



Otorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

4 December 2014

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on Thursday 4 December 2014 commencing at 4.10pm.

MINUTES

Minutes are unconfirmed and subject to amendment at the next meeting of the Board.

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PRESENT

Mr R Prescott (Chair), Mr NS Chetty, Mrs EM Cowan, Mrs AC Laws, Mr PD Tindle and Mr DR Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, Mr M Baxter, Cr D Pilkington (attended 4.20pm), Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive & Engineering Manager), R Brady (Services Manager), B O'Callaghan (District Accountant) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

Resolved

That the request submitted by the Otorohanga Zoological Society and Otorohanga Rotary Club to erect an ablution block at the Tuatura Room be considered in General Business which may require a resolution.

Mr Williams / Chairperson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 23 OCTOBER 2014

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 23 October 2014, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mrs Cowan / Mrs Laws

REPORTS

Item 51 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

Discussion

The District Accountant presented the Management Accounts for the period ending 30 September 2014.

CR PILKINGTON

Cr Pilkington attended the meeting at 4.20pm.

The District Accountant answered Members queries during the presentation of the accounts.

Resolved

That the Draft Management Accounts for the period ended 30 September 2014 be received.

Mr Williams / Mr Tindle

Item 152 WW1 MEMORIAL PARK - REDWOOD TREES REMOVAL

Discussion

The Services Manager presented the Community Facilities Officer's report informing Members that the large redwood trees and uneven pavers in the WW1/2 Memorial Park have become dangerous and the time has arrived to address a change in the landscaping of this park.

Mr Williams advised that many reports on the condition of these trees have been prepared during the past 20 years and in his opinion the trees are not in bad condition. He said an arborist's

report is required as these trees have to be saved. Mr Williams further advised that the trees have been dropping limbs for years with no unfortunate circumstances resulting. The Chair reported that the difference now is that with the relocation of both Memorials to the park, limbs are now falling onto paved areas which were not previously there. Mrs Cowan advised that this area is of interest to the local RSA and expressed the opinion that they should be consulted, in a workshop situation, to discuss the proposal further. She said all that may be required is corrective trimming of the trees. Mrs Cowan felt that there is a need to look at this area in a long term way, to consult with the local RSA and furthermore to look at building a sum into the estimates for a Landscape Plan to be prepared, in consultation with the RSA and Community. She said this is an opportunity to revitalise the area. The Services Manager reported that there is concern that the trees may be coming to the end of their lives. He said an arborist has spoken to the Community Facilities Officer about the trees. Mr Williams requested that a report be prepared including the advice from the arborist. Mr Tindle said he would like to see a thorough report prepared regarding the proposed removal of the trees and for this to be considered prior to any consultation with the RSA. The Engineering Manager advised that it would be necessary for any proposal to go through the Annual Plan process due to the costs involved.

Resolved

That

1. The Community Facilities Officer's report be received
2. That further investigation as to the condition of the Redwood trees be carried out, and if appropriate consultation, in particular with the local RSA, be conducted.

Mr Tindle / Mrs Cowan

Item 153 OCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 24 OCTOBER 2014

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

WAIPA RURAL WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE – DISCUSSION

The Engineering Manager advised that the proposed discussion with representatives of the Waipa Rural Water Supply Committee regarding the supply of water to properties outside of the Otorohanga Community and Waipa Rural Water Supply areas be considered at the Committee's annual meeting, usually held early in the new year.

HYDROWASTE LTD – LICENCE TO DISCHARGE

The Chair reported that he is aware of Mr Chetty's opinion against restricting trade and following discussion with Mr Tindle who advised that he is in favour of issuing a licence to HydroWaste Ltd to discharge effluent into the Otorohanga Sewerage Ponds, the item be deleted from matters referred.

GENERAL

OTOROHANGA DOMAIN RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr Williams queried when the process would commence to review the Otorohanga Domain Reserve Management Plan. The Engineering Manager replied that due to the lack of resources this process has not yet commenced however, it is proposed that a new Engineering Manager be appointed next year and hopefully this will assist the situation.

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK

Mr Tindle advised that he is thoroughly impressed with the work carried out on the mountain bike track, the result is fantastic. He expressed his thanks to Mr Williams and Council's Engineering

Manager, Mr Clibbery, for their work on the project. Mr Tindle said he hoped the track will be promoted and marketed through the appropriate channels.

Mrs Laws agreed with Mr Tindle's comments and said she is most impressed with the project.

Item 154 OTOROHANGA ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY / OTOROHANGA ROTARY CLUB

Discussion

Mrs Cowan, on behalf of the Otorohanga Zoological Society and Otorohanga Rotary Club presented a request for permission to erect a small toilet block designed to come off the rear entrance to the Tuatara Room. She said the local Rotary Committee has offered to assist the Kiwi House and agreed to contribute \$25,000 to the project. The Chair advised that this project is essential to the development of the Tuatara Room as this is becoming more utilised.

Mrs Cowan advised His Worship that the facility will only be available for users of the Tuatara Room.

Resolved

That permission be granted to the Otorohanga Zoological Society/Otorohanga Rotary Club to extend the Tuatara Room to include toilets.

Mrs Cowan / Chair

SEASON GREETINGS

Cr Pilkington extended festive greetings to Members and hoped everyone would have a safe and happy holiday.

WHITE RIBBON SIGNAGE

The Chair referred to his attendance at a recent White Ribbon event at the Otorohanga Primary School. He extended sincere thanks to the Engineering Manager and his sons for the placement of the White Ribbon signs on the Cemetery embankment. Mr Williams expressed the opinion that this embankment would be an appropriate place to relocate the silver ferns. Mr Williams was advised that this issue has already been addressed.

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

The Governance Supervisor reported on the allocation of Flat 2 Elizabeth Place.

Item 155 REG BRETT RESERVE TOILET

Discussion

The Engineering Manager advised that the Board should formally confirm the proposal to erect a public toilet in the Reg Brett Reserve. He advised that the total cost of purchase and installation is approximately \$51,000, the main components being:

1. Purchase and transport of toilet block to Otorohanga - \$10,592
2. Connection to sewer (requires pipe thrust under State Highway 3) - \$21,500
3. Connection to electrical power - \$6,217

The Engineering Manager advised that the remainder of the cost is for various works and services required to refurbish and install the toilet block.

Resolved

That an expenditure of \$51,000 from the Community Special Fund account be utilised to fund installation of a toilet facility at the Reg Brett Reserve.

Mr Tindle / Mrs Laws

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 4.50pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: