



Otorohanga Community Board

# MINUTES

19 June 2014

## OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on Thursday 19 June 2014 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 R Prescott (Chair), Mr NS Chetty, Mrs EM Cowan, Mr PD Tindle and Mr DR Williams.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

His Worship the Mayor, Mr M Baxter, Councillors K Phillips, D Pilkington, Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive & Engineering Manager), R Brady (Services Manager), B O'Callaghan (District Accountant) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

## **APOLOGY**

**Resolved** that the apology received from Mrs A Laws be sustained.

### **Mr Williams / Mrs Cowan**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 8 MAY 2014**

Members were circulated with a copy of amendments to minutes requested by Mr Rawhiti Moses in respect of his presentation of a submission on the proposal to erect a Pa Tuna Pou between Te Kawana Street and Rangipare Street on behalf of the Orahiri A Block Trust.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 8 May 2014, as amended, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

### **Mr Tindle / Mrs Cowan**

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **OTOROHANGA CEMETERY**

Mr Williams reported that Members are waiting for a final plan to be prepared in respect to future ash berms and graves at the Otorohanga Cemetery. He further reported that it will be necessary to carry out soil testing in that part of the Cemetery highlighted for Natural Burials.

## **REPORTS**

### **Item 35            FURTHER CONCERNS REGARDING CRICKET PRACTICE WICKETS**

#### **Discussion**

The Engineering Manager presented a report informing Members that concern has been expressed by the Otorohanga Domain Sports Association in respect of the proposal to permit Cricket practice wickets on the Otorohanga Domain, on the basis that the proposed location of these wickets would adversely affect use of the Domain for Soccer practice. He advised that the matter of Camp Kiwi being allowed to build over existing pipes could be reconsidered in the future. Mrs Cowan reported that following discussion with Members of the Otorohanga Kiwhouse and in the interest of being a good neighbour it was agreed that Camp Kiwi will not proceed, at this stage, with any extension. She said however Members would like to ensure the users of the Domain respect the privacy of the Camp Kiwi users in particular, matters relating to lighting, toilets and privacy. The Services Manager informed Members that it is proposed to angle the pitch slightly away from the Camp and that this will be completely caged. Mrs Cowan referred to the matter of the trimming of the trees and said this needs to be considered further by the Board as to whether there is a need for this work to be carried out. The Services Manager reported that the trees will be assessed when the pitch has been built. In reply to Mrs Cowan regarding the expected time the pitch will be used, the Chair replied that this will not be a night time activity. Cr Pilkington suggested with regard to the matter of privacy for Camp Kiwi, consideration could be given to carrying out some screen planting. The Chair queried whether

perhaps the Otorohanga Domain users/Cricket users would be interesting in erecting a fence for this purpose.

### **Resolved**

That –

1. The Report be received
2. The 'Camp Kiwi' camp site is not allowed to extend further into the Otorohanga Domain.
3. The Cricket practice wickets shall be located as shown in the plan circulated with the report.

### **Mr Williams / Mr Tindle**

## **Item 36                    DRAFT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2014**

### **Discussion**

The District Accountant presented the Draft Management Accounts for the period ending 31 March 2014 and answered Members queries during the presentation.

The Chief Executive advised that it is proposed to hold a workshop meeting particularly for new Members of Council and the Board regarding the concepts of rating. He said an invitation will also be extended to Members to attend Councils Funding Review whereat Members are welcome to make comments however, any decisions will be made by Council.

With regards to the Otorohanga Water Treatment Plant the Chief Executive reported that the cost of routine operation for this activity is over budget. He said however, the accounts balance out, with other activities under budget.

In consideration of the Otorohanga Sewerage Account the Chief Executive informed Members that the additional income is from Trade Waste.

### **Resolved**

That the Draft Management Accounts for the period ending 31 March 2014 be received.

### **Mr Williams / Mr Tindle**

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **WAHANUI CRESCENT TOILETS**

Mr Williams requested consideration be given to installing stainless steel panels on areas within the Wahanui public toilets which have been severely damaged by graffiti. It was agreed that staff look into this matter, proposing that this work be carried out in the next financial year.

## **Item 37                    OCB MATTERS REFERRED 8 MAY 2014**

### **Discussion**

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

### **OPEN STORMWATER DRAINS**

The Chair reported that Members have carried out onsite visits of the open stormwater drains yesterday but, it is still necessary to hold a workshop to review the current policy.

