



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

14 December 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 14 December 2010 commencing at 10.02am.

MINUTES

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

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PRESENT

Mr DF Williams (Mayor), Crs MM Baxter, S Blackler, RM Johnson (attended 10.04am), AG Ormsby, KM Phillips and DM Pilkington.

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), R Chadwick (Engineering Manager), AR Loe (Environmental Services Manager), RF Proffit (Policy Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

OPENING PRAYER

Cr Blackler read the Opening Prayer.

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from Cr R Prescott and Cr R Johnson (for lateness) be sustained.

Cr Phillips / Cr Baxter

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

Following advice it was agreed that, due to a degree of urgency, the following items be considered in General Business -

1. Issues surrounding the Rewa Rewa Reserve
2. Application for Temporary Road Closure - Hamilton Car Club - Pekanui Road
3. Recommendation from the Otorohanga Community Board that the renewal of the two Progress Park fences be undertaken this financial year as an unbudgeted item.
4. Further recommendation from the Otorohanga Community Board that the direct awarding of a Contract for the preparation of an Assessment of Environmental Effects in respect of the Otorohanga Wastewater discharge and additional unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$125,000 during the 2010/11 year for the purpose of progressing the renewal of the Resource Consent, be approved.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 16 NOVEMBER 2010

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 16 November 2010 as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Blackler

MATTERS REFERRED

Cr Pilkington referred to Item 29, Draft Management Accounts to 30 September 2010, paragraph three and requested that the word 'roading' be inserted between District Funding.

FEDERATED FARMERS MEETING

The Chief Executive reported on his attendance at a meeting of Federated Farmers held Friday 19 November 2010. He said the Elected Members present were there on a personal basis and not in an official capacity as Councillors. The Chief Executive reported that the meeting was well

attended with approximately 150+ people present. The Chief Executive advised that a Policy Analyst made a presentation, the focus being on the Landscape Policy Area and its effects on the farming community. He reported that he did not speak at the meeting as it was felt this would not be helpful however, he did make general comments at the end of the presentation. He said a number of the issues raised would require submissions. Mr Phillips expressed the opinion that a number of people attended from outside the District and of the farmers present, these were, in the main, sheep and beef farmers. Mr Johnson felt that the presentation was in no way helpful for the acceptance of Council's proposals.

REPORTS

Item-33 OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES 11 NOVEMBER 2010

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 11 November 2010 be received.

Cr Ormsby / Cr Johnson

MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

"THAT the Otorohanga District Council, pursuant to Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolves that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public."

Cr Blackler / Cr Pilkington

Item-47 OBJECTION TO MENACING DOG CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

Item-34 DISTRICT BUILDING CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2010

Discussion

The Environmental Services Manager summarised the District Building Control Officer's report for the period July to September 2010.

Cr Blackler extended Council's appreciation and congratulations to the staff involved in achieving accreditation.

Resolved

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

Cr Blackler / Cr Phillips

**Item-35 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT 1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER
2010**

Discussion

The Environmental Services Manager summarised the Animal Control Officer's report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2010. He informed Members that the Dog Control fees have been increased since 2007 by approximately 20 percent however, he hoped they could remain at the current rate for a further year.

His Worship thanked the Dog Control Contractor for his efforts during the year and extended Christmas greetings to him and his family. The Dog Control Contractor extended Merry Christmas to Councillors and Staff.

Resolved

That the Environmental Services Manager's report on Dog and Animal Control for the period 1 July to 30 September 2010 be received.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Baxter

**Item-36 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICERS REPORT MARCH -
NOVEMBER 2010**

Discussion

The Environmental Services Manager summarised the Environmental Health/Liquor Licencing Officer's report for the period 1 March to 30 November 2010. He referred to the Sale of Liquor Act being reformed and that the District Licencing Agency (the Local Authority) will be replaced by a Licensing Committee which will be similar to a Hearing Commission. Cr Pilkington highlighted the fact that only one Councillor can be appointed to the Licensing Committee. The Environmental Services Manager reported that two or more TLA's can combine to form a Licensing Committee.

His Worship extended thanks and festive greetings to the Environmental Health Officer.

Resolved

That the Environmental Health Officer / Liquor Licensing Inspector's report for the period from 1 March to 30 November 2010 be received.

