



Otorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

12 May 2011

OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on Thursday 12 May 2011 commencing at 4.02pm.

MINUTES

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, Mr AG Ormsby (attended 4.28pm) and Mr DR Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), R Chadwick (Engineering Manager), GD Bunn (Finance & Administration Manager), Mr B O'Callaghan (District Accountant) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from His Worship the Mayor DF Williams, Deputy Mayor S Blackler, Mr PD Tindle, and Mr AG Ormsby (for lateness) be sustained.

Mrs Laws / Mr Williams

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 14 APRIL 2011

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 14 April 2011, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mrs Cowan / Mr Williams

REPORTS

Item-43 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ODC TRAFFIC BYLAW 2005

Discussion

The Engineering Manager summarised a report on the proposed amendments to the Otorohanga District Traffic Bylaw 2005 which were considered by the Board at a workshop meeting on 14 April 2011. It is now requested that the Board formally approve these amendments and recommend to Council that they be adopted and the Bylaw amended.

BALLANCE STREET

Mrs Cowan raised the matter of congestion at the entranceway to a property in Ballance Street due to vehicles being able to park right up adjacent to her entranceway. It was suggested that one parking space be deleted to avoid this happening. The Engineering Manager advised that this would only necessitate remarking the parking space, no change would be needed to the Bylaw. Mr Williams agreed that one parking space needs to be taken out. He thanked the Engineering Managers' Department for their work involved in updating the Traffic Bylaw.

Resolved

That the Board recommends to Council that the proposed amendments to the Otorohanga District Traffic Bylaw 2005, as set out in the schedule "Proposed Parking Bylaw Amendments Schedule April 2011" and the proposed new clause 18 "Vehicle Entranceways", be adopted.

Mr Williams / Mrs Cowan

Item-44 OCB MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS TO 31 MARCH 2011

Discussion

The District Accountant presented the Draft Management Accounts for the period ended 31 March 2011.

FLOOD PROTECTION OPERATING ACCOUNT

Mr Williams referred to the Asset Maintenance item and queried whether the remainder of the fencing had been carried out. He said work was required on the last section of the new fencing. Members were informed that savings are occurring in this account which are of benefit to Environment Waikato, not the Board.

PARKS & RESERVES

The Engineering Manager advised that a portion of the over-expenditure shown under Engineering & Services will be transferred to Asset Maintenance as it had been incorrectly allocated.

POOLS OPERATING ACCOUNT

In reply to Mr Williams regarding Capital Expenditure Sundry Improvements, the Engineering Manager advised this related to the installation of lino in the Pool's foyer. Also it was proposed to repaint the two ends of the indoor pool where flaking had occurred but when the pool was emptied in January it was found that the side walls were also bubbling therefore the total pool was repainted.

MR AG ORMSBY

Mr Ormsby attended the meeting at 4.28pm.

SALE OF SECTION - PROGRESS PARK

The Finance & Administration Manager reported that Council had settled on a selling price of \$75,000 however, this was conditional upon the Purchaser obtaining the necessary finance. He said an extension has been given to the Purchaser and that he is confident he will be able to obtain the finance required.

Mr Williams expressed the opinion that the Board's accounts were looking 'pretty good'. The Chief Executive agreed that the accounts were 'extremely tidy'. Mrs Cowan extended her congratulations to all those involved.

Resolved

That the Draft Management Accounts for the Otorohanga Community Board for the period ended 31 March 2011 be received.

Mrs Cowan / Mrs Laws

GENERAL

WATER & SEWERAGE SITE INSPECTION

Mr Ormsby was advised that the site inspection of Council's water and sewerage facilities is to be carried out next Tuesday 17 May 2011, commencing at 1.00pm from the Council offices.

WAIPA RIVER EROSION

Mr Williams queried whether the work to stop the erosion occurring under the State Highway 3 bridge over the Waipa River had been completed. The Engineering Manager replied there was still one section to do on the west side of the road bridge. Staff were highlighted to the fact that erosion is occurring on the bank on the southern side of the Railway Bridge. The Engineering Manager referred to a recent meeting with OnTrack and EW and reported that OnTrack was not particularly interested in this matter. Mr Ormsby replied that the erosion was occurring on Council land and that the process to rectify this takes too long.

COMMUNITY BOARD CONFERENCE

Mr Williams reported on his attendance at a Community Board Conference held 6 & 7 May 2011 in Rotorua. He said this was well attended by approximately 400 attendees. Mr Williams reported that this Council's Mayor was one of the guest speakers and that his workshops were the most popular. He said a lot of interest was expressed in what Otorohanga was doing.

Mr Williams reported that the workshops were very well organised and covered interesting topics. He said the attendees networked very well and suggested that the Board continue to attend these Conferences in the future. He said having attended the Conference he now realised what a good relationship this Council has with the Board and Staff.

PROPOSED MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK

The Chair referred to a proposal to install a mountain bike track through the Redwood and/or Bob Horsfall Parks. He said the proposal has been discussed with the Manager of the Otorohanga Kiwi House who is really keen to promote this. The Chair reported he is waiting to receive a plan which will be presented to the Board.

Mrs Cowan extended thanks to Council Staff for limbing up the trees in the Redwood Park area.

OTOROHANGA KIWI HOUSE

Mrs Cowan informed Members that the AGM of the Otorohanga Kiwi House will be held on Tuesday 26 July 2011 at 7.30pm. She said the Manager is to be the main speaker and he will outline the proposed development of the facility and attempts at engaging with the Community.

ADOPTION OF BOARD MINUTES

The Chief Executive reported that the Kawhia Community Board had raised the issue of their minutes being received and adopted by Council prior to the Board having confirmed them. He reported, at the last meeting of Council, the issue was discussed with the opinion expressed that the only significant negative result would be from errors in recording the resolution. Accordingly the Chief Executive said it is necessary to ensure that resolutions are correct prior to these being adopted at the Board meetings.

SEATING - OTOROHANGA DOMAIN

The Governance Supervisor referred to the proposal to install seating at the Otorohanga Domain and advised that he had expressed the thanks of the Board to Mr Bailey for him being prepared to meet the costs for a builder to install the seating, as was reported at the meeting. Mr Bailey had advised that this was not strictly correct. He said their Association has a local football member who has some Community Service work to do who will provide assistance with the building work. Mr Bailey had said, there was a need for some assistance from Councillors or interested parties in the form of a working bee.

The Chair advised that the local football member was now unable to carry out the work therefore himself, his son-in-law and Hano Green will commence this project tomorrow morning.

BLUCK ROAD PROPERTY

The Governance Supervisor reported that an approach had been made by Mr B McNeil requesting consideration be given to a request from a property owner at 7 Bluck Road that the rear of their section be used for growing vegetables, etc. Mrs Cowan suggested that the request be forwarded to the Farmers Market coordinator, Ms Anita Bain.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 4.45pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 9 June 2011

