



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

1 June 2010

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 1 June 2010 commencing at 10.08am.

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PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), GD Bunn (Finance & Administration Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

OPENING PRAYER

Cr Ormsby read the Opening Prayer.

APOLOGY

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

Cr Earwaker / Cr Pilkington

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no items to be considered in General business.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 11 MAY 2010

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 11 May 2010 as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Blackler

MATTERS ARISING

Water Supplies

Cr Pilkington referred to Item 342 Draft Management Accounts, Water Supplies and queried whether any progress had been made to investigate the extraordinary high net operational costs. The Finance & Administration Manager advised that an extra month had not been taken into account however, only one meter reading round had been included with the second reading only just being completed. Cr Pilkington replied that it would therefore not be necessary to review the Estimates. The Chief Executive referred to the water supply activities being brought 'in house' and that the Accounts would commence with a 'clean slate' in respect of establishing budget estimates.

Otewa Road/Huiputea Drive Rail Bridges

Cr Ormsby queried what work was being carried out on the Huiputea Rail bridge by the Contractors. The Chief Executive replied that the matter referred to in the minutes related to the Otewa Road bridge. He referred to one incident where a crane had hit the centre of the Huiputea rail bridge however, the work being carried out on the pillars, is looked upon as 'betterment' and therefore Council would decline any requests to contribute to this work.

REPORTS

Item-345 OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 13 MAY 2010

Discussion

MATTERS ARISING

Te Kuiti & Districts Highland Band

Cr Pilkington requested the Kawhia RSA be consulted should there be any changes to the present situation.

Otorohanga Community Gardening Contract

In reply to Cr Earwaker, Cr Ormsby advised that the Otorohanga Community Board is currently re-negotiating the Contract with Tidy Gardens.

Graffiti

In reply to Cr Earwaker, the Chief Executive advised that the costs incurred in removing graffiti is met from the Parks & Reserves account.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board meeting held on 13 May 2010 be received and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

Cr Prescott / Cr Ormsby

Item-346 SUMMARY OF THE LAW COMMISSION REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE SALE & SUPPLY OF LIQUOR

Discussion

Council's Environmental Health Officer attended the meeting and summarised the Environmental Services Manager's report on the review of the Law Commission report on the Sale of Liquor Act. Cr Pilkington raised the issue of extra costs being incurred by Council under the proposed changes to the Act being made. The Environmental Health Officer replied that there will be additional costs to Council unless Central Government raises the various fees. Cr Earwaker queried why consideration was being given to introducing another tier to the process. The Environmental Health Officer replied it was not the intention to introduce another tier however, Central Government was putting the responsibilities over to the proposed District Licencing Committees. He said this will give Council's considerably more responsibility. Cr Pilkington stressed the need for Council to be able to forward a submission at the appropriate time on the proposal. She spoke in favour of increasing the current fees to recover the extra costs which will be incurred.

Cr Blackler said submissions will go to the Select Committee through Local Government NZ. She also referred to the proposed training that will be required which will in turn increase the costs involved. Cr Pilkington stressed the need for Council to be vigilant in this matter.

Resolved

That the Environmental Services Manager's report on the Summary of the Law Commission Report on the Review of the Regulatory Framework for the Sale & Supply of Liquor be received.

Cr Blackler / Cr Pilkington

Item-347 REPORT TO HEARINGS COMMITTEE

Discussion

The District Planner attended the meeting and presented the Environmental Services Manager's report informing the Hearings Committee of the progress of notified Resource Consent Applications.

Resolved

That the report from the Environmental Services Manager be received

Cr Earwaker / Cr Prescott

Item-348 SUBMISSIONS TO THE ODC DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2010/11

Discussion

The District Accountant attended the meeting. The Finance & Administration Manager advised that nine submissions had been received with six wishing to be heard. He said the ODC Staff submission related to changes due to the increase in GST to 15 percent effective from 1 October 2010.

SPORT WAIKATO

Sport Waikato's Chief Executive, Matthew Cooper, and District Sports Coordinator Ms Robbie Matthews, attended the meeting. Mr Cooper advised that Sport Waikato's outcomes are aligned with those in Council's LTCCP. The key areas of his submission related to Council's parks and reserves, in particular the development of a Skateboard Park, availability of the Island Reserve/Domain and investigating the benefit of a toilet at Windsor Park. Sport Waikato supported the Otorohanga Pool Complex as being a great asset for the Community and will advocate the benefit this facility provides. Members were informed that there is potential to develop more outdoor pool activities.

