



Otorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

31 July 2014

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on Thursday 31 July 2014 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) (attended at 4.06pm), Mr NS Chetty, Mrs EM Cowan, Mr PD Tindle and Mr DR Williams.

Deputy Chair Mrs Cowan took the Chair and declared the meeting open. She welcomed those present.

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, Mr M Baxter, Cr D Pilkington, Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive & Engineering Manager), R Brady (Services Engineer) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from Mrs AC Laws and Mr R Prescott (for lateness) be sustained.

Mr Tindle / Mr Chetty

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

Resolved that the proposed purchase of a second hand toilet facility, and its location within the Reg Brett Reserve, be considered in General Business which may require a resolution.

Mr Tindle / Mr Chetty

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 19 JUNE 2014

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 19 June 2014 as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr Williams / Mr Tindle

REPORTS

Item 38 OTOROHANGA CEMETERY BERM EXTENSION

Discussion

The Services Manager presented the Community Facilities Officer's report advising that a decision has been made by the Cemetery Working Group on the extension of berms at the Otorohanga Cemetery.

MR R PRESCOTT

Mr Prescott attended the meeting at 4.06pm. Accordingly Mrs Cowan vacated the Chair. Mr Prescott then took the Chair and apologised for his lateness.

Mr Williams queried whether staff had given consideration to including content from a National Manual in particular, to the dimensions of new graves, etc. The Services Manager replied that this has been taken into account.

Resolved

That the decision made by the Cemetery Working Group be adopted by the Otorohanga Community Board.

Mr Williams / Mrs Cowan

Item 39 ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARDEN COMPETITION

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor presented a report requesting Members give consideration to the continuation of the Annual Community Garden Competition.

Resolved

That the Annual Community Garden Competition be held biennially with the next event being held October/November 2015

Mrs Cowan / Mr Tindle

Item 40 MATTERS REFERRED

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

ESTABLISHING A CITY/COMMUNITY SISTER RELATIONSHIP

Mr Chetty circulated to Members a draft copy of a discussion document regarding the Sister City concept. Mr Chetty suggested this concept should be forwarded to the Otorohanga District Development Board (ODDB) as they are working on future strategies. Cr Pilkington replied that the ODDB had recently held a strategic District Economic Development Workshop which has resulted in the establishment of a focus group including His Worship the Mayor. She reported that this group has been formed to enhance the Board itself.

Mr Chetty referred to the draft discussion document and advised that this outlines some of the benefits of Sister City relations, economic and business benefits and also social and cultural benefits. Mr Chetty further advised that a composite of factors needs to be considered depending on what the objectives of the arrangement are to be, that is, economic development, cultural exchange or humanitarian assistance. Mr Tindle queried Mr Chetty as to which community group did he see this proposal sitting with as he felt it will be necessary for 'someone' to drive the proposal. Mr Chetty replied that the right groups will need to be identified and this could include local Iwi. Mr Chetty undertook to further discuss the matter with other Community groups. Mr Prescott advised that Cambridge did have a Sister City relationship. Mr Chetty felt that this concept could provide an investment opportunity particularly in regards to agriculture and tourism.

PROVISION OF A WALKWAY/CYCLE TRACK

The Engineering Manager suggested that this matter be 'held off' for consideration to take place in the near future however, it remain on Matters Referred.

OTOROHANGA WATER

The Engineering Manager advised that he has not received a formal expression of interest from any property owners in the rural area to connect to the Otorohanga water supply. He reported that there are issues happening where water is a key issue. Accordingly the Engineering Manager suggested that he prepare a more comprehensive report on this matter.

