



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

25 June 2013

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on Tuesday 25 June 2013 commencing at 10.07am.

MINUTES

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

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PRESENT

Mr DF Williams (Mayor), Crs MM Baxter, S Blackler, RM Johnson, AG Ormsby, KM Phillips and RJ Prescott.

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive & Engineering Manager), GD Bunn (Finance & Administration Manager), Brendan O'Callaghan (District Accountant) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

OPENING PRAYER

Cr Johnson read the Opening Prayer.

APOLOGY

Resolved that the apology received from Cr D Pilkington, be sustained.

Cr Prescott / Cr Blackler

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 4 JUNE 2013

Cr Phillips referred to page 8, Staff Submission to the Annual Plan, in particular item 4 and advised that this should read 'Increase the Civil Defence budget by \$17,000.'

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 4 June 2013, as amended, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Phillips / Cr Baxter

ODC MINUTES 14 MAY 2013

Cr Baxter referred to an item regarding the Honikiwi Hall in particular with reference to introducing a \$20 rate levy in order to carry out improvements to the hall. It is noted in the minutes that this was not approved. He said since that time it has been ascertained that discussion was held on the proposal but the matter deferred.

REPORTS

Item 363 KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 24 MAY 2013

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 24 May 2013 be received.

Cr Baxter / Cr Ormsby

Item 364 2013/14 RATES RESOLUTION

Discussion

The Finance & Administration Manager presented the proposed 2013/14 rates resolution and informed Members of the following changes –

1. 6. Targeted Rates, e. District Halls, the rate in the dollar for Arohena should be 0.0005.
 2. 8. Otorohanga Community (b) A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$271.74 not \$312.50.
 3. 10. i. Otorohanga Community (c) The minimum charge of \$312.50 per annum be changed to \$271.74.
 4. Page 7, paragraph 3, 2012/13 be corrected to read 2013/14.
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Resolved

That pursuant to the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 the rates as outlined in the separate schedule for the year 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 be set in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Long Term Plan and Funding Impact Statement.

All rates and amounts are plus GST at the prevailing rate. (The prevailing rate is currently 15%)

1. Otorohanga District

a. General Rate

A General Rate of 0.05826 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the District of Otorohanga.

b. Uniform Annual General Charge

A Uniform Annual General Charge of \$336.66 on every separate rating unit within the District of Otorohanga.

(The total general rate and Uniform Annual General Charge are estimated to produce \$3,501,900 and this revenue will be used for the following purposes: Network Services, Community Services, Regulatory Services, Governance and Leadership and Community Development).

2. Otorohanga Rural

a. **Rural Targeted Rate**

A Targeted Rate of 0.00218 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the District of Otorohanga with the exception of the Otorohanga Community and Kawhia Community areas.

b. **Separate Uniform Targeted Rate**

A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$112.45 on every separate rating unit within the District of Otorohanga with the exception of the Otorohanga and Kawhia Community areas.

(These rates are estimated to produce \$315,323 and this revenue will be used for the following purposes: Network Services, Community Services and Regulatory Services).

3. Otorohanga Community

a. **Otorohanga Community Targeted Rate**

A Targeted Rate levied on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Community of Otorohanga on a differential basis as follows:

- i. Differential Rating Area No. 1 – 0.09709 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$83,413.
- ii. Differential Rating Area No. 2 – 0.03884 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$99,998.

b. **Otorohanga Community Uniform Targeted Rate**

A Separate Uniform Targeted Rate of \$182.73 on each separate rating unit within the Community of Otorohanga.

(These rates are estimated to produce \$424,072 and this revenue will be used for the following purposes: Network Services, Governance and Leadership and Community Services).

4. Kawhia Community

a. **Kawhia Community Targeted Rate**

A Targeted Rate of 0.04327 cents in the dollar levied on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Community of Kawhia.

b. Kawhia Community Uniform Targeted Rate

A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$76.49 on each separate rating unit within the Community of Kawhia.

(These rates are estimated to produce \$121,288 and this revenue will be used for the following purposes: Network Services, Community Services and Governance and Leadership).

5. Targeted Loan Rates

a. Otorohanga Sewage Treatment

A Targeted Loan Rate levied on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Community of Otorohanga on a differential basis as follows:

- i. Differential Rating Area No.1 – 0.07379 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$51,921.
- ii. Differential Rating Area No.2 – 0.02951 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$72,226.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$124,147 for the purpose of paying Sewage Treatment and Reticulation Loan Charges).

b. Otorohanga Water Supply

A Targeted Loan Rate levied on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Community of Otorohanga on a differential basis as follows:

- i. Differential Rating Area No.1 – 0.02157 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$15,331.
- ii. Differential Rating Area No.2 – 0.00863 cents in the dollar – estimated to produce revenue of \$22,220.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$37,551 for the purpose of paying Water Supply Loan Charges).

c. Kawhia Water Supply

A Targeted Loan Rate of 0.01710 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Community of Kawhia.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$21,348 for the purpose of paying Water Supply Loan Charges).

d. Arohena Rural Water Supply

A Targeted Loan Rate of 0.01059 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the Arohena Water Supply Area.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$12,459 for the purpose of paying Water Supply Loan Charges).

e. Aotea Erosion Protection

A Uniform Targeted Loan Rate of \$553.08 on each separate rating unit within the Aotea Community.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$14,380 for the purpose of paying Loan Charges).

6. Targeted Rates

a. Rooding

- i. A Targeted Rate of 0.10150 cents in the dollar levied on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the District of Otorohanga.
- ii. A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$249.61 on each separate rating unit within the District of Otorohanga.

(These rates are estimated to produce \$4,704,020 and this revenue will be used for Rooding).

b. Security Patrol

- i. A Targeted Rate of 0.07745 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable land within the "Security Patrol Area" (formerly Differential Rating Area No 1) in the Community of Otorohanga.

A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$352.13 on each separate rating unit within the "Security Patrol Area" (formerly Differential Rating Area No 1) in the Community of Otorohanga.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$73,243 for the purpose of funding a Security Patrol Service in a defined area of the Otorohanga Community).

c. Otorohanga CBD Development Rate

- i. A Targeted Rate of 0.01010 cents in the dollar on the Capital Value of all rateable properties within the Otorohanga Commercial Area (differential Rating Area No 1).
- ii. A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$136.49 on each separate rating unit within the Otorohanga Commercial Area (Differential Rating Area No 1).

(This rate is estimated to produce \$29,284 for the purpose of funding services specific to the Otorohanga Commercial area)

d. Aotea Erosion Targeted Rate

- i. A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$91.46 on each separate rating unit within the Aotea Community.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$15,000 and this revenue will be used for the following purposes: maintenance costs relating to the Aotea Seawall).

e. District Halls

Targeted Hall rates as follows:

HALL SEPARATE RATING DISTRICT	RATE IN \$	RATING SYSTEM	UNIFORM ANNUAL CHARGE	EST. RATE LEVY \$
Arohena	0.0005	Capital Value	\$45.00	3,624
Kio Kio	0.0009	Capital Value	\$20.00	6,211
Tokanui Crossroads	-	Capital Value	\$20.00	3,520
Puketotara/ Ngutunui	0.0003	Capital Value	\$9.00	3,128
Maihihi	0.0017	Capital Value	-	2,147
Otewa	-	Capital Value	\$18.00	2,304
Honikiwi	0.0013	Capital Value	-	1,592

(These rates are estimated to produce \$22,526 for the purpose of maintenance, operation, renovation and extension of the respective Halls).

7. Targeted Refuse Rates

Otorohanga Community

A Uniform Targeted Rate for Refuse Collection and Disposal of \$109.41 in respect of each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the Otorohanga Refuse Collection area.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$147,808 for the purpose of financing the Otorohanga Refuse Collection and Disposal costs).

Kawhia Community

- a. A Uniform Targeted Rate for Refuse Collection and Disposal of \$221.74 in respect of each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the Community of Kawhia.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$116,858 for the purpose of financing the Kawhia Community Refuse Collection and Disposal costs).

8. Targeted Water Rates

Otorohanga Community

- a. A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$257.76 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the Community of Otorohanga which receives an ordinary supply of water from the Otorohanga Community Water Supply.
- b. A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$271.74 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit located outside the Community of Otorohanga which receives an ordinary supply of water from the Otorohanga Community Water Supply.

(These rates are estimated to produce \$352,319 for the purpose of contributing to the costs of operating the Otorohanga Community Water Supply).

Kawhia Community

- c. A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$349.97 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, which receives an ordinary supply of water within the Community of Kawhia.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$147,335 for the purpose of contributing to the costs of operating the Kawhia Community Water Supply).

9. Targeted Sewerage Rates

A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$268.91 for the first water closet or urinal and \$0 for the second to fourth, \$44.44 for subsequent closets or urinals, on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected, either directly or through a private drain to the Otorohanga Community Sewerage Scheme.

(This rate is estimated to produce \$357,912 for the purpose of financing the costs of operating the Otorohanga Community Sewerage Scheme).

