



Otorohanga Community Board

# MINUTES

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4pm

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Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, 17 Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga on 6 October 2016 commencing at 4.00pm

## MINUTES

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

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## **PRESENT**

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

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), R Brady (Engineering Manager), CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor), M Lewis (Community Facilities Officer), Cr Ken Phillips, Cr A Williams

## **APOLOGY**

**Resolved** that the apology received from Mr NS Chetty be sustained.

### **Mrs Cowan / Mr Tindle**

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed those present.

## **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS**

No items were raised for consideration in General Business which may require a resolution.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 6 SEPTEMBER 2016**

The Chair referred members to page 2. in particular the comment that the Village Green Lighting is not bad and said he disagrees with this, the lighting is not good particularly around the Library Building.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 6 September 2016 as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

### **Mr Tindle / Mr Williams**

## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The Chair referred members to the request for Declaration of Interest in matters to be discussed. No such Declaration of Interest was received.

## **ITEM 101           PRESENTATION BY ROKTOPUS CREATIVE PLAY EQUIPMENT**

Mrs Marain Hurley Chairperson of the Project Kiwiana Committee thanked the Community Board for giving the Committee an opportunity to present the Kiwiana Playground Concept. She introduced members of the Committee, guests and supporters of Project Kiwiana.

Mrs Hurley informed members that in the year 2000 the Committee was asked to formulate a five year business plan with the assistance of the Community Employment Group Project Kiwiana prepared a plan and as a result CEG gave them seeding funds of \$45,000 to create, develop and grow the Kiwiana theme to improve and strengthen economic growth.

Mrs Hurley advised that the main aim then and today is for Project Kiwiana to develop attractions, features and structures all based on the Kiwiana theme. She said Project Kiwiana wanted Otorohanga to become a destination place for tourists and to make the town a great place to live, work and play. She said through the years, Kiwiana events and promotions continued and led to Otorohanga being officially recognised as 'the Kiwiana Capital of New Zealand'.

Mrs Hurley welcomed Theo Jaques, the owner of Roktopus Limited based in Palmerston North. She said his company specialises in playground manufacturing.

Mr Jaques outlined his background and those employees who will be involved in the proposed project. He then presented a preliminary concept to members outlining his company's ideas.

### **CR DEB PILKINGTON**

Councillor Deb Pilkington attended at 4.30pm.

Mr Jaques suggested that if his company is involved in the project that a local contractor could be appointed as the lead contractor and that his company would supply the products.

Mrs Hurley reported she had taken Mr Jaques around to Windsor Park to give consideration as to whether any play items there could be recycled.

Mr Jaques expressed the opinion that his company would not be interested in using this old equipment.

The Chair informed members and the presenters that the Windsor Park playground equipment will be staying where it is.

**Resolved** that the presentation by Roktopus Creative Playground Equipment Limited be received and recorded for the information of the new Otorohanga Community Board members.

### **Chair / Mrs Cowan**

### **OTOROHANGA KIWI HOUSE**

The General Manager of the Otorohanga Kiwi House, Ms Jo Russell attended the meeting and updated members on the predator proof fence project.

Ms Russell reported that the Kiwi House has obtained \$304,000 towards the project cost of \$340,000 for the Predator Proof Fence. She said the project is due to commence on 1 December 2016 however, urgent consideration needs to be given to re-routing the stormwater drain which runs through the Park.

Ms Russell said a substantial amount of water runs through this drain from Gradara Avenue / Mountain View Road with road metal being distributed through the park and ponds. Ms Russell outlined the damage and costs involved when the stormwater drain floods and the fact that Eels are buried alive by metal and diseases are introduced into the park. She said under Animal Welfare the Kiwi House has to provide clean water. Ms Russell informed members that the costs to re-route the stormwater pipe is in the vicinity of \$78,500 excluding GST.

Members were informed that the Otorohanga Community Board funded \$27,500 towards the piping of the bottom drain section.

Ms Russell reported that Council has a policy for the owners / leases to be responsible for any pipework if there is still life left in the existing system. She said the Kiwi House is talking about something that does not work for them, however, is requesting an exemption from this policy.

Ms Russell advised that should the stormwater drain be re-routed this would be easily accessed through the park.

Ms Russell informed members that the Kiwi House is a Community Group which has its structures on Council Land and would, therefore, appreciate any assistance from the Board.

Ms Russell further requested that the Board give consideration to:

- 1) Committing additional funding to the Otorohanga Kiwi House
- 2) Transfer the existing \$100,000 grant from the proposed Predator Proof Fence to re-routing the stormwater drain.

The Chair replied that the Board did not have an appetite to commit additional funding and that he could not comment on the request that the Kiwi House to be exempt from Council's policy.

The Engineering Manager informed members that the internal issues with the stormwater drain within the Kiwi House does not work for them. He informed members that the proposal is the best solution for the Kiwi House.

The Chief Executive advised that the key issue is one of principle as only limited funding is available to assist private property owners when there is a Council drain running through their property. He said should greater funding be approved for the Kiwi House then the Otorohanga Community Board would have to consider doing the same for private property owners.

The Chief Executive advised that the Kiwi House is not a Council undertaking, be it for profit or not.

