



Otorohanga Community Board

# MINUTES

12 November 2009

## 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 12 November 2009 commencing at 4.04pm.

### MINUTES

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## **PRESENT**

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

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

His Worship the Mayor, Mr DF Williams, Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), R Chadwick (Engineering Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

## **APOLOGIES**

**Resolved** that the apologies received from Messrs TJ Jones and PD Tindle be sustained.

### **Mr Prescott / Mr Ormsby**

Discussion was held on submitting apologies and it was agreed that formal apologies be lodged with the Governance Supervisor one week prior to the meeting being held, if possible.

## **TABLED ITEMS**

The Chairperson informed Members she had two items to be considered in General business, these being -

1. Letter from Anita Bain regarding promoting and initiating a Farmer's Market for the Otorohanga District
2. Letter from the Chairman of the Beattie Community Trust giving prior notice of Beattie Home's AGM and extending an invitation for a Member of the Board to be nominated as a Member of the Beattie Home Board of Trustees.

**Resolved** that the above two items be accepted into the Agenda for this meeting.

### **Mr Ormsby / Mr Prescott**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 8 OCTOBER 2009**

### **KEEP NZ BEAUTIFUL**

The Chairperson referred to the \$1,500 cash prize and said that the recipients may be prepared to assist with providing signage, in particular highlighting the location of the Ed Hillary Walkway.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 8 October 2009, as amended, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

### **Mr McNeil / Mr Prescott**

## **REPORTS**

### **Item-130          OCB COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 28 OCTOBER 2009**

#### **Discussion**

#### **PARKS & RESERVES COMMITTEE**

Members referred to minutes of the meeting of the Parks & Reserves Committee held 28 October 2009.

## **Windsor Park**

Mr Ormsby referred to the proposed removal of the limestone structures in Windsor Park and requested that Members be mindful these may have been erected voluntarily through a local Club or Organisation. His Worship informed Members this will be considered during the 2010/11 Estimates process.

## **WORKS & WATER COMMITTEE**

Members referred to minutes of a meeting of the Works & Water Committee held 28 October 2009.

### **Roadway Outside McDonalds Restaurant**

The Chief Executive advised that Council has not received a formal report however, informal information has been received suggesting there may be a compromise design between the status quo and that proposed by McDonalds. He reported Council had contacted an independent Road Design Consultant who has suggested an intermediate design option which may save some of the carparking spaces. The Chief Executive advised that this Consultant had indicated that the 'modified status quo' design proposed by the Otorohanga Business Association is unlikely to be acceptable. Mr McNeil outlined businessman Mr John Haddad's efforts in seeking support for the status quo to remain. His Worship said that whatever option is proceeded with, there will be a cost to the Community, with the loss of some car parking spaces. In reply to His Worship regarding where to from here, the Chief Executive advised that the Board will need to consider and discuss the formal information received from Consultants when it is received, and decide whether to commission a final design and safety audit on a particular alternative layout. He said somebody will have to pay for this work, and if the selected design is a compromise between the current proposal and the layout proposed by the Business Association, it would be appropriate for the Board to consider funding it. Mr Ormsby expressed the opinion that this issue is a serious matter and that the McDonald's restaurant do not want to 'rock the boat'. He said it is necessary for the Board to get the situation right. The Chief Executive informed members that the technical information received to date suggested that the best achievable outcome might be a compromise where perhaps three parks on Maniapoto Street were saved relative to the current proposal, and a realistic view needed to be taken.

## **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Members referred to minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held 28 October 2009.

### **District Plan Designations**

The Engineering Manager referred to the Ballance Street to Ranfurly Street existing designation and reported that he had written to Bailey Ingham regarding the creation of a Right of Way by their premises.

### **Kiwi Statues**

Members were referred to the suggestion to place an 'Otorohanga' sign around the kiwi statues, and that the design of which could be undertaken by the Engineering Department, for consideration with the Estimates.

### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meetings of the Parks & Reserves, Works & Water and General Purposes Committees held 28 October 2009 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

### **Mr O'Neil / Mr Prescott**

**Item-131 SKATEBOARD CONCEPT PRESENTATION**

**Discussion**

Six local youths attended the meeting and presented their thoughts on the potential development of the Otorohanga Skate Park facility. They supplied a three dimensional model of their proposal and suggested the following -

1. The cracks in the existing structure be eliminated.
2. The horizontal pole be made lower and moved to an alternative position.
3. The stepped structure be flattened.
4. A ramp be installed to give access to the new embankment.

