



Otorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

12 March 2015

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on Thursday 12 March 2015 commencing at 4.05pm.

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, Mr PD Tindle and Mr DR Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive & Engineering Manager), R Brady (Services Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from His Worship the Mayor Mr Max Baxter and Mrs AC Laws be sustained.

Mrs Cowan / Mr Tindle

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

The Governance Supervisor reported that a letter has been received from Mr Shane King requesting permission to build over an existing sewer line on his property in Rangitahi Street, Otorohanga.

The Governance Supervisor further reported that a letter has been received from Mrs Heather Coker requesting permission to erect a seat of remembrance in respect of her late brother to replace the existing bench seat in Mountain View Road, by the reservoir.

Resolved

That Mr Shane King's letter requesting permission to build over an existing sewer line on his property in Rangitahi St and Mrs Heather Coker's letter requesting permission to replace a bench seat on Mountain View Road with a seat of remembrance for her late brother be considered in general business which may require a resolution.

Mr Tindle / Mr Williams

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 29 JANUARY 2015

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 29 January 2015, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mrs Cowan / Mr Williams

REPORTS

Item 63 OCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 29 JANUARY 2015

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

WAIPA RURAL WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE

The Engineering Manager referred to the matter of discussion being held with representatives of the Waipa Rural Water Supply Committee (WRWSC) regarding the supply of water to properties outside the Otorohanga Community and WRWS area. He informed Members that a copy of a draft Policy was placed before the Committee however, Members were not comfortable with this draft and wished to engage with the other members of the Scheme. The Engineering Manager advised that he had requested Members wait until public meetings are held on the proposal to introduce water metering in the Otorohanga Community. He said it is understandable that the

WRWSC may feel that they are being restricted as to the quantity of water in their area whereas the Community is able to take whatever it desires without regard to cost.

The Engineering Manager reported that copies of the water metering proposal for the Community have been sent out to all Members of the Committee. He confirmed that the matter will be progressed further for report at the next meeting of the Board.

OTOROHANGA SPORTS CLUB

The Chair informed Members of his discussion with Mr G Wilshier of the Otorohanga Sports Club (OSC) regarding a draft Memorandum of Understanding. Members agreed that there is a need for Council to present to the OSC the various options available in regard to the Island Reserve including options should Council take over control of this area. It was agreed that in the main the OSC is the only organisation utilising the Reserve. Members further agreed that the Engineering Manager, Chair and Mr Tindle discuss this matter further. The Chair reported that he had contacted the rugby club at Te Kuiti and ascertained that in respect of their playing grounds, no ratepayer input is required. Mr Tindle expressed the opinion there is a need for Council to obtain more information regarding the OSC. Members felt that in order to reach a decision that perhaps areas of the Island Reserve not being used could be closed and/or the level of service being provided is reduced. The Engineering Manager advised that it may be necessary for the Board to give broad consideration of the support supplied by Council for the maintenance of the various sporting activities.

INSTALLATION OF A SPLASH PAD

Mr Tindle suggested that he give a brief presentation at the next meeting of the Board on further information and costings he has obtained regarding the installation of a splash pad in a public area. He said, to date, he has obtained a set of costings from one Council and contacted two companies who install splash pads. It was agreed that Mr Tindle make a presentation at the next Board meeting to be held on 23 April 2015.

OTOROHANGA DOMAIN RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Engineering Manager requested that this item be deleted from Matters Referred as the Services Manager is aware this review has to be undertaken however, until more time is available, this will not be completed.

COMMUNITY WATER METERING PROPOSAL

Mr Tindle, on behalf of all Members of the Board congratulated the Engineering Manager on his Water Metering presentations held recently. He said fantastic information was provided with excellent presentation. Mr Tindle advised that the Board is certainly behind the cause and the Engineering Manager.

WW 1 & II MEMORIAL PARK OTOROHANGA

The Services Manager presented a tree report for trees in the WW I & II Memorial Park prepared by consulting arborist Mr John Wakeling.

The Services Manager advised that the report agreed that Redwoods are prone to branch drop, but generally branches only snap off during high winds and storm events. It was reported that the trees are not known for shedding branches spontaneously. Members were informed that in regard to the Redwood trees, these do not pose a threat of imminent collapse however, they will continue to shed branches during storm periods. It was agreed that these trees be checked over and some pruning undertaken if required. Mr Williams expressed the opinion that people don't usually shelter under trees during bad weather. Mrs Cowan suggested that the branches be assessed as a risk in high winds and that this could be undertaken by Mr Wilson.

With regard to the five Elm trees located along the fence line, it was recommended that they be removed and the space created be used for successional planting of a more suitable type of tree.

GENERAL

Item 64 SEAT OF REMEMBRANCE

The Governance Supervisor read a letter from Mrs Heather Coker enquiring whether the family of her late brother could replace the bench seat in Mountain View Road by the reservoir with a Seat of Remembrance. Mr Tindle suggested that the existing seat be checked that it has not been donated by someone and furthermore that the proposed seat is to be paid for by the family. It was further suggested that any new seating may require a concrete base.

Resolved

That the request from Mrs H Coker be approved in principle subject to confirmation that the existing seat has not been donated and for the costing and design of any new seat be presented to Council for consideration.

Mr Tindle / Mrs Cowan

Item 65 REQUEST TO BUILD OVER EXISTING SEWER LINE – S KING

Discussion

The Services Manager reported that a request has been received from Mr King to build over an existing sewer line on his property in Rangipari Street, Otorohanga.

Resolved

That the letter be received and that a report on the request be presented to the next meeting of the Board to be held on 23 April 2015 for consideration.

Chair / Mrs Cowan

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

The Governance Supervisor reported that advertisements have been placed in the Waitomo News and Te Awamutu Courier calling for suitable applicants for Council's Housing for the Elderly flats. He said currently there are two bed sitter flats available however, two of the three new applicants wish to wait for one bedroom flats.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 4.37pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 23 April 2015