



Otorohanga Community Board

AGENDA

12 September 2013

Members of the Otorohanga Community Board

Mr R Prescott (Chair)
Mrs EM Cowan (Deputy Chair)
Mrs AC Laws
Mr AG Ormsby
Mr PD Tindle
Mr DR Williams

Meeting Secretary: Mr CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor)

OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD

12 September 2013

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board will be held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on Thursday 12 September commencing at 4.00pm.

5 September 2013

DC Clibbery
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Item 145 PROPOSED FIBRE OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION

To: **Chairman and Members
Otorohanga Community Board**

From: **Chief Executive**

Date: **12 September 2013**

Relevant Community Outcomes

- Ensure services and facilities meet the needs of the Community
 - Promote the local economy and opportunities for sustainable economic development
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Executive Summary

The Otorohanga District Development Board (ODDB) has proposed the installation of a fibre optic cable along Progress Drive, part of Huiputea Drive and the lower section of Main North Road that would enable businesses in those locations to access high-speed broadband internet should they wish to do so.

It is being suggested that the installation of the cable (at a total cost of up to \$55,000 +GST) is equally funded by the ODDB and the Otorohanga Community Board.

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that:

Subject to favourable consideration by Council of matters of process and principle, a contribution of \$27,500 + GST shall be made towards a joint ODDB / OCB project to install fibre optic cable that will enable properties on Progress Drive, part of Huiputea Drive and the southern section of Main North Road to access high speed broadband internet services.

The contribution shall be funded from the Otorohanga Community Special Reserve Account.

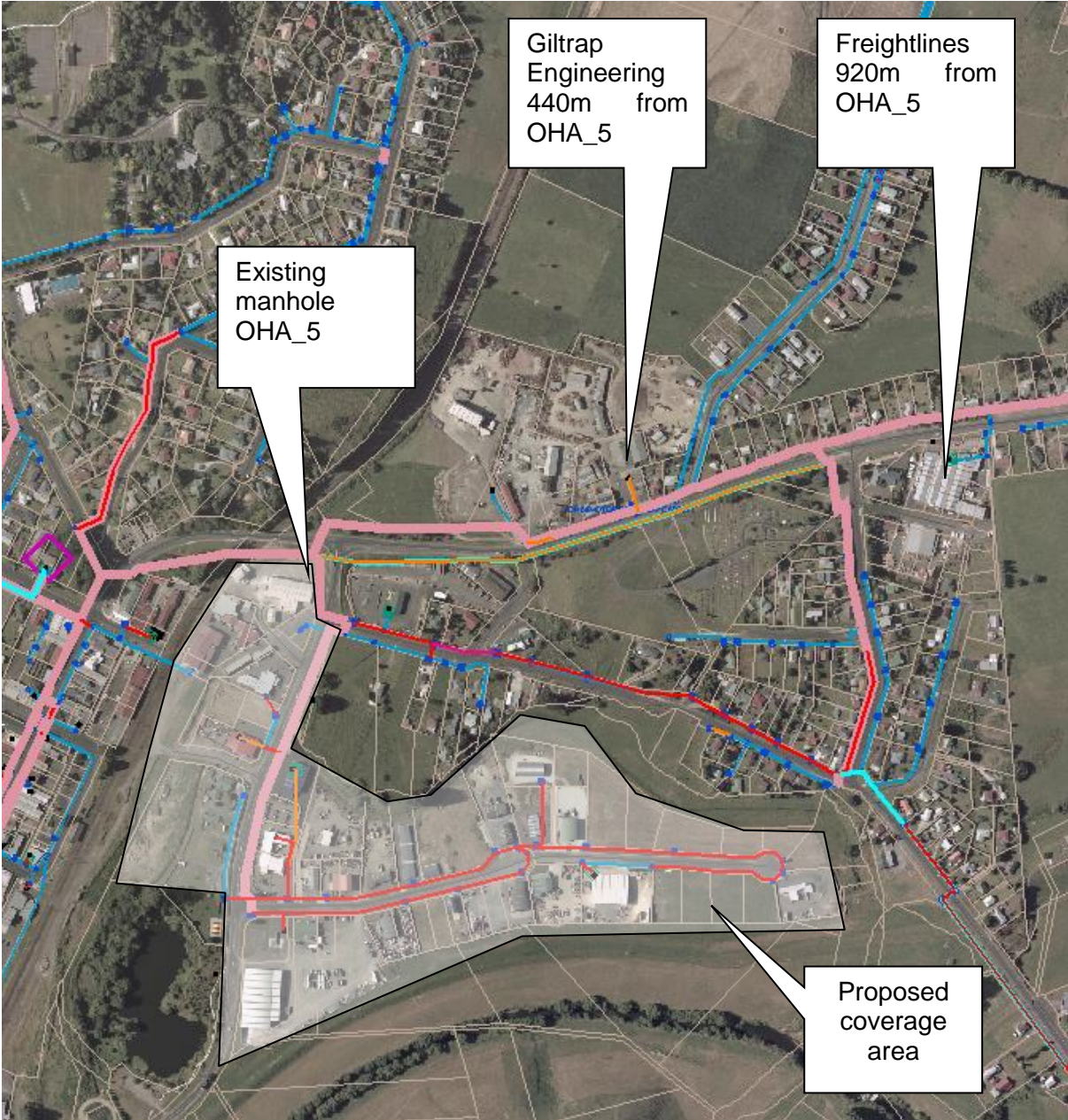
Report Discussion

Representatives of the Otorohanga District Development Board attended the committee meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board on 28 August to discuss a proposal to install a fibre optic cable along Progress Drive, part of Huiputea Drive and the lower section of Main North Road that would enable businesses in those locations to access high-speed broadband internet should they wish to do so. The areas to be served are shown on the plan overleaf.

