



Otorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on Thursday 9 September 2010 commencing at 4.20pm.

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

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Otorohanga Central Business District for the purpose of holding the Otorohanga Christmas Parade and associated events.

Resolved

That approval be granted for the following road closures:

Purpose: Otorohanga Christmas Parade

Date: Friday, 3 December 2010

Details of Closure: **Otorohanga Christmas Parade**

MANIAPOTO STREET / SH3 – from outside Kiwitown Liquor Centre to its intersection with Te Kanawa Street / SH31. Includes intersections with Ballance and Tuhoro Streets.

RANFURLY STREET – from its intersection with Maniapoto Street to its intersection with Cowley Lane.

COWLEY LANE – entire length

WAHANUI CRESCENT – entire length

WHITTINGTON LANE – entire length

PINE STREET – entire length

HUNTER LANE – entire length

Period of Closure: 5.45pm to 8.30pm

MANIAPOTO STREET / SH3 – from its intersection with Kakamutu Road to its intersection with Te Kanawa Street / SH31. Includes intersections with Ranfurly, Ballance and Tuhoro Streets.

Period of Closure: from commencement of the Parade to immediately at the completion of the Parade – apx 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Detour: By way of Kakamutu Road, Turongo Street and Te Kanawa Street / SH31 OR Huiputea Drive.

With the following conditions imposed:

1. No objections are received from the NZ Police Department or Transit NZ.
2. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
3. Otorohanga Business Association is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News.
4. Otorohanga Business Association 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 activities during the road closure period. Council requires that it is held covered under the terms of such policy and accordingly the policy is required to be in both parties' names on the form prescribed by Council.
5. Otorohanga Business Association is to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
6. Otorohanga Business Association is to notify the bus and taxi operators of the closures.
7. Otorohanga Business Association is solely responsible for signposting and policing of the roads to be closed and for the detour route. This includes arranging the delivery, erection and staffing of all road closure barriers and the removal thereof after closures.
8. 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. An Otorohanga Business Association 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.

Mr McNeil / Mr Tindle

Item-175 OCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 12 AUGUST 2010

Discussion

The Chairperson took Members through Matters Referred.

'OTOROHANGA' SIGNS

The Chairperson outlined the situation which had occurred between Mrs Moloney and Mr Walmsley and advised that, should the Board request any alteration to the proposed sign, then it would have to fund it. The Chairperson suggested that the status quo remain.

COMMUNITY MOWING

Mr McNeil reported that the various grass areas within the Community were looking 'not too bad' regardless of the extreme wet weather that has occurred. He said he was not aware of any complaints in regard to the Community Lawn Mowing and this was a good sign.

OTOROHANGA POOL COMPLEX

Mr Prescott reported he had taken photos of proposed pool equipment to the 'Pool people' however, they were not keen on the single 'Tarzan' swing as this would require too much supervision. He said however, they were in favour of a structure from Staples Pit which would require less supervision and more people were able to use it at one time. He said it was intended to look at the structure and ascertain the cost that would be incurred to bring this up to the required safety standard. The Chief Executive advised that the structure would require a considerable amount of work to bring it up to the required standard however, a similar design could be built from timber. It was agreed that an item be placed on Matters Referred that those involved were waiting on costings for the possible upgrading of the structure.

MANIAPOTO STREET INTERSECTIONS

The Engineering Manager circulated copies of plans of the Maniapoto Street/Wahanui Crescent intersection highlighting the suggestion of installing 'blisters'. He advised he had spoken to Transfield and they could see no reason why this could not be carried out however, no discussion was held on the matter of funding. Mr Ormsby expressed the opinion he felt the installation of 'blisters' was restricting the width of Maniapoto Street. Mr Tindle said the proposal was exactly what he had envisaged. The Engineering Manager advised that the proposed 'blisters' would most likely be the same height as the kerb and channel. Mr Ormsby suggested that when people approach the intersection from Wahanui Crescent that they go with the traffic flow. He felt that accidents occur when traffic turn against the traffic flow. Mr McNeil expressed the opinion he was happy with the proposed 'blisters', as long as Transfield was happy and for costs for their installation to be obtained. The Engineering Manager queried whether the Board wished staff to make a formal application to Transfield on the proposal.

The Chief Executive reported there are other options available to prevent parking in the vacant space. One he suggested was the installation of a bollard. Mr Ormsby queried whether this suggestion could be trialled. Mr Tindle said his issue was not with vehicles parking in the non-parking space but vision being obstructed with vehicles parking in the usual parking spaces. The Chief Executive said this was not a new issue and that consultation would be required with representatives of the Otorohanga Business Association. Mr Prescott suggested the Association be approached first prior to making an application to Transfield.

Following further discussion it was agreed that the Chairperson invite representatives of the Otorohanga Business Association to the Board's Committee meetings to be held on 29 September 2010 at 5.00pm where the issues can be raised and their thoughts obtained. It was further agreed that the Engineering Manager follow the invitation up by writing to the Otorohanga Business Association explaining the issues in regard to traffic safety and forwarding a copy of the proposed installation of 'blisters'.

OTOROHANGA LIBRARY

The Engineering Manager reported Council's Community Facilities Officer had inspected the Library in regard to the damp smell in the entrance way to the Meeting Room and Ladies toilet. He had checked the guttering. He said leakage had been an ongoing problem and that there are a number of fittings attached to the roof. Members were informed that the Officer had arranged for a local plumber to look into the matter.