Sport Waikato supports the continuation of the SPARC Rural Travel Fund.

Mr Cooper said Sport Waikato would like to continue to advocate for active events in the Otorohanga District and wished to thank Council for its support in purchasing Road Safety Signage for use at these events. He said Sport Waikato would like to encourage Council to continue to develop cycle lanes. He extended thanks to Council for its continued support of the Otorohanga District Coordinator role.

His Worship replied that Council values the partnership it has with Sport Waikato. He advised that the development of a Skateboard Park has been completed and is used considerably. With regard to the erection of a toilet at Windsor Park, His Worship reported this matter comes up regularly however, there are other toilets handy to the Park and that the costs in providing and maintaining such a facility prohibits the proposal.

Cr Pilkington endorsed the comments to retain the SPARC Rural Travel Fund and extended her appreciation to Sport Waikato for supporting the continuation of this Scheme.

His Worship acknowledged Sport Waikato's contribution to the annual Sports Awards, and thanked the Representatives for their attendance.

OTOROHANGA FEDERATED FARMERS

Mr Roy Johnson, on behalf of Federated Farmers presented their submission. Mr Johnson advised that all the points raised in their submission were supportive of Council with the exception of the UAGC issue. In summarising the submission the Federated Farmers supports Councils 'business as usual' approach as stated in the Mayor and CEO's comments and

acknowledged the fact that the 3.9 percent overall increase is below that forecast in the LTCCP. Other issues raised in the submission were -

- Federated Farmers supports Council's ongoing focus on rates affordability
- Otorohanga Federated Farmers does not support the amalgamation of ODC with any other Council, and does not support the concept of a Regional Unitary Authority.
- Federated Farmers acknowledges the high level of transparency, in terms of rates impacts and policies, in this draft Annual Plan.
- Otorohanga Federated Farmers submits that the UAGC should be set at the maximum level allowable in rating legislation.

Mr Johnson made reference to the Federation's concerns regarding Council's contribution to District promotion however, this issue has not been included in the submission.

His Worship thanked Mr Johnson for his presentation of the submission and for the responsible position the Federation has taken on proposed Government reform.

With regard to the UAGC, the Finance & Administration Manager advised that in 2006/07 all Uniform Rates were included in the 30 percent CAP however, following advice from Council's Auditors now only District-wide uniform rates are included in the 30 percent CAP.

MRS D DAVIDSON

Mrs Dawn Davidson presented her submission which she had put forward as a ratepayer of the District. Mrs Davidson requested a feasibility study be undertaken to reduce the length of the outdoor pool to 25m and to investigate the possibility of solar heating for the outdoor pool. Cr Blackler queried whether the proposal to install solar heating could be a project for Community groups such as Lions or Rotary. Mrs Davidson suggested a sub-Committee be established to steer any project and reported that Government subsidy was available to heat such facilities. His Worship thanked Mrs Davidson for her presentation.

I RICHARDS

Ms Erin Pye presented Mr Ian Richards submission requesting Council adopt the Swim for Life criteria for all under 12's in the District. Ms Pye said that the aim of Swim for Life is to encourage all under 12's to be able to swim 200m, the benchmark being set by Water Safety NZ, for survival. She reported the estimated costs would be approximately \$25,000 per summer period.

His Worship queried whether the Submitter had had discussions with local schools/clubs on the proposal and asked how many other Councils have taken up this opportunity. He asked if Council was supportive, would it be required to commit funding to the proposal? Ms Pye replied that is what her Organisation would like to have occur.

His Worship queried with Mrs Davidson which are the most important improvements to the infrastructure or initiating new programmes. Mrs Davidson replied that they go hand-in-hand. His Worship thanked Ms Pye for the power point presentation and asked her to forward to the submitter Council's acknowledgement of their free admission policy.

STAFF SUBMISSION

The Finance & Administration Manager reported that the Staff Submission related to the implementations of the increase in GST. He advised that the second instalment of the 2010/11 rates would be charged at 15 percent GST however, those paying their rates in full prior to 1 October 2010 will only be charged at the current 12.5 percent. He said the Rates Resolution would be exclusive of GST and that GST would be added at the prevailing rate.

With regard to Fees & Charges, the Finance & Administration Manager reported that these have been quoted GST inclusive with effect from 1 July and then with the 2.5 percent GST increase from 1 October 2010. Cr Blackler requested that a covering letter be included with the Rates

Demands to inform Ratepayers of the increase. With regard to the Fees and Charges, Crs Earwaker and Blackler suggested that the full extra charge be effective from 1 July 2010. Cr Ormsby agreed with the suggestion.

