



Ōtorohanga District Council

Long Term Plan Hearings and Deliberation

MINUTES

31 May 2021 – 9am

1 June 2021 – 10.30am

2 June 2021 – 2pm

Members of the Ōtorohanga District Council

His Worship the Mayor MM Baxter
Councillor K Christison
Councillor R Dow
Councillor B Ferguson
Councillor R Johnson
Councillor K Jeffries
Councillor RA Klos
Councillor A Williams

ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL

31 May – 1 June – 2 June 2021

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Ōtorohanga District Council held at St. David's Community Hall, Cnr Ranfurly and Turongo Streets Ōtorohanga on Monday 31 May, Tuesday 1 June and Wednesday 2 June 2021.

Tanya Winter

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MINUTES

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	2
ITEM 165	DRAFT 2021/31 LONG TERM PLAN – HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS	2
	LONG TERM PLAN – DAY 1 HEARINGS	2
	LONG TERM PLAN – DAY 2 DELIBERATIONS	9
	LONG TERM PLAN – DAY 3 DELIBERATIONS	14
	SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS	16

PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor MM Baxter, Councillor K Jeffries, Councillor K Christison, Councillor R Dow, Councillor R Johnson, Councillor B Ferguson and Councillor A Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

A Low (Acting Chief Executive), G Bunn (Group Manager Corporate), R McNeil (Strategic Advisor), B O'Callaghan (Finance Manager), A Senger (Acting Group Manager Engineering), CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor) D Dowd (Executive Assistant), T Ambury (Community & Economic Development Manager), H Williams (Strategic Advisor) and M Lewis (Services Manager), A Corston (Technical Support Officer) and T Winter (Chief Executive) from 2pm.

His Worship welcomed those present and acknowledged the hard work of staff over the past fifteen months.

He said this is one of the biggest undertakings of Council, with far more engagement taking place throughout the District and is an exciting pathway for the future.

APOLOGY

RESOLVED that the apology received from Councillor R Klos be sustained.

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR JOHNSON

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

His Worship asked members whether they had any conflicts of interest in the items to be discussed in today's agenda.

Councillor Ferguson informed members of his Life Membership to the Ōtorohanga Club and that he is a Board member of Club's New Zealand.

ITEM 165 – DRAFT 2021/31 LONG TERM PLAN – HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

With reference to the Strategic Planner's Report advising that on 20 April 2021, Council adopted the Consultation Document for the Draft 2021/31 Long Term Plan, along with a range of supporting plans, strategies and policies.

The consultation period ran from 23 April – 24 May, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002. A total of 60 submissions were received.

His Worship declared the Hearing open for consideration to be given to submissions received on the Draft Long Term Plan.

ŌTOROHANGA SUPPORT HOUSE – SUBMISSION 53

Presenter: Deb Hill & Sashtree Montgomery

Matter/s raised by submitter:

- Looking to expand / relocate and wishes to work with Council in this regard.

ROTARY CLUB –SUBMISSION 3

Presenter: Dr. Rex Byles

Matter/s raise by submitter:

- Management of Rotary Park; Requested Council to manage as per the Reserve Management Plan, continue pest/weed control, maintain tracks, maintain picnic area and gateway to Te Tomokanga, in addition to erecting appropriate signage.

TOM MOKE – SUBMISSION 9

Presenter: Tom Moke

Matter/s raise by submitter:

- In support of reticulated Waste Water treatment system for Kawhia.
- Referred to the Treaty of Waitangi WAI 30 Claim – West Coast Harbours.

ERIC TAIT – SUBMISSION 10

Presenter: Eric Tait

Matter/s raised by submitter:

- Supports – Do nothing for food waste collection.
- Projected rates and debt too high
- New Town Hall too expensive, invest in Ōtorohanga Club as the Town Hall.
- Water critical – we should collect water in the Winter – store it to use in the Summer months.
- Collection of food waste – problems associated with this. Vermin being attracted to where the composting is happening and other associated issues.
- User pay system for Waste working well.