During discussion it was highlighted that costs need to be identified in respect to the proposal. Members discussed issues such as organising working bees and involving combined Service Clubs.

It was agreed that Messrs Ormsby and Prescott be the Board's contacts for this proposal.

**Resolved**

That the presentation on the potential development of the Otorohanga Skate Park facility be received.

**Mr Ormsby / Mr Prescott**

**Item-132 OCB PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS DATES 2010**

**Discussion**

The Chief Executive presented the proposed schedule of ordinary meetings dates for the period January to September 2010.

**Resolved**

That the proposed schedule of ordinary meeting dates for the period January to September 2010, as detailed below, be adopted.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>BOARD</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>COMMITTEES</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	11 February 2010 - Estimates Workshop	<b>Wednesdays</b>	27 January 2010
	11 March 2010		24 February 2010
	8 April 2010		24 March 2010
	13 May 2010		28 April 2010
	10 June 2010		26 May 2010
	8 July 2010		23 June 2010
	12 August 2010		28 July 2010
	9 September 2010		25 August 2010
	<i>Elections 9 October 2010</i>		22 September 2010

**Times:** Committee Meetings will commence at **5.00pm**.  
Board Meetings will commence at **4.00pm**.  
11 February 2010 Estimates Workshop will begin at 3.00pm.

**Venue:** Otorohanga District Council building, Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga.

**Mr Ormsby / Mr Prescott**

### **Item-135 PROPOSED FARMERS MARKET**

#### **Discussion**

The Chairperson read a letter received from Ms Anita Bain advising that she is in the process of promoting and initiating a Farmer's Market for the Otorohanga District. The first market is planned for 28 November at 8.00am to be held in the carpark of the Otorohanga Club. Ms Bain referred to a Council Registration Fee of \$320 and requested whether this could be waived, as at this point, there is no cost to stall holders in an attempt to encourage people to take surplus from their gardens to the Market.

The Chairperson reported she had discussed the request with Council's Environmental Services Manager who advised that staff had gone through the process and a cost of \$320 had been incurred. She said the Board could consider approving a grant to allow the Market to proceed. The Chairperson reported that the Applicant has followed all the desired guidelines and consulted with the Otorohanga Business Association. She said there is a considerable amount of interest from both buyers and stall keepers. His Worship reported that such markets are very popular and it provides an opportunity for a producer to cut out the 'middleman'. Mrs Cowan said the Applicant is attempting to get the proposal off the ground and therefore will not initially charge for stalls. His Worship encouraged Board Members to recommend to Council that it remit the charge as although the Market is happening within the Community, it is a Farmers Market for the District. He said Council will most likely see the Market as a good progressive move, enabling people to make an income. Members supported the proposal although Mr McNeil expressed some concern with the feeling of existing businesses in town. Mrs Cowan replied that the Applicant has consulted with the Otorohanga Business Association.

#### **Resolved**

That it be recommended to the Otorohanga District Council that it waive the Registration Fee of \$320 or part thereof, in supporting the first Farmer's Market in Otorohanga.

**Mr Ormsby / Mr Prescott**

### **Item-136 BEATTIE COMMUNITY TRUST INC**

#### **Discussion**

Forwarding notice of Beattie Home's AGM to be held on Thursday 19 November 2009 at 7.30pm in the Wilshier Centre, and extending an invitation for a representative of the Board to nominate a Member for a position on the Beattie Home Board of Trustees.

His Worship reported Cr Blacker was currently Council's representative on the Trust.

#### **Resolved**

That Mr B McNeil represent the Board at the Beattie Home's AGM to be held on 19 November 2009, and that he be nominated as the Board's representative for a position on the Beattie Home Board of Trustees.

**Mr Prescott / Mr Ormsby**

## **Item-134            MATTERS REFERRED FROM 8 OCTOBER 2009**

### **Discussion**

The Chairperson took Members through Matters Referred.

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Mr Prescott reported that Mr Chris Heppenstall had expressed the opinion it was too late in the season to establish a Community Garden now. It had been suggested to him to still write to the Board for consideration of the proposal, prior to next spring.