Mrs Pilkington / Cr Ormsby

Item-37 RIVER ACCESS SIGNS

Discussion

The Chief Executive summarised his report on locations proposed for the installation of initial signage indicating public walking access to rivers and streams in the District. He said the proposal has risen from the Key Directions of the 2009/19 LTCCP.

The Chief Executive advised that six of the proposed access locations are on the Waipa River in or above Otorohanga, reflecting the potential recreational value of the river and its proximity to much of the District's population. The Chief Executive referred Members to a schedule detailing eight proposed river access sign locations. He said these are areas of public ownership of the river bed and surrounding land. Cr Johnson expressed some concern for the farmers as there maybe confusion over public land and private property. He said there should be some indication as to how far the public can access the area. Cr Ormsby queried the type of access and in reply the Chief Executive said this would not entail opening any gates. Cr Johnson raised the issue of

shooting in the area and the presence of dogs and firearms. He said Council needs to take care in considering this proposal as although it is public land there is a problem in identifying the access area. Cr Johnson advised, in principle, the concept is satisfactory however, it does need some qualification regarding access issues as the public are not to enter onto private land. Cr Pilkington queried whether there is fencing between the private and public land areas.

His Worship raised the issue that all the land is grazed free by the farmer. He said he was O.K. with the concept however, stressed communication with the adjoining owner needs to be carried out and consideration given to prohibiting fires, firearms, overnight stays, etc. Cr Johnson agreed that Council needs to consider the consequences of the proposal. His Worship informed Members that Council cannot ignore that this is public land. Cr Pilkington felt that, as there is no fencing between the public and private land, then the proposal certainly needs communication with the property owners. The Chief Executive replied that many parts do have boundary fencing. Cr Johnson suggested the proposal to include Frost's Pit be deleted. Cr Blackler referred to Staples Pit and expressed concern regarding the bridge there. The Chief Executive replied that Council took an easement over the land to provide public access however, the bridge is a hazard.

Cr Blackler requested that the condition to exclude 'camping' not apply to the Tipping Reserve.

Resolved

That

1. River access signs be installed at the seven locations described in the Chief Executive's report, which excludes Frost's Pit
2. Communication to be carried out with adjoining property owners, in particular to identifying limits of access with the owners and prohibiting dogs, lighting of fires, firearms and overnight stays.

Cr Johnson / Cr Phillips

Item-38 STAFF SUBMISSION TO OTOROHANGA PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN

Discussion

The Policy Manager referred to a staff submission to the Otorohanga Proposed District Plan and reported this covered 43 points which have been sought to be addressed in the statutory process. His Worship advised that the information is for Councillors and should they wish to discuss any aspect of the submission then they contact the staff member concerned.

Resolved

That the Policy Manager's report be received.

Cr Phillips / Cr Pilkington

Item-39 CENTRAL GOVERNMENT - BUILDING COMPETITIVE CITIES

Discussion

The Policy Manager reported that the discussion document is referred to as RMA Reforms No 2 and is presented for Members awareness. He questioned what is 'urban environment' and how far does this extend. He said it may have broader or unintended effects in areas other than the primary focus of concern which is 'urban areas'.

Resolved

That the Policy Manager's report be received.

Cr Baxter / Cr Ormsby

Item-41 SUBMISSIONS ON PROPOSED RELOCATION OF i-SITE

Discussion

His Worship stressed the point that consideration is required by Council as owners of the Library building and whether it agrees to receiving the i-Site facility. He said the matter is not whether people agree to the relocation of the i-Site. His Worship advised that this is an internal management issue between Council and the Otorohanga District Development Board.

His Worship welcomed the following Submitters to the meeting, Mr Bill Millar, Ms Sarah Osborne, Representatives of the Otorohanga District Development Board being Mrs Liz Cowan, Mrs Carolyn Christian and Mr Andrew Giltrap. His Worship reported that a further submission has been received from local Doctor Ms Hansie Wong.

Mr Millar reported he had been in the taxi business in Otorohanga some 49 years and was originally involved in the establishment of a public relations office. He said he has a sincere passion for the region and endeavours to make people aware of what the District has to offer. He then outlined the various locations of the former public relations office and i-Site facility to its current position. Mr Millar expressed the opinion that the i-Site needs to be located in a valid place in order to transport visitors. He said the taxi business in Otorohanga is struggling to survive. With regards to the location of the i-Site in the Library meeting room, Mr Millar expressed concerns due to the close vicinity of the Fire Station. He said tour coaches must stay in Otorohanga and that transporting luggage from behind the Library was not a good idea. Mr Millar recommended that the i-Site facility remain in its present location or perhaps consideration be given to establishing a kiosk in the paved area outside the Council building. His Worship replied that the location of the i-Site will be a decision made by the Otorohanga District Development Board however, he thanked Mr Millar for his passion for the region.

