



Otorohanga Community Board

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19 October 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 19 October 2018 commencing at 5pm.

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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

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor A Williams, Councillor K Phillips, Messrs. DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), R Brady (Engineering Manager), MA Lewis (Community Facilities Officer), CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor) and Ms. T Ambury (Land Management Officer)

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone present.

APOLOGY

Resolved that the apology received from Mr. A Buckman be sustained.

Mrs. Cowan / Mr. Gadd

PUBLIC FORUM

MR. D COULL

Mr. Coull said he wished to highlight issues facing the Community in particular the availability of essential fresh water. He referred to the National Policy Statement for fresh water management and said this will have a huge effect on the Community and surrounding rural areas.

Mr. Coull questioned whether there is an understanding within this room of this natural asset and the effects of legislation. Mr. Coull suggested to the Board that it proceed with caution as fresh water has now become a scarce commodity.

Mr. Coull reported that many people have over reached the content of their consents, an issue which is now being tidied up. He said the Resource Management Act will include the tidying up of natural waterways and as a local farmer himself, he has concerns.

Mr. Coull reported that a large number of farmers are under Variation 6 and after three years it is questionable whether they will have water or not.

Mr. Coull stressed a need for the Board to look after the existing needs of this Community.

MRS. H HAMMOND

Mrs. Hammond raised the question in regard to water as to where Council is going with this; its importance and will the District always have sufficient supply. Mrs. Hammond said that water is a Community asset which could be required by this Community at a later date. Mrs. Hammond reported that water on their own properties is governed by Consents and in four years the properties may not have been granted sufficient water usage under these consents. She said this also applies to surface water.

Mrs. Hammond referred to Plan Change 1 and queried whether the Board Members and Councillors can guarantee they are completely informed and aware of the content of this Plan Change.

Mrs. Hammond questioned whether a growing Otorohanga Community could allow the supply of water to another source.

MR. B MILLAR

Mr. Millar said he is concerned at the idea / proposal suggested for water from the Te Raumauku water supply. He referred to a water source coming out of Hangitiki comprising of pure water. Mr. Millar queried whether this water could be tapped into at the source which comes from Marokopa.

Mr. Millar referred to the Traffic Bylaw in particular to parking and suggested that the Board should investigate providing restricted parking in Wahanui Crescent. He also referred to a suggestion for an underpass for pedestrians crossing the main North Island Main Trunk Railway Line. Mr. Millar said he had spoken to His Worship some two years ago about this proposal.

The Chief Executive informed members of the public present that they are able to listen to the Community Board Members however, not to debate or ask questions of them.

MR. K PHILLIPS

Mr. Phillips informed members that he supported the concerns of Mrs. Hammond and Mr. Coull. He asked Council to consider very carefully what it does with its water source and how this is used.

Mr. Phillips referred to Wi-Fi along Maniapoto Street and reported that this is not working and that information cannot be downloaded. He said as a rate payer he is not happy with the current situation.

Mr. Phillips then referred to the proposed Stopbank pathway and said he is neutral in his opinion on this proposal however, informed members that should the proposal proceed for the Board to consider carefully its prioritisation of what it wishes to spend funding on.

Mr. Phillips reported that the existing Otorohanga Support House premise is not large enough for its purpose.

The Chair speaking as Chairman of the Board and a Councillor replied that if a person presents a proposal to the Board then the members are not doing the Community justice if they do not look into or explore the proposal.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

Resolved that the Otorohanga Stopbank Footpath proposal be considered in General Business which may require a resolution.

Mr. Gadd / Mr. Coventry

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair asked members if they were aware of any conflicts of interest that may exist regarding items to be discussed at today's meeting.

No declarations of interest were received

The Chair however, did identify himself as being a member of the Otorohanga Rugby Club therefore, he would declare an interest in the matter relating to the proposed Stopbank pathway.

ITEM 64 POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF WATER SOURCE

The Chief Executive referred members to his report informing them that Happy Valley Milk has asked for consideration to be given to permitting them to explore development and use of a potential water supply lake at the Council owned property on Te Raumauku Road.

The Chief Executive acknowledged the comments made in the public forum and agreed that water is the new 'gold' and that there is already a shortage of surface water.

