



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

17 November 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 17 November 2009 commencing at 10.01am.

MINUTES

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PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), R Chadwick (Engineering Manager), AR Loe (Environmental Services Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

OPENING PRAYER

His Worship read the Opening Prayer.

APOLOGY

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

Cr Pilkington / Cr Adam

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 27 OCTOBER 2009

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 27 October 2009, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Blackler

MATTERS ARISING

Te Kauri Bridge

Cr Pilkington reported that work had been carried out on the willows obstructing vision at the Te Kauri bridges and this has provided a huge improvement.

REPORTS

Item-271 ROUTINE ENGINEERING REPORT

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented a report on general Engineering matters for August to October 2009.

NZTA - FINANCIAL AUDIT

The Engineering Manager reported verbal advice had been received that the result of the recent Financial Audit by NZTA was very good.

COMMUNITY MAX

The Engineering Manager informed Members that the four young workers employed under the Otorohanga section of the Community Max scheme were very keen and to date were doing a good job. His Worship informed Members the workers were either on an unemployment benefit, some other benefit, or at risk of being so. In reply to Cr Earwaker regarding costs incurred in setting up the programme, the Engineering Manager advised, to date, this was fairly light with Council only supplying tools etc. He said these costs would come out of the Sundry allocation and he intended to keep a record of the costs incurred and to stay within budget. Cr Pilkington

raised the question of the payment of holiday pay and queried whether this was 'on top' of the 26 week programme. Members were advised that holiday leave would be given during the 26 week period as time off and therefore paid by WINZ.

OKUPATA & TE RAUMOA ROADS

In reply to Cr Pilkington, the Engineering Manager advised that the reduced works mainly related to Okupata Road. He said the proposed works had been re-designed to an acceptable budget level.

BAYLEY ROAD

Cr Blackler referred to the proposed re-sealing of part of Bayley Road and reported that a property owner wished to have his entrance way sealed at the same time. She was advised to inform the property owner to make contact with the Contractor concerned.

WHAREPUHANGA ROAD

Cr Pilkington informed the Engineering Manager of two locations along Wharepuhanga Road which were being undermined by a stream and required urgent attention.

Resolved

That the Engineering Manager's report on general matters for August - October 2009 be received

Cr Earwaker / Cr Pilkington

Item-272 REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT - ENVIROWASTE

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented a report on a request from EnviroWaste for a six year extension to the Refuse Contracts in return for the introduction of a crate recycling collection and minor review of the Contract to allow for changes resulting from Council's Waste Minimisation Policy. His Worship expressed the opinion he has no problem with consideration being given to extending the Contract as long as Council receives some cost benefits. He said matters such as the provision of recycling bins, etc, is something Council will need to consider in the near future. Cr Pilkington reported there is a level of concern in Kawhia with the service provided and the costs. She said the Kawhia Community Board has requested discussions be held with the Contractor. Cr Pilkington also advised that there are more Contractors available providing this service than previously. His Worship expressed the opinion it is necessary for the Boards and Council to address any performance issues now.

Cr Blackler reported there is always considerable mess around the 'after hours' bins at the Otorohanga Recycling Centre.

The Chief Executive reported that the Engineering Manager and himself had had discussions with EnviroWaste regarding possible other services and the potential to use the Recycling Centre as their operational base in Otorohanga. He said, as a result, there could be potential for an increase in the facility's opening hours. The Chief Executive advised that should Council agree in principle, there is the potential to take negotiations further. He said it is necessary to establish the desired level of service required from both the Otorohanga and Kawhia Boards. Cr Earwaker agreed that the opening hours of these facilities is a key issue for rural people. In reply to Cr Blackler, the Engineering Manager confirmed that the Rural Recycling Centres form part of this Contract. The Engineering Manager reported that a representative of EnviroWaste is to attend the next meeting of the Kawhia Community Board. Cr Pilkington agreed this was needed as the Board had expressed a desire to consider their refuse options. The Engineering Manager advised it would be desirable to obtain the feelings of the Boards prior to negotiating with EnviroWaste.

Resolved

That

1. The Engineering Manager's report be received
2. Council agrees, in principle, to the potential extension of the EnviroWaste's Contracts provided that an adequate benefit is indicated.

Cr Adam / Cr Pilkington

Item-273 MORRISON FAMILY TRUST SUBDIVISION APPLICATION RM060168

Discussion

The Environmental Services Manager referred Members to minutes of the Hearing Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3 November 2009. He advised that the appeal period ends Tuesday 24 November 2009.

Resolved

That minutes of the meeting of the Hearing Committee held on 3 November 2009 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Adam

Item-274 LOCAL PURPOSE RESERVE (ROAD) - PHILLIPS AVENUE - RESOLUTION TO SELL LAND

Discussion

The Chief Executive presented a report on the sale of a small area of land owned by Council that adjoins Phillips Avenue and is described as Lot 9 DPS 27430. He advised that the process costs amount to \$7,100 however, the prospective purchaser will pay Council \$5,000 inclusive of GST towards these costs. The remainder of \$2,100 will be paid by Council. The Chief Executive confirmed that the overall net result to Council, less GST, will be in the order of \$20,000.

CR R PRESCOTT

Cr Prescott declared an interest in the matter to be considered and accordingly took no part in the discussion nor voted on the Resolution.

Resolved

That

1. The Otorohanga District Council hereby resolves that regards the land described as Lot 9 DPS 27430 that the Council considers that there is no current or future need for Council to retain ownership of the land and that the land be sold.
2. The Otorohanga District Council hereby resolves that regards the land described as Lot 9 DPS 27430 that the Council considers the sale of the land to Robert James Prescott and Karen Janet Prescott for the sum of \$25,000 (twenty five thousand dollars) inclusive of GST (if any payable) is in the best interest of the Otorohanga District Council.
3. That the Mayor and Chief Executive of Otorohanga District Council be authorised to sign and seal any documentation necessary to execute the sales process.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Pilkington

Item-275 BEATTIE HOME - NOTICE OF AGM

Discussion

His Worship reported that Beattie Home will be holding their AGM on 19 November 2009 and are seeking a representative of Council to attend the meeting. He advised that Mr B McNeil will be representing the Otorohanga Community Board at the meeting.