Mr Ormsby queried whether Council would have some recall on the original Architect. The Chief Executive replied, as it was some 12 years since the Library complex was build, he felt that the period was too long to make any recall on the architect.

AIR CONDITIONING UNIT - OTOROHANGA SUPPORT HOUSE

The Engineering Manager reported in order to maintain the two units in the Otorohanga Support House, this would cost \$441.33 plus GST per annum and would include quarterly inspections and general maintenance. Members then queried who would pay this additional cost - Council or the Otorohanga Support House. Mr Ormsby suggested discussion should be held with Members of the Otorohanga Support House and suggest that the costs be met from their own budget. It was suggested the Otorohanga Support House could service the filters etc themselves.

Resolved

That the Otorohanga Support House be advised of the cost for their units to be part of Council's Maintenance Agreement and that they meet this cost.

Mr Tindle / Mr Prescott

Item-176 BEATTIE HOME ROSE & FLOWER SHOW

Discussion

The Chairperson read a letter received from the Otorohanga Beattie Home Rose & Flower Show advising that the show is to be held on Friday 19 November 2010 and requesting permission to erect banners promoting the show at the north and south ends of the Otorohanga township. Also requesting permission to draw chalk roses and flowers on the Maniapoto Street pavement on the days leading up to the show.

Resolved

That the requests from the Otorohanga Beattie Home Rose & Flower show to erect banners promoting the show at the north and south ends of the Otorohanga township and to draw chalk roses and flowers on the Maniapoto Street pavement on the days leading up to the show, be approved.

Mr Ormsby / Mr McNeil

GENERAL

COMMUNITY LAWN MOWING

Mr Tindle reported that the new Community Lawn Mowing Contractor was doing a great job and appeared really keen in carrying out his duties.

WASTE WATER DUMPING STATION

Mr Ormsby queried what progress had been made in regards to the Main North Road Waste Water dumping station. The Engineering Manager replied Council was waiting on information from the Supplier on the unit. He said the Supplier had advised that what Council was attempting to do would not be suitable. He said Council was waiting to hear how the unit could be adjusted to suit and whether there would be any price difference. The Engineering Manager said, at the present, time the cost of the unit and fan equates to the \$15,000. In reply to Mr Ormsby regarding a time schedule, the Engineering Manager replied this would be carried out as soon as the advice is received. The Chief Executive reported he was confident the proposal will work.

CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE

Mr Ormsby raised the matter of whether the Board would be considering any assistance for the Canterbury earthquake residents. He expressed the opinion he would be in favour of this. The Chief Executive replied that there was a proposal for Waikato Councils to contribute collectively. He further reported that discussions had been held with some Councillors and different opinions expressed therefore the matter will be left to His Worship to make a call. The Chief Executive advised, to date, all the Waikato Councils have signalled to support the contribution.

The Chief Executive informed Members there was a collection box at Council's Reception for those wishing to make a donation.

The Chairperson referred to Council's Mayoral Fund and queried whether consideration should be given to assisting the outer areas on a small town to small town basis. The Chief Executive reported consideration had been given to providing building staff to assist in the Canterbury region however, at the present time Council is not well placed to assist.

SPEED SIGNS

Mr McNeil informed Members of the illuminated speed sign erected recently on the Main North Road outside Giltrap Engineering.

WESTRIDGE SUBDIVISION

Mr McNeil referred to the vacant sections in the Westridge Subdivision and queried, when the grass on these is too long, who is responsible for their mowing. The Chief Executive replied that since Council has sold the final section it has no responsibility to enforce the Covenants. Such a situation should be on a neighbour to neighbour basis.

T JONES

Mr Jones said this would be his last formal meeting of the Board however, he had enjoyed working with Members and wished them all well for the forthcoming elections. He asked Members to keep up the good work carried out by the current Board.

The Chairperson then made a presentation to Mr Jones and said he had been an amazing member of the Board and will be missed.

The Chairperson then extended best wishes to all Members for the forthcoming Elections.

LIGHTING - VILLAGE GREEN

The Engineering Manager advised he had been informed by Council's Community Facilities Officer that a sum of \$1,628 is required to place the in-ground lights in front of the Library

building. It was suggested this sum be placed in the Estimates for consideration next year and that the remainder of the lighting on this area be checked.

TRANSIT SIGNS

The Chairperson again raised the matter of the upgrading of the Transit road signs.

FORMER CROQUET PAVILLION - MAORI WARDENS

The Chairperson reported she had received an approach from the Maori Wardens regarding the condition of the ground from the edge of the road to the hedge. She reported that a number of elderly people visit the centre. Apparently there is an area of 15m of very damp ground. The Chairperson also reported that the perimeter fence is in disrepair. She queried whether this could also be considered in next years Estimates. The Maori Wardens had indicated they could provide some assistance with labour.

OTOROHANGA POOL COMPLEX

The Chairperson reported Mr Andrew Giltrap had incurred an injury recently and thus been utilising the pool complex. He had signalled there were a number of items that were not very 'disabled person' friendly. The Chairperson said she had invited Mr Giltrap to email a list of his concerns.

LONG VIEW CRESCENT RUBBISH COLLECTION

The Engineering Manager informed members that the matter of rubbish collection in Long View Crescent had been satisfactorily resolved with the Contractor.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 5.23pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 28 October 2010

