



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

22 July 2015

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on Wednesday 22 July 2015 commencing at 10.04am.

MINUTES

Minutes are unconfirmed and subject to amendment at the next meeting of Council.

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PRESENT

Mr MM Baxter (Mayor), Crs, RA Klos, RM Johnson, KC Phillips, DM Pilkington (Deputy Mayor), RJ Prescott, PD Tindle and AJ Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), GD Bunn (Finance & Administration Manager), AR Loe (Environmental Services Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

OPENING PRAYER

Cr Johnson read the Opening Prayer.

His Worship declared the meeting open and welcomed the Waitomo News reporter, member of the public, Councillors and staff.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 16 & 23 JUNE 2015

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings of the Otorohanga District Council held on 16 & 23 June 2015, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of those meetings.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Johnson

MATTERS ARISING

Cr Pilkington referred to the Federated Farmers submission to the Long Term Plan and suggested that clarification be forwarded to them regarding the data and graph supplied on the division of funding for services provided. The Finance & Administration Manager advised that he will email the representatives concerned.

Cr Pilkington queried with the Finance & Administration Manager whether any progress had been made on the matter of the Hauturu Hall Society seeking consideration to set up a separate rate to fund the hall. The Finance & Administration Manager advised that to date no further developments have occurred however, there is the opportunity to put something in place should this be required.

Cr Klos referred to the minutes of 23 June, page 8, regarding the disposal of tyres and requested that the first sentence be amended to read, 'with her environmental concerns' rather than 'with her beliefs'.

REPORTS

Item 219 OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES 21 MAY 2015

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 21 May 2015 be received.

Cr Prescott / Cr Tindle

Item 220 DISTRICT LIBRARIANS QUARTERLY REPORT FOR APRIL – JUNE 2015

Discussion

The District Librarian attended the meeting and presented her report.

The District Librarian, when speaking to the matter of an external wireless access point (WAP) being installed outside the Library building, advised that a quote has been received from an electrician of \$1100 to install the device. This would be in addition to the one-off cost of \$270 to purchase the device however, there would be no ongoing fees involved. His Worship said he endorsed the proposal.

His Worship referred to the issue of library memberships dropping and queried whether there are any libraries where membership is actually increasing. The District Librarian replied that in libraries where the population is growing or new library buildings are being erected then there is an increase in membership. She said some further growth may be obtained should the library staff be able to go out to the surrounding schools and /or include additional programmes to encourage people to come into the library. The District Librarian further advised that it is necessary for libraries to continually promote themselves and what they can provide.

Cr Phillips referred to the high cost provided by the electrician to install the external wireless access point. The District Librarian replied that this cost includes the hire of a lift necessary to complete the installation. Cr Klos queried with the District Librarian that when she visits other libraries does she see anything which she would like to bring back to Otorohanga. The District Librarian replied that it is difficult to see how some things could be applied here in Otorohanga however, childrens programmes are definitely a possibility.

In reply to Cr Tindle regarding the use of wifi and whether it was only library services that could be accessed, the District Librarian replied that a completely open wireless network is provided through APNK. Cr Tindle then queried whether this is being used as an opportunity to highlight activities, services, etc in Otorohanga. The District Librarian replied, no, this is a national branding and not designed for local information. She said such other information could be placed on the library website. Cr Tindle suggested that wifi could be used to communicate what is happening in Otorohanga. His Worship agreed and expressed the opinion this suggestion should be explored to allow community / district promotion. Cr Pilkington suggested that in an effort to promote library membership an item should be placed in the next Rates Newsletter.

Cr Williams highlighted The Lines Company sponsorship for such items as the installation of the external wireless access point.

Resolved

That the District Librarian's Quarterly Report for the period April to June 2015 be received.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Klos

Item 221 PLANNING REPORT FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2015

Discussion

The Environmental Services Manager summarised the Planning report for April to June 2015. He said within the past two weeks Council has received five subdivision applications.

Resolved

That the Planning report for April to June 2015 be received.

Cr Prescott / Cr Tindle

ROADING MANAGER

Council's Roading Manager, Mr Martin Gould, attended the meeting at 10.27 am.

Item 222 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2015

Discussion

The Environmental Services Manager summarised the Animal Control Officer's report for April to June 2015.

With regard to the impounding of stock, the Environmental Services Manager advised that the Otorohanga Pound can allocate a NAIT tag in order to sell or dispose of stock.

Resolved

That the Environmental Services Manager's report on Dog and Animal Control for April to June 2015 be received.

