



Otorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

6 September 2018

OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD

6 SEPTEMBER 2018

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga on 6 September 2018 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. P Mc Connell (Chair), Mr. P Coventry, Mrs. E Cowan, Mrs. K Christison and Mr. N Gadd and Mr. A Buckman

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor MM Baxter, Messrs. A Loe (Environmental Services Manager), G Bunn (Corporate Services Manager), R Brady (Engineering Manager), MA Lewis (Community Facilities Officer) and Mr. CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

APOLOGY

Council's Chief Executive D Clibbery submitted his apology for the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

The one member of the public in attendance at the meeting indicated he was present just to observe and did not wish to speak to the Board.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

No items were raised for consideration in general business which may require a resolution.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 9 AUGUST 2018

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 9 August 2018, as circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mrs. Cowan / Mr. Gadd

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair declared a conflict of interest in matters should they be discussed relating to the Otorohanga Stopbanks, in particular to certain issues.

ITEM 59 – OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY WATER METERING

Council's Corporate Services Manager Graham Bunn referred to his report on the Otorohanga community water metering proposal and advised this was recapping discussions held at the last workshop meeting of the Board.

He then presented the report requesting consideration be given to a system of charging for water by meter for the Otorohanga water supply.

The Corporate Services Manager advised that the confirmed charging system will be used in the calculation of quarterly mock invoices for the 2018 – 2019 financial year. He said the actual charging will be implemented as from 1 July 2019 and confirmation of those charges will be included as part of the Annual Plan process.

The Corporate Services Manager then answered members questions on the proposed change. He confirmed that should water usage be reduced then there will be a need to consider adjusting the rates.

Resolved that

1. The report be received.
2. The Otorohanga Community Board adopt a system of charging for metered water based on \$100.00pa (ex GST) and \$1.50m3 (ex GST) for the quarterly mock invoices to be prepared for the 2018/19 financial year.

Chair / Mr. Gadd

ITEM 60 – OTOROHANGA MOTOR CAMP – REMOVAL OF TREES

Council's Community Facilities Officer Mark Lewis requested members take 'as read' his report on three large trees situated at the Otorohanga Motor Camp which have outgrown their location and need to be removed.

Resolved that the three trees detailed in the Community Facilities Officers report be removed.

Mrs. Cowan / Mr. Coventry

ITEM 61 – PROGRESS DRIVE STORM WATER DRAINAGE PROPOSAL

Council's Environmental Services Manager Andrew Loe summarised his report informing members that it is proposed for a 200 metre long section of open drain that runs through No. 7 – 15 – 17 – 19 Progress Drive, Otorohanga be piped to increase the land area available to the businesses that operate from these properties.

The Environmental Services Manager advised that it is necessary for Council to make a decision as to whether it wishes to be a party to the proposal. He said the proposed work could be looked upon as property improvement.

Mr. Gadd said he was comfortable with the proposal as long as Council is only paying for the work to be carried out on its own land.

Mrs. Cowan expressed the opinion that this is an excellent proposal and a way of providing the property owners with extra land.

Resolved that Council agrees to fund, on a pro-rata basis the length of stormwater drainage pipe that will run through the section at 15 Progress Drive. The work will comprise the supply and installation of suitable pipes and manholes, sufficient fill to stabilise those pipes, level the ground to match the existing yard and laydown roading metal to form an all-weather surface.

The funding would need to be provided from the Otorohanga properties account.

Mrs. Cowan / Mr. Gadd

ITEM 62 – OCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 9 AUGUST 2018

The Chair took members through matters referred.

Pedestrian Crossing Gardens

Mrs. Christison advised that drawings redesigning the pedestrian crossing gardens in Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga are now with Council's Community Facilities Officer.

Truck Parking Area

The Chair reported that a number of operators have asked where it is proposed to provide a truck parking area however, he has advised them at this stage the proposal is still under discussion.

Otorohanga Camping Ground

The Chair advised that matters relating to the status of the Otorohanga Camping Ground will be discussed in a workshop situation after the meeting.

LED Lighting

The Engineering Manager reported that a night survey was undertaken by staff from which it was ascertained that thirteen additional installments are required. He said however, there is a twelve week delay in obtaining the LED lighting but instruction has been given to the contractor.

Board Members wished to compliment the staff concerned in undertaking the night survey.

GENERAL

Otewa Road – Fare Vue Lane

Mr. Coventry referred to Otewa Road under the Railway Bridge adjacent to Fare Vue Lane and asked whether consideration could be given to providing a yellow clearance sign at this location.

The Engineering Manager undertook to look into the suggestion.

Tuhoro Street

Mr. Coventry highlighted the matter of the high camber of the roadway on Tuhoro Street creating problems for vehicles entering and exiting some properties.

