



Ōtorohanga District Council

MINUTES

15 June 2021

11AM

Members of the Ōtorohanga District Council

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

Meeting Secretary: Mr. CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor)

ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Ōtorohanga District Council held in St. David's Community Hall, Cnr Ranfurly and Turongo Street, Ōtorohanga on 15 June 2021 commencing at 11am.

Tanya Winter
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

PRESENT

IN ATTENDANCE

APOLOGIES

REFLECTION / PRAYER / WORDS OF WISDOM

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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- 31 MAY, 1 JUNE, 2 JUNE 2021

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PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor MM Baxter, Councillors, K Christison, R Dow, R Johnson (Deputy Mayor), C Jeffries R Klos and A Williams

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. T Winter (Chief Executive), Messrs. R Brady (Group Manager Engineering), G Bunn (Group Manager Corporate), A Loe (Group Manager Environment), A Senger (Roading Manager) CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor) D. Dowd (Executive Assistant), Ms T Ambury (Community and Economic Development Manager) and Mrs. C King (Business Support Regulatory)

His Worship declared the meeting open and welcomed members to the June meeting of Council. He also extended a warm welcome to members of the Community in the public gallery.

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED that the apology received from Councillor Ferguson be sustained.

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON

REFLECTION / PRAYER / WORDS OF WISDOM

Councillor Johnson recited the following words of wisdom.

He read the 13 C words – behaviours of successful leaders being:

- Clarity
- Communication
- Consistency
- Care
- Commitment
- Change
- Challenge
- Camaraderie
- Collaboration
- Competence
- Customers
- Courage
- Cheerfulness

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

No declarations of conflicts of interest were received.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Group Manager Engineering introduced Vicki Harding (Engineering Support Officer) to members. He said Vicki brings with her a lot of experience in the Government Sector.

The District Library Manager introduced Alix Whiteman to members. She said Alix joins Council under the Central & Local Government partnership programme formed as part of the COVID-19 recovery initiatives.

His Worship welcomed the new staff members to Council and wished them all the very best for the future.

PUBLIC FORUM

Ōtorohanga Motorhome Friendly Town Proposal

Eric Tait:

- Expressed concern at the lack of consultation in particular with neighbouring property owners.
- Felt that the site would create a traffic hazard.
- Mentioned various contributing factors to support this.

Frances Rawlings:

- Reported that Motorhome owners are also residents and ratepayers living in the Ōtorohanga District.
- Expressed concern on the amount of time and resources taken to resolve this matter noting that this is the third time the item has been considered.
- Suggested that Council approve the proposal in principle subject to the caveat that a suitable site be approved.

Jo Butcher

- Expressed the opinion that by taking on the Motorhome Friendly Town status, Ōtorohanga runs the risk of becoming a 'dump and run' town.
- She felt that there were other more important things to be considered which Council needs to focus on.
- Questioned the economic benefit that Motorhome owners would bring to the Town.

Rob Gordon

- Often questioned where there is a public Dump Station by visitors and advises them of the ones located out of the District therefore sending visitors away from town.
- If interested, Councillors could approach him to assist them in making an informed decision.

His Worship thanked everyone for their thoughts on the proposal.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL – 18 MAY 2021

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Ōtorohanga District Council held on 18 May 2021, as circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

COUNCILLOR JOHNSON / COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES ŌTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL LTP HEARINGS AND DELIBERATIONS

31 MAY, 1 JUNE, 2 JUNE 2021

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Ōtorohanga District Council held on 31 May, 1 June and 2 June 2021, as circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of those meetings and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES / HIS WORSHIP

ITEM 167 HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR VERBAL REPORT

His Worship reported on activities he has participated in since the last meeting, these being:

- Attended the Driving Change Network Conference in Wellington with Rachel Stubbs (ODC Road Safety Coordinator).
- Attended Ōtorohanga Museum evening 'Progress & Plans for the Future'.
- Met with New Zealand Police Area Commander William Laughri.
- Meeting with Chair of the Ōtorohanga Historical Society.
- Long Term Plan Hearings.
- Representation Review Workshop.
- Attended the Crown Infrastructure Projects Zoom meeting.
- Attended the INCITE evening at the Ōtorohanga Club.
- Attended the Waikato Plan Leadership Hui.
- Meeting with Aotea Resident.
- Attended the Ōtorohanga Community Board meeting.
- Attended the Gambling Hearing and Deliberations meeting.
- Attended Driver Licence Meeting.
- Hosted the Waikeria Prison monthly meeting.
- Attended the Future for Local Government Hui in Rotorua.
- Hosted the North King Country Development Trust.

