



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 Thursday 11 February 2010 commencing at 4.03pm.

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PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

The Chairperson welcomed those present and wished Members a happy New Year.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 10 December 2009

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 10 December 2009, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr McNeil/ Mr Ormsby

REPORTS

Item-140 DISTRICT LIBRARIANS QUARTERLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2009

Discussion

The District Librarian attended the meeting and presented her quarterly report for October to December 2009.

Mr Jones extended a job 'well done' to the Librarian and her staff. The Chairperson congratulated the District Librarian and her staff and said the Library was a very vibrant place with a lot happening. In reply to Mr Jones regarding the depreciation on computer parts, the District Librarian replied that the computer hardware was given to the Library however, any replacement will be at the cost of the individual Libraries. In reply to the Chairperson's query regarding the value of the People's Network, the District Librarian replied this has revitalised the library with new people coming in who don't necessarily read books. She said it is encouraging that they feel comfortable coming into the library and may in the future be a library user. Mr Tindle expressed the opinion it was good to see the increase in visitor numbers. The District Librarian reported that the number of Gold Card Holders was fairly static.

Resolved

That the District Librarian's quarterly report for the period October to December 2009 be received.

Mr Prescott / Mr Jones

Item-142 NOTIFICATION OF RESOURCE CONSENT RM090069 OTC TIMBER COMPANY

Discussion

The Environmental Services Manager and District Planner attended the meeting. The Environmental Services Manager introduced the District Planner, Aimee Bishop, to Members.

The District Planner then presented her report. The Environmental Services Manager referred to discussions with the Waipa District Council regarding a similar activity in Cambridge. He suggested that Council Members may wish to visit this site. The Environmental Services Manager advised that Council's Environmental Health Officer had been on the Cambridge property and there were no problems. Mr Ormsby referred to odour passing over the boundary and queried whether the Applicant would be able to quantify where effects become unacceptable. The Environmental Services Manager replied, in terms of being sensitive and dangerous to health, this could be controlled. The District Planner reported that no complaints had been received regarding odour from other such sites.

In reply to Mr Jones regarding the Hearing process, the District Planner reported a Hearings Committee comprising His Worship and two Councillors will consider the application. She said she will prepare a report and recommendation for consideration. At the Hearing the Applicants will put forward their application and any submitters will have the opportunity to speak. She said the Applicant will then have a right of reply followed by further discussion. The District Planner advised that 15 days is allowed for any appeal to the Environment Court.

In reply to Mr Ormsby he was advised that any consent goes with the site therefore if ownership changes this will remain with the land. Mr Tindle said there appeared to be enough standards around as to whether the Company would comply or not and queried what part of the consent is up for discussion. He was advised that Environment Waikato do not require consent as the discharge etc is at permitted levels. Mr McNeil referred to the proposed stormwater design and reported that there has been problems on that side of town.

The Chairperson thanked the District Planner for her comprehensive report.

Resolved

That the District Planner's report be received.

Mr Tindle / Mr Prescott

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER / DISTRICT PLANNER

The Environmental Services Manager and the District Planner then left the meeting.

Item-141 OCB DRAFT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR 31 DECEMBER 2009

Discussion

The Chief Executive presented the Draft Management Accounts for the period ending 31 December 2009 and highlighted any major variances.

The issue of the removal of graffiti was raised and it was felt that perhaps the Board should be more aggressive in its approach to fighting graffiti. Reference was made to the removal of graffiti on private property and it was suggested that, over a trial period, the costs incurred be ascertained. It was agreed that this issue be discussed further at the next Committee meetings.

The Chairperson referred to the presentation of the Draft Management Accounts and felt this has been a useful exercise. She extended thanks to Mr Jones for raising the matter. Members felt this was particularly useful prior to consideration of the Estimates.

Resolved

That the Draft Management Accounts for the Otorohanga Community Board for the year ended 31 December 2009 be received.

Mr Jones / Mr Prescott

Item-143 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Discussion

The Engineering Manager summarised the Engineering Support Officer's report advising that Council is required to apply for Road Closures within the Otorohanga Community to enable the Otorohanga ANZAC Day Commemorations to proceed on Sunday 25 April 2010.

Resolved

That approval be granted for the following road closures:

Purpose: Anzac Day Commemorations

Date: Sunday, 25 April 2010

Periods of Closure: 5.45am to 6.45am;
 and
 9.45am to 10.45am.

