



Otorohanga Community Board

# MINUTES

Thursday 2 June 2016

**OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD**

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Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, 17 Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga on 2 June 2016 commencing at 4.15pm.

**MINUTES**

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

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## **PRESENT**

Mr R Prescott (Chair), Mr NS Chetty, Mrs EM Cowan, Mrs AC Laws, Mr PD Tindle and Mr DR Williams.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

His Worship the Mayor, Mr MM Baxter (attended at 4.27pm), Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), RH Brady (Engineering Manager), CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor) and DJ Dowd (Executive Assistant)

## **APOLOGY**

Waitomo News reporter Robbie Kay tendered her apology for today's meeting.

## **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS**

The Chief Executive reported he wishes the Board to consider in general business under confidential items the matter of potential Otorohanga residential property development opportunities.

### **Resolved**

That the matter of potential Otorohanga residential property development opportunities be considered in general business, under a confidential item, which may require a resolution.

### **Chair / Mrs Cowan**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 21 April 2016**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 21 April 2016, as circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

### **Mr Tindle / Mr Williams**

## **REPORTS**

### **ITEM 86            POTENTIAL USE OF BUILDING AT WATER RESERVOIR**

The Chief Executive summarised his report on an enquiry received regarding the potential to use a small building adjacent to the water reservoirs at Thomson Avenue, that has been unused for many years.

The Chief Executive advised that this matter had been presented to members previously, however postponed until the ownership issue was resolved. He said however, discussion with members of the Waitomo Radio Club resulted in ownership being formally transferred to Council, with a grant of \$1500 being made to the Radio Club in recognition of the Building having some value.

The Chief Executive referred to a letter received from Phallyn Rangitawa regarding a potential lease of the building to be used by her as an office. The Chief Executive advised that any proposed rental would soon pay for whatever repair work needs to be undertaken on the building.

The Chair reported that the building appeared to be sound and he would be happy to see it refurbished to a level necessary to rent out for an office / business activity.

**Resolved that**

1. The Chief Executive be authorised to enter into negotiation with Phallyn Rangitaawa in respect of a potential lease of the Council building at the Thomson Avenue water reservoir.
2. That subject to the outcome of those negotiations, appropriate maintenance and improvement works on the above building are undertaken by Council, to be funded from the Otorohanga Water Supply account.

**Mrs Cowan / Mrs Laws**

**TE RAUMAUKU ROAD FARM PROPERTY**

The Chief Executive referred to his report informing members than an initial investigation of the water supply potential of Council's Te Raumauku Road farm property having now been undertaken, it is proposed to subdivide off an area that might be used in future for water storage, and then offer the remainder of the property for sale.

The Chief Executive advised that the outcome of the investigation indicated a strong potential to supply water for the town. He said this would offset the town water take during the summer period and that as many reservoirs could be filled as required.

The Chief Executive expressed the opinion that this option could have great merits and suggested that an area be subdivided off the property for the development of a water supply.

Mrs Cowan queried whether any proposed subdivision of the land could affect its saleability. The Chief Executive replied that this would only be a small area of land however the issue of taking away a water supply could be detrimental. He then outlined an option for a reticulated stock water supply facility. The Chief Executive informed members it would be the intention to market the remainder of the property during late September – early October. He said the current lessee would have first right of refusal to purchase the remaining area.

**Resolved that**

- 1). the report be received
- 2). That a subdivision of Council's Te Raumauku Road farm property is undertaken to create a separate lot containing a suitable location for a potential water storage reservoir and associated facilities.
- 3). That once resource consent for such subdivision has been obtained the residual portion of the property is then offered for sale.

**Chair / Mr Tindle**

**HIS WORSHIP**

His Worship attended the meeting at 4.27pm.

**ITEM 87 OTOROHANGA STOPBANKS INSPECTION**

The Engineering Manager presented his report advising that the annual stopbanks walkover took place on 11 December 2015. He said the results are good and the stopbanks are being maintained in a condition satisfactory to both the Waikato Regional Council and the Otorohanga District Council.

Mrs Cowan expressed the opinion she would recommend that consultants be engaged to explore tracking options regarding stock movement and grazing patterns.

Mrs Cowan referred to a pole with electrical items on it and requested this be looked into.

The Engineering Manager replied that he has encouraged those concerned to fix this.

The Chair then reported on a gate in the fence behind the Tennis club which appears to have no purpose. Mrs Cowan highlighted the fact that woodchip is piled up along the fenceline from the Freightlines Property to Super-shavings.

Mr Williams referred to a long-drop in the area utilised by PoloCrosse. He said he understood it was planned to have this filled in.

**Resolved** that Engineering Managers report be received.

### **Mr Williams / Mrs Cowan**

#### **ITEM 88 ELECTRIC VEHICLE USE BY NZ POST FOR MAIL DELIVERY**

The Engineering Manager summarised the Roding Managers report in response to the change in mail delivery needs primarily as a result of the internet. Members were informed that NZ Post are changing from bicycle delivery transport to a small electric vehicle similar to a mobility scooter but a little larger.

