



Otorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

14 July 2011

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on 14 July 2011 commencing at 4.01pm.

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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 4.02pm) and Mr DR Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), R Chadwick (Engineering Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from Messrs AG Ormsby, and PD Tindle be sustained.

Mrs Cowan/ Mr Williams

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

Mrs Cowan said she would like to discuss the matter of revamping the new i-Site facility.

The Chair reported a request had been received for the Board to consider removing a tree on Road Reserve in Te Kawa Street.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 12 MAY 2011

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 12 May 2011, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr Williams / Mrs Laws

REPORTS

Item-45 PROPOSED CHANGE TO RESOLUTION - DOMAIN TOILETS

Discussion

The Chief Executive presented a report requesting the Board to consider an amendment to a previous resolution of the Board in respect of the toilets at the Otorohanga Domain, in order to address an issue of clarity.

Resolved

That the second point of the Board's previous resolution of 22 March 2011 in relation to the funding of the toilets at the Otorohanga Domain be replaced with the following -

1. 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. Such approval to close these toilets shall not relieve the Otorohanga Kiwi House of its responsibility to provide an adequate number of toilets in accordance with any other regulations.

Mrs Cowan / Mr Williams

Item-46 REQUEST FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE - POLICE BICYCLE PATROL

Discussion

The Chief Executive referred Members to his report regarding a request received for the Board to consider providing some (one-off) funding assistance to enable a Police bicycle patrol to be established in the Otorohanga Community. Constable Ben Parsons attended the meeting and spoke to the request. The Constable apologised to the Board for the item being on the front page of today's Waikato Times. He said it was his intention for the request to be reported on following the matter being considered by the Board. The Constable reported that the proposal has merit in Otorohanga and commented that when an Officer walks up the main street his/her presence is very much appreciated by the public. He said the Otorohanga station has an extra member of staff to enable the proposal to be carried out. The Constable advised that the bicycles themselves are already available however, as a joint venture between the Police and Council a request is made for assistance to go towards the purchase of suitable clothing, footwear and safety equipment for two officers. Board Members all agreed that the proposal was a good idea as a visible presence by the Police is appreciated by the public.

The Chief Executive reported on additional funding which will be received by the Board following correction of an overcharge by a local Company. He said this will place the Board accounts in a strong position and suggested that \$1,000 could be allocated towards the proposal from the Democratic Process account.

Mrs Laws reported that the Otorohanga Business Association would approve the proposal as well.

Resolved

That the Otorohanga Community Board approves funding up to \$1,000 towards the establishment of a Police bicycle patrol in the Otorohanga Community.

Mrs Cowan / Mrs Laws

Item-47 PROJECT KIWIANA REQUEST TO ERECT SIGNS ON F PHILLIPS RESERVE

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor referred Members to a report within the Agenda and advised that a letter has been forwarded to the Project Kiwiana Committee advising that the Board supports, in principle, their proposal to have made Silver Ferns signs which would be erected in the Fin Phillips Reserve in support of the Rugby World Cup (RWC). The Board is however, of the opinion that the signs must be removed shortly after the final of the World Cup. The Committee was advised that the Board will, at today's meeting, ratify the above decision. Mrs Cowan referred to the removal of the signs after the final of the RWC and suggested that the Board wait and see what promotional/branding benefit there has been for the town. She reported that Otorohanga is going to receive a considerable amount of advertising during the RWC event.

The Chief Executive referred to discussions he had had with Council's Environmental Services Manager and reported that, should the signs be permanently placed in the Reserve, they may require a Resource Consent. He said temporary erection of the signs would not require a consent.

Mr Williams said he was strongly opposed to the proposal and advised that the land was gifted by the late Mr Fin Phillips. He said the site is a difficult one and that Mr Phillips was very knowledgeable about the historic value of the site both from a Maori and European perspective. Mr Williams reported that the site was of great significance prior to European settlement.

Mr Williams said he understood that the area was not actually a Reserve. He said it was previously a wasteland and very untidy. Mr Williams reported that approximately eight years ago Council staff felt that the best way to look after the area was to revert it back to native bush with real Silver Ferns. He said a number of Community groups have assisted with the proposal. Mr Williams reported that several attempts have been made to have signs placed there however, these have been turned down. He felt it was also inappropriate to have the poppies erected there during ANZAC Day commemorations. Mr Williams advised that any signs need to be substantial and secured properly. Mrs Cowan reported that the positioning of the proposed Silver Fern signs would be the same as the poppies and that the Silver Fern signs have been professionally designed by Mr David Walmsley. Mr Williams said he was in favour of the site being preserved as a Reserve with a native bush background. Mrs Cowan said that previously the area consisted of many noxious plants such as privet and gorse.