Ms Sarah Osborne, District Librarian, advised that she was not so positive about the proposal to relocate the i-Site to the Otorohanga Library meeting room. She queried whether the building was actually large enough for the proposal's needs. She said there will be a loss of venue for programmes undertaken by the Library both for adults and children.

Ms Osborne referred to access and parking to the rear of the building and reported that many Library patrons use the rear entrance and consideration would need to be given to the safety of the elderly and children. Ms Osborne also commented that the Turongo St entrance to the Library is not as attractive as that through the Village Green. She also expressed the opinion that she did not feel the existing toilets would be able to cope with additional usage.

Ms Hansie Wong attended the meeting and reported that visibility and access to an i-Site facility is very important particularly to visitors and tourists to the area. She said the Library is a great place for education, in a learning environment, but she felt it would not be a good place to locate an i-Site.

Ms Carolyn Christian reported, following a recent survey, it indicated that Otorohanga's i-Site receives the lowest subsidy rate for i-Sites. She said they have two main concerns - that of staff and the payment of rental. She said it is extremely important for the i-Site to retain an income stream. Mrs Christian reported that the current building occupied by the i-Site is only affordable with the Bank of New Zealand (BNZ) paying half of the rental. Mrs Cowan circulated photo's of proposed signage should the i-Site be relocated to the Library meeting room and advised that the signage identifying the current location is not really that visible. Mrs Cowan reported that new State Highway signage will be installed shortly. She expressed the opinion that the location of the Village Green pulls people into town and suggested that self opening doors be installed into the Library building. With regard to parking, Mrs Cowan reported this shares disadvantages and

advantages of the current parking location. Mrs Cowan said, there will be clear signage from Wahanui Crescent identifying the location of the i-Site. She confirmed that the current i-Site does not have toilet facilities. Mr Giltrap reported that each time the relocation of the i-Site is proposed submissions are received. He said there are challenges for the i-Site as a business unit and that non-productive is spent in renewing Lease Agreements with the other occupier of the present building, BNZ. He said the Otorohanga District Development Board believe that relocating the i-Site to the Library meeting room is a good move. Mrs Cowan reported that it does secure tenancy for the i-Site.

His Worship reported that Council does agree to the relocation of the i-Site in principle, subject to consultation and favourable terms and conditions to the Council and the Otorohanga District Development Board. He said Council will deliberate in a workshop later in the meeting however, in the meantime thanked Submitters for their presentations.

Later in the meeting, Members returned to the report.

His Worship reminded Members their decision was not about whether or not they supported i-Site relocating, it was about whether they support i-Site being a tenant of a Council building. He said the onus would be on the Development Board to satisfy Council as the landlord. He said there would be no cost to ratepayers. Cr Ormsby said he was happy with the proposal. The Chief Executive expressed the opinion there was synergy of having the i-Site in the Library - the services are complimentary, was possible to multi-skill staff who could work in both the Library and i-Site. Cr Pilkington said it was not unusual around NZ to have a Library and i-Site located together, the synergy between the two businesses is strong and there are potential savings possible in long term. She said it was not just about efficiency and money but also about security of tenure, better facilities for customers and the potential to enhance opportunities to build relationships with other Community groups. Cr Phillips said he had mixed feelings but he was aware of the difficulty of occupancy. On the issue of signage, Cr Phillips said this was easily fixed and said the current location was good for buses. Cr Johnson expressed the opinion that the loss of the Library Meeting Room was a significant issue. Cr Baxter said he thought the proposal was a good idea but the issue of toilets was a serious consideration. His Worship said rent needed to be discussed, and he requested the Finance & Administration Manager to prepare a proposal for the Development Board.

Cr Pilkington abstained from voting.

Resolved

That Council agrees in principle to the i-Site occupying the Library Meeting Room, subject to agreement of suitable terms and condition with the Otorohanga District Development Board.