FEDERATED FARMERS - SUBMISSION 55

Presenters: Michael Woodward & Hilary Walker

Matter/s raised by submitter:

- Proposed rate increase for rural properties cannot be justified and Council needs to make greater use of available funding tools, such as differentials and using the full UAGC 30% cap to offset disparity of capital value rating system;
- Wants to be involved in the review of the Rural Community Plan,
- Council needs to continue to make efficiency gains and reconsider whether the proposed level of rates increases is appropriate.
- Overreliance on the general rate: wants Council to steadily reduce the general rate contribution to fund 3 waters infrastructure and services.
- Conditional support for foodwaste collection, with removal capital value portion of the funding stream and undertaking a cost/benefit analysis based on the user pays principle,
- Supports urban center plans for Kawhia and Ōtorohanga, but costs need to be cut back (\$2.5 million is excessive) and funding streams more accurately reflect those ratepayers directly benefiting from these projects.

ROSS DOCKERY - SUBMISSION 1

Presenter: Ross Dockery

Matter/s raised by submitter:

- Expressed the opinion that Kawhia Business District and Water Front are the priority areas for the proposed Kawhia Waste Water System.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned for 20 minutes. (time?)

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR JOHNSON

RESOLVED that the meeting be reconvened. (time?)

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR JOHNSON

SCOTT MCCABE- SUBMISSION 49 (via Video Link)

Presenter: Scott McCabe

Matter/s raised by submitter:

- Need to keep rates / costs down for Kawhia Community.
- Does not support a Food Waste collection service.
- Not enough information / justification / consultation to warrant proceeding with the Kawhia Waste Water Scheme.
- Suggested Council work with the Community over the next six months to address the concerns / establish the full justification and affordability model.

KENNETH BRIGGS – SUBMISSION 28

Presenter: Kenneth Briggs

- Did not attend the meeting to present to Council.

KAWHIA ART GROUP - SUBMISSION 48

Presenters: Dr. Carole Shephard & Jeanette Schollum

Matter/s raised by submitter:

- Seeks greater role for Arts, Culture and Heritage in promoting wellbeing; opportunity for greater connection through the Urban Center Planning stream of the Long Term Plan.
- Notes that Kiwiana is not a culture but a marketing / promotion tool.
- Need greater recognition of Mana Whenua and Tangata whenua.
- Expressed the opinion that Council need a more appropriate Logo.

RICHARD HARPUR - SUBMISSION 22

Presenter: Richard Harpur

Matter/s raised by submitter:

- Considers a waste water scheme will fundamentally change social fabric of Kawhia.
- Does not support repaying Rural Water Supply Schemes deficits.
- Felt that the Urban Centre proposal in the Long Term Plan has no options identified.

DAVE WALSH - SUBMISSION 52

Presenter: Dave Walsh

Matter/s raised by submitter:

- Said that there was a high percentage of absentee owners in Kawhia and felt that they had not adequately been consulted.
- Does not support further investment in the area of Three Waters as Kawhia Water already meets required standards.
- Does not feel there is demand in Kawhia for the Food Waste collection service.
- Expressed the opinion that proposed rates increases are unaffordable.