It was agreed that all items on Matters Referred be deleted except 1. iv and 7. i.

### **GENERAL**

#### **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

Mr McNeil referred to various Community initiatives in particular that relating to youth employment and queried whether something similar could be introduced to control drugs/P use in town. He said he has spoken to local Police and that they would be keen to be involved via a Scoping Group. Mr McNeil reported that many of the thefts being carried out lately can be linked to the use of drugs. He suggested that representatives of concerned groups such as the Otorohanga College and local Iwi work together to reduce this habit.

His Worship informed Members of a public meeting to be held Monday 16 November which has been organised by concerned Mothers. He said the young people say there is not enough to do in Otorohanga however, the Harvest Centre is prepared to work with them in this regard.

The Chairperson circulated an item from a recent copy of the NZ Herald on a tagging study.

## **Item-133            OTOROHANGA SECURITY PATROL REPORT**

### **Discussion**

Mr Dennis Kaumoana of Pearl Security Ltd attended the meeting and presented a written report which had been circulated earlier to Members. Mr Kaumoana referred to the current situation with the youth and expressed the opinion that the problem may get worse. He referred to problems at the Otorohanga College and gangs harassing people around the Community. Mr Kaumoana suggested a curfew on children under 17 years old be introduced as a way to attempt to eliminate these up and coming gangs. He said it would be necessary for this to be introduced via a Council Bylaw. Mr Kaumoana reported that 'Policing' in the area was better than it had been previously. His Worship said, should a curfew be introduced the assurance of the Police would be required and their support in identifying a process as to how this would be managed. His Worship said Council could take a lead in this matter following direction from those involved.

With regard to drinking on the street, Mr Kaumoana advised action can only be taken should the culprits be underage. The Chief Executive replied there were significant limitations on the application of curfews or liquor bans. He referred to the recent Kawhia Liquor Ban and said this relates to a particular period during which there is a problem, rather than an ongoing restriction. Mr McNeil referred to the problem areas identified in the security report and suggested these areas of concern be targeted. Following advice from Mr Kaumoana it was agreed that the lighting be checked on the Village Green. Mr Kaumoana reported that areas such as that outside the i-Site and Wahanui Crescent from the former Railway Station to the Timber Company were of concern.

With reference to the renewal of the existing Security Patrol Contract, it was agreed that staff report back to the Board and in the meantime Mr Ormsby have discussions with representatives of the Otorohanga Business Association.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Kaumoana for his attendance and wished him a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

## **COMMUNITY MAX SCHEME**

The Engineering Manager reported that four young men had commenced work under the Community Max Scheme. He said they appeared to be very keen and are currently working on the Waipa river bank walkway from the main road through to the Dog Exercise area.

## **D KEEPA**

The Chairperson presented a letter received from Mr Dave Keepa enquiring whether a pedestrian crossing could be installed just below the Main North Road dairy. He also advised it had been suggested to him that a play area could be established opposite the dairy. His Worship referred to the proposed development of the Westridge Subdivision and reported an area had been included in this for recreation. It was agreed that the request be referred to Council's Engineering Department however, the Chief Executive expressed some doubt as to whether approval would be granted for the installation of a pedestrian crossing. He also said, as the Main North Road houses are very spread out, most children would have to travel a fair distance to such a play area, potentially creating more problems. His Worship suggested Mr Keepa be thanked for his interest.

## **FORMER CROQUET LAND**

The Chairperson reported she had received an approach as to whether mini golf could be played on the former Croquet Land and whether the work involved could be undertaken under the Community Max programme. It was agreed that this matter be considered at the next Committee meetings.

## **DOMAIN**

The Chairperson reported she had extended an invitation to Mr David Bailey to attend the next Committee meetings to discuss issues relating to the Otorohanga Domain.

## **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

Mr McNeil raised the issue of zero tolerance to drugs and asked the question 'How can the Board make the Community safer?' His Worship replied drug use is an illegal activity and therefore a Police matter. Mr McNeil again suggested a meeting of interested parties be held to enable information sharing and perhaps a creation of a database. His Worship suggested Members wait until the result of this coming Monday night's meeting. He said better cooperation is required between the affected parties and that it is not Council's role. Mr McNeil queried why Council could not take a lead in this matter.

## **MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting concluded at 5.55pm.

**CHAIRMAN:**

**DATE:**