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK

Mr Prescott reported that Mrs Cowan, Mr Tindle and himself walked the mountain bike track in the Bob Horsfall Reserve to ascertain what work is required to complete the track and the relative costs that will be incurred. Mr Williams advised that further design work is required particularly to contours, slopes, etc of the track. He said he has people available who are prepared to help with the track. Mr Williams also said it is necessary for consideration to be given to the track surface and for costs to be identified after the design work has been completed. In reply to Mrs Cowan,

she was advised that a final design of the track is required as at present it is just a corridor. The Engineering Manager reported that discussion was also held on installing various structures along the track. He said he had installed a bridge and intended to get some jump ramps in place. It was agreed however, that the structures need to be designed by someone with that particular expertise. Mr Prescott advised that it would be desirable to have the track open when the mini golf commences operation. He said the Otorohanga Community Board is prepared to put funding into the completion of the track. The Engineering Manager informed Members that it was originally proposed the mini golf facility would open around September / October however, he felt this was not now realistic based on the progress made to date. Mr Tindle reported it would be desirable for the facility to open when the Summer Soccer commences.

Mr Tindle raised the matter of widening the strip up the side of Trapski Drive from the netball courts. He queried whether permission would be required from anyone in this regard. The Engineering Manager replied 'no' it is just a matter of relocating the existing fenceline. Mr Tindle expressed the opinion it would be desirable to have this work completed to coincide with the mini golf facility opening.

Mr Williams informed Members of the presence of glow worms, approximately 3000, in an embankment.

Cr Pilkington referred to a scruffy area at the bottom of Trapski Dr and to the right. Mr Williams advised that this is LINZ land and that native trees have been planted in the area at the bottom left of Trapski Dr.

WAHANUI CRESCENT TOILET FACILITY

The Services Manager reported that most panels in the Wahanui Crescent toilet facility are not damaged too badly. He queried whether it is warranted to spend additional money covering up the existing graffiti areas. He said this may give the opportunity to tag other panels. Mr Williams suggested that a stainless steel panel be installed only over the obscene section of graffiti. He felt this will improve the image of the toilet facility.

Following further discussion it was agreed that staff arrange for the an obscene section of graffiti to be repaneled with a stainless steel panel.

MANIAPOTO STREET GARDENS

Members were referred to various options circulated by the Services Manager. The matter of installing permanent colourful markers in the gardens has been resolved.

GENERAL

Item 41 SECOND HAND TOILET FACILITY

Discussion

The Engineering Manager reported that Mr Prescott had highlighted a second hand toilet facility on Trademe. Council's Community Facilities Officer has looked at the facility which is in a satisfactory condition and could be purchased for \$8500 plus approximately \$1000 haulage. It is proposed that this facility be installed at the Reg Brett Reserve. The Engineering Manager referred to the current level of service returns and said there are a number of people desiring additional toilets in the Community, particularly in the Reg Brett Reserve. He reported also that users of the Reserve are using the adjacent bushes as a toilet. The Engineering Manager advised that before the installation of such a facility, consideration needs to be given to the ongoing operation of this. He said this would have to be funded from the Parks & Reserves account which is District funded. The Engineering Manager said, to-date he has received four responses in favour from Council members.

Cr Pilkington referred to her email on the proposal and expressed the opinion that this seems like a good opportunity however, queried how the interior tiles would stand up to transportation. Mr Prescott replied that the unit has been specifically built to be transported and said it has already

been moved from its former location. The Engineering Manager advised that the unit also has a substantial concrete foundation. Cr Pilkington further queried how vandal proof the unit will be. She queried, should a unisex toilet be installed this should reduce maintenance costs. Members were advised that a new version of this unit would cost approximately \$60,000. Cr Pilkington also queried the ongoing maintenance costs as these have not been budgeted for and that the Parks & Reserves account is always under pressure. Members agreed that it is necessary for a quote to be obtained from a carrier specialist to pick up and transport the unit. The Services Manager replied that a hire transport company has been contacted and advised that the costs would be around \$1700. Mrs Cowan pointed out that a sum of approximately \$15,000 would need to be allocated in order to connect the unit to the various utilities such as sewerage and water. The Engineering Manager advised that an estimated \$20,000 per annum would need to be allocated to maintain the facility. He said this could perhaps be carried out in conjunction with the existing contract for the cleaning of the Wahanui Crescent Toilets. The Engineering Manager informed Members that the proposed location of the unit would be near to the railway track facing Huiputea Drive.

Mr Tindle queried whether further discussion will be held on the proposed location as he said, if the unit is sited in an obvious position to the travelling public, then this will get used a lot. He felt that should the unit be placed back further into the Reserve, it will only be used by people at the Reserve. Mrs Cowan felt that it would be necessary to have the facility up to a very high standard if it is going to be available to all users. His Worship suggested signage could be erected pointing to various facilities and businesses in the CBD. Mr Tindle agreed with the suggestion and said perhaps consideration could be given to erecting a billboard identifying what is available up town. His Worship suggested directional signs could be utilised.

Cr Pilkington referred to the Parks & Reserves budget and queried whether there is any room to move in this account. The Engineering Manager replied that a resolution of Council is required to increase the budgeted amount. Cr Pilkington referred to the forthcoming funding review, but informed Members that the results of this will not take effect until the next financial year. Mr Prescott suggested that the installation and initial operation and maintenance period could be funded out of the Board's Special Reserves account.

Resolved

That

1. The Otorohanga Community Board supports the installation and operation of an additional public toilet at the Reg Brett Reserve.
2. A second hand toilet unit be purchased for the sum of \$8500.
3. The purchase and installation of the toilet unit and operation and maintenance of this for the 2014/15 year be funded from the Otorohanga Community Board's Special Account.
4. Council be requested to fund the operation and maintenance of this toilet thereafter from the Parks & Reserves account.

Mr Tindle / Mrs Cowan

OTOROHANGA POOL AND GYM COMPLEX

Members were circulated with a copy of a gym development project prepared for Total Leisure Concepts (TLC). The Services Manager reported on discussions he has had with Mr Richards of TLC and the fact that the bonus' given to the Contractor is utilised to enhance the facility. It was felt that if this funding is used for gym development then there would be no funding available for anything else. The Engineering Manager reported that the proposed project does not need approval from Council as this is an operational matter. Mr Tindle felt that it is still a Community property and that for Council as Landlord it is good to know what the Contractor is carrying out and whether this is done to a good standard.

EARTHQUAKES

Mrs Cowan informed Members that the Otorohanga Rotary Club is organising a public meeting on earthquakes and the impact of these on Communities. She said she understands this is to be held on 7 August 2014, commencing at 6.00pm at the Otorohanga Sports Club.

FLOOD PROTECTION PRESENTATION

In reply to Mr Tindle regarding the attendance at the recent Flood Protection Presentation, the Engineering Manager replied that there was a total attendance of eight, five of these being Council representatives or staff.

FABULOUS FINDS

Mrs Pilkington reported that Haddads Menswear has been identified as one of the 50 Fabulous Finds within NZ.

OTOROHANGA KIWI HOUSE

His Worship reported on his attendance at a recent AGM of the Otorohanga Kiwi House and informed Members that he is now on the Committee. His Worship said there was a very good turnout for the meeting. Cr Pilkington agreed that the meeting was really well run, interesting and congratulated the existing committee on what they have achieved and what they are proposing to do.

BOB HORSFALL RESERVE/FORMER DEER PARK

Mr Williams reported that pest control is happening within the Bob Horsfall Reserve area. He said the result of this will be an explosion of wild life in the area.

OTOROHANGA RSA

Mr Prescott reported that Mr Terry Price, on behalf of the Otorohanga RSA, has concerns with the lights not working in the WWI & II Memorial Park.

FOOTPATH PROGRAMME

Mrs Cowan circulated to Members a copy of the Board's Footpath Programme as approved in August 2013. It was agreed that perhaps this programme needs to be revised and prioritised.

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

The Governance Supervisor informed Members that Mr M Tripp has finally vacated Windsor Court Flat 9 and furthermore Mrs N Lewis is in the process of moving out of Windsor Court Flat 2 to a home outside of Hamilton.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 5.23pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 11 September 2014