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Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, 17 Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga on 19 January 2017 commencing at 4.02pm

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PRESENT

Mr P McConnell, Mrs. K Christison, Mrs. EM Cowan, Mr N Gadd, Mr P Coventry

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs A Loe (Environmental Services Manager) R Brady (Engineering Manager), G Bunn (Finance and Administration Manager), CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor), M Lewis (Community Facilities Officer) & D Dowd (Executive Assistant)

APOLOGY

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

Mrs Cowan / Chair

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed those present.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

Resolved that the matter of the proposed roof extension to the Sir Edmund Hillary walkway be considered in general business which may require a resolution.

Mrs Cowan / Mr Coventry

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 1 DECEMBER 2016

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 1 December 2016 be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mrs Christison / Mrs Cowan

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair asked members whether they were aware of any situations where they could stand to make personal and / or monetary gains in any particular matter to be discussed at this meeting.

No such declarations of interest were received

ITEM 12 USE OF DONATION FROM WAIPA NETWORKS LIMITED

The Chair referred members to the Chief Executives report on the use of the donation from Waipa Networks and the results of the associated Community survey on this matter.

The Chair reported that the community survey was a very worthwhile exercise from which the Board obtained a result. He said several other issues were also identified however, at the end of the day the Board received a decision and now knows where it is going.

The Chair reported that some people responded in a colourful manner however, everyone has a right to express their views. He said the Reg Brett Reserve was the winner on the day.

The Chair referred to the recommended completion date of 30 June 2018 and suggested this be deleted as there is a need for the Board to discuss the proposal further with Project Kiwiana Committee members. He suggested this be held in a Workshop situation to enable the commencement of the next phase of the proposal and for Project Kiwiana Committee members to provide plans etc. which will have to meet various regulations. Mr Gadd agreed with the Chair that considerably more discussion needs to be held with the Project Kiwiana Committee.

The Chair said that once the proposal is worked through with the Committee then an appropriate timeframe can be put in place.

Mrs Cowan advised that the Project Kiwiana Committee is a 'middle' group and should the proposal go ahead it will be necessary to form a subcommittee. She said several people have indicated that they would like to be involved and that matters such as applications for funding, cleaning of the toilets etc. need to be worked through. Mrs Cowan expressed the opinion that any experienced landscaper could build off the concept plan for the area.

Mrs Cowan queried the opportunity for Board members to present to staff their ideas for consideration at estimates time. She felt that somewhere in the budget process there needs to be an opportunity for Board Members to put through concepts, ideas etc. into the estimates in order to programme forward.

The Chair referred to Council / Board's contribution to the proposal and reported that the previous Council / Board provided funding for the provision of a toilet on the Reg Brett Reserve costing approximately \$80,000 and budgeted for maintenance of \$30,000 per annum. He said therefore, the Council / Board have already provided a financial input into the project.

Mr Gadd stressed that external funding has to be sourced for the project.

The Finance and Administration Manager informed members that the project has to fit in with Councils Annual and Long Term Plans. He said there will be a new Long Term Plan giving the Board an opportunity for involvement.

Resolved that the Board confirms that the \$115,000 donation made to Council by Waipa Networks Limited is earmarked as a potential Council Contribution towards the development of a new Kiwiana themed children's playground at the Brett Reserve, provided that sufficient external funding is sourced by the group promoting the project to enable construction of an approved playground.

Chair / Mrs Christison.

ITEM 13 MATTERS REFERRED – 1 DECEMBER 2016

LIGHTING – VILLAGE GREEN

The Chair referred to the Board Members visit to the Village Green prior to Christmas and advised that a decision was made to ensure the lighting around the Library Building is up and running. He then referred to the lighting on the side of the reserve and informed members that this is referred to as "faded" lighting. The Chair further advised that it has been agreed for a light to be erected on a Maniapoto Street lamp post to shine back towards the Library building. He said Council will have the ability to turn this light off, when required.

