



Otorohanga Community Board

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Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga on 13 February 2019 commencing at 4.00pm.

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PRESENT

Mr. P Mc Connell (Chair), Mr. P Coventry, Mrs. E Cowan, Mrs. K Christison, Mr. N Gadd and Mr. A Buckman

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs. DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), R Brady (Engineering Manager), G Bunn (Corporate Services Manager), M Lewis (Services Manager), CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor) & Ms. T Ambury (Organisation and Community Development Manager)

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed members, staff and members of the public. He said this is the first meeting of the Board for 2019.

APOLOGY

An apology from His Worship the Mayor, Mr. MM Baxter was noted.

PUBLIC FORUM

COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY

Ms. Phallyn Rangitaawa referred to the supply of water within the Community and raised the issue that Council had advised the Community in 2015 that there could be a reduction in water rates for those properties occupied by large families, and was this still going to be implemented for 2019 / 2020.

RAIL EVENT

Mr. Bill Millar informed members of a rail event whereby the Northern Explorer is passing through Otorohanga on 3 April 2019. He said he is putting together a package to encourage guests on the train to stop in Otorohanga.

TASMAN / NELSON FIRES

Mr. Millar suggested that a 'public appeal' should be established to give locals the opportunity to support those people in the Tasman / Nelson fire areas.

The Chair thanked the members of the public for their presentations and advised that the points raised today will be considered by the Board.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

Resolved that provision be made to make the Jim Barker Memorial Playground a 'smoke free' area.

Mrs. Christison / Mr. Gadd

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 6 DECEMBER 2018

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held 6 December 2018, as circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr. Coventry / Mrs. Cowan

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair asked members if they were aware of any conflicts of interest that may exist regarding items to be discussed at today's meeting.

No declaration of interest was received.

ITEM 70 PROPOSED WASTEWATER RETICULATION MODIFICATION

The Chief Executive summarised his report informing members that installation of an additional sewer pump station near to the wastewater treatment plant and an associated modification to connecting sewer reticulation is proposed.

He said on the basis outlined in his report the total cost of the proposed works could be in the order of \$140,000 plus GST.

Both the Chair and Mr. Gadd expressed the opinion that when such work on Council's infrastructure is highlighted then this needs to happen.

The Chief Executive advised that it is proposed for the work to be undertaken in the spring of next year.

Resolved that it be recommended to Council that a capital budget allocation of \$140,000 plus GST is included in the budget estimates for the 2019 / 20 financial year for the purpose of installing an additional sewer pump station at the location described in the Chief Executives report dated 13 February 2019, and relaying the section of pipe between A and B on the plan attached to the report.

Mr. Gadd / Mrs. Cowan

JIM BARKER MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND

Mrs. Christison reported that the Jim Barker Memorial Playground area is littered with cigarette butts and therefore suggested that this area should be made smoke free.

Mr. Gadd agreed and said it is now 2019 and that as the playground is a concentrated area for children, this suggestion should be put in place.

The Chair advised that such a process could trigger Council to consider other areas that could also be made smoke free. He said, most playgrounds elsewhere are taken as being smoke free.

The Chief Executive advised that such a process would require the introduction of a bylaw, the purpose of which would be that it addresses a nuisance being created.

The Organisation and Community Development Manager informed members that Council would be required to prepare a policy around why it is considering undertaking the proposal and could include all of Council's facilities. She said this process will require public consultation.

Resolved that the Otorohanga District Council be requested to commence a process to potentially create smoke free places within Otorohanga.

Mrs. Christison / Mr. Gadd

ITEM 71 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 6 DECEMBER 2018

The Chair took members through matters referred.

WORKSHOP – LANDSCAPING ISSUES

The Chair undertook to forward an email to members of suitable dates and times for members and appropriate staff to conduct a tour around the Community.

Mrs. Cowan requested that Rosemary Davison Council's Landscape Consultant, be included in the Community Tour. The Services Manager suggested that the current contractor accompany them on the Tour. This suggestion was not supported and the Engineering Manager recommended that just staff and Community Board Members attend.

STAFF APPOINTMENT

The Engineering Manager informed members that Mark Lewis, former Community Facilities Officer has been appointed as Services Manager. He congratulated Mark on his appointment.

