



Ōtorohanga District Council

# MINUTES

28 January 2020

10.00am

**Members of the Ōtorohanga District Council**

His Worship the Mayor MM Baxter  
Councillor K Christison  
Councillor B Ferguson  
Councillor K Jeffries  
Councillor R Johnson (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillor RA Klos  
Councillor P McConnell  
Councillor A Williams

Meeting Secretary Mr. CA Tutty

# ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL

28 JANUARY 2020

Minutes of an ordinary Meeting of the Ōtorohanga District Council held in the Council Chambers, 17 Maniapoto Street, Ōtorohanga on Tuesday 28 January 2020 commencing at 10am.

## MINUTES

**Tanya Winter**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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## **PRESENT**

His Worship the Mayor MM Baxter, Councillors K Christison, B Ferguson, R Johnson, K Jeffries, RA Klos, P McConnell and A Williams

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs, R Brady (Acting Chief Executive), A Loe (Group Manager Environment), G Bunn (Group Manager Corporate), B O'Callaghan (Finance Manager), and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor)

His Worship declared the meeting open and welcomed those present to the first meeting of Council for 2020.

## **APOLOGY**

Resolved that the apology received by Council's Chief Executive Ms. T Winter be sustained.

**HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR KLOS**

## **REFLECTION / PRAYER / WORDS OF WISDOM**

His Worship recited words of wisdom in respect to a person's family.

## **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

His Worship asked members whether they had any declarations of conflicts of interest.

**Resolved** that Councillor Johnson declared a conflict of interest in Item 30, Beattie Home Loan Funding.

**HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR JOHNSON**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL 17 DECEMBER 2019**

Councillor Johnson referred to page 6, item 22, Proposal to amend speed limit – Old Te Kuiti Road and reported that the local resident's name is spelt incorrectly and should read "Carey Sanson".

His Worship also referred to page 1, receipt of Ōtorohanga Community Board Minutes – 12 November 2019 and reported that the word "receipt" is spelt incorrectly.

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Ōtorohanga District Council held on 17 December 2019 be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON**

## **RECEIPT OF MINUTES – ŌTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD 11 DECEMBER 2019**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Ōtorohanga Community Board held on 11 December 2019 be received.

**COUNCILLOR MCCONNELL / COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON**

### **ITEM 29 HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR – VERBAL REPORT**

His Worship reported that during last week he attended a meeting of the Sports Hub held in Te Kuiti. He said this proposal has been in discussion for the past five years.

### **ITEM 30 BEATTIE HOME LOAN FUNDING**

Council's Group Manager – Corporate welcomed members of the Beattie Home Trust who were in attendance in the Public Gallery.

The Group Manager – Corporate summarised his report and highlighted the advice that the project costing is not yet finalised, but is expected that the Trust will soon have indicative prices for the construction of the Dementia Unit. He said they anticipate that the full cost of the project (including land and contingency costs) to be in the order of \$6.8- million.

The Group Manager – Corporate advised that since the preparation of his report the estimated costs have been identified as being \$6.9-million. He said agreement in principle is being sought from Council for a low interest loan of \$1-million to be placed out for consultation.

During discussion the following points were highlighted –

- a) To date \$5.5-million dollars has been raised towards the proposal and it is hoped to commence construction around mid-March 2020.
- b) Query as to whether Council has the authority / mandate to provide this support.
- c) Council does have the mandate that is why it is going out for public consultation to ascertain whether this proposal will provide betterment to the Community as a whole.
- d) The Ōtorohanga College Hostel is an area that some members were keen to support, if requested.
- e) This is a proposal for Economic Development of the District and that Council needs to run with it.
- f) The need for a Dementia Unit was identified some years ago in the Beattie Home Strategic Plan and would assist in keeping locals, local.
- g) It is a Community owned facility.

**Resolved** that Council supports in principle a low-interest loan of \$1-million to Beattie Home Community Trust Inc and that this is included in the 2020/2021 Annual Plan for consultation under Section 82 of the Local Government Act.

### **COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON / COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS**

Councillor Johnson abstained from voting on the resolution.

### **ITEM 31 ADOPTION OF WAIKATO TRIENNIAL AGREEMENT 2019 – 2022**

His Worship referred members to the Chief Executive's report, the purpose of which is to present to Council the 2019 – 2022 Waikato Triennial Agreement for adoption.

His Worship advised that the new agreement is a continuation of what has been in place previously. It ensures the opportunity for discussion to be held with other Councils in the Waikato Region, to work together, maximise efficiency and promote wellbeing in their respective communities. It signals the intended work and activities of the Waikato Mayoral Forum, recognising a significant level of formal and informal cooperation already exists between local authorities.

During discussion the following points were highlighted –

- a) Does this agreement really have any clout?
- b) Gives Mayors and Executives the opportunity to work across boundaries.
- c) Document should be simplified and it should be demonstrated what is being achieved through this agreement.
- d) Provides the Mayor and Chief Executive the authority to speak at the Mayoral Forums.
- e) Gives Council a 'Terms of Engagement'

**Resolved** that the 2019-2022 Waikato Triennial Agreement as endorsed by the Mayoral Forum on 25 November 2019, be adopted

### **HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS**

### **ITEM 32 2020 / 2021 ANNUAL PLAN TIMETABLE**

The Group Manager – Corporate referred members to his report identifying a timetable for the adoption of the 2020 / 2021 Annual Plan. He said this 2020 / 2021 year is the third year of the Long Term Plan.