The Community Facilities Officer reported that there is still an issue with one of the side pole lights as this keeps blowing bulbs therefore it could be a wiring fault. Members were informed that the cost of providing lighting is to be funded from the Sundry Reserves account.

GENERAL

EDMUND HILLARY WALKWAY

Mrs Cowan referred to the recent re-roofing of the walkway and reported that at times, this area is quite dark. She made mention of the reinstalling of some clear light panels and the deferring of the suggestion to extend the existing roof. Mrs Cowan then circulated photos she had taken of the walkway identifying the shadow lines currently being provided.

Mrs Cowan suggested that it would be desirable to carry out the extra work in order to protect the Kiwiana modules.

The Community Facilities Officer advised that staff are waiting to see the results of the reroofing before installing the clear light panels. He said there may be a need to install two or three opaque sheets at the O Café end of the walkway.

Mr Gadd expressed the opinion that the situation does not make sense to him as previously the clear light roofing was letting too much light in on the modules.

Mr Coventry queried whether the proposed extension to the roof will have more effect in making the area darker.

The Chair informed members that it is necessary for the Board to make the best decision now in order to protect the modules. He said the Board cannot keep putting money into this walkway.

Mrs Cowan suggested that the existing lights under the walkway be left on.

In reply to the Chair's suggestion that the Council's Community Facilities Officer come up with the best solution the Engineering Manager advised that rather than to use staff time, that skins be placed on the roof to see what result this provides. The chair queried how much this may cost and Mr Gadd expressed the opinion that this may not be as simple as first thought.

Following further discussion it was agreed that a decision needs to be made and for the Board to get the desired results right, the first time.

RAILWAY FENCE – WAHANUI CRESCENT

Mrs Cowan suggested that the existing fence be removed and the area cleared up and left open.

The Chair replied that a proposed fence has been suggested and funding allocated. It is just a matter of providing a different style of fence, such as a paling type. He said this would be a lot less expensive than the one proposed.

The Engineering Manager suggested that advice be sought from the appropriate Health and Safety people regarding removing the existing fence and leaving the area open.

PAINTBALL AREA – DOMAIN

Mrs Cowan queried whether the lease regarding the Paintball area of the Domain has ever been finalised.

In the absence of the Chief Executive it was agreed that this matter be placed on Matters Referred.

LOCAL BUSINESSES

Mr Gadd expressed the opinion that if Council wishes to assist outside businesses into town then it should have open discussion with existing businesses before any decisions are made. He referred in particular to the Motor Caravan Associations park at the end of Haerehuka Street.

Mr Gadd expressed the opinion that this procedure is basic, good manners and that Council / Board needs to be more transparent.

Mrs Christison also felt that affected neighbors in such situations should be consulted.

WEIR – RANGIATEA ROAD

Mrs Christison referred to the swimming / picnic area adjacent to the Weir off Rangiatea Road and reported that there is no rubbish collection facility there.

The Engineering Manager replied that there was a clear decision made by Council not to provide a refuse disposal bin.

Mrs Christison said she would also like to encourage Otorohanga to be a Plastic Bag free town.

CHAIR

The Chair reported that he has found the first three months as Chair of the Otorohanga Community Board very interesting and he has learnt a lot during this time. He thanked Board Members for their support and looked forward to working together during 2017.

LONG TERM PLAN

The Finance and Administration Manager referred to Council's Long Term Plan and the amendment it is having to undertake in respect to the proposed residential subdivision. He referred to the consultation document which will be audited commencing 31 January 2017. This will then go out for a 30 day submission period commencing mid to late February 2017. He said following the 30 day consultation period this will then have to be adopted by Council.

EDMUND HILLARY WALKWAY

Members agreed that they meet on site to discuss the matter of the extension of the roofing and lighting of the Edmund Hillary walkway this coming Monday 23 January 2017 at 2pm.

The meeting closed at 5.13pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____