COUNCIL WENT THROUGH THE SUBMISSIONS WHERE SUBMITTERS DID NOT WISHING TO SPEAK

NEW ZEALAND MEMORIAL MUSEUM TRUST - SUBMISSION 2

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL – SUBMISSION 5

WAIKATO CONSERVATION BOARD – SUBMISSION 6

RICHARD SCOTT – SUBMISSION 8

ANTHONY IMESON – SUBMISSION 7

STEWART WILLIAMSON – SUBMISSION 11

JOHN REWI-WETINI – SUBMISSION 12

JENELLE BURNELL –SUBMISSION 13

WATER SAFETY NEW ZEALAND – SUBMISSION 14

FRANCES RAWLINGS – SUBMISSION 15

RAYMOND MONTGOMERY – SUBMISSION 16

MERVYN LANE – SUBMISSION 17

SHEILA WOODS – SUBMISSION 18

PHILIP WOODS – SUBMISSION 19

CHRISTINE ORCHARD – SUBMISSION 20

PETER MARQUAND – SUBMISSION 21

JUDE CROUCH – SUBMISSION 23

JANICE BENNETT – SUBMISSION 24

QEII NATIONAL TRUST – SUBMISSION 25

JUDY AND ALISTAIR SHERRIFF – SUBMISSION 26

MALCOLM CEDERMAN – SUBMISSION 29

NEW ZEALAND WALKING ACCESS COMMISSION – 30

DIANE WIGHTMAN – SUBMISSION 32

JUDITH JOHNSON – SUBMISSION 33

TE AROHA APIRANA – SUBMISSION 34

ANDREW AND MARIA CASSIE – SUBMISSION 35

WAIPA RURAL WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE – SUBMISSION 36

AROHENA RURAL WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE – SUBMISSION 37

RANGINUI RURAL WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE – SUBMISSION 38

TIHIROA RURAL WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE – SUBMISSION 39

ROD BARNETT – SUBMISSION 40

HONO PIKIA – SUBMISSION 41

MICHAEL LELLMAN – SUBMISSION 42

TERENCE MATHIESON – SUBMISSION 43

IAN CLARK – SUBMISISON 44

MICHAEL ROTHERY - SUBMISSION 46

ROBERT BLACKWARD – SUBMISSION 54

TE WAKA –SUBMISSION 58

ROBYN AND TED NINNES – SUBMISSION 60

FURTHER VERBAL SUBMISSIONS

MANGATI ROAD RESIDENTS/LAND OWNERS — SUBMISSION 50

Presenter: Dianne Stockdale

- 34 residents responded to survey that submitter commissioned.
- Highlighted that there is a significant safety issue at the intersection of Mangati Road adjoining State Highway 39.
- Expressed the opinion that the Service Level provided by Council needs to increase, not remaining at the current level.
- Suggest discussions be held with NZTA, Council and other residents of this Road.

MANGATI ROAD SEALED CARRIAGEWAY – SUBMISSION 51

Presenter: Dianne Stockdale

- Requesting Council seal the remaining unsealed 5km of Mangati Road
- Address level of service.
- Safety and environmental concerns.
- More funding allocated to the District Seal Extension programme.

ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD –SUBMISSION 56

Presenters: Michelle Hollands and Duncan Coull

- Appreciation of Councils support.
- Support shift from austerity to vibrancy and stronger “growth ready” focus
- Seeks to further develop partnership with Council and Community.
- Supports Council’s borrowing philosophy, with a focus for borrowing on growth, especially where external funding can be leveraged.
- Concerned about rate increases beyond year 3.
- Support further development, partnership with Iwi and other stakeholders.
- Promotion / Events strategy partnership.
- Would like to partner in the redevelopment of the Rural Community Plan.

GAYLENE KANAWA – SUBMISSION 31

Presenter: Gaylene Kanawa

- Stated a high percentage of permanent Kawhia residents fall under the category of part time employment or fixed income, with limited employment opportunities
- Said that there is a lasting effect as a result of COVID-19.
- Lack of street lighting.
- She wants to develop the Sports Club but concerned about lack of opportunity for funding compared to other initiatives in the District.
- Does not believe that Council consults or engages with outlying communities.
- Would support any option to amalgamate with other districts.

ADJOURNMENT FOR LUNCH 11.50AM

Resolved that Council adjourn for Lunch at 11.50am.

MAYOR / COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES

Resolved that Council reconvene the meeting at 12.32pm

MAYOR / COUNCILLOR FERGUSON

WAIKATO SCREEN – SUBMISSION 4

Presenters: Erin Griffiths and Madelien Scholten

- Seeking to establish a Waikato Regional Film Office and requesting \$3,000 annually for three years. Funding requests have been made to other councils
- Covers the areas of International, Government, Local Businesses, Community, Iwi and Tourism
- Great opportunities given shortage of workers within this industry.