Councillor Jeffries reported there is a need for the Community Plan for Kawhia to be reviewed.

The Group Manager – Environment replied that this will be revisited as part of the Long Term Plan process.

In response to Councillor Christison regarding the Beattie Home proposal, the Group Manager – Corporate replied that the consultation process could commence earlier.

The Group Manager – Corporate informed members that there shouldn't be any costs on the ratepayer in particular for consultants to be engaged on the proposed Business Plan for the Beattie Home project.

Councillor Klos said there is a potential for a combined \$2-million-dollar risk on Council with loans requested from both Beattie Home and the Ōtorohanga Kiwi House and that it has no capacity to engage with how the two identities will manage their operations.

**Resolved** that the Annual Plan timetable as presented be adopted.

**COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON / COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES**

### **ITEM 33 CIVIL DEFENCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2019**

The Local Civil Defence Controller referred members to the report and requested for this to be taken as read.

He asked members if they had any questions on the content of the report.

Discussion was held on the Ōtorohanga Districts Capability Assessment report in particular to the Ōtorohanga CDEM overall score of 56.8% with a total of 36 resulting recommendations.

During discussion the following points were raised:

- a) Draft Community Response Plan – what is Council aiming for and who will use it.
- b) With reference to the 56.8% rating, this is a developing percentage and recommendations and plans given for Council to work on.
- c) The Community at large are not aware of the plan, as to who does what, and suggested that the people be brought up to speed.

**Resolved** that the information contained in the Civil Defence Emergency Planning Report for October 2019 to December 2019 from Andrew Loe, Local Civil Defence Controller and David Simes, Emergency Management Operations Manager be received.

**COUNCILLOR JOHNSON / COUNCILLOR FERGUSON**

**ITEM 34 BUILDING CONTROL REPORT OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2019**

Council's Building Control Manager attended the meeting and asked members whether they had any questions in regards to his report.

The Building Control Manager advised that Council obtained IANZ Accreditation late last year and is now endorsed to carry out Building Consenting and Inspection work for any complexity of building from small housing through to large commercial projects.

The Building Control Manager reported that a Building Control Officer resigned from his position last week as he felt the job was not suitable for him. He said however, that there are resources available should Council require assistance.

His Worship extended a huge 'thank you' to the Building Control Manager and his staff for their efforts in obtaining accreditation.

**Resolved** that The Building Control activity report for the last quarter of 2019 be received.

**HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR KLOS**

**ITEM 35 PLANNING REPORT FOR OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2019**

The Group Manager – Environment referred members to the report on Resource Consents granted under Delegated Authority for the period 1 October to 24 December 2019.

**Resolved** that the Planning Report for the final quarter of 2019 be received.

**COUNCILLOR MCCONNELL / COUNCILLOR KLOS**

**ITEM 36 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT FOR OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2019**

The Group Manager Environment referred members to a report on Dog and Animal Control activities in the District for the period October to December 2019.

The Group Manager – Environmental informed members that the number of menacing dogs continues to increase however, this is due to the classification of certain breeds of dogs.

**Resolved** that The Group Manager's report on Dog and Animal Control activities for the fourth quarter of 2019 be received.

**COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES / COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON**

**ITEM 37 MATTERS REFERRED**

The Acting Chief Executive referred members to the schedule of Matters Referred and reported that three items are due to be presented to Council in March / April 2020.

He referred in particular to the item dated 16 July 2019, where in an invitation be extended to Mr. Grant Blackie from WRC to discuss DNA testing re soil erosion and sediment levels.

The Group Manager – Environmental reported that due to a restructure the Waipa River Catchment Committee no longer exists. Members were informed that the Waikato Regional Council holds the consent with this Council for riverside activities and that they send a report to Council on what they propose to carry out. This report will be circulated to Councillors.

It was agreed that this item be deleted from Matters Referred.

## **COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

### **COUNCILLOR JOHNSON**

- Will be attending the Waikato Regional Sports Awards on Thursday 30 January 2020.
- Circulated a book produced by John Oliver which is for sale at \$30 per copy as a fundraiser towards the Beattie Home Dementia Unit.

### **COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS**

- Representing the Chief Executive at the Children's Reading Programme at the Library.

### **COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES**

- Another great New Year's Eve Fireworks evening at Kawhia.
- Regatta Day was very successful.
- Pirongia West Road – not much room available to turn vehicles around at the top end.
- Kawhia Quiz Night – great success.
- Kawhia Kai Festival – this coming weekend.
- Suggesting a Public Meeting be held in Kawhia on the Government's paper for the protection of White Bait – this would be a Waikato Regional Council matter.

### **COUNCILLOR KLOS**

- Disappointment that the Mayors Christmas Message to the ratepayers was not produced for the 2019 Christmas New Year Period.
- Suggesting that Councillors tour to the various District areas be carried out.
- Highlighted the resourcefulness and kindness of local people reuniting two brothers, as reported in the press.
- On a personal note, they have sold their farm at Arohena effective from the end of April 2020 and will be residing in Te Awamutu, wishing to continue with her role on Council.

### **COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON**

- Congratulated staff who worked on the Stopbank walkway project.
- Congratulated staff on the newly painted pedestrian crossings in Ōtorohanga.
- Acknowledged the Ōtorohanga Lions Club for their contribution to the BBQ at the Jim Barker Memorial Playground.

### **COUNCILLOR MCCONNELL**

- Reported 2020 is a new year which will provide new questions and new problems.

## **MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 11.32am