



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

13 July 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 13 July 2010 commencing at 10.06am.

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PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

OPENING PRAYER

Cr Gower read the Opening Prayer.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 22 JUNE 2010

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 22 June 2010 as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Earwaker

MATTERS ARISING

Otewa Road / Huiputea Drive Rail Bridges

His Worship referred to a letter received from Mr Rodney Dow of Otorohanga Transport expressing their concern and requesting consultation regarding the work currently being carried out on these bridges. His Worship informed Members that it was intended there be no height difference from that currently existing.

Otorohanga Community Board

Cr Earwaker highlighted the fact that the Minutes of the Otorohanga Community Board meeting held on 10 June 2010 had not yet been placed before Council. It was agreed that these Minutes be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of Council.

REPORTS

Item-360 DISTRICT BUILDING CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2010

Discussion

The Environmental Services Manager attended the meeting and presented the District Building Control Officer's report for April to June 2010.

The Environmental Services Manager reported that current building activity was very slow. With regard to the next audit by IANZ for the continuation of Council's accreditation as a Building Consent Authority, Members were informed that this matter may be deferred depending on the return to work of the District Building Control Officer.

Resolved

That the District Building Control Officer's report for 1 April to 30 June 2010 be received.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Blackler

Item-361 DISTRICT PLANNERS REPORT FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2010

Discussion

The Environmental Services Manager presented the District Planner's report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2010 and notified Resource Consent Applications.

TE TAHI ROAD RM090047

The Environmental Services Manager reported that His Worship has agreed to step down from the Hearings Committee to consider this Resource Consent Application and will be replaced by an independent Commissioner, Mr Russell de Luca.

Resolved

That

1. The District Planner's report for April to June 2010 be received;
2. The Hearings Committee comprised of Mr R de Luca, Cr Earwaker and Cr Blackler be delegated the authority to hear and make a decision on the Resource Consent application by Geryha Ltd for subdivision consent to create nine additional allotments at 485 Te Tahi Road (RM090047) on 15 July 2010;
3. An Independent Commissioner be delegated the authority hear and decide the Resource Consent application (RM090050) by A Collins & CWC Trustee Services Ltd at 660 Lawton Drive in Aotea to subdivide around two existing dwellings to create an additional allotment.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Prescott

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER

The Environmental Services Manager then left the meeting.

Item-362 DISTRICT LIBRARIANS QUARTERLY REPORT FOR 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2010

Discussion

The District Librarian attended the meeting and presented her quarterly report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2010.

LIBRARY WEB SITE

Cr Pilkington queried the development of a stand alone website and ongoing hosting as to where this would fit into the Library's budget.

'KING COUNTRY' KETE

In reply to Cr Earwaker, the District Librarian advised that 'King Country' Kete was to provide the Library with a website used to provide local history and to encourage volunteers to contribute content to this site. She said it was a modern way of providing local history. Cr Pilkington reported that Dr Shephard from Kawhia is very interested in assisting with the site.

Cr Pilkington again requested that the Librarian's report be placed on the next Kawhia Community Board Agenda for its meeting to be held on 30 July 2010.

Resolved

That

1. That the District Librarian's report for the period April to June 2010 be received.

2. That a proposal to develop a separate website for the Library be approved subject to information being provided by Council's Finance & Administration Manager as to how this will fit into the Library's budget.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Gower

ENGINEERING MANAGER

The Engineering Manager attended the meeting at 10.20am.

Item-364 ROAD LEGALISATION - PART OURUWHERO ROAD NEAR TIHIROA RURAL WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIR - COWAN PROPERTY - SO 48354

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented a report advising that Council has documents requiring consent to the legalisation of a section of Ouruwhero Road in the vicinity of the Tihiroa Rural Water Supply Reservoir.

Cr Blackler queried whether there were further legalisations to be finalised in respect to the Mangawhero Stream. The Engineering Manager replied there is still some legalisation work to complete further south.

Resolved

That

1. The Otorohanga District Council hereby consents to the Minister of Land Information declaring -
 - a. Pursuant to Sec 114 of the Public Works Act 1981 the land described in the **First Schedule** below to be road vested in the Otorohanga District Council.
 - b. Pursuant to Sec 119 of the Public Works Act 1981 the land described in the **Second Schedule** below to be severance vested in the Otorohanga District Council.

South Auckland Land District - Otorohanga District

First Schedule - Land to be Declared Road

<i>Area</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Owners</i>
39.6p(1001m ²)	Area coloured blue on SO 48354 shown as 0-0-39.6	John Charles Cowan Fredericka Cowan

Second Schedule - Land to be taken for severance

<i>Area</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Owners</i>
3.5p(88m ²)	Area coloured blue on SO 48354 shown as 3.5p	John Charles Cowan Fredericka Cowan

2. The Mayor and Chief Executive of Otorohanga District Council be authorised to sign and seal any documentation necessary to legalise part of SO 48354.

