be in the conditions that in addition to the payment of a \$2000 per road per day bond, that any restoration costs incurred will be on-charged. This is covered under Condition 6.

**Resolved**

That approval be granted for the following road closures, including 100 metres of each adjoining road, from where it intersects with the road being applied for:

Purpose:                            Possum Bourne Memorial Rally

Dates:                             Saturday, 22 August 2009

**RAGLAN ROAD** - from the district boundary to its intersection with State Highway 31.

**Period of Proposed Closure:**            7.00am to 4.00pm

**KAIMANGO ROAD** - from its intersection with State Highway 31 to its intersection with Hauturu Road. Includes intersection with Honikiwi Road.

**HAUTURU ROAD** - from its intersection with Kaimango Road, to the district boundary.

**Period of Proposed Closure:**            8.00am to 5.30pm

With the following conditions imposed:

1. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
2. Rally New Zealand Inc is to pay an application fee of \$400.00 towards administration of the road closure to Otorohanga District Council, payable no later than 10 working days prior to the road closure.
3. Rally New Zealand Inc is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News.
4. Rally New Zealand Inc is responsible for obtaining public liability insurance (and paying the cost thereof) to a minimum value of \$2,500,000. This is required to indemnify Council against any damage to property or persons as a result of rally activities during the road closure period.

5. Rally New Zealand Inc is to pay a bond of \$6,000 no later than two weeks prior to the event. The bond is based on \$2,000 per road per day and is applicable to unsealed roads only.
6. Rally New Zealand Inc will be responsible for paying the full local (non-NZTA subsidised) share of any costs incurred in remedying damage to the roads caused by the reconnaissance and rally.
7. Rally New Zealand Inc is to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
8. Rally New Zealand Inc is to liaise, and provide evidence of liaison with all operators and businesses that may be affected by the road closures.
9. Rally New Zealand Inc is to consult with all residents of all properties on the roads intended to be closed and also residents on roads connecting with the roads intending to be closed, including any no exit roads. Mail drops to residents are also to be carried out. All mail drops to residents are to be approved by Council staff before distribution to residents commences and must include the date that objections close with Council. The subsequent mail drop to be completed no later than ten full days before the proposed closures.
10. Rally New Zealand Inc is solely responsible for signposting and policing of the roads to be closed, to ensure that only vehicles connected with the Rally have access to the road closure areas. This includes arranging the delivery, erection and staffing of all road closure barriers and the removal thereof after closures. All gates and entranceways are to be taped and tape is to be removed thereafter.
11. 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. A Rally New Zealand representative is to meet with Council Engineering Staff regarding the required signs format, size, location and quantity of signs for approval before they are manufactured and erected.

**Cr Pilkington / Cr Adam**

**Item-226            APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – DRIVE NEW ZEALAND CLASSIC TOUR**

**Discussion**

The Engineering Support Officer summarised an application received from Drive NZ for various road closures within the Otorohanga District, to enable the Drive NZ Classic Event and associated activities to proceed. In reply to Cr Adam, due to the length of the roads, the Officer confirmed that all local carriers, NZ Post, bus companies, etc will be notified of the proposed closure.

Members were informed that Drive NZ has requested Council waive the Application Fee of \$400 in light of the promotion and business that will benefit the town and that it is a fundraising event. Following discussion it was agreed that the application fee not be waived.

**Resolved**

That approval be granted for the following road closures, including 100 metres of each adjoining road, from where it intersects with the road being applied for:

Purpose:                    Drive New Zealand Classic Event

Date:                      Friday 23 October 2009

Details of Closure: **MAIHIIHI ROAD** - from its intersection with Paewhenua Road to its intersection with Mangatutu Road (not requested)

**MANGATUTU ROAD** – entire length

Includes intersections with Pukemapou Road (no exit), Millard Road (no exit), Wall Road (no exit), Grice Road (no exit), and Pamotumotu Road (no exit)

**WHAREPUHUNGA ROAD** (note correct spelling) – from its intersection with Mangatutu to its intersection with Happy Valley Road

**HAPPY VALLEY ROAD** – entire length

Includes intersection with Cottle Road (no exit)

Period of Closure: 1.30pm to 3.00pm

With the following conditions imposed:

1. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
2. Drive New Zealand is to pay an application fee of \$400.00 towards administration of the road closure to Otorohanga District Council.
3. Drive New Zealand is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News.
4. Drive New Zealand 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.
5. Drive New Zealand is to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
6. Drive New Zealand is to liaise, and provide evidence of liaison with all operators and businesses that may be affected by the road closures.
7. Drive New Zealand is to consult with all residents of all properties on the roads intended to be closed and also residents on roads connecting with the roads intending to be closed, including any no exit roads. Mail drops to residents are also to be carried out. All mail drops to residents are to be approved by Council staff before distribution to residents commences and must include the date that objections close with Council. The subsequent mail drop to be completed no later than ten full days before the proposed closures.
8. Drive New Zealand is solely responsible for signposting and policing of the roads to be closed, to ensure that only vehicles connected with the event have access to the road closure areas. This includes arranging the delivery, erection and staffing of all road closure barriers and the removal thereof after closures. All gates and entranceways are to be taped and tape is to be removed thereafter.
9. 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. A Drive New Zealand representative is to meet with Council Engineering Staff regarding the required signs format, size, location and quantity of signs for approval before they are manufactured and erected.

