



TE KAUNIHERA Ā-ROHE O
ŌTOROHANGA
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Open Minutes

HEARINGS PANEL - ŌTOROHANGA RESERVE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Open Minutes of a meeting of the Ōtorohanga District Council Hearings Panel held on the Ōtorohanga Reserve Strategy & Management Plan in Waikōwhitiwhiti (Council Chambers), Ōtorohanga District Council, 17 Maniapoto Street, Ōtorohanga on Tuesday, 8 July 2025 commencing at 10.00am.

Tanya Winter, Chief Executive

14 July 2025

Hearing Panel attendance

Chairperson	His Worship the Mayor, Max Baxter	Attended
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor, Annette Williams	Attended
Ōtorohanga District Councillor	Kit Jeffries	Attended
Ōtorohanga District Councillor	Rodney Dow	Attended
Ōtorohanga District Councillor	Katrina Christison	Apology
Ōtorohanga District Councillor	Steve Hughes	Attended
Ōtorohanga District Councillor	Jaimee Tamaki	Attended
Ōtorohanga District Councillor	Roy Willison	No apology
Ōtorohanga District Councillor	Roy Johnson	Attended
Ōtorohanga District Councillor	Cathy Prendergast	Attended
Ōtorohanga Community Board	Jo Butcher	Attended
Ōtorohanga Community Board	Peter Coventry	Apology
Ōtorohanga Community Board	Kat Brown-Merrin	Apology
Ōtorohanga Community Board	Tori Muller	Apology
Mana whenua representative	Whakaoterangi Paki	Attended
Mana whenua representative	Wikitōria Tane	Attended

Senior staff In attendance

Chief Executive	Tanya Winter	Attended
Group Manager Business Enablement	Graham Bunn	Attended
Group Manager Engineering & Assets	Mark Lewis	Attended
Group Manager Regulatory & Growth	Tony Quickfall	Attended
Group Manager Strategy & Community	Nardia Gower	Attended

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There are no reports.

Public excluded

Take matatapu

There are no reports.

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Commencement of meeting**Te tīmatanga o te hui**

His Worship the Mayor declared the meeting open at 10.01am.

Opening prayer/reflection/words of wisdom**Karakia/huitao/whakataukī**

His Worship led the meeting in a recitation of a karakia.

Apologies**Ngā hōnea**

Resolved HP3: That Hearings Panel receive and accept the apology from Councillor Christison and Board Members Peter Coventry, Tori Muller and Kat Brown-Merrin for non-attendance.

His Worship the Mayor | Councillor Dow

Mana whenua representative Whakaoterangi Paki joined the meeting at 10.03am.

Late items**Ngā take tōmuri**

There were no late items.

Declaration of conflict of interest**Te whakapuakanga pānga taharua**

There were no Declarations made.

Decision reports

Ngā pūrongo whakatau

Item 38: Draft Ōtorohanga Reserves Strategy and Reserves Management Plan – Updated following consideration of submissions

ŌDC's Mark Lewis and Sahndra Cave presented the staff report. Ms Cave advised the Strategy and Plan supported the key projects contained within the Ōtorohanga Town Concept Plan and the Long Term Plan. She noted this would provide guidance for the future investment in public open spaces.

Councillor Dow spoke on the wording around the Ōtorohanga Carriers Association's (OCA) truck wash on Huiputea Drive. He noted the Huiputea Reserve Plan stated the OCA were happy to move location but at their recent annual general meeting, they expressed that they were not happy to move as there was no suitable location elsewhere.

Councillor Dow also spoke against speed humps being installed in Kakamutu Drive and the potential to change traffic flows. Ms Cave confirmed Councillor Dow was referring to the Walking and Cycling Strategy then advised the Plan referred to traffic calming measures of which there was a wide variety.

Councillor Dow then spoke on the Netball Association who wanted to progress a relocation to the Island Reserve. His Worship noted the Strategy and Plan gave a strategic direction, but any particular project would need to be confirmed, and funding sourced before ŌDC approval was provided.

Councillor Dow spoke on the Plan's desire to relocate the OCA's truck wash and EcoFX from their premises, but the relocation costs would not be supported by ratepayers. Mr Lewis reiterated it was a high level strategic document to provide guidance for the future. He noted the Plan wasn't cast in stone but gave guidance so should an opportunity arise for land to be available; it could be assessed. He also noted that any change on a reserve would require ŌDC involvement and approval so the Plan should be considered at the start of the process. ŌDC's Tanya Winter noted it also provided ability to participate in local and regional funding opportunities as the Plan was an important step in any process.

Mana whenua representative, Wikitōria Tane spoke on Huiputea Reserve and the strong desire by mana whenua to have the OCA's truck wash and EcoFX removed from the sacred site. She stated having the two entities in the vicinity of Huiputea was offensive to mana whenua as they were in the space of a battleground.

Councillor Jeffries queried if the Ōtorohanga Community Board had been involved in the development of the Strategy and Plan. Ms Cave confirmed they had been an integral part of the process. Councillor Jeffries sought confirmation the allocated budget was for all three concept plans and Ms Winter

confirmed it was. She noted a report was going to be presented to ŌDC at their July meeting to reconfirm priorities and timing.

In response to a query by Ms Winter, Councillor Dow advised the OCA were intending to send ŌDC a letter outlining their position. Ms Cave sought confirmation it was page 19 of the Strategy and Councillor Dow spoke on the discussions held at the annual general meeting. He commented that there was the opportunity for mana whenua to buy some land and shift the truck wash.

Mana whenua representative, Wikitōria Tane spoke in response to the comment by Councillor Dow around mana whenua buying land to relocate the truck wash. She stated she was offended by the statement and that all of Ngāti Maniapoto would also be offended. She stated the land along the river was Māori land and was taken for the river relocation. Councillor Dow advised he didn't mean the comment as it was spoken, but that he meant it was no good to shift the truck wash to a location that didn't have mana whenua support.

Resolved HP4: That, having considered the feedback/submissions received on the draft Ōtorohanga Reserves Strategy and Reserves Management Plan and the consequential changes, the Hearings Panel refer the updated Draft Ōtorohanga Reserves Strategy and Reserves Management Plan to the Ōtorohanga District Council for adoption with minor editorial amendments.

His Worship the Mayor | Councillor Prendergast

Information only reports

Ngā pūrongo mōhiohio anake

There were no reports.

Public excluded

Take matatapu

There were no reports.

Closing prayer/reflection/words of wisdom

Karakia/huritao/whakataukī

His Worship led the meeting attendees in a recitation of a karakia.

Meeting closure

Katinga o te hui

His Worship the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10.22am.