THE HIVE – SUBMISSION 59

Presenter: Nicky Deeley

- Apology from Amanda Kiddie.
- Proposing a new Community and Arts Centre.
- Start the initiative in an existing facility.
- Expressed the importance of Community rather than structure.
- Use Community Halls as a resource.
- Seeking support for staff/facility

ŌTOROHANGA CLUB – SUBMISSION 57

Presenter: Bronwyn Merrin

Submitter forwarded her apology to Council as she was unable to attend.

SPORT WAIKATO – SUBMISSION 27

Presenters: Matthew Cooper & Amy Marfell

- The structure of Sport Waikato has changed to provide more impact in the District.
- Acknowledged COVID-19 concerns and resulting actions from the Community.
- Supports Council's proposal to develop a clear and coordinated plan to identify areas for future development and or investment in a Community space.
- Supported developing local parks / reserves and promoting cycling and walking connection.
- Happy with funding support from Council

CREATIVE WAIKATO – SUBMISSION 45

Presenters: Dr. Jeremy Mayall & Creative Waikato Representative

- Encouraged Council to engage / involve Arts Community in Urban Centre Plan Development.
- Encourage Council to build on, invest more in supporting / building the 'Creative Economy'.
- Be committed to the development / implementation of an Arts Action Plan.

Council considered all verbal and non-verbal submissions tabled in the Agenda during this meeting.

RELOCATION OF MEETING

Council adjourned the meeting at 1.34pm to relocate to the Lower Lounge of St. David's and reconvened at 1.39pm.

Council discussed the various submission presented today in relation to the following LTP points:

- 1) Food Waste
- 2) Kāwhia Waste Water
- 3) Rural Water Supply Schemes
- 4) Roading depreciation
- 5) Community Grants and Awards.
- 6) Ōtorohanga Town Hall discussion
- 7) Roading

COUNCILLOR FERGUSON

Councillor Ferguson left the meeting at 2.36pm.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVE that the meeting be adjourned and reconvened at 10.30am on Tuesday 1 June 2021.

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES

ŌTOROHANGADISTRICT COUNCIL – 1 JUNE 2021 – DAY 2

DELIBERATIONS

RESOLVED that the meeting of the Ōtorohanga District Council be reconvene at: 10.43am

HIS WORSHIP/COUNCILLOR DOW

PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor MM Baxter, Councillor Jeffries, Councillor Christison, Councillor Dow, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Ferguson and Councillor Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

T Winter (Chief Executive), A Low (Group Manager Environment), G Bunn (Group Manager Corporate), R McNeil (Strategic Advisor), B O'Callaghan (Finance Manager), CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor), D Dowd (Executive Assistant), T Ambury (Community & Economic Development Manager), H Williams (Strategic Advisor), and A Corston (Technical Support Officer) and M Lewis (Services Manager) from 11.12am

TOP 5 ITEMS & RESOLUTIONS

OPPORTUNITY 1: ACCELERATED 3 WATERS PROGRAMME

RESOLVED that Council confirms Option 1 as its preferred option for Opportunity 1 Accelerated 3 Waters Programme:

Undertake an \$8 Million accelerated programme across water, wastewater and stormwater services over the next three years (2021-2024).

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR DOW

OPPORTUNITY 2: FOOD WASTE COLLECTION FOR OUR URBAN AREAS

RESOLVED that Council confirms Option 3 as its preferred option for Opportunity 2 Food Waste Collection for Our Urban Areas:

Consider the introduction of a new food waste collection service, and any other waste services changes, as part of the next review of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan in 2023. Any recommended service changes arising from this review would be reflected in the draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan and community feedback invited on those proposals.

With the addition that the Waste Minimisation Education budget be increased to \$50,000 per year effective from 1 July 2021.

COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON / COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES

OPPORTUNITY 4: DEVELOPING THE DESIGN FOR A NEW COMMUNITY WASTEWATER SCHEME FOR KĀWHIA

RESOLVED that Council confirms an amended Option 1 as its preferred option for Opportunity 4 Developing the Design for a New Community Wastewater Scheme for Kāwhia:

- 1) Undertake community engagement and gather further information to inform the solution for managing waste water in Kāwhia.
- 2) That \$100K be allocated for this work in year one – 1 July 2021 and be loan funded as a District rate.
- 3) That \$350k in each of years two and three be retained in the budget should design work be required.
- 4) That the budgets for construction be retained in years four and five in case they are required.

COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES / COUNCILLOR FERGUSON

OPPORTUNITY 3: URBAN CENTRE PLANS FOR KĀWHIA AND ŌTOROHANGA

RESOLVED that Council confirms an amended Option 1 as its preferred option for Opportunity 3 Urban Centre Plans for Kāwhia, Ōtorohanga and the Rural area:

YEAR	PLANNING	IMPLEMENTATION
2021 – 2022	Ōtorohanga \$300K	-
2022 – 2023	Kāwhia & Rural \$200K	Ōtorohanga \$700K

2023 – 2024	-	Ōtorohanga, Kāwhia and Rural \$700K
2024 – 2025	-	Ōtorohanga, Kāwhia and Rural \$700K

COUNCILLOR FERGUSON / COUNCILLOR JOHNSON

OPPORTUNITY 5: REPAYING WATER SCHEME ACCOUNT DEFICITS BY INCREASING CHARGES FOR USERS

RESOLVED that Council confirms an alternate option for Opportunity 5 Repaying Water Scheme Account Deficits by Increasing Charges for Users as proposed by the Rural Water Scheme Committees and the Ōtorohanga Community Board, and notes that this option does not achieve the outcome in all rural water scheme accounts of repaying the deficits in those accounts in the recommended timeframes.

WAIPA RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME – LOAN FUNDING

- a) **RESOLVED** that \$600K be included in the budget for the year 2022/23 for the construction of additional storage within the Waipa Rural Water Supply Scheme.

COUNCILLOR JOHNSON / COUNCILLOR FERGUSON

ADJOURNMENT FOR LUNCH

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 11.55am

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

RESOLVED that Council reconvene at 1.15pm

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR FERGUSON

RURAL WATER SUPPLY CONSUMPTION

RESOLVED that

- i. the recommendations on consumption rates received from the Rural Water Supply Scheme Committees and Ōtorohanga Community Board be endorsed as follows:

RURAL WATER SCHEME	VOLUMETRIC CHARGE (ex GST)
Waipa	0.90 per m3
Arohena	0.72 per m3
Ranginui	0.51 per m3
Tihiroa	1.41 per m3

- ii. Ōtorohanga Urban Water Scheme meter rate be set at \$150 + GST.

- iii. Waipa Rural Water Scheme meter rate be set at \$250 + GST

COUNCILLOR FERGUSON / COUNCILLOR DOW

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Strategic Advisor covered the various matters contained within page 40 – 41 of the Consultation Document acknowledging the various submitters, covering activities and partnerships suggested in the Submissions.

These included:

- Partnership with Iwi
- District Promotion and Local Events
- Community Partnership
- Community Grants
- Plan for waste management and minimization
- District Growth and Development
- Ōtorohanga Rural Community Plan
- Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Lifting Council Capacity and Performance
- Climate Change
- Reduced Government funding for Road Maintenance

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

PARTNERSHIP WITH IWI

In 2020/21-year Council is working with Iwi to investigate ways to increase culture competency of Council, at both the Governance and operational levels, so that Council is in the best possible position to encourage these relationships to flourish.

DISTRICT PROMOTION AND LOCAL EVENTS

Council is in favour of developing a specific promotion and events strategy for the District and plans to work with the Ōtorohanga District Development Board on this. While Council can contribute to this work, including providing funding assistance it does not see itself directly running events.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Council has a number of established local, regional and national partnerships aimed at improving the wellbeing of residents and communities, focused on social, cultural, environmental and economic activities and outcomes.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Council supports by way of Community Grants a substance fund which is to benefit the residents of the District. To ensure all funding and support targets a specific need, Council will be developing policies to make the purpose and criteria for funding clear. Council has included \$100,000 per annum in the Long Term Plan for a Community Grants Fund.