### **Cr Earwaker / Cr Blackler**

## **Item-227            MATTERS REFERRED FROM 2 JUNE 2009**

### **Discussion**

#### **HAMILTON AIRPORT**

His Worship reported he had circulated a response to 1.i. querying whether the Hamilton International Airport has adequate gear in place to provide the necessary services. Cr Gower said it would be interesting to know how the Airport stands compared to other Airports it is competing with. His Worship undertook to respond further to this query.

### **GENERAL**

#### **HAMILTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Cr Prescott queried, with the proposed new international carrier operating from the Hamilton Airport, whether Council's commitment is still to be paid. The Finance & Administration Manager replied Council's commitment of \$375,000 is still liable for payment and will be called up on 14 July 2009. The Finance & Administration Manager advised that the four Councils involved obtained a legal opinion as to the best way to pay their commitment should they have to raise funds. He said in this Councils' case it was best for the commitment to be paid out of cash. His Worship reported that the debt of the Airport needed to be reduced if it was to remain a fully operational facility and also to remain as an International Airport.

The Chief Executive advised it is proposed to establish an Executive Working Group comprising of Chief Executives of the Tight 5 and a representative from the Airport to progress a proposal for a potential external investment in the Hamilton Airport. He said at the next meeting of Council he will present a report requesting Council to formally appoint him as this Councils' representative on the Executive Working Group.

#### **REGIONAL TRANSPORT**

Cr Earwaker reported on his attendance at a Regional Transport meeting held last week. He said there has been a shift by Central Government in road funding by placing everything in one national pot and looking at the best economic return on the funds, rather than showing on a regional basis.

#### **CONSENT APPLICATION - KAWHIA FORESHORE**

Cr Adam referred to a Resource Consent application for by this Council for the proposed Kawhia Foreshore work. He queried whether Council had made an approach to Environment Waikato for funding assistance. He was advised that this has been queried very early on in the process and that EW did not support the type of work proposed. The Chief Executive confirmed that the majority of funding was coming out of Council's roading account with further funding from the Kawhia Harbour Services account.

#### **TITANIUM PARK**

Cr Adam queried whether the proposed work in the development of the Titanium Park be placed under public tender. He queried whether there was any accountability in the awarding of the Contract. His Worship replied that Council is only a Shareholder of the Hamilton International Airport, the Managers of the Airport have never discussed the tendering process as far as he is aware. Cr Blackler advised that there should be a policy in place set by the Shareholders. The Chief Executive reported that financial accountability should be to both the Shareholders and Managers. Cr Earwaker expressed the opinion that the development would be through some form of tendering process and suggested His Worship query this at their next meeting.

## **CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES**

Cr Adam raised the matter of NZ Citizenship being awarded to Applicants who are unable to speak English. His Worship replied that the Applications are considered and accepted by Central Government, with no requirement that they have to speak the Oath or Affirmation in English.

## **SHORE FUTURES**

The Policy Manager, who attended the meeting, reported that the draft report of Shore Futures is out for public consultation with submissions closing 13 July 2009. Cr Pilkington reported she had received some concern as to the proposed timeframe however, as this is not a statutory requirement the timeframe could be extended. The Policy Manager advised that the landowners concerned need to highlight this for the attention of EW.

## **LIQUOR OUTLET**

The Environmental Services Manager reported on the Controlled Purchase Operations at Liquor outlets in Kawhia and Otorohanga. He said the Liquor Liaison Committee have agreed no further 'period of grace' will be allowed. He said three outlets were visited in Kawhia and all the premises sold liquor to the minor sent in to test their processes.

## **COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

His Worship reminded Members of a Council workshop next Tuesday 30 June 2009, commencing at 10.00am sharp. He said the workshop will cover items such as Youth Projects, Boundaries discussion and governance. He said, at this stage, both the Otorohanga and Kawhia Board Members have been invited to the workshop on Youth Projects but not to the other two issues.

## **RURAL SECTOR**

His Worship reported on his attendance at the recent Rural Sector meeting and advised that discussion has been held on Rural Fire Districts with funding being available to investigate the proposal to increase the size of these Districts. He said there may be an advantage in sharing of the facilities, something which Southland has carried out very successfully.

## **TELECOM**

His Worship referred to a Telecom 3G presentation which utilised Kawhia. He said this service is now available in the Kawhia urban area.

## **MAKING GOOD DECISIONS**

His Worship reported Cr Blackler had received an invitation to attend a Certification for Making Good Decisions course to be held in Auckland on 21/22 September 2009. He queried whether any other Councillors were interested in acquiring this certification. The Environmental Services Manager referred to proposed recommendations under the Resource Management Act which may affect Members decision-making.

## **BP NZ LTD**

Advising that Members may have seen BP's request for applications to the their 'Vouchers for Volunteers' programme. BP NZ recognises that high global fuel prices continue to have a big impact on volunteers who use vehicles to do their work. Querying if Council is aware of any organisations that it supports that may be eligible, to request them to visit the BP website at [www.bp.co.nz](http://www.bp.co.nz) to fill out an on-line application form. Applications close on 5 July 2009.

**LETTER OF APPRECIATION**

His Worship read a letter of appreciation received from Mrs Doreen de Haan in respect to roading improvements on Bromley Road.

**MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting concluded at 12.05pm.

**MAYOR:****DATE:**