D CARR

Ms Dorothy Carr said she would be interested to learn of any proposed changes to the Pool complex and its future use. She said she hoped that the pool would not be levelled or the length of the pool shortened. Ms Carr felt it is desirable to have the opportunity for adults and children to swim in deep water where they cannot stand up. She said this opportunity promotes confidence in the swimmer. His Worship replied that Council has no immediate plans for this facility, its purpose is to provide a basic but adequate facility. He suggested that groups/individuals get together to instigate the first step towards something being planned.

CYCLE ACTION WAIKATO

Expressing their desire to see Councils within the Waikato Region joining the NZ Cycling Advocates Network as a supporting Organisation. Accordingly, seeking decisions from Council on -

- Has Council's Walking and Cycling Strategy mapped and evaluated the cost of walking and cycling networks for transportation
- What policy does Council have in place to ensure best utilisation of the opportunities created by the Annual Road Resealing Works Programme and Capital Works Projects to include walking and cycling facilities.
- To list the walking and cycling facilities that Council is constructing through the 2010/11 Annual Road Re-sealing Works Programme and Capital Works Projects
- Has Council joined the Communities for Climate protection programme.
- Is Council willing to put into place a National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy Transport Programme Action Plan within the next three years.

NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY

Advising they are supportive of the Draft Annual Plan as it relates to the transport network and look forward to working closely with Council in regards to the upcoming District Plan Review.

ENVIRONMENT WAIKATO

Environment Waikato's submission covered issues such as Enviro Schools, Waikato & Bay of Plenty Liaison Group meetings, Recycling in Public Places initiative, District Plan Review, Bio-Security, Heritage, Wastewater, Stormwater and Infrastructure Development, Waikato Contaminated Land Liaison Group and Land Transport Policy, Road Safety and Stock Truck Effluent.

Reference was made to the Enviro Schools programme with the Chief Executive reporting that discussion had been held by Council to support education on waste minimisation but not specifically through Enviro Schools.

In reply to Cr Pilkington, the Chief Executive advised that the Resource Consent application in regard to the Kawhia Community Drinking Water Standards has commenced.

Members deliberated on submissions and confirmed the following -

SPORT WAIKATO

With regard to the submission presented by Sport Waikato, His Worship referred to the request for a toilet in Windsor Park. It was agreed that, at the present time, financially this was not affordable and that other toilet facilities are available.

OTOROHANGA FEDERATED FARMERS

Particular reference was made to the matter of UAGC. Staff were requested to explain to submitters how the apparent decrease of UAGC was misleading.

MD DAVIDSON, D CARR & TLC

Members were of the opinion that these submitters should be encouraged to work together for the good of the Pool. Cr Earwaker expressed the opinion that any project should originate from the Community for presentation to Council. His Worship felt that someone needs to take on a proposal and queried whether the Otorohanga Community Board would be keen to be involved. It was also felt that the Otorohanga Swimming Club and other interested parties be encouraged to take part. Cr Blackler suggested that representatives make contact with the District Sports Coordinator. Members agreed that interested parties need to get together and liaise and discuss what is important for the users of the pool complex.

ODC STAFF

Cr Earwaker referred to the proposed Fees & Charges and expressed the opinion that these should only be set once as from 1 July 2010 incorporating the increase in GST. The Chief Executive advised that this line of action is likely to make Council unpopular and to be seen to be taking advantage of the change in GST. He felt that there would be a negative public response to increase the full rate of GST from 1 July 2010. It was decided to publish Fees & Charges GST inclusive with two columns, with 12.5 percent of GST 1 July to 30 September and 15 percent from 1 October to 30 June 2011.

CYCLE ACTION WAIKATO & NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY

Members agreed that Council's thanks be forwarded for their submission.

ENVIRONMENT WAIKATO

Particular reference was made to the Enviro Schools programme and the fact that Council had not made any financial commitment to this programme. It was agreed Council could potentially provide assistance with the initiative and support the programme on a case by case basis.

His Worship referred to the matter of stock truck effluent and suggested that the submitter be referred to Council's previous correspondence where Council advised it was agreeable to exploring effluent dumping stations within the region.

Reference was made to the Kawhia Drinking Water Standards and Members informed that the Resource Consent Application is under way.

