



Otorohanga District Council

# MINUTES

8 OCTOBER 2019

10:00 am

**Members of the Otorohanga District Council**

His Worship the Mayor MM Baxter  
Councillor K. Christison  
Councillor R. Johnson  
Councillor RA. Klos  
Councillor P. McConnell  
Councillor K. Phillips  
Deputy Mayor D. Pilkington  
Councillor A. Williams

Meeting Secretary Mr. CA Tutty

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Minutes of an ordinary Meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held in the Council Chambers, 17 Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga on Tuesday 8 October commencing at 10.00am.

## MINUTES

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## **PRESENT**

His Worship the Mayor MM Baxter, Cr. D Pilkington (Deputy Mayor), Councillors RA Klos, K Christison, AJ Williams, R Johnson and P McConnell.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms. T Winter (Chief Executive) Messrs, R Brady (Group Manager Engineering), B, O'Callaghan (Finance Manager), CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor), Ms. T Ambury (Community and Economic Development Manager) and Ms. N Martinsen (Committee Secretary).

His Worship declared the meeting open and welcomed those present to the last meeting of Council for the triennial term.

## **APOLOGY**

**Resolved** that the apology received from Councillor K Phillips be sustained.

**His Worship / Councillor Pilkington**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Councillor Pilkington read the Opening Prayer.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Bill Millar addressed Council in the public forum seeking recognition from Council for the students of the Otorohanga College partitioning Parliament for the recognition of New Zealand's own History, in particular to commemorate the New Zealand Wars, to be included in the school curriculum.

His Worship once again extended thanks to Mr. Millar for his interest in Community affairs and what he has achieved for the Community.

Mr. Millar also raised the matter of discussions being held with the Project Kiwiana Committee regarding adding additional items to the Sir. Edmund Hillary Walkway.

## **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

His Worship asked members whether they had any declarations of conflicts of interest on matters to be discussed at this meeting.

No declarations of conflicts of interest were received.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – OTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL – 17 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 17 September 2019, as circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting and the resolutions contained therein be adopted.

**Councillor Johnson / Councillor Christison**

## **MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Klos referred to Item 407 and requested that the final sentence read, "that staff investigate other routes that could be considered for future heartland rides applications", further state "within the Otorohanga District".

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD – 4 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting Otorohanga Community Board held on 4 September 2019, as circulated, be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**Councillor McConnell / Councillor Christison**

## **RECEIPT OF MINUTES – KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD – 20 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting Kawhia Community Board held on 20 September 2019 be received.

**Councillor Pilkington / His Worship**

### **ITEM 423 HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR – VERBAL REPORT**

His Worship reported that the past three years have been good for Otorohanga and thanked Councillors for creating a proactive Council. He said it has been a real pleasure being Mayor and great to work with both the Otorohanga and Kawhia Community Boards. His Worship said there has been a number of challenges throughout the term however, it is now time to seek support and positivity from Central Government towards the farming community.

**Resolved** that His Worship the Mayor's Verbal Report be received.

**Councillor Pilkington / Councillor McConnell**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE VERBAL REPORT**

The Chief Executive displayed an award staff received at a recent SOLGM Conference for being the "Best Dressed Council".

### **ITEM 424 BUILDING CONTROL MANAGERS REPORT FOR JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2019**

Mr. Phil Saunders (Building Control Manager) introduced himself to Councillors. He said he is looking forward to the challenge of working for Council.

His Worship welcomed Mr. Saunders to Council and said it was a pleasure to have him on board.

The Building Control Manager then referred members to his report on Building Control statistics covering the period 1 July 2019 – 30 September 2019.

He asked members to take this as read however, he would be happy to answer any questions.

The following matters were highlighted.

- a) A new Inspectors role has been appointed and that Council will be attempting to gain a further two more inspectors.
- b) Page 1 of the Report – Commercial, Education Infrastructure the number should read 17 not 8 consents.
- c) In future to identify in the report the level of business coming through from the Waikeria Prison Extension.

**Resolved** that the Building Control activity report for the third quarter of 2019 be received.

**His Worship / Councillor Klos**

### **ITEM 425 PLANNING REPORT FOR JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2019**

The Group Manager Environment summarised the report on Resource Consents granted under Delegated Authority for the period 1 July to 30 September 2019.