The Chief Executive referred to the advice from Mr. Millar regarding a bore water source at Hanganaki and advised that this stream and all surface water in the area is fully allocated during the summer months.

The Chief Executive referred to the Te Raumauku water storage concept where water could be held and used during the summer months if required. He said this is just a concept which has not been tested or proven. He said there will be significant costs incurred in exploring this resource which may not yield positive results.

The Chief Executive reported that since the preparation of his report additional information has come to hand regarding the Governments Provincial Growth Fund. He said there is an amount of three billion dollars to assist with regional development and that this could be a possible avenue for funding however, there is exclusion in regards to water supply.

The Chief Executive referred to a water project in the Gisborne area which has received five hundred thousand dollars under this fund. He suggested to the Board that Council could make application to explore the potential of such funding to explore the Te Raumauku concept.

The Chief Executive then referred to a possible option D. wherein Happy Valley Milk's application is declined and Council explores other external funding options for the development of the Te Raumauku resource.

Mrs. Cowan referred to water bores outside of the Community and said she is aware of other water bores in the area and expressed concern as to the effects Happy Valley Milk may have on these bores. She said Happy Valley Milk does not require the Boards support as this would be a Regional Council matter.

Mr. Gadd suggested that whilst the current request of Happy Valley Milk should be declined an opportunity to review this in the future should be retained.

The Chief Executive suggested that this could be achieved by inserting the words 'at this time' in option D.

Mr. Coventry reported that he came to live with his family in Otorohanga in 2001 at which time there was considerable discussion regarding the Otorohanga District Development Board being able to bring development into the District. He outlined projects such as Project Kiwiana and youth training programmes designed to attract development to the area.

Mr. Coventry said he has reservations regarding Happy Valley Milk but supports Mr. Gadd's comments.

Mr. Coventry referred to the question of the growth of population within the District and said it has not increased very much. He said for the sake of attempting to maintain water for a population that may never happen the Board needs to be very careful not to shut the door on any worthwhile opportunity.

Mrs. Christison asked about the farmers as they may wish to be able to access water in the future.

Mrs. Cowan suggested that because the Te Raumauku supply has been identified as a water source it could be defined as part of the Otorohanga Municipal water supply. She said Happy Valley Milk could revisit its application for water however, the Community should be the Boards priority.

The Chair advised that right from the start the Te Raumauku supply has been deemed to be a diamond in the Board's assets, therefore it is not going to give this water source away.

The Chief Executive stressed to members that the Te Raumauku storage lake is only a concept. He said the time may also come where consideration will need to be given to the development of bore water.

The Chief Executive informed members that by placing a legislative fence around the use of the Te Raumauku water by Happy Valley Milk it will be challenging for those conditions to be uplifted or changed.

The Chair expressed the opinion that barriers are already in place by the Commissioners but that the water source is that of the Board and therefore the Board has the right to approve its use.

Resolved that the request of Happy Valley Milk to explore the potential of developing water storage on Council's Te Raumauku property is declined; and that Council explores other sources of external funding for further investigation of potential development of the Te Raumauku resource and other similar opportunities.

Mrs. Cowan / Mrs. Christison

The motion was carried – 3 in favour – 2 against.

LATE ITEM OTOROHANGA STOPBANK PATHWAY

Council's Land Management Officer presented her report informing members that having completed a site meeting of the proposed pathway to discuss design aspects of the path with Board members, staff now seek Board approval on the design and estimated cost's associated with the project before proceeding with the tender process for the construction work.

Resolved that

1. the Board approves the final design and estimation of costs provided by Council staff for the stopbank pathway project.
2. the Engineering Department proceeds with the process to go out to tender for the stopbank pathway construction works based upon the final design and estimation of costs agreed by the Board.

Mr. Gadd / Mr. Coventry

ITEM 65 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolved that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely,

ITEM 66 – POTENTIAL PROPERTY PURCHASE.

The general subject matter of each item to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Potential purchase of property	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	48(1d) That the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the local authority to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in any proceedings to which this paragraph applies.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 7(2i) or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 7(2)(i)
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Chair / Mr. Gadd

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 6.20pm

CHAIR: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