In reply to Cr Earwaker regarding to the issue of Privet, the Engineering Manager reported that no budget has been provided for any major clearing of this plant. The Chief Executive said disposal of Privet is usually complaint driven. Members were made aware of the Privet eradication which has been carried out recently in Kawhia both on Council and private land.

His Worship said Council was grateful to receive quality submissions on the Draft Annual Plan and that the number of these was very low particularly those who wished to be heard. He acknowledged the input of Councillors and staff to drive the plan in the direction Ratepayers wish to go. He extended congratulations to all those involved in the preparation of the Draft Annual Plan.

Resolved

That

1. The submissions be received, and

2. Subject to amendments resulting from the submissions, Council adopt the 2010/11 Annual Plan.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Pilkington

Item-349 RATES RESOLUTION 2010/11

Resolved

That pursuant to the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 the rates as outlined in the separate schedule for the year 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 be set in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Long Term Council Community Plan and Funding Impact Statement.

All rates and amounts are plus GST at the prevailing rate (The prevailing rate is currently 12.5 percent increasing to 15 percent as from 1 October 2010).

1. Otorohanga District

- a. General Rate

A General Rate of 0.05361 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the District of Otorohanga.

- b. Uniform Annual General Charge

A Uniform Annual General Charge of \$295.30 on every separate rating unit within the District of Otorohanga.

(The total general rate and Uniform Annual General Charge are estimated to produce \$3,145,552 and this revenue will be used for the following purposes: Network Services, Community Services, Regulatory Services, Governance and Leadership and Community Development).

2. Otorohanga Rural

- a. **Rural Targeted Rate**

A Targeted Rate of 0.00175 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the District of Otorohanga with the exception of the Otorohanga Community and Kawhia Community areas.

- b. **Separate Uniform Targeted Rate**

A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$94.33 on every separate rating unit within the District of Otorohanga with the exception of the Otorohanga and Kawhia Community areas.

(These rates are estimated to produce \$2577,930 and this revenue will be used for the following purposes: Network Services, Community Services and Regulatory Services).

3. Otorohanga Community

- a. **Otorohanga Community Targeted Rate**

A Targeted Rate levied on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Community of Otorohanga on a differential basis as follows:

- i. Differential Rating Area No. 1 – 0.07619 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$62,876.
- ii. Differential Rating Area No. 2 – 0.03047 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$84,233.

- b. **Otorohanga Community Uniform Targeted Rate**

A Separate Uniform Targeted Rate of \$186.73 on each separate rating unit within the Community of Otorohanga.

(These rates are estimated to produce \$390,985 and this revenue will be used for the following purposes: Network Services, Governance and Leadership and Community Services).

4. Kawhia Community

a. Kawhia Community Targeted Rate

A Targeted Rate of 0.02985 cents in the dollar levied on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Community of Kawhia.

b. Kawhia Community Uniform Targeted Rate

A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$67.39 on each separate rating unit within the Community of Kawhia.

(These rates are estimated to produce \$96,990 and this revenue will be used for the following purposes: Network Services, Community Services and Governance and Leadership).

5. Targeted Loan Rates

a. Otorohanga Sewage Treatment

A Targeted Loan Rate levied on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Community of Otorohanga on a differential basis as follows:

- i. Differential Rating Area No.1 – 0.03003 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$21,335.
- ii. Differential Rating Area No.2 – 0.01201 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$31,749.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$53,084 for the purpose of paying Sewage Treatment and Reticulation Loan Charges).

b. Otorohanga Water Supply

A Targeted Loan Rate levied on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Community of Otorohanga on a differential basis as follows:

- i. Differential Rating Area No.1 – 0.02859 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$20,492.
- ii. Differential Rating Area No.2 – 0.01144 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$31,715.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$52,208 for the purpose of paying Water Supply Loan Charges).

c. Kawhia Water Supply

A Targeted Loan Rate of 0.00989 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Community of Kawhia.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$13,594 for the purpose of paying Water Supply Loan Charges).

d. Arohena Rural Water Supply

A Targeted Loan Rate of 0.01238 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Arohena Water Supply Area.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$14,502 for the purpose of paying Water Supply Loan Charges).

e. Aotea Erosion Protection

A Uniform Targeted Loan Rate of \$567.30 on each separate rating unit within the Aotea Community.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$15,317 for the purpose of paying Loan Charges).

6. Targeted Rates

a. **Roading**

- i. A Targeted Rate of 0.09403 cents in the dollar levied on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the District of Otorohanga.
- ii. A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$207.02 on each separate rating unit within the District of Otorohanga.

