

Ōtorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

7 April 2022

4.07pm

In accordance with Ōtorohanga District Council's COVID-19 requirements,

THIS MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

and was livestreamed to Council's YouTube channel.

Members of the Ōtorohanga Community Board

Board Member N Gadd (Chair)
Board Member K Brown-Merrin
Board Member P Coventry

Board Member A Buckman
Councillor K Christison
Councillor R Dow

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Ōtorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Ōtorohanga District Council, 17 Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga on Thursday, 7 April 2022 commencing at 4.07pm.

Tanya Winter
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

13 April 2022

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PRESENT

In Chambers: Chairperson N Gadd (Chair), Board Member P Coventry and Councillor K Christison.

Via Zoom: Board Members K Brown-Merrin and A Buckman, and Councillor R Dow.

IN ATTENDANCE

In Chambers: His Worship the Mayor, M Baxter, T Winter (Chief Executive), R McNeil (Chief Advisor), A Loe (Group Manager Regulatory & Growth), N Gower (Group Manager Strategy & Community), G Bunn (Group Manager Business Enablement), B O'Callaghan (Manager Finance), and K King (Governance Manager).

Via Zoom: M Lewis (Group Manager Engineering & Assets).

Chairperson Gadd declared the meeting open at 4.07pm.

APOLOGIES

All members were present.

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items requested.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts declared.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no member of the public who had requested to be heard.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES — 3 MARCH 2022

RESOLVED: That the open minutes of the Ōtorohanga Community Board meeting held on 3 March 2022, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Councillor Christison | Councillor Dow

There were no matters arising.

CHAIRPERSON'S VERBAL REPORT

The Chairperson, N Gadd commented on the vibrancy of Ōtorohanga noting there were a number of activities planned over the next year the community were looking forward to. He advised a number of businesses were still seeking staff and the Employment Hub was assisting to connect workers with jobs.

Mr Gadd noted the local government elections were being held in October and encouraged people to consider standing for office. He recommended people who are considering standing to join the candidate's evenings held in July for more information.

ŌTOROHANGA TOWN CONCEPT PLAN PROJECT UPDATE

Council's Chief Advisor, R McNeil introduced Gary Marshall from Resilio Studios who are assisting in the town concept plan development. Mr McNeil noted the energy, passion and commitment to the community from attendees at several recent stakeholder engagement sessions.

Mr McNeil advised the next phase of the project would involve the Reslio team conducting two separate public sessions, expected to be on a Friday and Saturday in early May. A community information newsletter is under development outlining the timeframe and processes as well as the two engagement sessions. He advised this newsletter would be circulated to the entire town within the next few weeks. Mr McNeil advised Council communications staff were developing a dedicated webpage for the project and will promote the engagement sessions on social media. He noted that if people were not able to attend either session, there will be a survey. Physical copies and an online version will be available.

Mr McNeil noted two members of the Advisory Group had withdrawn as one had moved out of the district and the other had workload commitments.

Board Member, P Coventry spoke on the robust process which was well documented with milestones and was on track despite the challenging environment. Chairperson, N Gadd reiterated Mr Coventry's comments.

RESOLVED: That the Ōtorohanga Community Board receive the report titled 'Ōtorohanga town concept plan – project update' (document number 623219) from Ross McNeil, Chief Advisor.

Board Member Coventry | Councillor Christison

BOARD MEMBERS' UPDATE

Board Members provided the following updates to the meeting.

- Mr Coventry noted the installation of a bench on Mountain View Road under some trees by the Menz Shed.
- Ms Brown-Merrin advised a working group was being established to plan for a Matariki event which was raised by a member of the public last year. The event is anticipated to have stalls on 25 and 26 June and may be located at Rotary Park.

His Worship the Mayor, M Baxter advised he was working on the Rural Water Scheme's technical working group and noted the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs was very busy. He advised the Taskforce were frustrated with a lack of funding commitment for the 2022/23 financial year from central Government. He noted this uncertainty was resulting in Taskforce staff resigning across the country and accepting permanent jobs.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.21pm.