



Otorohanga District Council  
Extraordinary Meeting

# MINUTES

1 MAY 2019

3pm

**Members of the Otorohanga District Council**

Mr. M Baxter (Mayor)  
Mrs. K Christison  
Mr. R Johnson  
Mrs. RA Klos  
Mr. P McConnell  
Mr. K Phillips  
Mrs. D Pilkington (Deputy Mayor)  
Mrs. A Williams

Meeting Secretary Mr. CA Tutty

# OTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held in the Council Chambers, 17 Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga on Tuesday 1 May 2019 commencing at 3pm

## MINUTES

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## **PRESENT**

Mr. MM Baxter (Mayor), Councillors K Christison, AJ Williams, R Johnson (attended 3.09pm), K Phillips, D Pilkington and P McConnell.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms. T Winter (Chief Executive) Messrs, R Brady (Engineering Manager), G Bunn (Corporate Services Manager), A Loe (Environmental Services Manager), CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor), M Lewis (Services Manager), J Le Fleming (Community Services Manager) and Ms T Ambury (Organisational & Community Development Manager),

His Worship declared the meeting open and welcomed Councillors, staff and members of the public.

## **APOLOGIES**

**Resolved** that the apology received from Councillor RA Klos and Councillor R Johnson (for lateness) be sustained.

## **Mayor / Councillor Pilkington**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

His Worship read the Opening Prayer

### **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Johnson being a Trustee of the Otorohanga Community Trust declared an interest in the item to be discussed however, it was agreed that Councillor Johnson participate in the discussion but abstain from voting on any resolution.

### **ITEM 367 IMPROVEMENTS TO OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY HALL (FORMERLY GIRL GUIDE HALL)**

The Engineering Manager referred members to his report advising that a decision is sought from Council on whether or not to proceed with the improvements to the Otorohanga Community Hall (former Girl Guide Hall).

The Engineering Manager highlighted four areas of concern in considering this matter being:

- 1) Only one quote was requested from the contractor already on site at the Medical Hub to carry out improvements to the Hall.
- 2) The level of haste ruled out consideration of other alternatives and their pricing options.
- 3) The use of the renovated facade would be for an indeterminate but temporary period / further strategic discussion required under the Long Term Plan process.
- 4) The ability to have the work carried out in time for the opening of the Otorohanga Medical Hub.

Councillor Phillips expressed his opinion that the hall be demolished and removed from the site. He queried whether it would pass the earthquake requirements.

The Environmental Services Manager replied that a profiling tool has been introduced to assess earthquake standard of buildings. He said he is of the opinion that this hall would pass.

There was discussion on whether a new multipurpose hall should be developed instead. It was agreed that this would be a matter to be discussed under the Long Term Plan process. The Chief Executive suggested that consideration be given to what Otorohanga currently has, the users, lifespan of the facilities and what the Community needs for the future.

Councillor McConnell said he needed to know where the proposed funding would be derived from.

The Corporate Services Manager replied that depreciation reserves are established by way of rates in order to create the reserve. He referred to the Parks and Reserves account and advised that this is District funded from rates.

**Resolved** that the physical works to the Otorohanga Community Hall (formally Girl Guide Hall) be put on hold to allow further consideration to be given to the future uses of the hall and the associated improvements required to support them.

## **His Worship / Councillor Pilkington**

His Worship moved an amendment that the physical works to the Otorohanga Community Hall (formally Girl Guides Hall) be put on hold to allow further consideration to be given to the future uses of the hall and the associated improvements required support them, within a six-month timeframe.

**His Worship / Councillor Christison**

When put the amendment was carried.

The meeting closed at 3.25pm