(These rates are estimated to produce \$4,242,858 and this revenue will be used for Roothing).

b. **Security Patrol**

- i. A Targeted Rate of 0.06969 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the "Security Patrol Area" (formerly Differential Rating Area No 1) in the Community of Otorohanga.

A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$283.33 on each separate rating unit within the "Security Patrol Area" (formerly Differential Rating Area No 1) in the Community of Otorohanga.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$68,000 for the purpose of funding a Security Patrol Service in a defined area of the Otorohanga Community).

c. **Otorohanga CBD Development Rate**

- i. A Targeted Rate of 0.00991 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable properties within the Otorohanga Commercial Area (differential Rating Area No 1).
- ii. A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$132.93 on each separate rating unit within the Otorohanga Commercial Area (Differential Rating Area No 1).

(This rate is estimated to produce \$28,114 for the purpose of funding services specific to the Otorohanga Commercial area)

d. **Aotea Erosion Targeted Rate**

- i. A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$92.02 on each separate rating unit within the Aotea Community.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$15,000 and this revenue will be used for the following purposes: maintenance costs relating to the Aotea Seawall).

e. **District Halls**

Targeted Hall rates as follows:

HALL SEPARATE RATING DISTRICT	RATE IN \$	RATING SYSTEM	UNIFORM ANNUAL CHARGE	EST. RATE LEVY \$
Arohena	0.0004	Capital Value	\$40.00	3,174
Kio Kio	0.0008	Capital Value	\$17.78	5,561
Tokanui Crossroads	-	Capital Value	\$13.33	2,213
Puketotara/ Ngutunui	0.0003	Capital Value	\$8.00	2,729
Maihihi	0.0015	Capital Value	-	1,866
Otewa	-	Capital Value	\$16.00	2,048
Whawharua	-	Capital Value	\$8.89	667
Honikiwi	0.0012	Capital Value	-	1,481

(These rates are estimated to produce \$19,739 for the purpose of maintenance, operation, renovation and extension of the respective Halls).

7. Targeted Refuse Rates

Otorohanga Community

A Uniform Targeted Rate for Refuse Collection and Disposal of \$109.81 in respect of each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the Otorohanga Refuse Collection area.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$146,260 for the purpose of financing the Otorohanga Refuse Collection and Disposal costs).

Kawhia Community

- a. A Uniform Targeted Rate for Refuse Collection and Disposal of \$223.89 in respect of each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the Community of Kawhia.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$118,664 for the purpose of financing the Kawhia Community Refuse Collection and Disposal costs).

8. Targeted Water Rates

Otorohanga Community

- a. A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$178.25 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the Community of Otorohanga which receives an ordinary supply of water from the Otorohanga Community Water Supply.

- b. A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$242.42 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit located outside the Community of Otorohanga which receives an ordinary supply of water from the Otorohanga Community Water Supply.

(These rates are estimated to produce \$240,000 for the purpose of contributing to the costs of operating the Otorohanga Community Water Supply).

Kawhia Community

- c. A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$274.44 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, which receives an ordinary supply of water within the Community of Kawhia.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$116,363 for the purpose of contributing to the costs of operating the Kawhia Community Water Supply).

9. Targeted Sewerage Rates

A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$266.77 for the first water closet or urinal and \$0 for the second to fourth, \$44.44 for subsequent closets or urinals, on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected, either directly or through a private drain to the Otorohanga Community Sewerage Scheme.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$350,000 for the purpose of financing the costs of operating the Otorohanga Community Sewerage Scheme).

10. Targeted Rates for Extraordinary Water Supply

i. Otorohanga Community

- a. Each rateable separate rating unit within the Otorohanga Community on a metered supply to receive a free allowance of 220 cubic metres per annum with excess consumption charged at 57 cents per cubic metre.
- b. Each non-rateable separate rating unit within the Otorohanga Community to pay a charge of \$178.25 per annum and those on a metered supply 77 cents per cubic metre with a minimum charge of \$178.25 per annum.
- c. Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable outside the Otorohanga Community on a metered supply 77 cents per cubic metre with a minimum charge of \$242.42 per annum.

