



Otorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

14 March 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 March 2013 commencing at 4.00pm.

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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, Mr PD Tindle and Mr DR Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr DC Clibbery (Chief Executive & Engineering Manager), Ms D Tautari (Community Facilities Officer (attended 4.05pm) and Mr CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

APOLOGY

Resolved that the apology received from His Worship the Mayor Mr DF Williams, be sustained.

Mrs Laws / Mrs Cowan

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 14 FEBRUARY 2013

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 14 February 2013, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mrs Laws / Chair

REPORTS

Item 126 HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY – REVIEW OF RENTALS

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor presented a report on the review of the Housing for the Elderly rentals in Elizabeth Place and Windsor Court, Otorohanga.

Resolved

That rental charged for the Housing for the Elderly units in Otorohanga be increased to –

Single	\$78.50 per week.
Double	\$112 per week.

These being effective from 1 July 2013.

Mrs Laws / Mrs Cowan

Item 127 VARIATION #2 TO MOWING CONTRACT 976

Discussion

The Community Facilities Officer presented a report informing Members that Council owns a strip of land between 53 and 55 Phillips Avenue. She said the two bordering neighbours have requested Council to mow this area between their properties. The Engineering Manager confirmed that this strip is Council owned land adjacent to their properties. The Chair reported that the one of the property owners has his dog kennels placed on this strip of Council land up towards the back under the trees.

Members agreed that the Chair approach the property owners concerned regarding this matter for report back to the Board.

Resolved

That the Community Facilities Officer's report be received.

Mr Ormsby / Mr Tindle

Item 128 CLARIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF ILLUMINATED CROSS/STAR STRUCTURE

Discussion

The Community Facilities Officer informed Members that confirmation is required that Council accepts ownership of the illuminated cross/star on River Control Reserve. The Officer referred to information on file at the time the illuminated cross/star was erected however, other than a letter on behalf of the Board accepting the gift from The Lines Company, there is no confirmation as to its ownership.

Members questioned the cost of new light bulbs at \$40 per bulb. The Chair suggested that Council's electrical contractor be requested to confirm the costs of the bulbs required. Members felt that staff should go back to The Lines Company regarding the ownership of this structure and to obtain their understanding of the maintenance required.

Resolved

That the Otorohanga Community Board confirms that Council accepts ownership of the illuminated cross/star and that details of other aspects of the arrangement be clarified with The Lines Company.

Mr Williams / Mr Tindle

Item 129 SEWER CONNECTION – FARE VUE LANE

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented the Finance & Administration Manager's report advising that property owners have recently connected their property on Fare Vue Lane to the Otorohanga sewer. He said there were some difficulties in connecting to the sewer and as the owners have been paying sewerage rates since 1997, it is recommended by staff that Council contribute 50 percent of the cost of connection. Mrs Cowan questioned why the recommendation suggested only 50 percent of the cost of the connection be refunded. Mr Williams replied that the property owners could have had the service, it was available. The Engineering Manager confirmed that the sewer is now there for the property owners to connect to. In reply to Mr Tindle as to how many other properties have been charged sewerage rates without actually being connected to the system, the Engineering Manager replied fewer than ten.

Resolved

That Council pay 50 percent of the cost amounting to \$1951.35 for connecting the relevant property at Fare Vue Lane to the Otorohanga Sewerage Scheme.

Chair / Mr Williams

Item 130 OCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 14 FEBRUARY 2013

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

LIBRARY LIGHTING

The Chair reported on his inspection of the area around the Library entrance at night to ensure this is adequately lit and advised that the lighting in the entrance way is good however, when you come back towards Maniapoto Street the lighting on both sides of the Reserve is reduced by trees. He suggested that the trees concerned be pruned or the existing lights relocated. Mrs Cowan expressed the opinion that one of the trees is not really suitable for the area. Mr Tindle queried whether there is sufficient lighting in this area and whether the Board should perhaps look at increasing this to provide a clean, well lit area.

It was agreed that the one tree be removed completely and in consultation with Rosemary Davison the other tree be assessed for pruning.

OVERHEAD STRUCTURE – OTOROHANGA RESERVE

Mr Tindle reported he had received no satisfaction when contacting the companies who may make some form of removable overhead structure for the Otorohanga Reserve. He felt that the Board should not move forward on this suggestion as Consents and all sorts of requirements would be necessary for such a structure to be erected.

PLANTING PLAN – TRAPSKI DRIVE

The Community Facilities Officer reported she had issued a works order to Rosemary Davison to draw up a planting plan for the area of land at the bottom of Trapski Drive.

GENERAL

OTOROHANGA KIWI HOUSE

Mrs Cowan informed Members that tomorrow three candidates for the position of Manager at the Kiwi House will be interviewed, followed by final interviews on 20 March 2013. She reported that the present Manager leaves on 1 April 2013.

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Mrs Cowan reported that the Otorohanga District Development Board is currently looking at re-designing the Kiwiana website to provide a fresh new look. She said this is an extremely important resource.

COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY

In reply to Mr Williams regarding the current situation with the Otorohanga Community water supply, the Engineering Manager advised that a courtesy request has been made for people to conserve water. He said the current water storage is ok at the present time. Mr Ormsby expressed the opinion that the situation is fairly serious in the rural sector. The Engineering Manager advised that all the Water Supply Schemes are taking a good amount of water however, there is a small buffer available.

BOB HORSFALL RESERVE

Mr Williams informed Members that the Otorohanga Lions Club have completed the new bridge in the Bob Horsfall Reserve and is currently looking at upgrading the approach tracks. He said the Club has contributed \$700 towards the project.

It was agreed that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to the Otorohanga Lions Club for their supply of materials and labour to carry out this project.

OTOROHANGA ROTARY PARK

Mr Williams confirmed that following a workshop he forwarded notes of the outcome to Council's Services Manager for an action plan for the area to be prepared. He said this has not been received therefore he has taken over the preparation of this plan. Mr Williams reported that a meeting has been held recently with Rotary and the site looked at. He said it has been agreed that the first job to be undertaken will be the repair of the steps right up at the top of the Park.

STATE HIGHWAY BRIDGES

Mr Tindle referred to the recent waterblasting and repainting of the northend overhead rail bridge and reported that this now looks fairly good. Mrs Cowan suggested that enquiries be made with Transit NZ regarding the other bridges on State Highway 3. She referred to the current

upgrading of a bridge in Ngaruawahia. The Engineering Manager replied that Transit have been asked before and they have advised that these are their bridges and they will manage them as they wish.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 5.00pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 11 April 2013