



Otorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on Thursday 10 September 2009 commencing at 4.08pm.

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PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive) and R Chadwick (Engineering Manager) and Mrs A Burdon (Executive Assistant).

APOLOGY

Resolved that the apology received from Mr AG Ormsby be sustained.

Mr McNeil / Mr Prescott

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 9 JULY 2009

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 9 July 2009 as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr Jones / Mr McNeil

TABLED REPORT - LAND UNDER PLUNKET SOCIETY BUILDING

Resolved

That the Land Under Plunket Society Building report be accepted to the Agenda.

Chairperson / Mr Tindle

REPORTS

Item-119 OCB COMMITTEE MINUTES - 29 JULY 2009

Discussion

The Chairperson reported that the Roothing Manager advised \$1500 was available from the Road Safety Account for signage for events such as the proposed fun run/walk. The Engineering Manager advised it was not available yet but could be in the near future due to changes in the NZTA funding allocation with a 'local share' being allocated. He advised the Roothing Manager has written a report for the next Council meeting advising this and recommending that the local share be put towards purchasing signs that would be available for loan, or a small fee, for small non-profit organisation events.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meetings of the Parks & Reserves, Works & Water and General Purposes Committees held 29 July 2009 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Chairperson/ Mr Jones

Item-120 REVIEW OF DRINKING WATER SUBSIDY SCHEME

Discussion

The Chief Executive presented the Review of Drinking Water Subsidy Scheme report.

Resolved

That

1. The Review of Drinking Water Subsidy Scheme report be received,
2. Recently commissioned preliminary consultancy work in respect of the proposed Otorohanga water treatment plant upgrade be completed.

Mr McNeil / Mr T Jones

Item-121 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 9 JULY 2009

Discussion

- 2.i. Mr O'Neil advised he was still waiting to receive drawings and costings for the proposed Memorial Garden at the Otorohanga Cemetery which he would put forward at Estimates time.
- 3.i. The Chairperson advised she had raised the matter of the litter problem on the Otorohanga Reserve with the Otorohanga Business Association Chairperson, Mrs Anne Laws. Mrs Laws advised she had spoken to adjoining business and asked if the possibility of additional cleaning of the Sir Ed Hillary walkway and the Otorohanga Reserve was a possibility. The Chairperson advised her that this could only be looked at during next years Estimates.
- 4.i. The Chief Executive advised he had not yet arranged for the Manager of the Kiwi House, Mr Paul Stuart-Higgs, to meet appropriate staff.
- 4.ii. The Chief Executive advised he had discussed with the Chairperson of the Board holding a workshop for Members to develop a position in respect of the proposed role of the Board which would then be discussed with Council. This workshop is still to take place.
5. The Engineering Manager advised that plans for the Memorial Gardens had been presented but final plans and costings were still needed.
6. The Engineering Manager advised that the Transit Signage Review has not been completed to date.

It was agreed to delete 2.i from Matters Referred.

Item-122 LAND UNDER PLUNKET SOCIETY BUILDING - TABLED ITEM

Discussion

The Chief Executive presented his report on the Land Under Plunket Society Building. Mr Jones said the Board is accountable to the Community as a whole for obtaining an appropriate price for the land at \$50,000. If a further reduction on the price was to be given it could be seen as favouring one worthy Community group over another. Mr Prescott said the original price the Board set on the land was \$22,000 less than valuation. He said he felt this had been the Board's contribution to the project. The Chairperson expressed the opinion that perhaps the price the Plunket Society had expected to reach for the land/building was unrealistic given the market prices at the time. She said, with an already reduced price, and deferred payment, this was a significant contribution by the Board to the St John project. Mr McNeil said he was not

comfortable with giving a further reduction on the land price because, had the price gone the other way and the Society received perhaps \$300,000, would an extra amount have been given to the Board. Mr Tindle said he appreciated the need St John had for funding for their facility but he was not comfortable in reducing the price.

Resolved

That the request to reduce the sale price of the land under the Plunket Society building be declined.

Mr Prescott / Mr Jones

GENERAL

PROGRESS PARK SIGNAGE

Mr Prescott queried whether a sign could be erected at either end of Progress Park to indicate the businesses and their location. Following discussion it was agreed this was not really a matter for the Board but for the businesses located in Progress Park to erect signage if they wish. The Chief Executive also noted that roading permission would need to be sought.

ROAD OUTSIDE MCDONALDS

Mr Jones queried what the status was with the completion of the road outside McDonalds. The Engineering Manager advised Transit's written approval for all of the plans had now been received with only one or two issues still being looked at. Work commenced yesterday but had to be stopped again because of a difference in understanding of the work between the Contractors and McDonalds. He advised that only three weeks remained on their Consent approval. If this was to lapse, McDonalds would need to re-apply for an extension to the Consent.

Mr O'Neil advised he had been asked when the road outside McDonalds would be finished and signs moved off the street so business could get their car parks back. The Engineering Manager advised there are issues still to be resolved before the road could be finished.

KIWIANA WEBSITE

Mr Jones advised he was very impressed with the new website design and that it was extremely well done. The Chairperson advised there were other new websites that were strongly interlinked giving a powerful promotional presence for this District which are being seen as authority sites for the whole area. She advised it was encouraging to see the Community using the website and requesting their events to be posted.

RESERVOIR - MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD

Mr O'Neil advised there had been a few issues in mid August where they had been without water on and off for about a week. He said he had spoken to Manga and a plumber to find out what was going on and was advised it was a maintenance issue which had now been fixed. The Engineering Manager advised he was not aware of any issues with the reservoir. Mr O'Neil queried whether residents could be informed if issues arise or alternatively if water supply could come for a different reservoir without interrupting supply.

Mr Tindle stated that having water shut downs was a major issue if the Fire Brigade was not notified. The Engineering Manager advised that, as he had not been notified, the matter must not have been very serious otherwise he would have been notified.

IMPROVING IMAGE OF OTOROHANGA

Mr McNeil informed the Board he had had discussions with local Police about the reputation Otorohanga has for having a 'P' problem. He said the negative effects of 'P' are a major issue affecting our Community. Mr McNeil said a lot of work had been put into youth initiatives in the Community but this is a major issue that needs to be addressed. He queried setting up a Community group to work on the issues and to change the Community for the better. Mr Tindle expressed the opinion that although it was not a matter for the Board, it was well worthwhile to reduce family violence and associated issues in the Community. He said he fully supported it but believed more investigation was needed.

MR TINDLE

Mr Tindle apologised for his absence from recent meetings due to unexpected work commitments.

SMALL TOWNS CONFERENCE

The Chairperson reminded Members of the 2009 Small Towns Conference being held in Kaipoi in September.

SOLGM FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

The Chairperson further reminded Members of the workshop being held on 19 November in Te Kuiti would be beneficial if any Members could attend. She advised money would be found in the budget if anyone chose to attend. Mr Jones advised he will check his diary. Mr Tindle reported he was already registered. The Chief Executive said in view of the significant budget the Board was responsible for it was an important workshop for Members to attend.

Mr Tindle expressed the opinion more suitable workshops for Members were needed especially following elections. The Executive Assistant advised a number of workshop were run shortly after elections which were circulated to Members.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 4.51pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