- d. In addition to the above charges each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable receiving an extraordinary supply from the Otorohanga Community Water Supply \$103 per meter.

ii. Kawhia Community

- a. Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable in the Kawhia Community on a metered supply to receive a free allowance of 220 cubic metres per annum with excess consumption charged at \$1.02 cents per cubic metre.
- b. Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable outside the Kawhia Community on a metered supply - \$1.18 cents per cubic metre with a minimum charge of \$274.44 per annum.
- c. In addition to the above charges each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable receiving an extraordinary supply from the Kawhia Community Water Supply \$103 per meter.
- d. In addition to the above charges each separate rating unit meeting the criteria for Peak Season Metered Water Charges will be charged a rate of \$10.23 per cubic metre for water usage between the period of 20 December and 20 February each year.

iii. Rural Water Supplies

- a. Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable within the Arohena Rural Water Supply Area on a metered supply – 34 cents per cubic metre plus an availability charge of \$377.78 per meter per annum.
- b. Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable within the Ranginui Rural Water Supply Area on a metered supply – 30 cents per cubic metre, plus an availability charge of \$1,800 for the first meter, with no charge for additional meters per customer per annum.
- c. Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable within the Tihiroa Rural Water Supply area on a metered supply – 70 cents per cubic metre plus an availability charge of \$400 per meter per annum.
- d. Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable within the Waipa Rural Water Supply Area on a metered supply - 52 cents per cubic metre plus an availability charge of \$88.89 per meter per annum.

And that with the exception of water by meter charges, council charge the rates to the 2010/2011 year by way of two instalments. Each instalment to be paid on or before the due dates set out below. Any rates paid after the due date to become liable for the penalties as set out below.

11. Instalments

The above rates and charges will be payable in two equal instalments due on 6 August 2010 and 7 January 2011 at the Council Office, Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga.

And that pursuant to sections 57 and 58 of the act, council impose the following penalties.

12. Additional Charges

- a. An additional charge of 10% will be added to all rates levied and due for the 2010/11 year that remain unpaid after 27 August 2010 and 28 January 2011.
- b. A further additional charge of 10% will be added to all rates that have been levied in any financial year previous to 1 July 2010 and which remain unpaid on 1 July 2010.

- c. A further additional charge of 10% will be added to all rates to which an additional charge has been added under 12(b) and which remain unpaid on 1 January 2011.

And that water meters be read on a six-month cycle and the accounts become payable on the 20th of the month following the issue of the invoice;

Cr Earwaker / Cr Prescott

Item-350 GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS 2009/10

Discussion

The Finance & Administration Manager presented a report on Rating Issues - Rate Remissions. He highlighted the fact that a remission on behalf of the Otorohanga Arts Centre has been included for the 2008/9 and 2009/10 years.

With regards to the St Johns Ambulance application, Members were informed this years rates do not include the new St Johns building.

His Worship advised that the building formerly owned by the Plunket Society has been sold.

Cr Pilkington queried why Kawhia Emergency Services were not included in the report. His Worship suggested that, following consideration of Council's property schedule, a workshop meeting be held to review Council's policy on funding rates remissions.

The Finance & Administration Manager requested that the report be considered later in the meeting to enable him to obtain additional information.

The Finance & Administration Manager reported the application of behalf of the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of NZ relates to a property on Pekanui Road.

With regard to the application on behalf of the Plunket Society the Finance & Administration Manager reported that the second rates instalment had been paid by the new owner therefore consideration needs to be given to remitting the first rates instalment paid by the Plunket Society.

Resolved

That

1. The report be received.
2. The Grants to Community Organisations from previous applicants, as amended, be approved.

Cr Blackler / Cr Pilkington

Item-351 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - 2010 DUNLOP TARGA

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented the Engineering Support Officer's report on an application received from Club Targa Inc for various road closures within the Otorohanga District to enable the 2010 Dunlop Targa event and associated activities to proceed. Cr Blackler reported that many farming activities would be taking place at this time and for the AB Technicians to be notified of the proposed road closures. Cr Pilkington also raised the question as to whether the school bus route to and from the Hauturu School had been considered.

Resolved

That approval is granted for the following road closures, including 100 metres of each adjoining road, from where it intersects with the road being applied for:

Purpose: 2010 Dunlop Targa
Date: Tuesday 26 October 2010

Details of Closure: **Stage – Rangiatea/Rangitoto**

SIRCOMBE ROAD – starting from its intersection with Rangiatea Road to its intersection with Lurman Road.

LURMAN ROAD – from its intersection with Sircombe Road to its intersection with Paewhenua Road.

PAEWHENUA ROAD – from its intersection with Lurman Road to its southern intersection with Maihihi Road.

MAIHIHI ROAD – from its intersection with Paewhenua Road to its intersection with Tauraroa Valley Road.

TAURAROA VALLEY ROAD – from its intersection with Maihihi Road to its intersection with Otewa Roads.