RESOLVED that His Worship the Mayor's verbal report be received.

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR JOHNSON

ITEM 168 ŌTOROHANGA MOTORHOME FRIENDLY TOWN PROPOSAL

The Chief Executive informed members that this item has been placed on the agenda for the purpose of reaching a decision. She extended apologies on behalf of the 'team' regarding the late notice.

The Community and Economic Development Manager referred members to her report and asked whether they had any questions on its content.

The following issues were raised:

- Suitability of the site and encroachment onto the existing road.
- That the area should be completely on Council property and not on the existing road.
- Support given by various members to the proposal but not the site.
- Suggestion that consideration of a suitable site should be 'parked'.
- Support for this proposal to be included in the Ōtorohanga Township Plan.

RESOLVED that Council defers making a decision on Motorhome Friendly Town Status, including the location of a dump station and considers it as part of the Ōtorohanga Township Plan.

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON

ITEM 169 HAMILTON & WAIKATO TOURISM ANNUAL REPORT

Chief Executive of Hamilton and Waikato Tourism Mr. Jason Dawson attended the meeting and presented their six monthly report for the period 1 July 2020 – 31 December 2020. Mr. Dawson noted that the delay in presenting to Council and the reporting period is due to the fact that Council has been focused on its Long Term Plan.

Following on from his report Mr. Dawson provided up to date statistics for the Ōtorohanga District.

He reported on the five revised performance targets which are set in the Schedule of Services for Local Government 2021, these being: :

- Visitor Nights
- Visitor Spend
- Conventions, Incentives and Business Events.
- Industry Investment
- Media and Travel Trade.

Mr Dawson made special mention of the King Country Ambassador Programme.

RESOLVED that the Community and Economic Development Manager's report and the Hamilton and Waikato Tourism report for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 be received.

COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS / COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON

ITEM 170 ŌTOROHANGA KIWI HOUSE PROGRESS REPORT

The Ōtorohanga Kiwi House General Manager Mrs Jo Russell and Board member Mrs Kim Ingham presented on the redevelopment of the Ōtorohanga Kiwi House report to Council.

Mrs. Ingham informed members that she has been appointed as the liaison representative on behalf of the Trust to interface with Council.

Points covered during the presented were:

- Update on the progress to date with the redevelopment.
- LBC – Living Building Challenge.
- Trust working with mana whenua in Governance and decision making matters.
- Changes having taken place at Board Level.
- Business focus primarily on Regenerative Tourist – Domestic Tourism.
- Working with Schools and Kaumatua.

His Worship thanked both representatives for presenting to Council. He expressed some nervousness around the financial commitments in the current climate and stressed the point that it is essential to keep in regular contact with Council Group Manager Corporate during this time.

RESOLVED that The Ōtorohanga Kiwi House Progress Report be received.

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR DOW

ITEM 171 CONFIRMATION OF CLASS 4 GAMBLING VENUE POLICY 2021

The Business Support Regulatory Officer referred members to her report and outlined the changes from the previous Policy, these being:

- **Clause 2 – No 4 – Standards**
- **Clause 2 – No B – Exceptions**
- **Clause 5 – Application for Gambling Venue Consent**
- **Clause 6 – Identification of CDB areas within the Ōtorohanga District**

RESOLVED that

1. The report on the Confirmation of Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy 2021 be received;
2. The Ōtorohanga District Council Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy 2021 be approved.

COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES / COUNCILLOR JOHNSON

ITEM 172 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - HAMILTON CAR CLUB – 2021 HODDLE ROAD RALLY SPRINT

The Group Manager Engineering referred members to the Senior Engineering Assistant's report on an application from the Hamilton Car Club for various road closures within the Ōtorohanga District, to enable the Hamilton Car Club to hold the Hamilton Car Club 2021 Hoddle Road Rally Sprint.