OTOROHANGA MUSEUM – LEASE AGREEMENT

The Chair reported that he has contacted Mr. Colin Murphy of the Otorohanga Historical Society and informed him that it is necessary for the Society to forward a proposal on museum issues for consideration by the Board. He said Mr. Murphy's attendance at the Public Forum sections of previous meetings of the Otorohanga Community Board has been only to inform members of the Society's ideas for the former Girl Guide Hall. As yet no proposal has been received by the Board.

TRUCK PARKING AREA

The Chair advised that he has had discussions with some trucking companies however, it appears that it will be difficult to establish a suitable area for the parking of trucks / trailers during the night and it was recommended to leave the status quo until such time as the Chair had concluded discussions with the Trucking companies.

In response to Mr. Coventry's concern of a truck / trailer parking up Mountain View Road the Chair advised that he understood the driver has spoken to the neighbors affected.

GENERAL

RUBBISH DISPOSAL BINS

Mr. Coventry reported that within the Huipuitea Drive car parking area rubbish is accumulating.

In reply to Mrs. Christison regarding the Jim Barker Memorial Playground the Services Manager advised that it is the intention to place two additional bins in this area. He said it is also the intention of staff to relocate some bins around the Community.

The Engineering Manager referred to the expense to install rubbish bins however, there is also the operational costs to service these afterwards which need to be considered.

Mr. Gadd raised the issue that on occasions, the rubbish bins located along Maniapoto Street are being emptied during the lunch time period. He said this is not a good time to undertake this service.

The Services Manager undertook to have discussions with the contractor on this issue.

The Chair informed members that the Otorohanga Club has been asked to provide in writing to Council their concerns regarding the refuse disposal bin currently placed at the intersection adjacent to their premises. He said due to its location, this is not being utilised.

It was suggested that this bin be moved to the Club's parking area where refuse is often deposited.

Mrs. Cowan referred to the suggestion that the Recycling bins along Maniapoto Street may be turned into regular refuse collection bins and reminded members that these had been installed to encourage recycling. Mrs. Cowan suggested that the status of these should be checked.

The Chief Executive replied that initially the installation of these bins was subsidised however, the time for this has come to an end.

YOUTH PROGRAMMES

Mr. Coventry referred to the Thrive Learning Hub and said his goal is to provide students who have left School without Level 2, the opportunity to achieve the necessary qualifications to enable the transition to their next step, whether that be further education or employment.

He said this program has been given a guaranteed placement of ten youths.

Mr. Coventry asked members that should they be aware of youngsters that have left school without Level 2 to inform him of these.

The Chair extended the Boards congratulations to Mr. Coventry and expressed the opinion that once people are aware of this opportunity he will be surprised if they don't get the numbers of youths required.

STOPBANK WALKWAY

In reply to Mr. Buckman the Engineering Manager advised that the contract has been let to Civil Construction Services with a completion date of 30 June 2019. He said the Board is providing approximately \$180,000 towards the project.

The Chair confirmed that no ratepayer funding is going into the project.

TE RAUMAUKU PROPERTY FUNDS

Mr. Buckman queried the whereabouts of funding from the sale of the Te Raumauku property and asked where is this funding currently sitting within Council and what interest rate is it incurring.

The Chief Executive replied that the sale proceeds are held in a special fund with interest accruing on the balance .

Mr. Buckman requested that he be informed of the interest rate this money is incurring.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Mr. Gadd asked whether there is a way of providing a list of items of "Community interest" and where these are at.

He referred to matters such as Maniapoto Street verandahs, Stopbank Walkway and the former Girl Guide Hall and felt that a record of these would provide some continuity.

The Chief Executive replied that at the present time staff like to provide information on these various matters as they arise. He felt that the preparation of such a record would be a matter to be dealt with by the Organisation and Community Development Manager.

The Chair expressed the opinion that it would be a good idea to prepare a list of unfinished items.

JIM BARKER MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND

Mrs. Cowan acknowledged the benefits arriving from the establishment of the Jim Barker Memorial Playground. She reported that currently there are no "dog prohibited" signs erected. Mrs. Cowan also referred to a mound of dirt containing weeds that should be removed.

The Services Manager informed members of murals being prepared for the sides of the existing Skateboard Bowl.