Cr Blackler / Cr Ormsby

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Cr Pilkington / Cr Blackler

11.43am - CONTINUED - OBJECTION TO MENACING DOG CLASSIFICATION

Item-40 REQUEST FOR SUPPORT - WETLANDS TOUR

Discussion

The Chief Executive referred Members to his report on a request for Council support of a tour of wetlands in the Kawhia/Aotea area from the National Wetlands Trust. Cr Pilkington eluded to Mr Thompson's offer of a short presentation and suggested he be approached to ascertain his willingness to do this.

Resolved

That the request from the National Wetlands Trust for financial assistance be declined.

Cr Blackler / Cr Baxter

Item-42 EXTENSION TO KARIKI URUPA ON RIVER CONTROL RESERVE

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented a report advising that, as resolved at the Council meeting of 14 September 2010 investigations have been undertaken regarding the mechanisms for exchanging land between the Kariki Urupa site and the River Control Reserve. He reported that advice has been obtained that the River Control Reserve is Crown land subject to the Public Works Act 1981 held for Soil Conservation and River Control purposes. The Urupa land has a status order of Maori Freehold Land with 25 registered owners.

Resolved

That

1. The Otorohanga District Council supports in principle the land exchange between River Control Land held in New Zealand Gazette 1968 p879 (Crown Land) at Otorohanga and the land held in land title 471303 described as Orihiri No. 1 Sec 20 Block (known as Kariki Urupa) for the purposes of making available suitable land for future burials.
2. The Otorohanga District Council advise the owners of Orihiri No. 1 Sec 20 Block that they would have to approach the Crown (through Land Information New Zealand) to begin negotiations between themselves and the Crown regards a possible land exchange for the purposes of making available suitable land for future burials at the "Kariki Urupa".

Cr Johnson / Cr Pilkington

Item-43 CARRY OVERS 2008/09

Discussion

The District Accountant attended the meeting and presented a list of the capital carryovers identified from the 2009/10 financial year for consideration and approval by Council. The Chief Executive informed Members that consideration is only required to carryovers in respect to capital expenditure.

Resolved

That

1. Council adopts the carryovers as listed with the deletion of the Otorohanga sewerage - new pump station at the ponds and District Reserves - sundry improvements,
2. The District Accountant verifies the proposed carry over amount in respect to Engineering - Community Programmes.

Cr Phillips / Cr Pilkington

LUNCH ADJORNMENT

Council adjourned for lunch at 12.33pm and resumed at 1.12pm.

Item-44 ROAD LEGALISATION PART TURITEA ROAD (HONIKIWI ROAD END) SO 423002 (BAILEY/ROSE PROPERTY)

Discussion

Engineering Manager presented his report on the road legalisation of part of Turitea Road.

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 be vested in the Otorohanga District Council.
 - b. Pursuant to Sec 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981 the road described in the **Second Schedule** below being stopped and vested by way of exchange in Graham James Rose, Julie Margaret Meade-Rose, David Charles Bailey and Bailey Ingham Trustees Ltd by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register SA976/98 subject to mortgage 6036903.4 to ASB Bank Limited.

South Auckland Land District - Otorohanga District

First Schedule - Land to be Declared Road

Area	Description	Owners
2390m ²	Parts Otorohanga A No. A1 Block Shown as Sections 1 & 2 on SO 423002	GJ Rose, JM Meade-Rose, DC Bailey and Bailey Ingham Trustees Ltd

Second Schedule - Road to be stopped and amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA976/98

Area	Description	Owners
917m ²	Section 3 on SO 423002	GJ Rose, JM Meade-Rose, DC Bailey and Bailey Ingham Trustees Ltd

2. The Mayor and Chief Executive of Otorohanga District Council be authorised to sign and seal any documentation necessary to legalise plan SO 423002.

Cr Baxter / Cr Blackler

Item-45 ROAD LEGALISATION PART MANGARE ROAD BETWEEN PUKEWHAU ROAD AND LANDING ROAD SO 433120 (TE BRAKE PROPERTY)

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented his report on the road legalisation of part Mangare Road.

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 be vested in the Otorohanga District Council.
 - b. Pursuant to Sec 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981 the road described in the **Second Schedule** below being stopped and vested by way of exchange in Te Brake Farms Ltd by way of amalgamation with the land in Computer Freehold Register 438271 subject to mortgage 8052028.3 to ASB Bank Limited.