Cr Phillips / Cr Pilkington

**Item 223 MAKING OF STRUCTURES AND WORKS IN PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW
2015**

Discussion

The Chief Executive presented a report on the proposal to make a new Bylaw which was notified for public submissions on 21 May 2015 with the period for submissions closing on 26 June 2015. He confirmed that no submissions have been received. The Chief Executive reported that letters were forwarded to all property owners in Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga and Jervois/Omimiti Streets, Kawhia.

Cr Pilkington advised that the proposal was considered by both the Otorohanga and Kawhia Community Boards.

Resolved

The Otorohanga District Council Structures and Works in Public Places Bylaw 2015 is made in accordance with the Statement of Proposal, and shall come into immediate effect.

His Worship / Cr Prescott

Item 224 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY FOR ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Discussion

The Roding Manager presented a report informing Members that a recent independent survey of the levels of resident satisfaction in activities for roads and footpaths in each district across the Waikato region has been undertaken, and provides useful information for Council to inform future discussions around setting levels of service. He said the survey was undertaken by telephone and aimed at certain age brackets. He said the results look good for the roading area of the Otorohanga District. The Chief Executive advised that the Roding Manager is understating the situation and that the results were outstanding for Otorohanga. He congratulated Council's Roding team on this achievement. Cr Pilkington endorsed the Chief Executives comments and also extended congratulations to Council's Roding team. Cr Phillips queried whether the results were in line with Council's current thinking. The Roding Manager replied that he thought it was pretty much in line and that the results highlighted what is important for Council's customers. In reply to Cr Phillips, the Roding Manager advised that this survey covered just the Waikato region however, other regions may undertake a similar survey in the future. He said funding is provided by NZTA for this purpose.

Resolved

That the Roding Manager's report be received.

Cr Pilkington / Cr Johnson

**Item 225 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - TARGA NEW
ZEALAND 2015**

Discussion

The Chief Executive summarised the Engineering Support Officer's report advising that an application has been received from Club Targa Inc for various road closures within the Otorohanga District to enable the Targa NZ 2015 event and associated activities to proceed. In reply to Cr Pilkington regarding when information drops were carried out, the Chief Executive replied that this would probably be approximately one month prior to the roads being closed.

Resolved

That approval be granted for the following road closures, including 50 metres of each adjoining road, from where it intersects with the road being applied for:

Purpose: Targa New Zealand 2015

Date: Tuesday, 27 October 2015

Details of Closure: **Stage – Turitea**

TURITEA ROAD – starting 260 metres from its intersection with SH31 (Kawhia Road), to its intersection with Honikiwi Road.

HONIKIWI ROAD – from its intersection with Turitea Road, to its intersection with Mangamahoe Road.

MANGAMAHOE ROAD – from its intersection with Honikiwi Road to finish at its intersection with SH31.

Includes intersections with Bromley Road (no exit) and Te Raumauku Road (no exit).

Period of Closure: 8.20am to 12.20pm

Stage – Waitomo

HAURUA ROAD – from the district boundary to its intersection with Waitomo Valley Road.

WAITOMO VALLEY ROAD – from its intersection with Hauroa Road, to the district boundary.

Period of Closure: 9.10am to 3.40pm

Stage – Otewa

WHAWHARUA ROAD – from its intersection with Puketawai Road, to its intersection with Mangawhero and Tahaia Roads.

TAHAIA ROAD – from its intersection with Whawharua and Mangawhero Roads, to its intersection with Otewa Road.

OTEWA ROAD – from its intersection with Tahaia Road, to its intersection with Barber Road.

BARBER ROAD – from its intersection with Otewa Road to the district boundary.

Includes intersections with Smith Road, Veale Road, Bush Road and Shank Road.

Period of Closure: 9.45am to 4.15pm

Stage – Kawhia

HARBOUR ROAD – starting 260m from its intersection with SH31, to the district boundary.

Includes intersections with Te Kauri Road (no exit), Bernsten Road (no exit), Kihi Road (no exit), Hauturu Road, Rakaunui Road (no exit), Whanuaapo Road (no exit), Grey Road (no exit), Hikuparea Road (no exit), Owhiro Road (no exit), Waipuna Road (no exit) and Brown Road (no exit).

Period of Closure: 2.05pm to 6.05pm

With the following conditions imposed:

1. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.