PLAN FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION

The current Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, which signals the waste management services and initiatives to undertake in the District, will be reviewed in the 2023/24 year. These reviews will provide the opportunity to revisit rural rubbish collection services should that be a matter of interest for residents at that time.

DISTRICT GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Chief Executive informed Council that an additional line could be added to the District Growth and Development segment of the Long Term Plan budget, this being:

“Flexibility to respond to growth and development opportunities including the acquisition of property.”

CLIMATE CHANGE

Councils acknowledges and is addressing matters related to Climate Change.

LIFTING COUNCIL CAPACITY AND PERFORMANCE

The Strategic Advisor said that there are various Level of Service requests identified within the Submissions.

The Chief Executive advised that staff will ensure that any service requests or operational matters that can be accommodated within existing budgets will be picked up and addressed. Submitters will be advised of this..

ARTS CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Council supports the opportunity to better understand, value and celebrate the unique stories of the District, and to share those as part of the unique experience to help promote the District to visitors. Council proposed working with all sectors of the Community, especially Iwi to develop strategy aimed at capturing, preserving, developing and showcasing its Arts, Culture and Heritage.

The Strategic Advisor confirmed that letters of response will be sent to all submitters reflecting the decisions and direction of Council.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 2.59pm.

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR JOHNSON

RESOLVED The meeting be reconvened at 3.12pm

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 3.40pm to be reconvened on Wednesday 2 June 2021 at 2pm at St. David’s Community Hall.

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR FERGUSON

**ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL – 2 JUNE 2021
DELIBERATIONS – DAY 3**

MEETING RECONVENED

Resolved that the meeting of the Ōtorohanga District Council Hearings and Deliberations be reconvened at: 2.08pm

HIS WORSHIP/COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES

PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor MM Baxter, Councillor K Jeffries, Councillor R Dow, Councillor R Johnson, Councillor B Ferguson and Councillor A Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

T Winter (Chief Executive), A Low (Group Manager Environment), G Bunn (Group Manager Corporate), R Brady (Group Manager Engineering), R McNeil (Strategic Advisor), B O’Callaghan (Finance Manager), A Senger (Roading Manager), CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor), D Dowd (Executive Assistant), T Ambury (Community & Economic Development Manager), H Williams (Strategic Advisor) and A Corston (Technical Support Officer).

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from Councillor RA Klos and Councillor C Christison be sustained.

HIS WORSHIP/COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES

COUNCILLOR DOW

Councillor Dow arrived at 2.10pm

The Chief Executive gave an overview of where the deliberations had arrived at as a result of discussions on 1 June, and the following additional decisions were made/confirmed by Council:

RESOLVED that Council continues to fund Te Waka at \$10,000 per annum.

COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR JOHNSON

RESOLVED that Council funds the additional shortfall in funding of \$287,647 from Waka Kotahi from depreciation reserves for the three-year period 2022-2024.

COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES / COUNCILLOR FERGUSON

RESOLVED that Council funds 75% of the roading depreciation from 2021/22 in order to reflect the subsidy from Waka Kotahi on capital works.

COUNCILLOR DOW / COUNCILLOR FERGUSON

RESOLVED that Council adopts the following rates increases for the first three years of the Long Term Plan (subject to any changes made in future Annual Plans):

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Ōtorohanga Rural	2.71%	4.57%	5.37%
Ōtorohanga Community	6.83%	7.00%	5.52%
Kāwhia Community	6.66%	7.51%	7.87%
Overall Rates Increase	4.13%	5.50%	5.68%

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR JOHNSON

RESOLVED that, having regard to the submissions deliberation decisions, the following documents be updated accordingly and made available for the final audit process:

