



Otorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

8 April 2010

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 8 April 2010 commencing at 4.03pm.

MINUTES

Minutes are unconfirmed and are subject to amendment at the next meeting of the Board.

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PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs R Chadwick (Engineering Manager) GD Bunn (Finance & Administration Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

Resolved that the proposed stormwater upgrade project, under State Highway 3, through Ballance Fertilisers and OTC yards be accepted as an Agenda item to be discussed later in the meeting.

Mr Prescott / Mr Ormsby

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 11 MARCH 2010

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 11 March 2010, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr Jones / Chairperson

REPORTS

Item-150 OTOROHANGA GRASS MOWING CONTRACT 2010

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented the Technical Services Manager's report informing Members that the lowest price of \$216,850 was submitted by a local Otorohanga grass mowing Contractor, Paul Wilson of Property Contracting Ltd, and that this tender has been approved by the Otorohanga District Council Contract Awarding Committee.

The Engineering Manager reported that, following recommendation by staff that the Island Reserve be included in the main Contract to be awarded to Property Contracting Ltd.

Members were informed a further price was obtained from all tenderers for the additional mowing of the cricket oval at the Domain to a height of between 18 and 25mm from January to March inclusive. The price received from Property Contracting Ltd is \$1040 plus GST per year. Members were advised that this price had not yet been accepted as the cricket season has finished for this summer but can be included next year, subject to discussions with the Domain Committee and approval by the Community Board.

Resolved

That the Technical Services Manager's report be received.

Mr Prescott / Mr McNeil

Item-151 WATER SERVICES DELIVERY

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented the Chief Executive's report advising that Council has resolved that, as from 1 July 2010, the delivery of Water Services operations and maintenance activities will be primarily undertaken by staff employed for this purpose by Council, rather than by a Contractor.

Mr McNeil queried what Council was targeting to achieve by undertaking this change. In reply the Engineering Manager advised that it was envisaged long term savings would be achieved as Council should be able to effectively undertake this activity, and that such direct delivery should eliminate a Contractors profit margin, hence reducing the cost to Ratepayers. He said however, savings may not be achieved initially due to set up costs. Mr Ormsby expressed the opinion that Council staff would provide a more 'hands on' approach to this activity.

Resolved

That the Chief Executive's report be received.

Mr Ormsby / Mr Jones

Item-152 OTOROHANGA HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY RENTAL REVIEW

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor presented a report on the review of the Housing for the Elderly rentals in Otorohanga. He advised that since the preparation of the report the attached Financial Statement has been amended to increase the lawn mowing activity from \$3,600 to \$6,600 for the 2010/11 year due to the implications of the new Mowing Contract. He said, based on the figures presented, the deficit in the account will now reduce by approximately only \$500 to \$61,846 as at 30 June 2011.

Resolved

That rental charged for the Housing for the Elderly units in Otorohanga remain at –

Single \$60 per week

Double \$87 per week

These rates have been effective from 1 July 2009.

Mr Ormsby / Mr Tindle

Item-153 OCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 11 MARCH 2010

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Tindle expressed the opinion a proposed public forum would be a good lead up for preparation for the Local Government elections in October 2010. He suggested the matter be discussed further at the next Committee meetings. Mr Tindle felt that a public forum could broaden their reach into the Community and allow the opportunity for the public to meet Members and ask questions. Mr Ormsby said it is desirable for Members to move around the Community and to mix in different circles.

Members agreed, at the next Committee meetings, to put forward their individual plans for their future on the Board and to discuss what they would like to see happen.

GRAFFITI

Mr Ormsby reported graffiti had been placed on the pump station adjacent to the Otorohanga Bowling Club. With regard to the removal of graffiti, in particular from private property, Mr Tindle expressed the opinion this should be a targeted cost. The Chairperson felt that the property owner should be notified and encouraged to remove graffiti from their properties as it appears. Following discussion it was agreed that Council staff provide a report identifying the costs incurred and a breakdown between Council property and private property.

PARKS & RESERVES COMMITTEE

Changing Table - Otorohanga Pools

Mr McNeil reported he had approached Wintec to ascertain if they could assist in the preparation of plans for a changing table. He said they would be keen to do such a project however, the stainless steel was an expensive component of the table. He said other options had been discussed and it had been suggested to use a marine ply. Mr McNeil asked Members if they could assist Wintec in obtaining any surplus stainless steel piping. Mr McNeil undertook to continue his discussions with the various Companies and Wintec.

Diving Board / Barbeque Area - Otorohanga Pools

The Chairperson advised she had contacted Ms Erin Pye and stressed the point that the Board has no funding available for the installation of a diving board or to provide a b-b-q area however, she has requested Ms Pye to get back to her on what they actually envisage.