Includes intersection with Waimahora Road (no exit) and Owawenga Road (no exit).

OTEWA ROAD – from its intersection with Tauraroa Valley Road to its intersection with Barber Road.

BARBER ROAD – from its intersection with Otewa Road to the district boundary.

Period of Closure: 8.30am to 1.30pm

Stage - Waitomo

WAITOMO VALLEY ROAD – from the district boundary to its intersection with Haurua Road.

HAURUA ROAD – from its intersection with Waitomo Valley Road to the district boundary.

Period of Closure: 10.15am to 2.15pm

Stage – Turitea

HONIKIWI ROAD – starting from outside house No. 30 at 300 metres from its intersection with State Highway 31 to its intersection with Turitea Road.

Includes intersections with Wooster Road (no exit), Mangamahoe Road, Te Raumauku Road (no exit) and Bromley Road (no exit).

TURITEA ROAD – from its intersection with Honikiwi Road to finish at its intersection with SH31 (Kawhia Road).

Period of Closure: 12.00pm to 4.00pm

Stage - Kawhia Harbour

HARBOUR ROAD – starting from its intersection with Hauturu Road to the district boundary.

Includes intersections with Rakaunui Road (no exit), Whenuaapo Road (no exit), Waipuna Road (no exit) and Owhiro Road (no exit). Effects Brown Road (no exit).

Period of Closure: 12.30pm to 5.00pm

With the following conditions imposed:

1. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.

2. Club Targa Inc is to pay an application fee of \$400.00 towards administration of the road closure to Otorohanga District Council.
3. Club Targa Inc is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News.
4. Club Targa Inc is responsible for obtaining public liability insurance (and paying the cost thereof) to a minimum value of \$2,000,000. This is required to indemnify Council against any damage to property or persons as a result of rally activities during the road closure period.
5. Club Targa Inc is to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
6. Club Targa Inc is to liaise, and provide evidence of liaison with all operators and businesses that may be affected by the road closures.
7. Club Targa Inc is to consult with all residents of all properties on the roads intended to be closed and also residents on roads connecting with the roads intending to be closed, including any no exit roads. Mail drops to residents are also to be carried out. All mail drops to residents are to be approved by Council staff before distribution to residents commences and must include the date that objections close with Council. The subsequent mail drop is to be completed no later than ten full days before the proposed closures.
8. Club Targa Inc is solely responsible for signposting and policing of the roads to be closed, to ensure that only vehicles connected with the Rally have access to the road closure areas. This includes arranging the delivery, erection and staffing of all road closure barriers and the removal thereof after closures. All gates and entranceways are to be taped and tape is to be removed thereafter.
9. 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. A Club Targa representative is to meet with Council Engineering Staff regarding the required signs format, size, location and quantity of signs for approval before they are manufactured and erected.

Cr Blackler / Cr Prescott

Item-352 REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO CONTRACTS - REFUSE AND RECYCLING

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented a report advising that a request has been received from EnviroWaste for Council to consider a proposal for an extension to their Contracts (806, 807 and 808) for the Refuse and Recycling Collections and Operations of the Recycle Centres.

With regard to the Kawhia/Aotea area, Members were informed that the Kawhia Community Board had met recently with representatives from EnviroWaste. The Engineering Manager said the Kawhia Community Board had recommended to Council that the Refuse & Recycling Contracts, as they relate to Kawhia/Aotea, be extended for a period of three years with a further three years subject to mutual agreement. He said Members were happy to trial the proposed new refuse bags and with the amendment to the hours of the Kawhia Recycling Centre.

In reply to His Worship, the Engineering Manager said that Council will receive free recycling crates and an extension in the hours the Otorohanga Recycling Centre will be open. The Engineering Manager said it was proposed to open the Otorohanga Recycling Centre six days a week, five hours per day. Cr Pilkington reported that the Kawhia Recycling Centre hours would be re-configured with an extension of the hours the Centre is open on Saturdays and Sundays

and to be closed on Wednesdays. His Worship said he was comfortable agreeing to an extension as long as there was a genuine advantage to Ratepayers.

Cr Earwaker expressed the opinion that the Otorohanga Recycling Centre should be open seven days per week. The Chief Executive felt that investigation should be made into the Lease of the site at the Otorohanga Recycling Centre. It was suggested that Council should negotiate a rental for the use of the site before any agreement is reached on extending the Contracts.

Cr Pilkington stressed the need that what the Contractor has proposed for Kawhia will be adhered to.