COUNCILLOR FERGUSON / COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

- a) The Draft 2021-31 LTP, incorporating:
 - Draft Vision and Community Outcomes
 - Draft Significant Forecasting Assumptions
 - Draft Infrastructure Strategy
 - Draft Financial Strategy
 - Draft Groups of Activities (Our Services)
 - Draft Performance Framework
 - Draft Financial Information, including the draft Revenue and Financing Policy, Accounting Policies, Financial and Funding Impact Statements, Capital Expenditure, Rating Levels and information on Reserve Funds
 - Draft development of Māori capacity to contribute to decision-making processes
 - Variations from the assessment of water and sanitary services and waste management policy
 - Information on Council-Controlled Organisations;
- b) The Draft Significance and Engagement Policy;
- c) The Draft Policy on the Remission of Rates;
- d) The Draft Policy on the Remission and Postponement of Rates on Maori Freehold Land;
- e) The Draft Ōtorohanga District Water Supply Asset Management Plan;
- f) The Draft Ōtorohanga District Drainage (Wastewater and Stormwater) Asset Management Plan;
- g) The Draft Ōtorohanga District Land Transport Activity Management Plan;
- h) The Draft Fees and Charges for 2021-22

RESOLVED that Council authorises the Chief Executive to approve any minor amendments required to finalise any of the documents listed above prior to the commencement of the final audit process.

COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES

RESOLVED that the submissions received on the draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan, Consultation Document and supporting information be received;

AND THAT having considered and deliberated on the submissions received, Council directs the following changes be made to the draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan and supporting information.

COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES / COUNCILLOR DOW

SUMMARY OF ALL RESOLUTIONS

OPPORTUNITY 1: ACCELERATED 3 WATERS PROGRAMME

RESOLVED that Council confirms Option 1 as its preferred option for Opportunity 1 Accelerated 3 Waters Programme:

Undertake an \$8 Million accelerated programme across water, wastewater and stormwater services over the next three years (2021-2024).

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR DOW

OPPORTUNITY 2: FOOD WASTE COLLECTION FOR OUR URBAN AREAS

RESOLVED that Council confirms Option 3 as its preferred option for Opportunity 2 Food Waste Collection for Our Urban Areas:

Consider the introduction of a new food waste collection service, and any other waste services changes, as part of the next review of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan in 2023. Any recommended service changes arising from this review would be reflected in the draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan and community feedback invited on those proposals.

With the addition that the Waste Minimisation Education budget be increased to \$50,000 per year effective from 1 July 2021.

COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON / COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES

OPPORTUNITY 3: URBAN CENTRE PLANS FOR KĀWHIA AND ŌTOROHANGA

RESOLVED that Council confirms an amended Option 1 as its preferred option for Opportunity 3 Urban Centre Plans for Kāwhia, Ōtorohanga and the Rural area:

YEAR	PLANNING	IMPLEMENTATION
2021 – 2022	Ōtorohanga \$300K	-
2022 – 2023	Kāwhia & Rural \$200K	Ōtorohanga \$700K
2023 – 2024	-	Ōtorohanga, Kāwhia and Rural \$700K
2024 – 2025	-	Ōtorohanga, Kāwhia and Rural \$700K

COUNCILLOR FERGUSON / COUNCILLOR JOHNSON

OPPORTUNITY 4: DEVELOPING THE DESIGN FOR A NEW COMMUNITY WASTEWATER SCHEME FOR KĀWHIA

RESOLVED that Council confirms an amended Option 1 as its preferred option for Opportunity 4 Developing the Design for a New Community Wastewater Scheme for Kāwhia:

- 5) Undertake community engagement and gather further information to inform the solution for managing waste water in Kāwhia.
- 6) That \$100K be allocated for this work in year one – 1 July 2021 and be loan funded as a District rate.
- 7) That \$350k in each of years two and three be retained in the budget should design work be required.
- 8) That the budgets for construction be retained in years four and five in case they are required.

COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES / COUNCILLOR FERGUSON

OPPORTUNITY 5: REPAYING WATER SCHEME ACCOUNT DEFICITS BY INCREASING CHARGES FOR USERS

RESOLVED that Council confirms an alternate option for Opportunity 5 Repaying Water Scheme Account Deficits by Increasing Charges for Users as proposed by the Rural Water Scheme Committees and the Ōtorohanga Community Board, and notes that this option does not achieve the outcome in all rural water scheme accounts of repaying the deficits in those accounts in the recommended timeframes.