South Auckland Land District - Otorohanga District

First Schedule - Land to be Declared Road

Area	Description	Owners
458m ²	Part Lot 2 DP 410368 Shown as Section 2 on SO 433120	Te Brake Farms Ltd

Second Schedule - Road to be stopped and amalgamated with Computer Freehold Register SA 438271

Area	Description	Owners
806m ²	Section 1 on SO 433120	Te Brake Farms Ltd

2. The Mayor and Chief Executive of Otorohanga District Council be authorised to sign and seal any documentation necessary to legalise plan SO 433120.

Cr Baxter / Cr Phillips

Item-46 ODC MATTERS REFERRED FROM 16 NOVEMBER 2010

Discussion

WALKER ROAD

The Engineering Manager advised that a meeting will take place tomorrow between the Corrections Department, land owners and Council.

OTOROHANGA WEIR

The Engineering Manager advised that he had written to Environment Waikato (EW) and he then read a letter he had received from EW explaining the reasons for needing the repair work on the weir. It was advised that this was capital expenditure and Council holds the Cash Reserve derived from the funding of depreciation. In reply to His Worship's query regarding who then pays, the Finance & Administration Manager said that capital expenditure would be funded from the depreciation reserve and if this was insufficient it would then be funded by loan with EW funding the interest costs. Cr Phillips queried whether the weir was actually wearing out, did it actually need the work EW were saying it did or was it just a case of having the rocks relocated from down stream. Cr Blackler advised at their meeting EW had said the special rocks that were required could not be sourced in the Waikato and had to be sourced elsewhere at an exorbitant cost. The Engineering Manager advised that EW had not come back with a design at this stage. He advised that Trevor Skilton has photos on file of the original weir, with more photos taken in 1990, which he said would be compared with current photos. His Worship stated that Council needed to have input in the planning of this work and the proposal needed to be affordable. Cr

Phillips expressed the opinion that moving the rocks from lower down stream back onto the weir would be sufficient.

OTOROHANGA STOPBANKS

The Engineering Manager reported that in EW's written response they had advised that there were three options for the repair of the Stopbanks. These were -

1. Top up the Stop Banks to design height keeping the existing side batters. Estimated 500m³ earthworks at \$7,500.
2. Top up the Stop Banks to design height and improve the side batters to original design batters. Estimated 4,100m³ earthworks at \$61,500.
3. Top up the Stop Banks to design height and improve the Stop Banks to comply with design criteria on Lower Waikato Waipa Control Scheme. Estimated 6,100m³ earthworks at \$91,500.

OTOROHANGA LAWN MOWING CONTRACT

The Engineering Manager presented information on the Otorohanga Lawn Mowing Contract. In reply to Cr Johnson's query regarding monitoring of the Contract, His Worship advised that this is generally complaints based and there is a cost to following up complaints by staff. It was advised the Contract has only recently commenced and is in place for two years plus one year based on performance.

Item-48 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - HAMILTON CAR CLUB TABLED ITEM

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented the Engineering Support Officer's report on the application from the Hamilton Car Club for a temporary Road Closure. He advised that one objection had been received. In reply to His Worship's query regarding whether the area receives any economic benefit, the Engineering Manager advised that the local school, as a fundraiser, provides catering for the event and that the Car Club also contribute trees to school.

Resolved

That approval be granted for the following road closure:

Purpose: Ngutunui Tarmac Hillclimb

Date: Sunday, 27 February 2011

Details of Closure: **PEKANUI ROAD** – entire length. Includes intersection with Scott Road (no exit)

Period of Proposed Closure: 9.00am to 5.00pm

With the following conditions imposed:

1. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
2. Hamilton Car Club is to pay an application fee of \$400.00 towards administration of the road closure to Otorohanga District Council.
3. Hamilton Car Club is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News.
4. Hamilton Car Club 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. Hamilton Car Club is to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
6. Hamilton Car Club is to liaise, and provide evidence of liaison with all operators and businesses that may be affected by the road closures.
7. Hamilton Car Club is to consult with all residents of all properties on the road intending to be closed and also residents on roads connecting with the roads intending to be closed, including any no exit roads. Two mail drops to residents are also to be carried out. All initial mail drops to residents are to be approved by Council staff before distribution commences. The subsequent mail drop is to be completed no later than ten full days before the proposed closures.
8. Hamilton Car Club is solely responsible for signposting and policing of the roads to be closed, to ensure that only vehicles connected with the event 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 Hamilton Car Club 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 Pilkington / Cr Baxter

GENERAL

COUNCIL TOUR

The Roding Manager attended the meeting and handed out maps for the District tour on Thursday 16 December. He confirmed the start time was 8.30am.