RESOLVED that the application for Temporary Road Closure of sections on Maihihi, Hoddle and Tauraroa Valley Roads on Sunday 22 August 2021; be granted with the following conditions imposed;t

1. In the event of a COVID:19 resurgence and a revert to a lockdown greater than Level 2 status, any granted road closures will be rendered null and void
2. Emergency services always have complete rite of passage.
3. Hamilton Car Club is to pay a bond of \$4000.00 per unsealed road to be used. Bond returnable after post event drive over, undertaken by Ōtorohanga District Council Roding Team.
4. Hamilton Car Club is to pay an application fee of \$400.00 towards the administration of the road closure to Ōtorohanga District Council.
5. Hamilton Car Club is to pay for all advertising costs to the appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News.
6. Hamilton Car Club is responsible for obtaining public liability insurance (and paying the cost thereof) to a minimum value of \$10,000,000. This is required to indemnify Council against any damage to the property or persons as a result of rally activities during the road closure period.
7. Hamilton Car Club is to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
8. Hamilton Car Club is to liaise and provide evidence of liaison with all operators and businesses that may be affected by the road closures.
9. Hamilton Car Club is to consult with all residents of all properties on the roads intending to be closed and also the residents on roads connecting with roads intending to be closed, including any, no exit roads. Two mail drops to residents are to be carried out. All initial mail drops to residents are to be approved by Council staff before distribution commences. The subsequent mail drop is to be completed no later than ten full days before the proposed closures.
10. Hamilton Car Club is solely responsible for signposting and policing of the roads to be closed, to ensure that only vehicles connected with the event have access to the road closure areas. This includes arranging the delivery, erection and staffing of all road closure barriers and the removal thereof after closures. All gates and entranceways are to be taped and to ensure its removal thereafter.
11. Signs advising of the road closures are to be erected at the start and end of the closed portions of the roads and on each intersecting road two weeks prior to the road closure. All signs are to be removed immediately after the closure. A Hamilton Car Club representative is to meet with Council Engineering staff regarding the required signs format, size, location and quantity of signs for approval before they are manufactured and erected.

COUNCILLOR JOHNSON / COUNCILLOR DOW

LUNCH

RESOLVED that Council adjourn for lunch at 12.52pm.

HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES

RESOLVED that Council re adjourn the meeting at 1.21pm
HIS WORSHIP / COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES

COUNCILLOR UPDATE

COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON

- Made mention that Thames is looking at our Hanging Baskets and exploring options to implement a similar display.

COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES

- Attended the LTP Drop In Session at the Rusty Snapper.
- Attended the Representation Review Workshop.
- Attended the Hearings and Deliberation Review in relation to the LTP.
- Attended a meeting of the Aotea Ratepayers Association.
- Attended the Hearings and Deliberation in relation to the Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy 2021.

COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

- Mentioned that a number of positive happenings are taking place around the District.
- Attended the Ōtorohanga Museum evening 'Progress and Plans for the Future'.
- Travelled to Wellington to attend the Local Government New Zealand Rural and Provincial Sector meeting.
- Attended the Nehenehenui RMC meeting.

COUNCILLOR JOHNSON

- Travelled to Wellington to attend the Local Government New Zealand Rural and Provincial Sector meeting.
- Attended the Nehenehenui RMC Meeting and extended thanks to the hosts.
- Informed members that RMA Reforms, Three Waters and The Future of Local Government were the topics discussed at the June Rural and Provincial Sector meeting. He said that Minister David Parker attended the meeting in person to answer questions from attendees.

COUNCILLOR DOW

- Attended the Hearings and Deliberation in relation to the Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy 2021.
- Attended the Regional Transport Committee meeting in Hamilton covering various aspects in addition to their LTP considerations.

COUNCILLOR KLOS

- Visited Raglan and enjoyed the experience, would like to see a similar environment exist in Kawhia.
- Concerned that the Rural Community is going to be 'squeezed' by Central Government.

MEETING CLOSURE

RESOLVED that the meeting close at 1.40pm

HIS WORSHIP /COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS