



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

3 August 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 3 August 2010 commencing at 10.13am.

MINUTES

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

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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 which may require a resolution.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 13 JULY 2010

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 13 July 2010 as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Prescott / Cr Pilkington

MATTERS ARISING

Cr Pilkington referred to the resolution 'that a proposal to develop a separate website for the Otorohanga 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'. She queried when the Finance & Administration Manager would be providing this information.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Cr Earwaker referred to the third paragraph, second sentence and requested that the words 'need to' be deleted.

REPORTS

Item-366 OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES 10 JUNE 2010

Discussion

OTOROHANGA TOWNSHIP GARDEN CONTRACT

Cr Earwaker referred to the Garden Contract and queried whether the \$1,820 allowed for Item 2 had been included in the budget. Cr Pilkington expressed the opinion that the suggestion to use this sum for maintenance of the South Bank was contrary to Council's savings policy. She said Council should be consistent in its message to both Boards that any savings must be retained.

FOREST & BIRD/FLOORING XTRA NATIONAL PROMOTION

Cr Ormsby reported that planting around Lake Huiputea under the Forest & Bird / Flooring Xtra National Promotion was carried out last weekend.

STORMWATER PIPING

In reply to Cr Blackler, the Chief Executive advised that he believed the increase in the cost of the storm water piping through the OTC Timber Company's property would be in the order of \$15,000.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board meeting held on 10 June 2010 be received.

Cr Ormsby / Cr Prescott

Item-367 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2010

Discussion

The Animal Control Contractor attended the meeting. The Chief Executive referred Members to the Environmental Services Managers report on the Dog & Animal Control Activities for the period 1 April to 30 June 2010 and suggested that any queries be directed to the Contractor. Cr Earwaker referred to the number of dogs impounded and asked whether there was any reason why these figures go up and down from month to month. The Contractor replied, at times there is a rush to impound dogs and then it goes very quiet. He said there are times when this is a seasonal matter. The Contractor further advised that during the months of June, July and August often dogs are unwanted for registration thus impounded. The Contractor informed Members that the registration penalty was now on unregistered dogs which comprised of approximately 300. He said there are approximately 2400 dogs to be registered each year. In reply to Cr Gower, the Contractor advised that all dogs registered as new working dogs have to be microchipped, this amount to between 150 and 200 dogs per year.

Resolved

That the Environmental Services Manager's report on Dog & Animal Control for the period 1 April to 30 June 2010 be received.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Blackler

Item-368 ODC MATTERS REFERRED FROM 13 JULY 2010

Discussion

The Chief Executive spoke to the Engineering Manager's item querying the possibility of engaging two graders to assist with the backlog of the grading of rural roads. The Chief Executive reported that there are currently three graders working throughout the District and hopefully these will catch up on the backlog.

GENERAL

SEPTIC TANK EMPTYING

Cr Blackler raised the matter of septic waste dumping within the Otorohanga Community. The Chief Executive undertook to speak to this later in the meeting.

LGNZ CONFERENCE

His Worship reported on his attendance at the recent LGNZ Conference held in Auckland. He advised that a number of Government Ministers spoke at the Conference and appeared to be backing away from enforcing further Local Government amalgamations. His Worship further reported there was only one remit at the AGM which was for LGNZ to research and take a position on Freedom Campers. He advised that this remit was passed.

His Worship expressed the opinion the Conference hospitality-wise was great but very expensive and not particularly well attended.

CYCLEWAYS

Cr Gower referred to the provision of cycleways throughout NZ and said that if facilities are not provided in conjunction with these, problems will be experienced. Cr Pilkington said that Council, under the District Plan, is supposed to consider any adverse effects when approving such proposals.

SEPTIC WASTE

The Chief Executive referred to the septic waste dumping station on the Main North Road and said, although this is a matter for consideration by the Otorohanga Community Board, it does impact on the rural Ratepayer. He said numerous complaints have been received from property owners adjacent and around the dumping station as to the strong odour. He said a recommendation had been received from Council's Environmental Services Manager for the concerns to be addressed. The Chief Executive reported that restricted dumping has been introduced between 6.00am to 6.00pm. He said another alternative would be to take the waste to some other facility. He said the Waitomo District Council has allowed for some dumping to be undertaken at their plant however their charge rate is extremely high. His Worship suggested that all parties who have an interest in this matter need to get together and discuss the problem. He queried whether the odour could be contained. Members were informed that the current Operators were not happy with the restricted hours. Cr Blackler said there is an element of 'public good' which is paid for across the District. The Chief Executive advised that Council can recover the costs of improvements from the licence fees charged to the Operators. His Worship queried whether some screening or containment could be introduced when the disposal is being carried out. The Chief Executive replied consideration is being given to fitting a carbon odour filter at an estimated cost of around \$15,000. He said it was hoped to provide a solution within one month. Cr Earwaker suggested that Council should look closer at the oxidation ponds as a possible site for septic waste discharge.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 10.46am.

MAYOR:

DATE: 24 August 2010