ALEX TELFER DRIVE CONTRACT

The Engineering Manager informed members that this contract has been let and that the contractor should be on site however, to date this has not happened. He said, he will follow up on this matter with the contractor to encourage them to commence work as soon as possible.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Mrs. Christison reported that she is organising the Children's Day to be held at the Jim Barker Memorial Playground on 3 March 2019. Mrs. Christison acknowledged those organisations being the Otorohanga Club, Otorohanga Charitable Trust and Project Kiwiana Committee who have provided support for the day.

LIGHTING

Mrs. Christison referred to her earlier request for an additional light to be installed in Phillips Avenue across the road from the GoldPine premises. She said currently, this is a very dark spot.

MANIAPOTO STREET VERANDAHS

Mrs. Christison queried with staff when a member of the public comes into Council proposing to conduct renovations on buildings along Maniapoto Street, are they given the proposed designs for the verandahs.

The Chief Executive replied that Council's building team has the relevant information.

WATER CONSUMPTION FLYER

Mrs. Christison suggested a flyer be prepared on the Community Water Supply explaining to residents the uniform annual charge, water consumption and other key points. She also felt that this information needs to be placed on Facebook.

WINDSOR PARK

The Chair said he takes exception to the opinion that Windsor Park is not being used. He said this facility is well utilised and that the Otorohanga Rotary Club is considering ways it can assist Council in maintaining / providing extra equipment for the Community.

Members were informed that the current equipment is being safety audited and a program is in place for these to be repainted.

Mrs. Cowan reported that there is a number of people 'hanging around' within Windsor Park that should not be there.

RUBBISH

The Services Manager referred to the relocation of rubbish bins and advised that with the relocation of some bins, Council is not stepping away from supporting recycling.

The Services Manager referred to signage at the Jim Barker Memorial Playground and advised that new signage is being prepared for the name of the Reserve being Reg Brett Reserve and that this will include reference to "no dogs".

DOMAIN TOILETS

The Services Manager reported that new windows are being installed at the Domain Toilets today and it is proposed that the facility will open around the end of March 2019.

POOL COMPLEX

The Services Manager informed members that he will be addressing the problem with the newly manufactured removable stainless steel steps in the main pool for less abled persons and they should be ready for use shortly.

SOCIAL ISSUES

The Organisation and Community Development Manager reported on social issues around the Community and that she has had discussion with the Otorohanga Support House Manager Mrs. Deb Hill regarding getting various agency groups together to discuss these issues.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Engineering Manager updated members on the operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plan.

HUIPUITEA DRIVE

The Engineering Manager reported that the contract for the lowering of the roadway near the railway bridge has been let with a completion date of 31 May 2019.

The Engineering Manager expressed the opinion that the Community is looking pretty good and overall feedback has been positive.

PROJECT KIWIANA COMMITTEE

The Chair reported on a meeting he has had with the Chairperson of the Project Kiwiana Committee Mrs. M Hurley. He said this was a very positive meeting with the Committee looking at other options available.

COMMUNITY

With regard to the state of the Community the Chair reported with the reengagement of the Road Maintenance contractor along Maniapoto Street, that this service is making a big difference.

He also referred to grass and weeds within Windsor Park and reported that for a whole week this area looked disgusting.

It was agreed that the Board needs to look into specifications of future contracts in respect to lawn mowing in the Community.

MEETING DATES

Mrs. Christison explained the reason why she wishes to change the Board's monthly meeting dates. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Board meet on a Wednesday through to the Local Government elections.

FORMER GIRL GUIDE HALL

The Chief Executive circulated a variation / color scheme proposal for the former Girl Guide Hall. He advised that the Otorohanga Community Trust is comfortable with the proposed work.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chair referred to the Board's two and a half year association with the Chief Executive, Mr. Dave Clibbery and advised that this has provided some interesting times. He said Mr. Clibbery has provided 'common sense' to any discussions. On behalf of the Board the Chair extended best wishes to Mr. Clibbery and his wife for their future. He said Mr. Clibbery has been a great asset to the Community.

The Chief Executive replied advising that he has found the position of Chief Executive an interesting experience and with being involved with the Community Boards, this has provided him with some personal development.

Mr. Clibbery expressed the opinion that Otorohanga is a great Community and one which people can be really proud of. He said he is sure Board Members will work to benefit the Community in the future and wished them well in their endeavors.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 5.58pm.

CHAIR: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

