



Ōtorohanga

District Council

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Ōtorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

3 JUNE 2022

4pm

Members of the Ōtorohanga Community Board

Board Member N Gadd (Chair)
Board Member K Brown-Merrin
Board Member P Coventry

Councillor K Christison
Councillor R Dow

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Ōtorohanga Community Board

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Ōtorohanga Community Board held in the St David's Community Hall, corner of Ranfurly & Turongo Streets, Ōtorohanga on Thursday, 2 June 2022 commencing at 4.02pm.

Tanya Winter
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

14 June 2022

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PRESENT

Present: Chairperson N Gadd, Board Members P Coventry and Councillors K Christison and R Dow.

Via Zoom: K Brown-Merrin.

IN ATTENDANCE

A Loe (Group Manager Regulatory & Growth), B O'Callaghan (Finance Manager), R McNeil (Chief Advisor), N Gower (Group Manager Strategy & Community), and K King (Manager Governance).

APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts were declared.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public requested to be heard.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES — 5 MAY 2022

RESOLVED: That the open minutes of the Ōtorohanga Community Board meeting held on 5 May 2022, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Councillor Dow | Board Member Coventry

CHAIRPERSON'S VERBAL REPORT

The Chairperson, N Gadd had visited community organisations and noted some people were struggling. He also noted the excess used furniture from Council's renovation cleanout had been gratefully received by community groups and commented overall on people helping other people in the community.

Mr Gadd noted the Milkbar had been broken into for the third time in three months and thanked the community members who provided assistance in the aftermath.

RESOLVED: That the Ōtorohanga Community Board receive the verbal update from Chairperson, N Gadd.

Board Member Coventry | Councillor Christison

ITEM 88: METERED WATER CHARGING RATES FOR 2022/23

Council's Finance Manager, B O'Callaghan took the report as read and responded to a query on capital works depreciation costs for newer assets. He commented rising costs such as chemicals but noted electricity was currently locked into a contract so had not risen. He also noted the Board had determined as part of the Long Term Plan process to reduce debt over a five year period.

Members discussed the options and the likely impact on larger families and pensioners.

RESOLVED: That the Ōtorohanga Community Board recommend that Council sets the water charges for the Ōtorohanga community for the 2022/23 financial year at:

- \$171 (plus GST) fixed charge per meter
- \$1.71 (plus GST) per cubic metre of water consumed.

Councillor Christison | Board Member Coventry

ITEM 89: ŌTOROHANGA TOWN CONCEPT PLAN – PROJECT UPDATE

Council's Chief Advisor, R McNeil referred to his report noting the project was transitioning from the first phase into development of the draft Plan. He commented on feedback received from the public noting 62 responses were received from the online survey in addition to the outcomes of the stakeholder meetings.

Mr McNeil advised a further engagement phase would commence on 13 June. This phase would include reporting back to the stakeholder groups with all feedback received via key themes and issues raised. The final draft town concept plan would be reviewed by the Board and Council in July and approved for formal consultation. Following the formal consultation period, a joint hearing would be held to hear and consider submissions. The town concept plan and associated action plan are expected to be adopted before the local government election on 8 October.

RESOLVED: That the Ōtorohanga Community Board receive the report titled 'Ōtorohanga town concept plan – project update' from Ross McNeil, Chief Advisor.

Councillor Christison | Councillor Dow

BOARD MEMBERS' UPDATE

- Councillor Christison advised the planned Ngā Roopu o Matariki ki Ōtorohanga – Matariki Festival Event received funding from the Creative Communities Scheme Committee. The event will proceed on Friday, 24 June.
- Board Member Merrin-Brown had attended a meeting of iSites throughout the Waikato. She noted work is being undertaken to encourage tourists back to the Otorhanga and Waitomo districts.
- Councillor Dow noticed the Welcome to Otorhanga sign by the Ōtorohanga Cemetery wasn't clearly visible at night.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.19pm.