BEATTIE HOME

Cr Ormsby reported he had attended the recent Beattie Home AGM. He said it was a good meeting and that there were a number of new Members.

DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION WITHDRAWN

Cr Phillips queried how many other Development Contributions were currently unresolved or had not been paid. He said he felt there had been a degree of embarrassment to Council due to this. The Environmental Services Manager replied that there were none that he was aware of. He advised that when this Consent had been received, 40 per cent of one years work had been received that week and staff did not pick up that the Certificate of Title pre-dated the policy guidelines. He explained that a Resource Consent could take eight years to complete and when he sends a Decision letter out, the person had 15 days to respond. He also said that policy was multi-faceted and was very hard to manage.

RMA MAKING GOOD DECISIONS WORKSHOPS

Cr Baxter thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the workshops on 6 & 7 December. He said that although the workshops were over, there was still a lot of work to do with assignments. Crs Blackler, Pilkington and Johnson reiterated Cr Baxter's comments.

OTOROHANGA PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN

The Policy Manager advised that 145 submissions had been received. He said drafting was now being worked on and was expected to be released to submitters by the end of January or early February. He said the process would then be to organise the Council Hearings.

KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD

His Worship advised that the final meeting for the Kawhia Community Board would be held this Friday.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

His Worship thanked Councillors and said they had some big jobs ahead of them next year with Estimates and the District Plan Hearings. He wished them a Merry Christmas and said he hoped they would enjoy the Christmas break.

KING COUNTRY ENERGY

The Chief Executive reported that King Country Energy (KCE) had advised of an 18 percent increase in charges, effective immediately amounting to an increase of approximately \$25,000 per annum. He advised he had contacted other providers who had supplied quotes but at this stage all were higher than KCE. The Chief Executive said it was difficult to keep any rates increase at a palatable level when there were contributing factors such as this sizeable increase in electricity costs and the effects of the Christchurch earthquake that were completely out of Council's control. Cr Blackler said it had been advised that there would be an increase when the Emissions Trading Scheme became operative. In reply to Cr Johnson's query regarding an increase in lines charges, the Chief Executive advised that The Lines Company have indicated there will be no significant increase at this stage except in remote rural areas. His Worship said it was difficult to fathom increases like this that are significantly above the CPI. He said these are items that will force a rates increase that Council has no control over.

Item-49 WASTEWATER CONSENT RENEWAL INVESTIGATION

Discussion

The Chief Executive presented a report further to the report he previously presented to Council. He advised that a Consultant had been engaged and his initial feedback had now been received which has highlighted a number of shortfalls in the operation of the Wastewater Treatment System. The Chief Executive said the report suggests there is more work needed to obtain the Resource Consent than was initially expected. He said in 1998 when the previous Consent was applied for, to obtain the Consents a Wetland area needed to be established however, this has now proved to be of no benefit, possibly even worsening the quality of water being released. Therefore it is now planned to decommission the wetlands area which has an approximate area of two hectares at an approximate depth of 30cm.

The Chief Executive said this was the start of the process of receiving various technical advice from a number of sources including assessment of environmental effects. He advised, this report has highlighted that substantial expenditure will be needed to obtain the Resource Consent. He advised that a Project Manager, Mr Cliff Boyt, had been engaged but technical input from other Consultants will also be required. He advised MWH has a strong track record in this area and have done, or are currently doing, similar projects for Huntly, Ngaruawahia and Cambridge. The Chief Executive said that it is Council's usual practice to put such work out to tender. However, he said in this case it was felt that Council would not get the best value from the lowest price through a tender process and it was more important to go with a company who had a proven track record, with price being secondary.

The Chief Executive advised the proposal had been presented to the Otorohanga Community Board, indicating that \$70,000 would be spent on MWH this current financial year plus other Consultants costs, expecting the total to be \$125,000. He advised the budgeted amount was \$15,000 for this financial year, therefore he is seeking approval from Council for this unbudgeted expenditure. He said the reason for the urgency was that the Resource Consent expires on 30 April 2012 but the Resource Consent application must be lodged with EW six months prior so that the operation can continue as normal until the new Consent is issued.

