



Otorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

22 March 2011

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on 22 March 2011 commencing at 4.00pm.

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

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PRESENT

Mr R Prescott (Chair), Mrs EM Cowan, Mrs AC Laws (attended 4.01pm), Mr AG Ormsby, Mr PD Tindle and Mr DR Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, Mr DF Williams, Cr S Blackler, Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), R Chadwick (Engineering Manager), GD Bunn (Finance & Administration Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from Cr D Pilkington, and Mr P Tindle for leaving the meeting due to a fire call, be sustained.

Mrs Cowan / Mr Ormsby

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

No items were raised for consideration in General Business which may require a resolution.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 10 FEBRUARY 2011

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 10 February 2011 as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr Tindle / Mrs Cowan

REPORTS

Item-34 REVIEW OF HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY RENTALS - OTOROHANGA

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor presented a report on the review of Housing for the Elderly rentals in Otorohanga. He referred to the recommended increase in the rental charge and advised this equated to an approximate 5 percent increase. Mr Williams reported this Council's Housing for the Elderly rentals are one of the cheapest compared to similar other Councils. In reply to Mr Tindle, the Governance Supervisor advised that when informing the Tenants of the increase reasons will be outlined as to why this is necessary.

Resolved

That rentals charged for the Housing for the Elderly units in Otorohanga be increased to -

SINGLE - \$63 per week

DOUBLE - \$91 per week

Effective from 1 July 2011.

Mr Williams / Mrs Cowan

Item-35 OTOROHANGA SWIMMING POOL - 6 MONTH REVIEW

Discussion

The Engineering Manager advised that Mr Ian Richards of Total Leisure Concepts NZ Ltd (TLC) is unable to attend the meeting due to the change from the original date of 10 March 2011. He advised that a further report has been received suggesting additional funding be placed in the Estimates for maintenance at the pool complex in order to upgrade the changing sheds. In return TLC would be looking at an extension to the existing Contract. The Engineering Manager reported that Mr Richards wishes to present the report at the Board's April meeting. It was agreed that Mr Richards needs to put forward his presentation prior to consideration of the matter. Members agreed it was reasonable to defer this matter for discussion later.

Resolved

That the Engineering Manager's report be received.

Mr Williams / Mrs Laws

Item-36 FUNDING OF DOMAIN TOILETS

Discussion

The Chief Executive summarised his report on the request from the Otorohanga Kiwi House for the Board to consider making a greater financial contribution to the daytime operation of the public toilets at the Otorohanga Domain. The Chief Executive referred Members to a copy of the letter from the Otorohanga Kiwi House Manager, Mr Paul Stuart-Higgs. The Chief Executive advised there was not a lot of public benefit for the toilet block. He reported however, since preparation of the report that the Otorohanga Kiwi House does need to have this particular toilet block open for the use by their Customers.

MR TINDLE

Mr Tindle left the meeting at 4.12pm.

Mrs Cowan reported that usage of the toilet is mainly by Domain users or travelling salesmen. Mrs Laws felt that new toilets would need to be provided in any new building. The Chair queried whether the toilet block could be offered to the Domain Users Association for them to maintain. Mr Williams expressed the opinion that the Association has enough difficulty in maintaining the Pavilion building.

Resolved

That

1. The request for greater Council funding of the toilets at the Otorohanga Domain be declined.
2. If agreeable to the Otorohanga Kiwi House, the toilets at the Domain are closed, but are retained and made available to the organisers of any events at the Domain, at a charge of \$50 per day, with the organisers responsible for provision of toilet paper.

Mrs Cowan / Mr Ormsby

Item-37 REQUEST TO BUILD OVER SEWER - 68 HINEWAI STREET

Discussion

The Engineering Manager summarised a report on the request from the owners of 68 Hinewai Street to construct a garage over an existing sewer main through the property. He reported that in no way does the application comply with Council's policy. There are variations which can occur if the application is prime purpose for the property. The Engineering Manager reported that over one third of the property will contain garages/carports. Mr Williams expressed the opinion that Council's rules are quite clear. His Worship agreed that the property was well served by garages/carports.

Resolved

That approval to construct a six metre by six metre garage over the existing sewer main at 68 Hinewai Street be declined.

Chair / Mr Williams

Item-38 OCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 10 FEBRUARY 2011

Discussion

PROGRESSION OF OTOROHANGA FORUM

With reference to the item that representatives of the Otorohanga District Development Board and other interested parties meet in a forum situation to consider the progression of Otorohanga it was confirmed that this has been held.

OTOROHANGA DOMAIN

The Chair referred to the item under Mr Tindle and said he was going to discuss this when he met with Mr David Bailey. The Chair suggested that the item remain on Matters Referred.

RANFURLY STREET - ANGLE PARKING

The Engineering Manager reported a draft design has been prepared and sent to the neighbouring property owners. He said, to date no objection has been received except the Otorohanga Business Association did suggest that the width of the parking spaces be increased.

The Engineering Manager reported that the review of the Traffic Bylaw has now been completed and a draft prepared. He suggested a workshop meeting be held after the Board meeting on 14 April 2011. He said the draft can then be adopted at the meeting of the Board on 12 May 2011 and Council on 31 May 2011.

GENERAL

RUGBY WORLD CUP

Mrs Laws reported that the Otorohanga Business Association was working on promotion in conjunction with the Rugby World Cup and attempting to ascertain suitable flags.

BEATTIE HOME

Mr Ormsby referred to the Maniapoto Street upgrade to take place outside Beattie Home and noted that this work had not yet commenced. He said this was fortunate as the Beattie Home were looking at some further developments also. Mr Ormsby requested that the matter be placed on Matters Referred.

COMMUNITY SIGNAGE

Mrs Cowan referred to the proposed refurbishment of Community signage in particular, to that of the Tourist Drive. She said she understood Council Staff had been onto the matter however, there is very little evidence of any new signage. She asked whether the Engineering Manager could progress the matter.

PROGRESS DRIVE ENTRANCE

Mr Williams queried the progress on the replacement fence at the entrance to Progress Drive. The Engineering Manager replied that the Contractor has been given an order to commence the work. Mr Williams reported that he understood the Contractor would be able to install the same size posts into the existing holes therefore not requiring a new concrete strip. The Engineering Manager replied that the Contractor would only be looking at a small amount of concrete to replace the strip. He said it would be over to the Contractor as to how he carries out the work.

MITRE 10 PROPERTY

The Chief Executive informed Members a workshop will be held after the next Board meeting regarding progress on the parking and exiting from the rear of the Mitre 10 property.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 4.31pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 14 April 2011