It was agreed that the Chief Executive discuss the proposal with Council's Environmental Services Manager in particular to the explanation of a 'Temporary Sign'. Mrs Laws expressed the opinion she liked the installation of the poppies and felt that the Silver Ferns would be beneficial over the RWC period.

Resolved

That the Board grant approval to the Project Kiwiana Committee to temporarily erect Silver Fern signs on the Fin Phillips Reserve subject to the maintenance, erection and removal of the signs being the responsibility of the Committee and any relevant Resource Consent requirements being satisfied.

Mrs Cowan / Mr Prescott

Mr Williams voted against the motion.

PROPOSED TREE REMOVAL

The Chair presented a request from a property owner in Te Kawa Street that the tree outside her neighbour's property, 57 Rangitahi Street, which is growing on Road Reserve, be removed. Apparently leaves from the tree blocks gutters and the culvert over her entrance way. Mrs Cowan suggested that Rosemary Davison be approached to check out the tree. Members agreed that Mr Williams investigate the matter in conjunction with Rosemary Davison and Council's Community Facilities Officer.

GENERAL

Item-48 OTOROHANGA POOL COMPLEX

Discussion

The Chair referred to an approach some time ago from representatives of IHC requesting the installation of changing tables in the changing rooms at the Pool Complex. He said this matter had been left to a past Member to facilitate however, this has not happened. The Chair reported that the representatives were happy for the existing benches to be raised and a top placed on them. He said IHC have \$250 towards the project however, there is a \$660 shortfall.

Council's Technical Services Manager, who was in attendance at the meeting, reported that the original costs were very high. He said it is necessary to establish the best place to install the changing tables and to ensure there is adequate load bearing. The Engineering Manager reported that there is \$5,000 available in the Pool Sundry Improvements Account. Members were informed that the need by the IHC users still exists.

Resolved

That the Board approve up to \$750 to be funded from the Pool Sundry Improvements Account for the design and build of disabled persons changing tables.

Mrs Cowan / Mrs Laws

RELOCATION OF I-SITE

Mrs Cowan reported that as a Member of the Otorohanga District Development Board she is also on the Sub-committee for the relocation of the i-Site facility. She outlined a kiwiana theme concept to draw attention to the i-Site by erecting a face-panel. She said she has consulted with Council's Community Facilities Officer who has no problems with the proposal. Mrs Cowan confirmed that the funding of face-panel will be met in full by the Otorohanga District Development Board. She also outlined the need to recycle all existing signage to the new site. Members agreed with the proposals outlined by Mrs Cowan.

BALLANCE STREET

Mrs Cowan reported on a recent complaint she had made to Council's Rooding Manager concerning a large articulated truck exiting onto Ballance Street from the Mitre 10 property. She queried whether some provision could be made for these vehicles to exit the property front first. The Chief Executive reported that Council has given the owners directions as to what should be done to the site to address access and parking issues. He said Council could insist that the entranceway be closed. The Chief Executive expressed the opinion he felt it was not right for the Mitre 10 property to have access through the Library property. The Chair queried whether Council should write to NZ Police as this is a traffic matter. The Engineering Manager suggested Council could insist that vehicles reverse back into the property. Mrs Laws said that any action Council takes it needs to be consistent throughout the Community. Mr Williams replied that Council was in this instance acting on receipt of a complaint.

It was agreed an appropriate letter be forwarded to the occupier of the Mitre 10 property.

LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

Mrs Cowan requested that should there be surplus tables or a whiteboard from the Library Meeting Room that these be gifted to the Kiwi House Committee. The Chief Executive replied that most of these items have been sold with one or two being retained. He undertook to discuss the matter with Council's Finance & Administration Manager.

ZONE TWO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

The Chair reported on his attendance recently at a Zone 2 Community Board meeting held in Raglan. He said he could not believe how many Community Boards do not 'get on' with their respective Councils.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 5.03pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 11 August 2011

