



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

22 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 22 June 2010 commencing at 10.07am.

MINUTES

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

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PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), R Chadwick (Engineering Manager), GD Bunn (Finance & Administration Manager), RF Proffit (Policy Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

OPENING PRAYER

Cr Pilkington read the Opening Prayer.

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from Crs S Blackler and AL Gower be sustained.

Cr Prescott / Cr Earwaker

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no items to be considered in General Business which may require a resolution.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 1 JUNE 2010

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 1 June 2010 as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Pilkington

MATTERS REFERRED

Otewa Road / Huiputea Drive Rail Bridges

Cr Ormsby reported maintenance work had commenced on the Otewa Road rail bridge and that its height clearance may be reduced due to a steel buffer being installed. He requested Engineering staff check whether the height clearance would be reduced by this work. The Engineering Manager replied that Council's Roading Manager had been in discussion with representatives from NZR. Cr Ormsby expressed the opinion he did not believe that Council should be 'billed' for this work. He said the height clearance is critical to the operation of local transport business, Otorohanga Transport Ltd. His Worship felt it is necessary for a meeting to be coordinated with interested parties. The Engineering Manager reported that the actual road had been lowered when repairs were carried out recently. His Worship also queried what Traffic Management procedures were in place during the work being undertaken. The Engineering Manager undertook to obtain an update on the situation.

COMBINED ZONE 1 & 2 MEETING

Cr Pilkington referred to General Item - Combined Zone 1 & 2 Meeting on page 16 and reported that Cr Blackler was also in attendance at the meeting held on 14 May 2010 in Paeroa.

REPORTS

Item-356 KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES 28 MAY 2010

Discussion

Waiwera Street Update

In reply to Cr Earwaker, he was advised that the staff meeting with Objectors did take place.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 28 May 2010 be received.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Ormsby

Item-357 REWAREWA RECREATION RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2010

Discussion

The Technical Services Manager attended the meeting and presented a report on the Rewa Rewa Recreation Reserve. In reply to Cr Pilkington regarding the planting of native species over a substantial area, the Technical Services Manager advised these will be donated by the Native Forest Restoration Trust. He further reported that the funds held by the local Committee, amounting to approximately \$3,000, can be utilised for fencing in the Reserve or any other items deemed necessary.

Resolved

That

1. A notice be published in the local newspaper to indicate that the draft Management Plan is open for the public to read and comment. A copy should be available at the Council offices for the public to read.
2. A period of two months be allowed for public comments.
3. Following the receipt of public comments at the end of the two month period, a final Management Plan be completed for submission to the Council for approval.
4. The approved document be submitted to the Minister of Conservation for approval.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Ormsby

TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER

The Technical Services Manager left at 10.20am.

Item-358 WINTEC BUILDING PROPOSAL

Discussion

The Finance & Administration Manager presented a report on the potential future of the Wintec building on Turongo Street. He circulated to Members a copy of Quotable Values market assessment for the property with, and without, a Tenant. Cr Earwaker expressed the opinion that Council should consider selling the property as it was not part of Council's 'core business' to provide commercial rental properties. His Worship outlined the history of the building and agreed with Cr Earwaker that with a commercial Lease in place, it would be an appropriate time to sell

the property. He further advised that there were no issues with the current Tenant, it was just a matter of Council turning a current asset into cash. Cr Pilkington felt that the property had served its purpose and that it was an appropriate time to sell with an existing Tenant in place. The Finance & Administration Manager advised Members that the building was owned by the District. His Worship reported that Wintec are in 'expansion mode' and are currently looking at alternatives as their business grows.

Resolved

That the Wintec Building situated at 24 Turongo Street is sold with the current Tenant in place and an appropriate marketing plan is implemented with a local Real Estate agent.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Pilkington

Item-359 ODC MATTERS REFERRED FROM 1 JUNE 2010

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

WASTE INITIATIVES

The Engineering Manager confirmed that Council can utilise funds for current waste initiatives as long as these are included in the Waste Minimisation Plan.

The following three items on Matters Referred had/will be dealt with therefore all matters were deleted.

GENERAL

TE KAWA QUARRIES

His Worship reported on an on-site meeting at the Pa Sites/quarries at Te Kawa. He said this was a follow on regarding the management of the quarries and in particular to the protection of the three Pa sites. He said it was a very good meeting and reported that a large amount of work stabilising the area has been undertaken. He said lwi feel comfortable with the long term plan for the area.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NZ CONFERENCE

His Worship reported he will be the only Member attending the LGNZ Conference to be held in Auckland 26-28 July 2010.

OTOROHANGA ROTARY CLUB

His Worship informed Members of a function to be held on Saturday 3 July 2010 where Mr Peter Signal will be appointed the new Rotary District Governor.

PRE-ELECTION MEETINGS

His Worship advised it was proposed to hold two pre-Election meetings in Otorohanga on Friday 9 July at 1.00pm and 7.00pm. Members were informed that a meeting is also proposed for Kawhia. His Worship advised that the Chief Executive has prepared information on how the existing Council runs to give prospective Members some idea of what is involved. He said Council has three pending retirements from around the table and it will be a challenge to replace these Members due to their knowledge and experience.

OTEWA ROAD / HUIPUTEA DRIVE RAIL BRIDGES

The Roothing Manager attended the meeting. His Worship said Members had two questions in regard to the maintenance work being carried out on these bridges, these being -

1. Is the height clearance being lowered and if so has this has been communicated to the transport companies?
2. What Traffic Management is in place while the work is being undertaken?

The Roothing Manager reported he has been in contact with ONTRACK who have advised that, with the installation of new beams, this will lower the height clearance by 50mm. He said in the situation with the Huiputea Drive bridge this is satisfactory however, there is more of an issue in regards to the Otewa Road bridge. The Roothing Manager reported that during recent road works the level of Otewa road was lowered by 50mm. He said however, the results could not be guaranteed and in the case of the Otewa Road bridge this will be checked and confirmed in three or four weeks time. His Worship queried whether there should be some signage erected. The Roothing Manager replied it was proposed to send letters to the various trucking firms and to look at installing temporary signage. In reply to Cr Pilkington, the Roothing Manager advised that there is no legal obligation on ONTRACK, it is up to Council to ensure that the road is sufficiently low enough. Cr Ormsby also referred to stormwater disposal and said this could be a problem. The Roothing Manager advised that should the height clearance change, then signage with be erected, advertising will be placed in the local paper and notification forwarded to the trucking companies. He said it is the intention of staff to make any change as clear as possible to the road users. He also undertook to have a more indepth look at their Traffic Management Plan.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 10.46am.

MAYOR:

DATE: 13 July 2010

