



Otorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

14 February 2013

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 14 February 2013 commencing at 4.00pm.

MINUTES

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

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PRESENT

Mr R Prescott (Chair), Mrs EM Cowan, Mrs AC Laws, Mr AG Ormsby and Mr DR Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr DC Clibbery (Chief Executive & Engineering Manager), Ms D Tautari (Community Facilities Officer) and Mr CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

APOLOGY

Resolved that the apology received from Mr PD Tindle be sustained.

Mrs Cowan / Mrs Laws

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed those present. He hoped all Members had an enjoyable Christmas/New Year break.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 13 DECEMBER 2012

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 13 December 2012, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr Williams / Mrs Cowan

REPORTS

Item 122 QUOTE TO PLANT OUT DOMAIN LAND OFF TRAPSKI DRIVE

Discussion

The Community Facilities Officer presented a report advising that a quote has been received to plant out the area of land at the bottom of Trapski Drive, as requested by the Board at their meeting held 8 November 2012.

The Officer reported that the provision of fencing had been suggested by the Consultant. Mr Williams expressed the opinion there is no need to fence the area should it be planted out. Mrs Cowan queried whether the Otorohanga Netball Association had been consulted on the proposal. Mr Ormsby felt, as the Netball Association is on the neighbouring property, the proposal should be discussed with them along with the proposed plan for the area. The Officer reported that discussions have been held with Mr Michael Crook of the Association who also felt there is no need to fence the area. The Officer undertook to forward to Members the planting plan.

Resolved

That a budget allocation in accordance with this report, excluding fencing, be included in the Budget Estimate process.

Mrs Cowan / Mr Williams

**Item 123 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - ANZAC
COMMEMORATIONS**

Discussion

Members were referred to the Engineering Support Officer's report advising that Council is required to apply for road closures within the Otorohanga Community to enable the Otorohanga ANZAC Day Commemorations to proceed on Thursday 25 April 2013.

Resolved

That approval be granted for the following road closures:

Purpose: Anzac Day Commemorations

Date: Thursday, 25 April 2013

Periods of Closure: 5.45am to 6.45am; AND 9.45am to 10.45am.

Details of Closure: **STATE HIGHWAY 3 / MANIAPOTO STREET**, from the northern entrance of Huiputea Drive to its intersection with Te Kanawa Street;
KAKAMUTU ROAD, from Maniapoto Street to its intersection with Turongo Street
GRADARA AVENUE, from Kakamutu Road to its intersection with Summit Drive.
RANFURLY STREET, east end from its intersection with Maniapoto Street to end
COWLEY LANE – entire length
WAHANUI CRESCENT – entire length
WHITTINGTON LANE – entire length

Detour: Will be by way of Huiputea Drive.

The road closure will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Council must comply with the objection provisions as contained within the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
2. No objections are received from the NZ Police Department or NZ Transport Agency.
3. During the proposed period of road closures, emergency services will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
4. Council is to notify the local information centre, bus and taxi operators, and affected businesses and residents of the closures.
5. Council is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News.
6. 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.

Chair / Mrs Laws

Item 124 DRAFT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2012

Discussion

The District Accountant attended the meeting and presented the Draft Management Accounts for the Otorohanga Community Board for the period ended 31 December 2012.

OTOROHANGA/WAIPA TREATMENT STATION

Mr Williams referred to the activity Operations Expenditure in the Otorohanga/Waipā Treatment Station account and queried why this is so high. The Engineering Manager replied that due to the state of this account staff will be closely monitoring the situation.

SEWERAGE TREATMENT & RETICULATION

Mr Williams queried if the measurements are satisfactory in relation to the oxidation ponds. The Engineering Manager replied that consent conditions are based on average values and hence, an occasional high reading is acceptable however, ammonia is reading higher than expected. He advised that the Consultant is investigating the matter. The Engineering Manager further advised that a number of the plants have dried off and it was estimated that the work carried out would take a year to settle. Mrs Cowan expressed the opinion that the ammonia reading may be high due to some products not degrading.

FLOOD PROTECTION

In reply to Mr Williams the Engineering Manager advised that the upgrade work has commenced on the weir and that Council is currently tendering the work required on the top of the stopbanks. It was agreed that the work being done on the weir should be communicated to the local iwi.

Resolved

That the Draft Management Accounts for the Otorohanga Community Board for the period ended 31 December 2012 be received.

Mr Williams / Mrs Laws

Item 125 OCB MATTERS REFERRED 13 DECEMBER 2012

Discussion

ROGER BRADY WORKSHOP

The Chair circulated notes taken from a workshop meeting with Mr Brady held 14 September 2011. It was agreed that this item dated 9 August 2012 be deleted from Matters Referred.

