



Otorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

23 October 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 23 October 2014 commencing at 4.02pm.

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 and Mr DR Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, Mr M Baxter, Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive & Engineering Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from Messrs NS Chetty and PD Tindle be sustained.

Mrs Cowan / Mrs Laws

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 11 SEPTEMBER 2014

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 11 September 2014, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr Williams / Chair

REPORTS

Item 47 MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP MEETING HELD 14 OCTOBER 2014

Discussion

The Chair referred Members to minutes of a workshop meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board with representatives of the Otorohanga Zoological Society held on 14 October 2014. The purpose of the workshop meeting was to discuss the section of proposed mountain bike track adjacent to the kiwi pens and through the rhododendron area.

Resolved

That the minutes of the workshop meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board and Otorohanga Zoological Society held on 14 October 2014 be received.

Mr Williams / Mrs Cowan

Item 48 MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK FUNDING

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented a report advising that an allocation of funding for finishing the mountain bike track in the Bob Horsfall Reserve is proposed. He reported that the mountain bike track has been formed however, there is some finishing work to be undertaken along with appropriate planting.

Mrs Cowan queried whether the proposed sum of \$4,000 included moving the fence along the netball court/deer park area in order to widen the track. The Engineering Manager replied that he had not envisaged this cost coming out of the \$4,000. Mr Williams expressed the opinion it was not just a matter of moving the fence, work is required to enable mountain bikes to use the track. The Engineering Manager replied that a separate track would be formed for mountain bikes, this track would be for use by four wheel drive bikes. Mrs Cowan said there is a need for the Board to review the Reserve Management Plan for this area. She further expressed some concern that structures on the mountain bike track do not comply with the appropriate Building Code.

With regard to proposed plantings, Mrs Cowan reported she had received the following advice from Landscape Consultant Rosemary Davison –

1. It is too late to carry out planting this year
2. Before any planting is undertaken, weed control needs to be carried out
3. When planting is undertaken (April 2015) this needs to comprise of quick growing plants.

Mrs Cowan suggested that the Board adhere to Mrs Davison's guidelines. Mr Williams replied that currently there is a good planting programme in place. The Engineering Manager expressed the opinion he could see merit in moving the fence along the netball court/deer park area as soon as possible.

Members agreed that the matter of the review of the Reserve Management Plan for the area be placed on Matters Referred.

The matter of liability on Council through use of the mountain bike track was discussed and it was agreed that as mountain biking risks are apparent, persons use the track at their own risk.

Resolved

That a transfer of \$5,000 is made from the Otorohanga Community's Special Fund to the '*Otorohanga Parks and Reserves – Sundry Reserve Improvements*' account for the purpose of funding finishing works to the mountain bike track in the Bob Horsfall Reserve subject to the following –

- i. The construction of the mountain bike track and structures comply with the building code
- ii. Proposed planting within the area be carried out as per the advice from Mrs Rosemary Davison.

Mrs Cowan / Mrs Laws

Item 49 OCB PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2015

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor referred Members to the schedule of proposed meeting dates for the forthcoming year.

Resolved

That the schedule of dates for ordinary meetings of Otorohanga Community Board for the period January to December 2015, as detailed below, be approved in accordance with Clause 19 of the Seventh Schedule of the Local Government Act 2002.

Thursdays	29 January 2015
	12 March 2015
	23 April 2015
	4 June 2015
	16 July 2015
	27 August 2015
	8 October 2015
	19 November 2015

Times: Board Meetings will commence at **4.00pm**.

Venue: Otorohanga District Council building, Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga.

Chair / Mrs Laws

Item 50**OCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 11 SEPTEMBER 2014****Discussion**

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

It was agreed that the item under Mrs Cowan, dated 11 September 2014, has been carried out and that this be deleted from Matters Referred.

GENERAL**REG BRETT RESERVE – PROPOSED TOILETS**

In reply to Mr Williams, the Engineering Manager advised that staff are still waiting for quotes for the connection to the existing sewerage system. He said staff have been unable to locate the sewer line that runs adjacent to the railway line. The Engineering Manager reported that another option is to go under State Highway 3 to an existing manhole. He said once it is ascertained as to where the waste will go, quotes will be able to be prepared.

Mr Williams suggested consideration should be given to installing a septic tank. The Engineering Manager replied that based on the estimated volume of potential use, this would be required to be emptied quite often. He further advised that the area is very low laying. The Chair reported on the repainting of the doors of the facility and suggested that this be carried out in a green colour by appropriate staff.

KIWIANA THEMED PLAYGROUND

Mr Williams queried the progress of the plans presented by Mr David Walmsley for the kiwiana themed playground in the Reg Brett Reserve. Mrs Cowan reported that one element of the proposal was too expensive therefore it was agreed to come up with smaller elements. She expressed the keenness of the kiwiana ladies to raise money for the project. The Chair reported that the buzzy bee structure had been rejected because of cost. He said, at the present time, the Committee is not looking at any particular one item. It was agreed that the appropriate Committee need to address this issue.

ROAMING HORSES

Mr Williams reported on horses roaming around the Community causing damage to grass verges and depositing waste. The Engineering Manager replied that this is not illegal as Road Reserve is still classed as 'roadway'. He suggested that when this action is viewed, that the complainant contact Council's Animal Control Officer who in turn will speak to the riders. Mrs Cowan agreed that the matter needs to be reported as soon as it is observed.

N SINGH – MICHAELS MILKBAR

The Chair referred to correspondence received from N Singh of Michael's Milkbar requesting the Board give consideration to placing one of the two existing 5 Minute Parking spaces currently outside the former Chemist shop in Maniapoto Street onto their side (northern) of the pedestrian crossing.

The Engineering Manager informed Members that any physical change will need to be amended under the existing Traffic Bylaw. He said this can be considered at the next review of the current Bylaw.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 4.32pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 4 December 2014