Resolved

That Council agrees to an extension of three years (with the option of a further three years, subject to mutual agreement) for contracts 806 – Refuse & Recycling Haulage, Processing and Disposal, 807 – Operation of the Otorohanga Recycle Centre, and 808 – Operation of the Kawhia Recycle Centre as proposed by EnviroWaste subject to negotiation of a suitable rental for the Otorohanga Recycling Centre site and that discussion be held with the Contractor for this be open seven days per week.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Prescott

LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for luncheon at 12.35pm and resumed at 1.02pm.

Item-353 WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN 2010

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented a report advising that a review of Council's Waste Management Strategy has been undertaken and the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2010 prepared. This Plan is now presented to Council for formal adoption. Cr Prescott felt that the Zero Waste philosophy was unrealistic. The Engineering Manager agreed that this is impossible to achieve and that it is therefore proposed to abandon reference to 'Zero Waste' and instead pursue a Strategy of Waste Minimisation by introducing various initiatives. He said it had been indicated that Central Government funding is only available to be spent on new waste minimisation initiatives however, he is aware that funds may be able to be utilised for current waste initiatives.

Resolved

That the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2010, with the deletion of Appendix B be adopted.

Cr Ormsby / Cr Earwaker

Item-354 CLEANING OF COUNCIL'S OFFICES & LIBRARY

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor presented a report on Contract No 914, Cleaning of Council's Administration Building and Library which expires as at 30 June 2010 with no right of renewal.

The Chief Executive informed Members that the proposal to deviate from normal open tendering practice was primarily in response to issues of cost.

Resolved

That

1. The report be received
2. Council enter into a new Contract with R & D Miller for the cleaning of the interior and exterior of the Council Administration Building and Library with effect from 1 July 2010 and terminating on 30 June 2012 at a Contract price of \$22,687 p.a. and with the exclusion of the Bond requirement of \$7,000.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Pilkington

Item-355 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 11 MAY 2010

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

ROADSIDE SPRAYING

The Engineering Manager advised he had contacted both Contractors who assured him they were using mainly Roundup or where necessary Escort, both being non-hormonal sprays.

RIVER CONTROL RESERVES LICENCES

The Engineering Manager reported that informal advice had been received from an Environment Waikato representative that it is the property owners responsibility to maintain the Riparian Strip under the River Control Reserve Licences. Cr Blackler suggested that the Licencees who hold the Licences be responsible for this maintenance.

PROPERTY

The Finance & Administration Manager advised that Quotable Value have completed a valuation of the Wintec property with and without a Tenant. He said the cost for this valuation is \$1,000.

GENERAL

KAWHIA MEETINGS

Cr Pilkington reported on two successful meetings held recently in Kawhia, these being the Otorohanga Development Board Strategy meeting and a Beach Care Hui. Cr Pilkington reported it was proposed to start planting out the dunes in the near future.

COMBINED ZONE 1 & 2 MEETINGS

Cr Pilkington reported on her attendance, along with His Worship, at a combined Zone 1 & 2 meeting held on 14 May in Paeroa. She reported on one or two presentations and advised that due to the recent drought the financial repercussions of this will be on-going for the next five years.

QUOTABLE VALUE

His Worship reported preliminary advice has been received from Quotable Value regarding the equalised capital value of the District. He outlined the various changes with residential falling five percent and rural property increasing by five percent. The Finance & Administration Manager said Quotable Value will carry out their usual presentation to Council when the new values have been prepared.

HAMILTON AIRPORT

His Worship reported he will be attending a meeting of the Hamilton Airport where Members will be updated on the marketing situation.

ELECTED MEMBERS WORKSHOP

His Worship informed Members information sessions for potential Elected Members will be held during July. He said these sessions are open to those people that may be interested in standing in the forthcoming Local Government Elections. He said this will give any potential Member a better understanding and expectation of what Elected Members duties are.

WAIKERIA PRISON LIAISON COMMITTEE

Cr Prescott reported on his attendance at a recent Waikeria Prison Liaison Committee meeting where only four Members were present. He said thanks had been expressed for the assistance given by the Building Control Officer, Dianne Tautari, in regard to a calving shed. Cr Prescott reported that the Prison was obtaining new transport vans with individual cubicles.

EMMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME MEETING

Cr Blackler advised that an ETS meeting is to be held on Tuesday 15 June 2010 at 7.30pm.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 1.50pm.

MAYOR:

DATE: 22 June 2010