The Manager outlined the situation with the insulation of a effluent pump station at the Waikeria Prison extensions. He said this will be owned by the Waipa District Council, the contents being discharged into Te Awamutu's system.

**Resolved** that the planning report for the third quarter 2019 be received.

**Councillor Williams / Councillor McConnell**

### **ITEM 426 CIVIL DEFENCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2019**

The Local Civil Defence Coordinator referred members to a report providing the quarterly update report on the Civil Defence Emergency Management activity for the period 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019, including emergency management activities under the shared service arrangement between Waipa, Otorohanga and Waitomo District Councils and activities of the Waikato Civil Defence Emergency Management Group including the Joint Committee.

During discussion the following matters were raised by Councillors

- a) Future planning for training in-house – Continue with existing plan and to prepare a stocktake of staff/civil defence positions.
- b) Civil defence exercise to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- c) MYCOPLASMA bovis update – Whatever the nature of the emergency, same principles will be applied.
- d) Civil defence now referred to as Emergency Management.

**Resolved** that the information contained in the “Civil Defence Emergency Planning Quarterly Report (1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019)” report from Andrew Loe, Local Civil Defence Controller and David Simes, Emergency Management Operations Manager be received.

**Councillor Johnson / Councillor Pilkington**

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT FOR JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2019**

The Group Manager Environment summarised the report on Dog and Animal Control activities in the District for the period July to September 2019.

He informed members that at the end of September 2019 the total number of dogs registered was down on the previous year however, the number of Owners in default were slightly less than the previous years.

**Resolved** that the report on Dog and Animal Control activities for the third quarter of 2019 be received.

**Councillor Christison / Councillor Pilkington**

#### **MATTERS REFERRED FROM 17 SEPTEMBER 2019**

The Chief Executive informed members that it has been decided the preparation of draft policies (Smoke free areas, Dog Control policy and bylaw, Occupancy policy) will be presented to the new council during November 2019.

#### **COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

Councillor Johnson

- Wished Councillor Pilkington and Councillor Phillips all the best for their future and thanked them for their input and support.

Councillor Williams

- Felt it was great to be part of the Stop Bank Walkway Project.
- Honoured to be on Council and part of the leadership team.
- Expressed her thanks to Councillors and staff.
- Highlighted the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Captain Cook arriving in New Zealand.
- Continue with the District / Community Liaison.

Councillor Christison

- Privileged to be part of the Stop Bank Walkway Project.
- The Kiwi Mascot currently wearing an All Blacks Jersey.
- Expressed thanks to fellow Councillors and Staff.
- Privileged to be a voice for the community.

Councillor McConnell

- Te Waka comments made by his Worship.
- On behalf of the Otorohanga Community Board thanked Council for its support
- The OCB has achieved a considerable amount during the past three year term
- Official blessing of the Stop Bank Walkway Project / Thanks to Mrs Pera MacDonald
- Looking forward to the next three years at Council.

Councillor Klos

- Hoped that the new Council will not change dramatically, as over time this Council has worked well together.
- She said that she will miss Councillor Pilkington for her advice and understanding in relation to financial matters. She wished Councillor Pilkington all the best for the future.

Councillor Pilkington

- Reported she was signing off and it has been a privilege to be on Council.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11.00am

Deputy Mayor / Councillor Deb Pilkington.

His Worship made a presentation to retiring Deputy Mayor / Councillor Deb Pilkington. He said Councillor Pilkington has contributed considerable knowledge and input into Council and as Deputy Mayor been an excellent back up for him. He said she is a person of the community with tremendous integrity and honesty.

On behalf of staff his Worship thanked Councillor Pilkington for the way she communicated with staff.

His Worship wished Councillor Pilkington and her husband all the very best for the future.

Councillor Pilkington made an appropriate reply stating that when she agreed to put her name forward for Council it was a way of giving back to the community following the support her family received previously. Councillor Pilkington extended her sincere thanks to fellow Councillors and staff for their help and support during her terms on Council.

### **Meeting Closure**

Meeting Closed at 11.17am