2. Club Targa Inc is to pay an application fee of \$400.00 towards administration of the road closure to Otorohanga District Council.
3. Club Targa Inc is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News.
4. Club Targa Inc is responsible for obtaining public liability insurance (and paying the cost thereof) to a minimum value of \$2,000,000. This is required to indemnify Council against any damage to property or persons as a result of rally activities during the road closure period.
5. Club Targa Inc is to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
6. Club Targa Inc is to liaise, and provide evidence of liaison with all operators and businesses that may be affected by the road closures.
7. Club Targa Inc is to consult with all residents of all properties on the roads intended to be closed and also residents on roads connecting with the roads intending to be closed, including any no exit roads. Mail drops to residents are also to be carried out. All mail drops to residents are to be approved by Council staff before distribution to residents commences and must include the date that objections close with Council. The subsequent mail drop is to be completed no later than ten full days before the proposed closures.
8. Club Targa Inc is solely responsible for signposting and policing of the roads to be closed, to ensure that only vehicles connected with the Rally have access to the road closure areas. This includes arranging the delivery, erection and staffing of all road closure barriers and the removal thereof after closures. All gates and entranceways are to be taped and tape is to be removed thereafter.
9. Signs advising of the road closures are to be erected at the start and end of the closed portions of roads and on each intersecting road two weeks prior to the road closure. All signs are to be removed immediately after the closure. A Club Targa representative is to meet with Council Engineering Staff regarding the required signs format, size, location and quantity of signs for approval before they are manufactured and erected.

Cr Phillips / His Worship

Item 226 WAIKATO REGIONAL AIRPORT LTD – STATEMENT OF INTENT 2015

Discussion

The Chief Executive referred Members to the Waikato Regional Airport Ltd's Statement of Intent 2015 and advised that this is presented to make Councillors aware of how the Company intends to manage their activities in the future. He said the Company is now focusing on being a regional airport, but still is far from being in a profitable situation.

Resolved

That Waikato Regional Airport Ltd Statement of Intent 2015 be received.

Cr Prescott / Cr Tindle

Item 227 ODC MATTERS REFERRED FROM 16 JUNE 2015

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

RURAL HEALTH ALLIANCE

Members were informed that Council is still waiting for further information to enable it to consider whether to make a contribution to the Rural Health Alliance.

RANGINUI RURAL WATER SUPPLY

The Chief Executive advised that the Engineering Manager has almost completed a report for consideration by the Ranginui Rural Water Supply Committee regarding the future options available for the Scheme.

ENTRANCE SIGN – WAIPAPA ROAD

The Chief Executive reported that the proposal for an entrance sign to be erected on Waipapa Road is waiting on the return of Consultant Mr David Walmsley from overseas.

GENERAL

WIFI HOTSPOT

Cr Prescott queried what is happening in regards to the installation of a wifi hotspot. The Chief Executive replied that he had not heard anything further however, he will follow the matter up with Council's Community Facilities Officer.

OTOROHANGA RESERVE (VILLAGE GREEN)

Cr Prescott reported on the condition of the Village Green, in particular to the overflowing of the rubbish bins and rubbish located in the gardens. The Chief Executive replied that the rubbish disposal contractor and Council's Litter Control Officer do not work in such garden areas over the weekends therefore keeping this area tidy could be challenging.

SPORT SUPPORT CONTESTABLE FUND

Cr Phillips referred to the proposed Contestable Fund and asked whether the article in Council's Newsletter is all the advertising that is to take place. The Chief Executive replied that perhaps a further advertisement could be placed in the local newspaper and letters written to the individual sporting clubs. The Chief Executive reported that this funding opportunity needs to be considered by a sub-committee of Council and that Council's Finance & Administration Manager will oversee the process with Elected Members responsible for the allocation of funding. He reported that no set criteria has been defined however, the funding is available to assist clubs that have critical sustainability. The Chief Executive said it will be necessary for the sub-committee to establish some guidelines and that annual grants are not to exceed a total of \$4,000 for any one club. He suggested that any funding approved would be for a three year period rather than annually. Cr Pilkington sought confirmation that the funding is available to all sporting clubs across the district. The Finance & Administration Manager reported that a mailout will be made to the various sports clubs throughout the district informing them of the funding available. Cr Klos queried what type of club may apply for funding. The Chief Executive replied a registered club and one that is able to provide reviewed accounts. Cr Pilkington requested that information regarding the contestable fund be made available at the Kawhia Community Board meeting to be held Friday 24 July 2015.

MCDONALDS LIME

Cr Pilkington informed Members that last week she met with the new owners of McDonald's Lime. She said this was very interesting and that the new owners appear as though they will be good contributors to the district.

His Worship reported that he had met with family representatives of the Canadian Company Graymont which has purchased McDonald's Lime. He was informed that no family members are allowed to work in the facility, they take part in its governance. His Worship said the new owners appear to be very much community orientated and that they will be putting a substantial amount of money into the facility to enable it to be sustainable for the next 30-50 years.

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Cr Pilkington informed Members that the next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday 29 July 2015.

KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD

Cr Pilkington advised Members that the next meeting of the Kawhia Community Board will be held this, Friday 24 July 2015.