As Mr Tindle was not present at the meeting the item under his name dated 11 October 2012 regarding the Otorohanga Reserve will remain on Matters Referred.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTANT

The District Account left the meeting at 4.40pm

GENERAL

VACANT HOUSES

Mr Ormsby reported there are a number of empty houses on the market in Otorohanga which are being marketed very cheaply. He queried whether Council should consider purchasing some of these for the future. Mr Ormsby expressed the opinion, with the large number of empty properties, this lowers the image of the town. The Chair expressed the opinion that Council

would not wish to be landlords. The Chief Executive referred to Central Governments' stance on Local Authority's core business and felt that this would not be one of them.

REG BRETT RESERVE

Mrs Cowan referred to the recent on-site meeting at the Reg Brett Reserve regarding the proposal to erect a Kiwiana Playground and said it was agreed that a Community Workshop be held. She reported this has been scheduled for 20 March 2013 at 7.00pm at the Tuatara Room at the Kiwi House.

The Community Facilities Officer reported that the drinking fountain at in the Reg Brett Reserve has been vandalised again. The Officer queried whether the provision of this drinking fountain should be put to those people involved in the Kiwiana Playground proposal and/or whether it would be desirable to bring the existing fountain into the centre of the area. The Engineering Manager felt that this should be repaired now and the matter re-assessed later.

OFFICIAL OPENING – TUATARA ROOM, OTOROHANGA KIWI HOUSE

Mrs Cowan extended an invitation to Members to attend the Official Opening of the Tuatara Room at the Kiwi House to be held on 28 February 2013, 5.30pm.

ROTARY PARK

Mrs Cowan reported a request has been received for the Board to consider increasing the number of table/seating at Rotary Park in the vicinity of the barbecue. She said in discussions with Council's Community Facilities Officer it was agreed that another four units could be installed. Mrs Cowan suggested that this request be considered in the forthcoming budgets. Members agreed that this area is coming together very nicely.

In discussion with the Community Facilities Officer it was agreed that at a cost of \$1600 per unit plus installation the Board would be looking at a cost of \$2000 per unit. It was agreed that placement of an additional three tables/seating be considered in the budget process.

NORTHERN OVERHEAD RAILWAY BRIDGE

Reference was made to the painting of the northern overhead railway bridge and Members were advised that Council's Roading Manager is waiting for advice from the Waikeria Prison work crew as to a suitable date. Once this is received Transfield Services will arrange the Traffic Management to carry out the work.

OTOROHANGA KIWI HOUSE

Mrs Cowan reported that the Manager of the Otorohanga Kiwi House, Mr Paul Stuart-Higgs, has resigned with effect from 1 April 2013. She said a recruitment procedure is in place with some interest being shown in the position. Mrs Cowan advised that a very strong progressive Committee is in place along with the development of the facility.

OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY

Mrs Laws reported that the Otorohanga Community is looking very tidy and people appear to be committed to its progress.

BOB HORSFALL RESERVE

Mr Williams reported that Mr John Haddad had approached him regarding the trees in the Bob Horsfall Reserve and their effect on the sight lines. Mr Williams queried whether the Board is happy for him to have discussions with Mr Haddad regarding this matter. The Engineering Manager advised that Council's Services Manager has undertaken to discuss the matter of the sight lines with Mr Haddad in the near future.

In reply to the Chair the Engineering Manager reported that one end of the swing bridge has been cut down and lowered. It was agreed the bridge is to be left in its present position.

Mr Williams reported that good progress has been made on the lower bridge in the Bob Horsfall Reserve with the piles and bearers having been installed and it is now in a position to place the treads on top.

DEVELOPMENT OF ROTARY PARK

Mr Williams referred to a recent meeting of the Otorohanga Rotary Club regarding ideas for the development of Rotary Park which he said had been forwarded to Council's Services Manager. Mr Williams advised he had been asked to coordinate this matter with the Rotary Club. Mrs Cowan suggested that the Kiwi House also be involved in any proposals to develop the park.

OTOROHANGA RESERVE (VILLAGE GREEN)

The Community Facilities Officer referred to the lighting of the Village Green and reported that a new trench and electrical line has been put in place. She said all the lighting is now working except that highlighting the kiwi statues. Mrs Cowan queried whether it is necessary to light up the kiwis. The Chair undertook to have a look around the area in the evening to assess whether this is sufficiently lit to avoid encouraging undesirables to congregate in the area.

OTOROHANGA TIMBER COMPANY

The Chief Executive extended an invitation on behalf of the Otorohanga Timber Company to Members to visit their facility along with Council on Tuesday 19 February 2013 at 1.00pm. He said lunch and refreshments will be provided.

BEATTIE HOME

Members were informed of the forthcoming 25th Anniversary of Beattie Home which will be open to members of the public.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 5.12pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 14 March 2013