In reply to Cr Ormsby's query regarding provision for growth for the Community, the Chief Executive advised that this is a matter EW will look at, seeking evidence the facility will cater for future growth. The Engineering Manager advised that last year there was a survey undertaken on the amount of sludge in the pond which showed there was very little.

In reply to Cr Johnson's query regarding how this unbudgeted expenditure would be included in next years rates, the Chief Executive advised that the work is considered Capital in nature, and will be loan fund over 25 years. Cr Phillips queried whether there was a priority list of work or was it was all being completed at once. The Chief Executive advised that EW's probable expectation was that four of the items would be completed within the first two years after the Consent is granted. He said the other items were expected to be completed within the next three to five years.

In reply to Cr Blackler's query that if the height of the ponds, could Council increase Development Contributions to cover this, the Chief Executive said it cannot be proven that this work is a direct effect of development as it is being driven by effluent quality and safety.

The Engineering Manager advised that stormwater from around the Community was entering the ponds. He advised that this matter was being investigated to reduce this amount. Cr Blackler queried the cost of an UV plant, to which the Chief Executive reported there were two stages of filtration at a cost of \$60,000 for the first stage and \$50,000 for the UV unit. The Engineering Manager said this may be five to six years down the track.

His Worship advised that discharging into the Mangaoronga Stream was the most cost effective option for the Community. He advised that if the work that MWH were able to do would result in obtaining a 25+ year Consent this would reduce the overall cost in not having to obtain further Consents during this time.

In reply to Cr Phillips query regarding whether this would resolve the issues of Frederick Street, the Engineering Manager said Council would need to wait until the proposal is provided.

It was agreed that prior to the Estimates Councillors would have a further tour to include the ponds, the Rural Water Supplies, Kawhia, etc.

Resolved

That Council gives approval for additional unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$125,000 during the 2010/11 financial year for the purpose of progressing the renewal of the Resource Consent for discharge of treated wastewater from Otorohanga.

Cr Ormsby / Cr Pilkington

Item-50 PROGRESS PARK FENCE

Discussion

The Engineering Manager advised that three Contractors had provided quotes for the replacement of the Progress Park entrance fence, using half round strainers, which range from \$6,278 to \$11,960 (plus GST). He advised that at the last meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board it was agreed they would accept the quote of \$6,800 from Jeff Roundtree. The Manager advised this was an unbudgeted amount but suggested funds from the sale of property on Otewa Road could be utilised.

Cr Johnson queried the urgency to replace the fence at the moment given that Council needs to cut expenditure. His Worship said he tended to agree with Cr Johnson. Cr Ormsby advised there was funds available from the sale of property and the Board were conscious not to 'fritter' this away. He said as there were three sections still for sale and about to go to a tender process, it was important to have the area presentable. His Worship suggested that the matter be taken back to the Board querying whether a new fence was actually necessary at present. Cr Pilkington said the fence did 'make a statement'.

Resolved

That Council approve potential expenditure on renewing the fence at the entrance to Progress Drive, on condition that it is funded entirely within the Otorohanga Community.

Cr Ormsby / Cr Pilkington

Item-51 REWA REWA RECREATION RESERVE

Discussion

His Worship outlined the background to the current issue. In November 2009 a Community meeting was called where local residents, Cr Blackler and himself attended to discuss whether the Community wished to keep the school buildings and if so, how it was to work. It was a very good meeting where various decisions were made on planting areas, maintenance of buildings and grazing. There had been a further meeting to negotiate compromised changes where Mrs Liz Cowan took notes but no map was made to show what had been agreed on but standards were placed where the fence was to be built. Council's Community Facilities Officer had then engaged Mr Jeff Roundtree to build the fence as was part of the agreement. When Mr Roundtree arrived a number of standards were missing so he asked Mrs Peg Purdie to show him where the fence was to go. Once the fence was built Mr Arthur Cowan, along with Members of the Native Forest Restoration Society, planted a large number of trees. It was at this stage Members of the Community realised the fence and planted trees were not located as had been agreed at the second meeting. This matter was now causing frustration for the parties.

It was agreed that Crs Johnson and Phillips organise a meeting with the various parties, at the earliest opportunity, to discuss the issues.

MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

"THAT the Otorohanga District Council, pursuant to Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolves that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public."

Cr Blackler/ Cr Pilkington

3.20pm CONTINUED - OBJECTION TO MENACING DOG CLASSIFICATION

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 3.28pm.

MAYOR:

DATE: 25 January 2011