Village Green - grass oval

The Chairperson reported it is nearly ten years since the grass oval was installed. She had spoken to Council's Community Facilities Officer and requested him to prepare a report for the Board on the options available to provide a good surface by installing a drought-hardy grass and quotations to achieve this. Mr McNeil said he had obtained qualified advice that the present grass was 'saveable' and expressed concern at the cost that would be incurred should this be replaced. He said he would hate to see new grass planted and with no watering during the summer months, it dies. He said the Village Green is a 'show piece' of the town. The Engineering Manager reported an advertisement has been placed in local newspapers to conserve the use of water. Some previous years restrictions have been necessary He said it does not look good if Council continues to use water for its own purposes.

Local Police

The Chairperson reported she had attempted to contact the local Police to extend an invitation to attend the Board's next Committee meetings on 28 April 2010. She requested that all Members be present at this meeting.

Mr McNeil expressed concern at the number of Contractors driving farm machinery/tractors, at speed, through the main street. The chairperson suggested that local Police be informed.

Playing Fields - Otorohanga Domain

Mr McNeil reported it is proposed to hold a meeting with Mr Bailey, Council's Community Facilities Officer, the new Mowing Contractor and himself regarding the playing fields at the Otorohanga Domain.

Lighting - Gradara Avenue/Mountain View Road

The Engineering Manager reported this item has been discussed with His Worship and there is not a lot Council can do to remedy the situation. He said Community Max workers have been clearing vegetation in the area of Frederick Street which should allow more light through. In

regards to the lower part of Mountain View Road, he said there are no poles in place and that it would be an expensive exercise to improve the present lighting in this area.

The Chairperson raised the question of lighting on the Village Green and accordingly the Engineering Manager undertook to have these checked again.

GENERAL

Item-154 STORM WATER UPGRADE

Discussion

The Engineering Manager reported funding has been included in the current year's budget for renewing the stormwater pipe under State Highway 3 through Ballance Fertiliser Ltd and OTC Timber yards. He said it was envisaged this work be carried out prior to the OTC improvements being undertaken. The Engineering Manager advised that Council has a sum of \$160,000 to carry out this work plus a further \$10,000 under Sundry Improvements. He said a sum of \$12,500 has, to date, been spent leaving a balance of \$155,000. The Engineering Manager advised that Council has gone to tender with seven tenders being received, the lowest tender being \$203,000, the highest \$358,000. In reply to Mr Ormsby he confirmed that the tender was publicly advertised. The Engineering Manager reported, accordingly there is a \$50,000 shortfall. Council's market assessment for the work is \$190,000. The Engineering Manager advised that OTC Timber wish to carry out their development during this current year and that the existing stormwater pipe goes under their building and is in a poor state and must be renewed. He said the Contract allows for the pipe to go around the building. The Engineering Manager reported discussions had been held with representatives of OTC Timber querying whether they may be able to contribute to the costs. Their reply was that they would not contribute and would not be happy should their project be delayed.

The Engineering Manager reported it had been envisaged to raise a loan of \$144,000 however, should this be increased to \$194,000 this would incur an extra \$4,000 per year cost in repayments. The Finance & Administration Manager advised that this sum has not been included in the current Estimates and would impact on future years. The Engineering Manager advised he was asking whether the Board wished the tender to be let. Mr Ormsby queried whether the tender could be let on a preferred payment basis. Mr Prescott expressed the opinion that it would be best not to defer the work. In reply to Mr Tindle, the Engineering Manager advised that Council could always re-advertise the tender.

Resolved

That it be recommended to the Otorohanga District Council that the proposed Stormwater Upgrade under State Highway 3 through Ballance Fertilisers Ltd and OTC Timber yards proceed this financial year.

Mr Prescott / Mr Ormsby

STOP BANK LEASES

Mr Ormsby queried what was happening in regard to the current Stop Bank Leases. He said he was aware these expire around 31 May 2010. The Finance & Administration Manager undertook to follow up on this matter.

INTERSECTION - HINEWAI/TE KAWA STREETS

The Chairperson referred to the recent heavy rain and the ponding of water at the intersection of Hinewai and Te Kawa Streets. She was advised that there was no problem with the storm water drainage in the area.

ZONE 2 MEETING

The Chairperson informed Members that Council was hosting a Zone 2 Community Board meeting on 30 April 2010 between 10.00am and 4.00pm. She said a number of apologies had been received however, encouraged Members to attend. The Chairperson advised that the meeting is to be held in the Library Meeting Room (update - Otorohanga Club).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

The Chairperson queried whether any Members were interested in attending a Community Development Seminar to be held in Putaruru headed by Mr Peter Kenyon.

ED HILLARY WALKWAY

In reply to the Chairperson, the Engineering Manager advised discussion had been held with a roofing Company who were attempting to obtain steel roofing like the current laser-lite. He said an alternative to this would be to make a frame to support a fan.

ESTIMATES

The Finance & Administration Manager reported that the Otorohanga District Council and Kawhia Community Board have also been through their Estimates. He said the Draft Annual Plan is to be presented to Council at its next meeting on 20 April 2010. He said, at this stage, Council is looking at an overall rate increase of 3.9 percent, 4.4 percent within the Otorohanga Community.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 5.05pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 13 May 2010