The Engineering Manager advised that NZTA have granted approval for these vehicles for public road use however the issue of use on public footpaths is up to individual Councils. He expressed the opinion that it is necessary for Council to have the ability to manage this matter so as not to cause a hazard to footpath users.

Mr Tindle expressed the opinion this matter appears to be the same as the use of a Motorbike. He said should the vehicles use become an issue then Council has the ability to stop this. He expressed the opinion that within a built up area the vehicle will travel from one property to another on the footpath.

**Resolved** that the notification by NZTA for revised NZ Post delivery vehicles is received, but that in general approval for use of the PAXSTER vehicles on Community footpath's be withheld.

### **Chair / Mr Tindle**

#### **ITEM 89 MATTERS REFERRED**

The Governance Supervisor took members through Matters Referred.

#### **TABLE / CHAIR – SIR EDMUND HILLARY WALKWAY**

The Chair reported he has had discussion with the owners of O Café and requested them to ensure the chairs are placed back under the tables when these are not being used.

#### **COMMUNITY WiFi**

The Chief Executive reported that Council's IT Manager has been exploring how other Communities use WiFi as a promotional tool and suggested that he present a report to the next meeting of the Board.

#### **OTOROHANGA DOMAIN RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Chief Executive reported that a proposed draft document has been provided.

## **GENERAL**

### **MANIAPOTO STREET PROPOSED VERANDAS**

His Worship reported that the Chair and himself have had discussions with a company regarding the potential of upgrading Verandas along Maniapoto Street. He said he was very surprised to receive quotes ranging from 7 to 10 million dollars for this proposal.

His Worship reported that other options could be available as the quotations did take into account numerous other costings. He said any proposal would have to be carried out in stages.

The Chair reported that he was quite keen on the proposal until the quotations were received. His Worship suggested whether sponsorship opportunities could be made available to the local businesses concerned.

Mrs Cowan expressed the opinion that in any proposal consideration not be given to providing clear glass ceilings on the Verandas.

The Chair reported that it has been identified there is a few buildings along Maniapoto Street that would not require new Verandas.

### **PROPOSED CYCLE WAY**

Mr Williams referred to a proposed Cycle way being discussed. He was advised that this would be along the Waipa River Bank once planting has been carried out. The Chair reported that the walkway would come in by the Weir and then out along Otewa Road to the Pony Club area.

### **MANIAPOTO STREET LIGHTING**

Mr Williams referred to the lack of lighting in the vicinity of the Library and reported that there is hardly any lights on along Maniapoto Street.

Mrs Cowan expressed the opinion that due to this the town is looking very uninviting.

The Chief Executive reported that there is a provision to require the lights on when these are in place. He said otherwise this becomes a security and safety risk.

Mrs Cowan reported that there is not one light on in the Village Green / Library area. She queried whether this is a maintenance issue or a larger issue that needs to be investigated.

It was agreed that the Engineering Manager follow up on this matter.

### **OTOROHANGA MENZ SHED**

Mr Williams reported that the Menz Shed is progressing well with 22 paid up members. He said the Shed is usually open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays of each week.

Mr Williams advised that there is a substantial amount of equipment in the facility.

### **PROPOSED RAILWAY FENCING**

Mrs Cowan referred to a proposal to beautify the Railway Fence Line.

The Engineering Manager replied that this proposal is being investigated by Councils Community Facilities Officer who apparently is waiting for members to go to the site to look at the suggestions she has.

### **SIR EDMUND HILLARY WALKWAY**

Mrs Cowan reported that a suggestion was made following discussions with a Resene paint representative that a primer and paint be placed on the underside of the Veranda which should remedy the situation currently being experienced.

It was agreed that Council's Community Facilities Officer contact a Scott Baker local painter to discuss this suggestion further.

## **DIRECTIONAL SIGNS**

Mrs Cowan referred to the erection of directional Signs for tourists and understood this had been referred to Councils Roading Manager. She referred in particular to Kakamutu Road and the Waitomo Valley Road. Members were informed that the Waitomo District Council has quite a number of these directional signs in place.

## **APOLOGY**

Mrs Cowan submitted her apology for the July meeting of the Board.

## **BOB HORSFALL RESERVE / ROTARY PARK**

Mrs Cowan reported that a walkover of the Bob Horsfall Reserve / Rotary Park area was undertaken on 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2016 by the Chair, Mr Dave Williams, Mrs Rosemary Davison and herself.

She requested that this matter be discussed at a later meeting.

## **F PHILLIPS RESERVE**

Mrs Cowan reported that the Project Kiwiana Committee have re-erected the Silver Ferns in the F Phillips Reserve. As a result it has been ascertained that there is a large number of bushes with red berries which require cutting to the ground and painting with a weed killer. Mrs Cowan reported that the Waikato Regional Council has recommendations in place to control this particular bush.

## **MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

**Resolved** that the Public be excluded from this part of the meeting.

“THAT the Otorohanga Community Board, pursuant to Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolves that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.”

## **Mrs Cowan / Mrs Laws**

## **MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting concluded at 5pm

**CHAIRMAN:**

**DATE:**