Maniapoto Street

Mrs. Cowan extended her thanks to the Chair for his initiative to check in on and have discussion with retailers along Maniapoto Street. She said this has been very much appreciated by the business owners.

Mrs. Cowan reported that concerns have been raised of the number of near vehicle misses at the intersection of Maniapoto Street with Ranfurly Street. She said this is a safety issue and questioned how the matter of parking can be dealt with.

Road Crossing

Mrs. Cowan further requested consideration be given sometime in the future to concerns regarding children crossing the road to frequent the Project Kiwiana playground. She asked whether installing road islands could be an option.

Mrs. Christison also referred to the safety around the Project Kiwiana Playground and asked whether the 50km sign could be re-erected prior to the railway bridge.

The Engineering Manager agreed to follow this matter up.

Gang Members

Mrs. Cowan reported that there are a number of people within the Community who feel intimidated by local gang members. Mrs. Cowan queried whether the local Police could be requested to have discussions with Board Members.

Otorohanga Security Contract

Reference was also made to the Otorohanga Security Contract and the KPI's under this document.

Mrs. Christison reported she felt that the problem was more related to youth within the Community.

The Chair felt that the concerned people should have discussion with the local Police directly rather than coming through the Board.

Vacant Land – Otorohanga Club

Mr. Buckman referred to the parking situation within the Community and to the vacant land adjacent to the Otorohanga Club. He said this has been an unappealing piece of property for several years.

The Chair informed members of a proposal by the Otorohanga Club for this area and suggested that he will talk to the Vice President of the Otorohanga Club in the first instance.

Mayoral Chains

Mr. Buckman asked whether Board Members are the 'voice' of the Community. He referred to the recent purchase of a Mayoral Chain at a cost of \$5200. Mr. Buckman queried with His Worship whether he has a "pot of gold" in place to make such a purchase.

His Worship replied that the Otorohanga District was one of the few Districts that did not have a Mayoral Chain. He referred to the previous Mayoral Chain gifted by the Project Kiwiana Committee which he said was more of a 'fun' type creation.

His Worship said it is appreciated and appropriate for Mayors to wear chains at various ceremonies particularly at Citizenships where the wearing of the Mayoral Chain is very much a mark of respect shown by the leader of the District.

His Worship said the cost of the chain spread over 50 years is minimal.

Mrs. Cowan expressed some concern on behalf of the Project Kiwiana Committee who were never consulted over the replacement of the Mayoral Chain. She said the previous Mayor had worn this proudly for many years.

Members were informed that lack of wider consultation was disappointing and asked where the money would be funded from.

Councillor Christison referred to a discretionary fund held by his Worship but as a Councillor she knew nothing about the Mayoral Chain replacement.

The Chair felt that people have a right to express their opinions.

Speed and General Signage

Mrs. Christison reported that a Solar Power speed sign has been erected adjacent to the Otorohanga South School. Mrs. Christison referred to an approach from Origin Coffee for a brown directional sign being erected highlighting the location of the Railway Station and Coffee Café facility. She reported that now, a small blue sign has been erected identifying the location of the Railway Station only.

The Engineering Manager undertook to follow this matter up.

Foam Disposal

In reply to Mrs. Christison Council's Environmental Services Manager Andrew Loe reported on the recent situation of foam discharging from a pipe.

Otorohanga Domain Toilet

The Chair informed members that a decision regarding the Otorohanga Domain toilet block is to be made today. He asked members to speak to the suggestion that this toilet block be reinstated. Mr. Buckman queried if the Board would be interested in a donation of ten thousand clay tiles for this purpose.

The Community Facilities Officer replied that these may create a structural issue.

The Chair informed members that the Otorohanga Kiwi House now has its own toilet facility and that the toilets situated at the Domain Pavilion are for use by the Otorohanga Football Club. He expressed the opinion that the Community does require more toilet facilities.

Members agreed that steps be taken to reinstate the Otorohanga Domain toilets and for Councils Community Facilities Officer to put together options as to how this is to be funded.

LGNZ Workshop

The Chair highlighted a LGNZ Workshop “Communicating powerfully with the Community” which has been held in Wellington. He said unfortunately the cost to attend the workshop was prohibitive however, he has had discussions with LGNZ who have agreed, still at a cost, to hold this workshop locally. The Chair reported that invitations have been extended to other Councils to attend the workshop to be held on 1 November 2018 between 9am and 3.30pm. He said the Board Meeting will then follow at 4pm.

List of Service Clubs

The Chair reminded members of his request for them to provide a list of Local Service Clubs. He said Mrs. Cowan and himself have completed their lists and request other members to do so as soon as possible.

T Koroheke

His Worship reported on the success of Tori Koroheke being admitted to the bar. He said it is wonderful to celebrate the success of young people in the area.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 5.28pm

CHAIR: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