The Chair queried why the stormwater drain is still open and said there is a lack of clarity in the specifications.

The Engineering manager replied that the delay has not been through a lack of action by the Kiwi House however, the proposed Predator Proof Fence cannot be erected until the stormwater drain is re-routed.

With regard to the request to transfer the purpose of funds, the Chief Executive replied that this is a matter of consistency and said it would not be wise to take such action.

Mr Tindle referred to the approved \$100,000 grant for the Predator Proof Fence and informed members that this took considerable effort through Council to be approved. He said any further requests should be in writing from the Kiwi House and that as this is not an Agenda item, it should be placed in front of the new Otorohanga Community Board.

Mr Tindle expressed the opinion that everyone is keen to assist and is behind the Kiwi House however, perhaps assistance could be given in other areas.

Councillor Phillips said in consideration of granting the \$100,000 Council was informed that

- a) There would be a huge rodent increase
- b) The Kiwi House would not come back for further funding.

In reply Ms Russell said there has been an increase in rodents however, not as many as firstly envisaged. She referred to the accreditation process to be undertaken by the Kiwi House and advised that they did very well except for the matter of water quality. She said the Kiwi House will have to look at other ways of dealing with the stormwater drain.

## **ITEM 102          WATER METERING UPDATE**

The Chief Executive referred members to a report providing an update on the implementation of water metering in Otorohanga.

In reply to Councillor Phillips, the Chief Executive advised that there is approximately 50 commercial properties which are not yet metered.

**Resolved** that

- 1) The report is received
- 2) Immediate action is taken, using the provisions of Council's water services bylaw, if necessary, to ensure that wasteful water usage is addressed on those residential properties indicated by water meter readings to be receiving more than 10 times the average amount of water used by typical residential properties in Otorohanga
- 3) The implementation of 'Universal' metered water charges, applicable to all residential properties in Otorohanga, is deferred until 1 July 2018

## **Mrs Cowan / Mr Williams**

### **ITEM 103          SIR EDMUND HILLARY WALKWAY ROOF**

The Community Facilities Officer presented a report on the request to see if painting the underside of the walkway roof was an option.

The Chair asked whether the installation of a new Coloursteel roof would solve the problem.

The Community Facilities Officer replied that once the area is shaded this will assist in removing direct sunlight.

Councillor Pilkington expressed the opinion that if the Board is wishing to provide a cooling effect, then a light coloured roofing material should be utilised.

Mrs Cowan reported that the present situation allows for intense fading which in turn requires the Kiwiana Displays to be refurbished more often.

The Community Facilities Officer referred to the original estimates to fit a new roof and reported that these are only estimates and that firm quotes would need to be obtained. He said the proposal would be funded from the Otorohanga Community property account.

**Resolved** that the Board continue with the original proposal to reroof the walkway in a light colour steel material rather than paint the underside, subject to confirmation of the original estimated costs.

## **Chair / Mrs Cowan**

### **MATTERS REFERRED**

The Governance Supervisor took members through the matters referred.

### **THE LINES COMPANY – MAINAPOTO STREET LIGHTING**

The Engineering Manager undertook to have further discussions with The Lines Company regarding the Maniapoto Street lights, under veranda lights and the Village Green Lighting.

Cr Williams reported that the lighting in the Village Green was temporarily fixed for the WiFi opening and that the Maniapoto Street lighting is programmed to come on by a sensor situated at Hangitiki. She said this is happening within the programmed time.

Members were informed that Maniapoto Street does look very dark however, very few of the under verandah lights are working.

Councillor Williams undertook to work with the General Manager of Operations at the Lines Company to progress the matter.

## **GENERAL**

### **MANIAPOTO STREET PAVERS**

Mr Williams referred to the recent cleaning of the Maniapoto Street Pavers and reported that this was the best clean he has seen. He expressed the opinion that in the long term the Board should look at providing glazed pavers.

### **OTOROHANGA STOPBANKS**

Mrs Cowan expressed the opinion that the matter of tracking along the Otorohanga Stopbanks should be placed on Matters Referred.

The Engineering Manager advised that the worst areas have been identified and these will be worked on.

### **FORMER STAFF REPORTS**

Mr Tindle suggested that copies of major reports during the previous 1 to 2 years be circulated to the newly elected Board Members to make them aware of what this Board has previously considered.

### **FAREWELLS**

Councillor Pilkington extended her thanks to all of the Board members for their contribution to community affairs and acknowledged the efforts provided by the Chair Mr Robert Prescott.

She said Mr Prescott has always found the lighter side, however, had provided a great contribution on the serious side.

She said she has enjoyed working with both Board representatives on Council.

Councillor Phillips reported he has enjoyed working with the Chair and that he was a good person to work with, enjoying his sense of humour.

The Chief Executive reported that he has enjoyed working with the Board during the past three years.

Mr Williams extended his thanks to the Chief Executive and Staff and said he was sad to see Mr Prescott and Mr Tindle standing down.

Mrs Laws said it has been a privilege to be a Board member and that she has learnt a lot as to how things can be done and how slow it can be to progress matters through Council.

The Chair extended his sincere thanks to the Chief Executive and staff for their support and contribution to Board affairs.

## **MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting concluded at 5.50PM

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_