The Board was advised that a price of \$51,600 had been quoted for the installation of such a cable in April 2013, and the ODDB was proposing that this cost (or a slightly higher cost, since the original quote is no longer current) would be jointly funded (perhaps on a 50:50 basis) by the ODDB and OCB. Businesses would only pay for the cost of their connection to the new cable, if they chose to connect.

The ODDB representatives indicated that the quotation obtained for the installation of the cable is considered to be reasonable, and they would therefore like to move relatively quickly on it.

It is understood that informal consultation with business owners in that area has indicated that only a minority currently saw sufficient value in the availability of high speed internet to be willing to contribute towards the cost of the infrastructure beyond the cost of their own connection to it.



The potential benefits of such new infrastructure was recognised by the OCB, but it was also recognised that the proposal as presented is unusual in terms of the distribution of costs and benefits, and that some caution needed to be exercised in the consideration of it.

Whilst the Otorohanga Community has some significant funds available from the recent sale of property, it has not signalled to the public any intention to commit some of that funding to a project such as this.

It would have been helpful if the businesses that could potentially benefit (either now or in the future) from the installation of the cable had expressed general willingness to contribute towards the cost (even if only at a relatively low level of perhaps 20% or 25%) since this would have allowed presentation of a more balanced cost / benefit equation.

Without such general willingness to fund it is clearly not reasonable to ask those few who are willing to fund to do so, whilst the other businesses will be provided with the same infrastructure at no cost.

It is however understandable that for many of the businesses currently operating in the area the availability of high speed internet is not essential for their efficient operation at the present time, and hence they are not willing to invest in it.

Technology does however continue to move forward, and as such it seems likely that at some time in the future the telecommunications needs of businesses at that location will change. The ODDB believes that it would be appropriate for the community as a whole to contribute to the 'future proofing' of its key business area, so as to help ensure the on-going efficient operation of businesses and the associated employment and other economic benefits.

Consideration has been given to the potential for recovering some of the cost of cable installation via a targeted rate on those properties who will be able to connect to it.

This is possible, but the timing of the associated process would not be compatible with the desire of the ODDB for action in the near future.

Issues of Process & Principle

The initial discussion of this matter by the OCB and subsequent consideration by council staff has identified certain aspects of process and principle (particularly in relation to the distribution of costs and benefits and the need for public scrutiny) that were considered to warrant consideration by Council before any final decision is made on this matter. This is therefore reflected in the recommendation.

Dave Clibbery
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**Item 146 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE OTOROHANGA
CHRISTMAS PARADE**

To: **Chairperson and Members
Otorohanga Community Board**

From: **Engineering Support Officer**

Date: **12 September 2013**

Relevant Community Outcomes

- The Otorohanga District is a safe place to live
 - Foster an involved and engaged Community
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Executive Summary

An application has been received from the Otorohanga Business Association for the following road closures within the Otorohanga Central Business District for the purpose of holding the Otorohanga Christmas Parade and associated events. Approval is being sought from Transit NZ and the Otorohanga Police Service.

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that approval be granted for the following road closures:

Purpose: Otorohanga Christmas Parade

Date: Friday, 6 December 2013

Details of Closure: **Otorohanga Christmas Parade**

MANIAPOTO STREET / SH3 – from outside Kiwitown Liquor Centre to its intersection with Te Kanawa Street / SH31. Includes intersections with Ballance and Tuhoro Streets

RANFURLY STREET – from its intersection with Maniapoto Street to its intersection with Cowley Lane

COWLEY LANE – entire length

WAHANUI CRESCENT – entire length

WHITTINGTON LANE – entire length

PINE STREET – entire length

HUNTER LANE – entire length

Period of Closure: 5.45pm to 8.30pm

MANIAPOTO STREET / SH3 – from its intersection with Kakamutu Road to its intersection with Te Kanawa Street / SH31. Includes intersections with Ranfurly, Ballance and Tuhoro Streets.

Period of Closure: from commencement of the Parade to immediately after the completion of the Parade – approx 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Detour: By way of Kakamutu Road, Turongo Street and Te Kanawa Street / SH31
OR Huiiputea Drive.

With the following conditions imposed:

1. No objections are received from the NZ Police Department or Transit NZ.
2. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
3. Otorohanga Business Association is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News.
4. Otorohanga Business Association 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 activities during the road closure period. Council requires that it is held covered under the terms of such policy and accordingly the policy is required to be in both parties' names on the form prescribed by Council.
5. Otorohanga Business Association is to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
6. Otorohanga Business Association is to notify the bus and taxi operators of the closures.
7. Otorohanga Business Association is solely responsible for signposting and policing of the roads to be closed and for the detour route. This includes arranging the delivery, erection and staffing of all road closure barriers and the removal thereof after closures.
8. 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. An Otorohanga Business Association 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.

Robyn Hodges
ENGINEERING SUPPORT OFFICER

Item 147 OCB MATTERS REFERRED 8 AUGUST 2013

**To: Chairperson and Members
 Otorohanga District Council**

From: Governance Supervisor

Date: 12 September 2013

Executive Summary

1. BOARD

13 June 2013

- i. To meet on-site at the Otorohanga Cemetery to familiarise with the area and give consideration to options to extend the burial berms.

2. SERVICES MANAGER

8 August 2013

- i. To facilitate a structured workshop with interested parties to consider establishing a Strategic Design for Rotary Park.

CA Tutty
GOVERNANCE SUPERVISOR

GENERAL