Cr Earwaker / Cr Ormsby

Item-365 ODC MATTERS REFERRED FROM 22 JUNE 2010

Discussion

HUIPUTEA DRIVE / OTEWA ROAD RAIL BRIDGES

The Engineering Manager reported Council had previously been advised that it would be approximately three to four weeks before the work is completed. Work has been slow and at the present time Council staff have nothing to measure to. He advised that Council's Roding Manager has written to the RT Association and Roding Carriers setting out the current situation and advising them they will be informed when the work is completed and the resulting height clearance.

GENERAL

COMMUNITY LAWN MOWING

Cr Prescott reported he was not impressed with the work being carried out by the local Mowing Contractor. He referred in particular to sites that were not so visible which were left in a very untidy state. The Engineering Manager advised that he had had discussions with Council's Community Facilities Officer who had advised him there were one or two minor issues however, at present this has been put down to the new Contractor getting his procedures in order. The Chief Executive reported he had noticed clumps of grass following recent mowing on the Otorohanga Domain and thought this was due to the area being wet. His Worship felt that any comments should be taken back to the Contractor as he had been engaged by Council to carry out a quality job in a professional manner.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Cr Earwaker raised the issue of whether Members felt there was a need for public transport in the District.

His Worship advised that some seven or eight years ago such a proposal was considered. He said, should a notice requesting expressions of interest be advertised, a strong response would be received particularly for weekly/fortnightly trips. His Worship reported, each of the four times this matter has been raised, it is stalled by 'who pays for the service'. He said there are a number of people in favour of a casual service but the cost of providing this service verses revenue received does not make it viable. Cr Earwaker agreed that the matter was not really 'a runner' last time it was considered.

Cr Blackler reported that there is a daily bus service from New Plymouth. Cr Earwaker felt that rural people need to make their own arrangements should they be unable to travel privately, for whatever reason.

Members agreed to remain with the status quo.

2011 BUSINESS FORUM

Cr Earwaker reported on his attendance at a recent business forum held in Hamilton. He said the purpose was to encourage businesses to join and be available to meet other businesses for events like the forthcoming World Cup. He referred to the proposed database which would entail relationship building. Cr Pilkington undertook to take the information to the Otorohanga Business Association.

KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD

Cr Pilkington reported that the Kawhia Community Board had held a public meeting on Saturday 10 July outlining what has been achieved over the last three years. She said there was only a small number in attendance however, the meeting went very well.

GRADING OF ROADS

Cr Gower raised the issue of the grading of rural roads and reported that Ratepayers had originally been told by staff that they were waiting for rain. He said, this time has well passed, and queried whether Council would be able to engage two graders to catch up on the work load. The Engineering Manager replied it would be a possibility he could look at.

ENGINEERING MANAGER

The Engineering Manager left the meeting at 10.50am.

Item-363 DISTRICT SPORTS COORDINATORS REPORT FOR 1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 2010

Discussion

The District Sports Coordinator attended the meeting and presented her report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2010.

Following presentation of the report, His Worship said the District was well served by Ms Matthews and congratulated her in her efforts to encourage Clubs to network.

Cr Pilkington also extended congratulations to Ms Matthews on her liaison with the Kawhia Medical Centre.

Resolved

That the Otorohanga District Sports Coordinator's report for the period Jan 2010 – June 2010 be received.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Gower

HAMILTON AIRPORT

His Worship reported on a visit from representatives of the Hamilton Airport regarding Council's support for regional marketing through the airport. He said they were putting forward a proposal to affected parties, which would include a framework for a 'RTO'. His Worship said workshops had been held with affected parties exploring their expectations, etc, to be part of the proposal. He said it would be up to Council how the existing funding allocation could be split. His Worship further advised that there was a need for Council to be consistent with the direction of the Development Board and Destination Waitomo.

STAFFING MATTERS

The Chief Executive informed Members that, as from next week, some IT support will be provided to the Otorohanga College on a commercial basis. He said this will initially entail one day per week and that there may be potential for this relationship to be developed further.

The Chief Executive referred to the three new Water Services Staff which had recently commenced employment with Council. He reported that the current Water Services Engineer, Mr Jon Stammers, has resigned from Council's employment with effect from 30 July 2010.

The Chief Executive also referred to issues in respect of staff resources in the building area.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 11.19am.

MAYOR:

DATE: 3 August 2010