## **OTOROHANGA CEMETERY**

The Governance Supervisor reported that the matter of providing additional ash berms, burial graves and a natural burial section had been agreed to by the Committee established for this purpose.

## **ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARDEN COMPETITION**

Mrs Cowan reported that she has left several messages for a representative of the Beattie Home Rose Show Committee to contact her regarding the Annual Community Garden Competition.

## **CITY / COMMUNITY SISTER RELATIONSHIP**

Mr Chetty reported that the matter of providing Members with information to support the establishment of a Sister City/Community Relationship will be considered in conjunction with another initiative to possibly create a Maori village in Otorohanga.

## **BURT MCKENZIE RESERVE**

Members were circulated with a copy of a Landscape Plan in respect to the Burt McKenzie Reserve.

## **GENERAL**

### **OTOROHANGA ENTRANCE SIGNS**

Mrs Cowan referred to the existing entrance signs into Otorohanga and suggested that these signs need to be re-skinned.

### **COMMUNITY GARDENS**

Mrs Cowan referred to the road markers currently placed in the corner of the Maniapoto Street gardens and reported that it is now time that something more permanent and colourful be erected. Cr Pilkington suggested whether something reflective could be installed.

### **WALKWAY / CYCLING TRACK**

Mr Tindle referred to previous discussions on developing a walkway/cycling track along the stopbanks. He said a few people have spoken to him regarding providing such a track around the town. Mr Tindle suggested that the Board should revisit this proposal in light of providing another recreational pathway for the Community. The Engineering Manager reported that Council has modified the lease of the stopbanks to allow access over that land. It is now up to the Board as to what/how much it wishes to invest there. He said there were issues regarding fencing to keep stock off any proposed walkway. Mr Williams reported that there was also concern with dogs and children clashing in the area. The Chair said he would be more than happy to revisit the proposal. It was agreed that the Engineering Manager represent the plans previously prepared.

### **URBAN WATER SUPPLY**

Mr Tindle referred to a matter raised by Cr Phillips at Councils meeting held on 17 June 2014 regarding the urban water supply from the Water Treatment Station being extended to serve two or three properties in the adjacent rural area. Mr Tindle advised that these properties are all metered. It was reported that the very end property now receives water out of their taps following the location of water leaks.

The Engineering Manager reported that this situation not only occurs along Rangiatea Road but also in locations such as Bluck Road, State Highway 31 and 39. He said arrangements have been made many years ago for water to be supplied to these areas. The Engineering Manager reported that in the case outlined by Cr Phillips a considerable amount of time was spent in

attempting to fix the situation, the cost of which will be on the Otorohanga Community. He said there is no obligation on the Community to supply these properties with water. The Engineering Manager reported that this issue raises the question of the length of pipes required to serve only a few properties. Cr Pilkington queried whether the rural properties are required to make a capital contribution. The Engineering Manager replied that the Community must be charged for this. He suggested that staff prepare a report on this matter covering the extent of the issue, number of properties involved, length of piping etc. Members were advised that this issue is not a 'one way street' as a number of pipes do go through rural property to serve the Community.

Cr Phillips' query was whether it would be possible to extent the Supply along Rangiatea Road to service two additional dairy sheds, the water utilised for the cleaning of the plant. The Engineering Manager advised that in order to progress this matter Council requires a formal expression of interest from the property owner following which a report will be prepared.

### **STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS**

In reply to Mr Williams query regarding a schedule of works for stormwater improvements, the Engineering Manager replied that this will need to be considered in a workshop situation.

### **ACTIVITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Chair referred Members to the Mini Golf Course being established on the former Croquet Club grounds and reported that the operators of this facility are putting a considerable amount of effort into its development. The Chair requested that the Board give consideration to funding completion of the Mountain Bike Track adjacent to this facility. It was agreed that the Engineering Manager, Board Member Dave Williams and other interested parties walk the existing bike track in order to ascertain what is required to complete the work and the costs involved.

### **HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY**

The Governance Supervisor reported that a Tenant in the Windsor Court Housing for the Elderly complex, has been given notice to terminate his tenancy effective from 1 July 2014.

### **MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting concluded at 5.17pm

### **CHAIRMAN:**

**DATE: 31 July 2014**