



Otorohanga Community Board

# MINUTES

10 MAY 2018

**OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD**

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Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga on 10 May 2018 commencing at 4.02pm.

**MINUTES**

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

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## **PRESENT**

Mr. P Mc Connell (Chair), Mr. P Coventry, Mr. N Gadd and Mr. A Buckman.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), RH Brady (Engineering Manager), MA Lewis (Community Facilities Officer) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

## **APOLOGIES**

**Resolved** that the apologies received from Mrs. K Christison and Mrs. E Cowan be sustained.

**Chair / Mr. Buckman**

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

The Chair welcomed Mr. Bill Millar to the meeting.

Mr. Millar informed members that in conjunction with I Site and the Otorohanga District Development Board he is proposing to hold a Tourism Expo in Otorohanga. He said it is proposed for this to be a full day event.

Mr. Millar referred to the Boards proposed investigation into water supply on the Te Rauma Road property and asked whether the Board has given consideration to investigating a water spring at Hangitiki which produces excellent clear water. He said a pipe from the spring could be run along the side of the railway line.

Mr. Millar expressed concern and frustration at people parking in disability carparks and over fire hydrants.

He advised that he still meets the Northern Explorer to Wellington every day to welcome people to Otorohanga.

The Chair thanked Mr. Millar for his Ambassador duties which he said is very much appreciated by Board Members and the general public.

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

**Resolved** that the proposed sale of the former Otorohanga Hotel be considered as a confidential item in General Business which may require a resolution.

**Mr. Coventry / Mr. Gadd** ‘

Mr. Buckman abstained from voting on the resolution.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 5 April 2018**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 5 April 2018, as circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**Mr. Gadd / Mr. Coventry**

## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Mr. Buckman made a declaration of interest in respect to the matter of the sale of the former Otorohanga Hotel.

## **ITEM 52 – MATTERS REFERRED – 5 APRIL 2018**

### **FOOTPATH / KERB AND CHANNEL – MERRIN AVENUE**

The Engineering Manager circulated to members a cost estimate for Kerb and Channel to be installed in Merrin Avenue. He said the section of Merrin Avenue in question which does not have Kerb and Channel is between sections of the road which do have. He said the estimate of \$53,170 is to “fill the gap”.

The Engineering Manager further reported that currently there are no apparent stormwater issues as the majority of this section of road has a crossfall to the opposite Kerb. He said however, there are houses below the road level and in high rainfall events there could be a possibility of the stormwater running from the road down the driveways of these properties.

The Chief Executive advised that there is an amount of \$20,000 per year available to undertake sundry road improvement works which would accumulate to a total of \$60,000 over three years.

Following further discussion it was agreed that the Engineering Manager prepare a report on this matter for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

#### PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

The Engineering Manager reported that staff are working on the matter of making pedestrian crossings more visible and they have the desire to make the area around Schools as safe as possible. He referred to the pedestrian crossings on Maniapoto Street and advised that as this is a State Highway it is under the control of NZTA.

#### LEASE AGREEMENTS

The Chair reported that Councils Land Management Officer has circulated an updated list of lease agreements for property within the Community. He extended his thanks to the Land Management Officer for this information.

#### GENERAL

##### TAXI RANK

Mr. Coventry referred to the existing taxi rank carpark and queried whether this is wasting a car parking space as there is currently no taxi service in Otorohanga.

The Chief Executive replied he understood there is a local taxi operator in the Community.

Mr. Coventry queried should the taxi rank parking space be taken away how difficult would it be to reclassify this should in the future a taxi rank is required.

The Chief Executive replied that it would be necessary for the Board / Council to revise the Traffic Bylaw. He expressed the opinion that it would be desirable to retain a space for taxis.

Mr. Gadd expressed the opinion to leave the taxi rank in place as should a taxi be in town it can utilise this space.

The Chair undertook to have discussion with Mr. Bill Millar.

##### ENVIROWASTE – REFUSE COLLECTION

The Chair raised the matter of Envirowaste carrying out a refuse collection on ANZAC Day.

The Community Facilities Officer replied that this was supposed to have been carried out on the day after ANZAC Day however, this did not happen. He said he will be having further discussions with the contractor. He apologised for the error. He reported that the refuse collection commenced around 7.30am on ANZAC Day.

The Chair further queried whether there is a policy regarding recycling bins. He said he has received advice that there are to be no cardboard boxes in recycling bins and that bottles should be washed out.

The Community Facilities Officer replied that the basic rule is for a green bin and or a bundle of cardboard but there are no guidelines regarding refuse going over the top of bins. He said it is preferred that bottles are washed however, this is not a hard and fast rule.

##### DOG CONTROL

The Chair asked members whether they have received a complaint recently regarding dogs at Lake Huiputea. Members confirmed that they have not recently received any complaints.

##### OTOROHANGA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Chair reported that Mr. Coventry, Mr. Gadd and himself had attended a recent meeting of the Otorohanga Business Association. He said this was a very interesting meeting with a number of differing opinions from the shop owners.

The Chair reported that Board Members and himself will share the load and visit all shop owners to request that their staff do not park on Maniapoto Street.

The Chair raised the matter of the Little Scissors premises and the issue regarding access being stopped to the rear of the property.

The Chief Executive replied that the property owner adjacent to these premises is within his rights to lock off the area. He said however there could be a safety issue if the premises are unable to be exited by the rear doors in an emergency.

**Resolved** that the public be excluded from the meeting.

**Mr. Gadd / Mr. Coventry**

**Meeting Closure**

The meeting concluded at 4.52pm

**CHAIRMAN:**

**DATE:**