Details of Closure: **STATE HIGHWAY 3 / MANIAPOTO STREET**, from the northern entrance of Huiputea Drive to its intersection with Te Kanawa Street;
KAKAMUTU ROAD, from Maniapoto Street to its intersection with Turongo Street
GRADARA AVENUE, from Kakamutu Road to its intersection with Summit Drive.
RANFURLY STREET, east end from its intersection with Maniapoto Street to end
COWLEY LANE – entire length
WAHANUI CRESCENT – entire length
WHITTINGTON LANE – entire length

Detour: Will be by way of Huiputea Drive.

The road closure will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Council must comply with the objection provisions as contained within the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
2. No objections are received from the NZ Police Department or NZ Transport Agency.
3. During the proposed period of road closures, emergency services will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
4. Council is to notify the local information centre, bus and taxi operators, and affected businesses and residents of the closures.
5. Council is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News.
6. 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.

Mr Ormsby / Mr McNeil

Item-144 OCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 10 DECEMBER 2010

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Tindle expressed the opinion that it was still a good idea for Board Members to hold a public forum to obtain the public's expectations, etc especially with the forthcoming Local Body Elections. He felt it would be desirable to hold further discussions on this matter and plan to move it forward onto the new Community Board following the October elections. The Chairperson queried whether this could be undertaken by way of a survey. She said perhaps it would be an opportunity to introduce new Board Members and to follow on from initiatives and accomplishments achieved during this term of office. Mr Tindle requested that the item remain on Matters Referred to be discussed at a future Committee meeting.

DOMAIN PLAYING FIELDS

During discussion it was agreed Mr McNeil approach Mr David Bailey to arrange a suitable time for himself, Mr Bailey and Council's Community Facilities Officer to look at the playing fields on the Domain, in particular those to the right of the pavilion.

GENERAL

COMMUNITY MOWING CONTRACT

The Chief Executive informed Members of the proposed wording within the Contract designed to establish trust and a good working relationship with the new Contractor. Members were advised that tenders close on 22 February 2010 with the Contract commencing from 1 April 2010.

The Engineering Manager then reported on the options for the Contract.

REFUSE

Mr Ormsby referred to the duties of Council's Litter Control Officer and queried whether a little extra time could be allowed for her to carry out Litter Control around the Community. He referred in particular, to the volume of rubbish increasing around the McDonalds Restaurant being blown into Huiputea Drive. Mr Ormsby queried whether an approach could be made to McDonald's. Mr McNeil suggested discussions be held with the Litter Control Officer to ascertain whether there has been an increase in litter around this area. Mr Tindle felt that the matter should be discussed further in a workshop situation and that the disposal of litter is an individual's responsibility. Mr Ormsby said there appears to be more and more bottles being thrown away. The Engineering Manager undertook to have discussions with the Litter Control Officer prior to the next Committee meetings.

MANIAPOTO STREET INTERSECTIONS

Mr Tindle raised the issue of the carparks at the various Maniapoto Street intersections and expressed concern at the lack of visibility. He felt there was a need to look at these before a serious accident occurs. It was agreed that this matter be discussed with local Police prior to further investigation.

OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY ART HOUSE

In reply to Mr McNeil, the Chairperson advised no further matters have been raised in respect of the Otorohanga Community Art House.

STATE HIGHWAY 3/31 INTERSECTION

The Chairperson referred to an email from Council's Roading Manager regarding road marking for the intersection of State Highway 3 and 31 and advised this is now in a position for the safety audit to be carried out.

ED HILLARY WALKWAY

The Chairperson reported on a discussion she had had with the Contracts Engineer regarding ventilation for the walkway. She informed Members that the Contractor has refused to install the vents directly onto the laserlite as it was explained, after a period of time this becomes brittle and with any vibration it may crack. The Contractor has suggested that the vents be installed into a metal roof product. The Engineering Manager reported that should this be undertaken the all up costs would be in the vicinity of \$3,000.

VILLAGE GREEN USE

The Governance Supervisor reported on the use of the Otorohanga Reserve (the Village Green) by a group promoting American Indian music and products. He said the group were on the Reserve for three days and on the second day had been requested by Council staff to reduce the noise level. The Governance Supervisor advised that a request had been received for the Board to consider whether the groups selling of merchandise was appropriate, given that it competed with that being sold by local businesses. Mr Tindle expressed the opinion that the group created an enjoyable atmosphere and that their merchandise was somewhat different to what local retailers would sell.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 5.50pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 11 March 2010