WAIPA RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME – LOAN FUNDING

- b) **RESOLVED** that \$600K be included in the budget for the year 2022/23 for the construction of additional storage within the Waipa Rural Water Supply Scheme.

COUNCILLOR JOHNSON / COUNCILLOR FERGUSON

RURAL WATER SUPPLY CONSUMPTION

RESOLVED that

- iv. the recommendations on consumption rates received from the Rural Water Supply Scheme Committees and Ōtorohanga Community Board be endorsed as follows:

RURAL WATER SCHEME	VOLUMETRIC CHARGE (ex GST)
Waipa	0.90 per m3
Arohena	0.72 per m3
Ranginui	0.51 per m3
Tihiroa	1.41 per m3

- v. Ōtorohanga Urban Water Scheme meter rate be set at \$150 + GST.

- vi. Waipa Rural Water Scheme meter rate be set at \$250 + GST

COUNCILLOR FERGUSON / COUNCILLOR DOW

RESOLVED that Council continues to fund Te Waka at \$10,000 per annum.

COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR JOHNSON

RESOLVED that Council funds the additional shortfall in funding of \$287,647 from Waka Kotahi from depreciation reserves for the three-year period 2022-2024.

COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES / COUNCILLOR FERGUSON

RESOLVED that Council funds 75% of the roading depreciation from 2021/22 in order to reflect the subsidy from Waka Kotahi on capital works.

COUNCILLOR DOW / COUNCILLOR FERGUSON

RESOLVED that Council adopts the following rates increases for the first three years of the Long Term Plan (subject to any changes made in future Annual Plans):

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Ōtorohanga Rural	2.71%	4.57%	5.37%
Ōtorohanga Community	6.83%	7.00%	5.52%
Kāwhia Community	6.66%	7.51%	7.87%
Overall Rates Increase	4.13%	5.50%	5.68%

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR JOHNSON

RESOLVED that, having regard to the submissions deliberation decisions, the following documents be updated accordingly and made available for the final audit process:

COUNCILLOR FERGUSON / COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

- a) The Draft 2021-31 LTP, incorporating:
 - Draft Vision and Community Outcomes
 - Draft Significant Forecasting Assumptions
 - Draft Infrastructure Strategy
 - Draft Financial Strategy
 - Draft Groups of Activities (Our Services)
 - Draft Performance Framework
 - Draft Financial Information, including the draft Revenue and Financing Policy, Accounting Policies, Financial and Funding Impact Statements, Capital Expenditure, Rating Levels and information on Reserve Funds
 - Draft development of Māori capacity to contribute to decision-making processes
 - Variations from the assessment of water and sanitary services and waste management policy
 - Information on Council-Controlled Organisations;
- b) The Draft Significance and Engagement Policy;
- c) The Draft Policy on the Remission of Rates;
- d) The Draft Policy on the Remission and Postponement of Rates on Maori Freehold Land;
- e) The Draft Ōtorohanga District Water Supply Asset Management Plan;

- f) The Draft Ōtorohanga District Drainage (Wastewater and Stormwater) Asset Management Plan;
- g) The Draft Ōtorohanga District Land Transport Activity Management Plan;
- h) The Draft Fees and Charges for 2021-22

RESOLVED that Council authorises the Chief Executive to approve any minor amendments required to finalise any of the documents listed above prior to the commencement of the final audit process.

COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES

RESOLVED that the submissions received on the draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan, Consultation Document and supporting information be received;

AND THAT having considered and deliberated on the submissions received, Council directs the following changes be made to the draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan and supporting information.

COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES / COUNCILLOR DOW

His Worship thanked Elected Members and staff involved in the preparation of the Long Term Plan.

MEETING CLOSURE

RESOLVE the meeting of the Ōtorohanga District Council Long Term Plan Hearings and Deliberations be closed at 3.17pm

HIS WORSHIP COUNCILLOR JOHNSON