Resolved

That Cr Blackler represent Council at the Beattie Home AGM on 19 November 2009.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Adam

Item-276 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 27 OCTOBER 2009

Discussion

His Worship took Members through Matters Referred.

ZERO WASTE POLICY

The Engineering Manager reported that staff were still working through the re-writing of the Zero Waste Policy. His Worship suggested that this should be completed prior to negotiation of the Refuse Contracts.

CLEANING OF CULVERTS

The Engineering Manager advised that discussion had been held within the Maintenance team for the Contractor to set aside some time to randomly check other culverts over and above those cleaned.

RUMBLE STRIPS

The Engineering Manager reported that Council's Roding Manager had had discussions with Transit NZ on this matter.

His Worship requested that all three items be finalised before the end of this year.

GENERAL

COMMUNITY MAX

Cr Prescott queried whether funds from the sale of the section in Phillips Avenue could be contributed to the Community Max scheme. His Worship queried whether there was a need for funding. The Chief Executive advised that some ideas for additional projects are being considered and it may be useful to have perhaps, \$3-4,000 available for material to support the Community Max programme. Cr Pilkington referred to Council's current policy regarding budgets and suggested that it 'tread carefully'. Cr Earwaker expressed the opinion it was extremely important that Council Members were kept up to date with the Community Max projects and the costs being incurred.

MANIAPOTO STREET

Cr Prescott reported he had been approached regarding noisy trucks driving through Maniapoto Street. He said he had advised the person that this is a matter for Transit NZ. Cr Earwaker wished to remind people that this is a 'rural' town. It was agreed that Cr Prescott have discussions with local businessman Mr John Haddad on the matter.

The Engineering Manager confirmed that staff had investigated the accumulation of rubbish over the Main Truck Railway Line.

ROADSIDE SPRAYING

Cr Ormsby raised the matter of over spraying around roadside marker pegs in particular along Old Te Kuiti Road. He said the result of the spraying is not what Council's Customers want. The Engineering Manager undertook to check on the matter.

WEST COAST RIVERS

Cr Pilkington reported Environment (EW) is holding a West Coast Rivers Zone meeting in Kawhia this Thursday at 5.00pm.

WAIPA RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE

Cr Blackler reported on her attendance at a meeting of the Waipa River Sub-Committee and advised that the co-management agreement between the Crown and Maniapoto had already been signed. She referred to the Tuhiwai Slip and said approximately \$70,000 a year is still being spent maintaining the slip.

FEDERATED FARMERS

Cr Blackler advised that a meeting of Federated Farmers will be held in the Otorohanga Club tomorrow night at 7.30pm. She extended an invitation to Members to attend.

AROHENA NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY DAY

Cr Blackler reported she attended the Arohena Neighbourhood Safety Day recently and provided assistance to the District Road Safety Co-ordinator Mrs Christine Chaplow. She reported that five local schools took part in the event.

WINTEC MEDAL

Cr Blackler extended congratulations to His Worship upon receipt of a Wintec Medal.

DANGEROUS DOG

The Environmental Services Manager reported on the seizure of a dangerous dog and advised that this matter had been appealed to the Court. He said the appeal had been turned down and the dog has been destroyed.

COMMUNITY MOWING

His Worship confirmed that Council's former Community Mowing Contractor, Mr Barry Miller, had been convicted in Court on the matter of stealing a letter from Council.

FARMERS MARKET

His Worship reported on the application from Ms Anita Bain to hold Otorohanga's first Farmer's Market. He said the Application had incurred a Council fee of \$320 per annum. The Environmental Services Manager advised that Council will require the Organisers to hold a Certificate of Registration which will cover all stall holders selling food products. Members were informed that the Applicant was not, initially, making a charge to stall keepers in order to encourage interest. His Worship said this matter had been raised at a recent meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board however, he had suggested that it be heard by Council as it concerns the whole District not just the Community. Cr Pilkington queried why the Applicant did not make a minimal charge to stall keepers. Cr Earwaker said he would be happy to waive the fee for a 'one off' market.

Following further discussion it was agreed that no registration be charged for the initial Farmer's Market Day.

WHITE RIBBON DAY

His Worship reminded Members of the Morning Tea to be held in support of White Ribbon Day on 25 November 2009.

WAIKATO FEDERATED FARMERS

His Worship reported on a letter received from Waikato Federated Farmers advising that considerable concern has been expressed at the recent Agricultural Summit 2 meeting that the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) development has not concentrated enough on the economic well-being of the Region. Accordingly it is proposed a meeting be held at the Hamilton Airport Conference Centre on 7 December 2009 from 9.30am to 3.00pm. His Worship advised that a timeslot of 15 minutes has been allocated to each TLA in the Region to present their concerns on the Proposed Draft RPS. His Worship advised he will be unable to attend the meeting however, Cr Adam and Pilkington indicated they will attend. It was agreed that they coordinate Council's presentation with the Chief Executive and Council's Policy Manager.

WORKSHOP - 8 DECEMBER 2009

The Policy Manager attended the meeting and advised it was intended to hold a workshop following Council's meeting on 8 December 2009. He said Elected Members and staff of Environment Waikato will be in attendance at the workshop to discuss its RPS. The Policy Manager reported he is waiting on an information paper for consideration prior to the workshop.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 11.15am.

MAYOR:

DATE:

