



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 4 September 2019 commencing at 4.00pm.

Tanya Winter

Chief Executive

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PRESENT

Cr. P McConnell (Chair), Cr. K Christison, Mrs. E Cowan and Mr. N Gadd Mr. A Buckman

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor MM Baxter, Ms. Tanya Winter (Chief Executive), Messrs. R Brady (Engineering Manager) M Lewis (Services Manager), J Le Fleming (Community Facilities Manager) N Martinsen (Committee Secretary)

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed those present.

APOLOGY

Resolved that the apology received from Peter Coventry be sustained.

Chair / 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 declarations of interest were received.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Bill Millar spoke in the public forum

He highlighted the following concerns;

- Public are parking at the northern end of the railway station for a long period. This is starting to upset the businesses, as there is already a problem with parking in town.
- Council to make a note in the public toilets of an 0800 number to call for ordering toilet paper.

In response, the Chair explained that staff would look into the issues raised and potentially promote other parking. Further to the public toilets, this is to be tasked to The Community Facilities Officer to address and feedback would be provided back to Bill Millar for a resolution.

The Chair expressed appreciation to Mr. Bill Millar on behalf of the Otorohanga Community for his continued ambassadorship. Acknowledging that his service to the community is strongly recognized.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 7 AUGUST 2019

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 7 August 2019, as circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Mr. Gadd/ Mrs. Cowan

ITEM 104 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chair reported there is a lot of excitement going on due to the elections. He expressed that this district is doing very well, people like what we are doing which is influencing the further involvement from the Community. The Community Board has been a great part of this result.

Chair / Mr. Gadd

ITEM 105 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

The Chair referred members to the Chief Executive's report for the period 18 July to 15 August 2019 and asked that this be taken as read.

The Chair asked members whether they had any questions relating to the report.

Mr. Gadd expressed it is good to see we are on Board with Localism and happy to see this being added into the Council-Community Board Workshop Agenda.

Mrs. Cowan added that our Community Boards are strong and a good example of Localism.

Resolved that the Chief Executive's report for the period 18 July to 15 August 2019 be received.

Chair / Mrs. Cowan

ITEM 106 CYCLE PATH AND HANGOUT ZONE AT THE JIM BARKER MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND

The Engineering Manager referred to his report summarizing that the purpose of this report is to ask for approval for Project Kiwiana to add a cycle path and a youth hangout zone to the Jim Barker Memorial Playground and to recommend that Council funds the maintenance and depreciation of them.

The following concerns were highlighted:

- The plan provided in the report was not accurate to what is proposed to be done.
- That a Wildlands consultant should be involved to establish whether the path construction would damage shallow tree roots.
- A fifth resolution was added to cover the raised concerns.

Resolved that:

- 1) Approval be given for the Project Kiwiana Committee to add a cycle path and youth hangout zone, from funds secured by themselves, to the Jim Barker Memorial Playground.
- 2) The amount of \$2200 be allocated from the Community Board Reserve fund to the repositioning on the fence to the playground behind the trees, to the toe of the stopbank and a safety gate added in the fence to allow access to the adjacent stopbank footpath.
- 3) For a recommendation to be made to Council to approve funding of an additional \$5000 per year to the operating budget to maintain these additional assets.
- 4) For a recommendation to be made to Council to approve the addition of the cycle path and youth hangout zone assets to the Council asset base and included in the annual depreciation calculations, currently estimated at \$1914 per annum.
- 5) That resolutions 1-4 are dependent on the Otorohanga Community Board agreeing on the details of a final plan of the cycle path.

It was agreed that in relation to resolution 5) that a revised plan be circulated via email to the Board and once approval is received unanimously by all members, the recommendations would be forwarded to Council for approval.

Cr. Christison / Mr. Buckman

ITEM 107 UPDATE ON THE OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD WALK AROUND OTOROHANGA

GORSE BUSHES

Mrs. Cowan raised the issue of large gorse bushes on the railway that need to be removed, as it is a noxious weed and recommended that we encourage KiwiRail to do so.

PRIVET

Mrs. Cowan reported that there are privet seedlings above the stop bank path below the railway bridge. This needs to be removed to prevent further growth. There is also Privet on the railway, can we encourage KiwiRail to remove this.

The Chair expressed his thanks to The Community Facilities Officer for his work and progress on the list provided.

Resolved that the updated schedule presented by the Community Facilities Officer be received.

Mr. Gadd / Mrs. Cowan

ITEM 108 ROUTINE ENGINEERING REPORT – MAY TO JULY 2019

The Engineering Manager referred members to the routine report on engineering matters for the period May to July 2019.

Members praised the Engineering Manager for the contractors that are being used in the District. They expressed that they are impressed with the bench seat on the Wahanui Crescent bus shelter being implemented. The footpath maintenance and reconstruction of Alex Telfer Drive, Merrin Ave and the lane way behind the Otorohanga Club are looking good.

Appreciation was expressed to our Litter Control Officer who continuously keeps Otorohanga District clean. It was acknowledged that residents are very grateful for the service given.

Resolved that the Engineering Manager's report for the period May – July 2019 be received.

Mr. Buckman / Mr. Gadd

ITEM 109 ROUTINE PLANNING REPORT FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2019

Resolved that the Environmental Services Manager's planning report for April to June 2019 be received.

Mrs. Cowan / Cr. Christison

ITEM 110 ROUTINE BUILDING CONTROL REPORT FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2019

Resolved that the Environmental Services Manager's Building Control report for the period April to June 2019 be received.

Mrs. Cowan / Cr. Christison

ITEM 111 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2019

Resolved that the Environmental Services Manager's report on Dog and Animal Control for April to June 2019 be received.

Mrs. Cowan / Cr. Christison

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

Board members raised the following matters

Mr. Gadd

- Expressed that the landfill report that was done is hugely appreciated. It is satisfying to know we are safe. Previous councils have done a more than acceptable job.

Mrs. Cowan

- Appreciation to the Engineering Manager for organizing the subcommittee meeting - Stopbank Pathway and Reserve Collective, now named as "SPARC". It was a productive meeting and was thoroughly enjoyed.
- Standards for maintenance of gardens needs to be set.
- Planting scheme for the main street gardens and hanging baskets need to be complementary.

Mr. Buckman

- Waikeria Prison Rebuild – Lack of housing in Otorohanga
- Concerned that progress in Otorohanga has come to a stop.

Cr. Christison

- The Stopbank is an awesome walkway.

- The “SPARC” meeting she attended was enjoyable. There is a lot to tick off the list.

Chair

- Asked when will the stop bank walkway be officially open. Many people are currently using the Stopbank.
- Preventing motor bikes from accessing the stopbank without stopping mobility scooters and prams from being able to access the path.

The Engineering Manager responded that final inspection is being done with the Contractor. The final completion certificate can be issued. Regulatory signage has been ordered. There is just no fixed opening date at this stage.

MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair thanked members and staff for their attendance at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 5.10pm