AROHENA SCHOOL – ULTRA FAST BROADBAND

Cr Klos reported that the Ultrafast Broadband contractors have installed cabling up to the Arohena school but this has not been connected. She said no supplier has been contacted, and queried whether Council could assist in getting this connected to the school. His Worship referred to the situation that took place in Progress Park and advised that the contractor is not contracted to make this final connection. Cr Klos queried whether Council would be able to add some weight to enable this connection to take place. His Worship agreed to contact the local Member of Parliament regarding this matter.

RAUKAWA MAORI TRUST BOARD

Cr Klos reported that she attended a Raukawa Maori Trust Board Joint Management Agreement meeting along with His Worship and Council's Environmental Services Manager. She said Council does have a signed Joint Management Agreement with the Board. Cr Klos reported that she has been involved with Maori Development and attended a Maniapoto Maori Trust Board seminar recently. She said she was very impressed with the seminar, the purpose of which is to ensure their people can maximise the use of their land. She said the Trust has engaged with at least six Crown research institutes rather than involving consultants. Cr Klos further advised that their intention is to help individual iwi/groups to ascertain the types of industries they could get involved in.

His Worship said he agreed with what the South Waikato District Council is doing however, the Iwi hub is situated in Tokoroa. He advised that the committee were concerned with this Council's level of engagement with them. He said he pointed out however, that they could as easily approach Council.

COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cr Williams referred to the matter of encouraging people to use Council's website and congratulated the Customer Services Officer Mrs Jo Morrissey on the excellent service she gave a customer who had come into the Office after leaving a message on Council's after hours service.

LGNZ CONFERENCE REMITS

His Worship reported that there were four remits approved by the Remit Screening Committee for consideration at the conference. These being –

1. Smoke free outdoor hospitality areas – 70 percent against - failed.
2. Plastic shopping bag levies – 100 percent for - carried
3. Water and Wastewater Subsidy Scheme – 100 percent for - carried
4. Rates on Crown land – 98 percent for – carried.

His Worship reported on how local bars and clubs are struggling and to place another restriction on their activity through an outdoor smoking ban would only make it harder for them to operate.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING REVIEW

His Worship referred Members to a Local Government Funding Review 10 point plan, incentivising economic growth and strong local communities. He advised that LGNZ has distilled four key themes which summarise what NZ communities want from Local Government, and specifically from a Local Government Funding regime –

1. An effective partnership between Local and Central Government
2. Recognition of the value of the private sector and community
3. A Local Government which is open to innovative service delivery funding and financing
4. A diverse set of funding tools for NZ communities.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

His Worship reported on his attendance at the Local Government conference held in Rotorua 19-22 July. He said it was a good opportunity to catch up with other Council representatives. His Worship reported on the recent flooding in the Wanganui/Rangitikei area and advised that this damage is estimated to amount to approximately \$20M in order for a substantial amount of infrastructure to be rebuilt.

OTOROHANGA SPORTS HUB

The Chief Executive reported on a meeting held last week with representatives of local sports clubs whereat there was a general acceptance that a substantial community sports hub cannot be justified. He said it was agreed to establish a working group to explore other sports and recreation support options which will need to involve Elected Members. The Chief Executive asked whether any Members were interested in being a part of this working group. Crs Tindle and Phillips put forward their names. The Chief Executive reported that a Sport Waikato Coordinator will also form part of this working group however, areas like Kawhia and the outer rural areas may have different issues to those in Otorohanga. He said separate conversations will therefore be necessary. Cr Pilkington thanked the Chief Executive for progressing this matter.

AIR NZ

His Worship reported on discussion he had had recently with the Chief Executive of Air NZ and advised that it is understandable why Air NZ is pulling out of regional airports. He said this action depends on the size of the planes and the number of customers. As a result this allows capacity for other airlines to be involved.

RURAL BROADBAND

The Finance & Administration Manager reported that Council has submitted a Registration of Interest for Rural Broadband and a Digital Enablement Plan will be forwarded in September 2015.

MATES MENS NETWORK

Mr Kerry Babbage, Chief Executive of MATES Mens Network, attended the meeting and made a presentation to Council. Mr Babbage reported that his organisation is establishing a centre in Otorohanga aimed at providing a safe environment for men by creating role models within the community.

His Worship referred to the Maniapoto Family Violence Intervention Network and queried whether this organisation would be working with them. Cr Pilkington asked whether the MATES organisation would have a physical presence in Otorohanga. Mr Babbage replied that he will use the local Police in an endeavor to find suitable men to step forward for training to reach out to other men. He said his organisation will carry out a launch here and attempt to get the community involved. This will be via advertising, ongoing publicity and marketing.

Cr Klos reported on a couple of cases where assistance was required however, it was very difficult to engage with the people concerned.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 12.02pm.

MAYOR:

DATE: 18 August 2015