10. Targeted Rates for Extraordinary Water Supply

i. Otorohanga Community

- a. Each rateable separate rating unit within the Otorohanga Community on a metered supply to receive a free allowance of 220 cubic metres per annum with excess consumption charged at 57 cents per cubic metre.
- b. Each non-rateable separate rating unit within the Otorohanga Community to pay a charge of \$257.76 per annum and those on a metered supply 76 cents per cubic metre with a minimum charge of \$178.25 per annum.

- c. Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable outside the Otorohanga Community on a metered supply 76 cents per cubic metre with a minimum charge of \$271.74 per annum.
 - d. In addition to the above charges each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable receiving an extraordinary supply from the Otorohanga Community Water Supply \$102.22 per meter.
- ii. Kawhia Community**
- a. Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable in the Kawhia Community on a metered supply to receive a free allowance of 220 cubic metres per annum with excess consumption charged at \$1.01 cents per cubic metre.
 - b. Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable outside the Kawhia Community on a metered supply - \$1.17 cents per cubic metre with a minimum charge of \$349.97 per annum.
 - c. In addition to the above charges each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable receiving an extraordinary supply from the Kawhia Community Water Supply \$102.22 per meter.
 - d. In addition to the above charges each separate rating unit meeting the criteria for Peak Season Metered Water Charges will be charged a rate of \$10.22 per cubic metre for water usage between the period of 20 December and 20 February each year.
- iii. Rural Water Supplies**
- a. Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable within the Arohena Rural Water Supply Area on a metered supply – 40 cents per cubic metre plus an availability charge of \$369.57 per meter per annum.
 - b. Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable within the Ranginui Rural Water Supply Area on a metered supply – 35cents per cubic metre, plus an availability charge of \$1,800 for the first meter, with no charge for additional meters per customer per annum.
 - c. Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable within the Tihiroa Rural Water Supply area on a metered supply – 73 cents per cubic metre plus an availability charge of \$391.30 per meter per annum.
 - d. Each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable within the Waipa Rural Water Supply Area on a metered supply - 51 cents per cubic metre plus an availability charge of \$86.96 per meter per annum.

And that with the exception of water by meter charges, council charge the rates to the 2013/2014 year by way of two instalments. Each instalment to be paid on or before the due dates set out below. Any rates paid after the due date to become liable for the penalties as set out below.

11. Instalments

The above rates and charges will be payable in two equal instalments due on 2 August 2013 and 3 January 2014 at the Council Office, Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga.

And that pursuant to sections 57 and 58 of the act, council impose the following penalties.

12. Additional Charges

- a. An additional charge of 10% will be added to all rates levied and due for the 2013/14 year that remain unpaid after 30 August 2013 and 31 January 2014.

- b. A further additional charge of 10% will be added to all rates that have been levied in any financial year previous to 1 July 2013 and which remain unpaid on 1 July 2013.
- c. A further additional charge of 10% will be added to all rates to which an additional charge has been added under 12(b) and which remain unpaid on 1 January 2014.

And that water meters be read on a six-month cycle and the accounts become payable on the 20th of the month following the issue of the invoice;

And that an additional charge of 5% will be added to all water charges levied after 1 July 2013 that remain unpaid after the end of the month in which they are payable.

His Worship / Cr Blackler

Item 365 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – TARGA NEW ZEALAND 2013

Discussion

The Engineering Manager summarised the Engineering Support Officers report advising that an application has been received from Club Targa Inc for the closure of various roads within the Otorohanga District to enable the Targa NZ 2013 event and associated activities to proceed.

Resolved

That approval is granted for the following road closures, including 50 metres of each adjoining road, from where it intersects with the road being applied for:

Purpose: Targa New Zealand 2013

Date: Thursday 31 October 2013

Details of Closure: **Stage – Turitea**

TURITEA ROAD – starting from outside house No. 40 at 400 metres from its intersection with SH31 (Kawhia Road), to its intersection with Honikiwi Road.

HONIKIWI ROAD – from its intersection with Turitea Road, to its intersection with Mangamahoe Road.

MANGAMAHOE ROAD – from its intersection with Honikiwi Road to finish at house number 24 at 240 metres from its intersection with SH39.

Includes intersections with Bromley Road (no exit) and Te Raumauku Road (no exit).

Period of Closure: 11.15am to 3.15pm

Stage – Otewa

PUKETAWAI ROAD – starting from outside house No. 11, at 110 metres from its intersection with Old Te Kuiti Road, to its intersection with Whawharua Road.

WHAWHARUA ROAD – from its intersection with Puketawai Road, to its intersection with Mangawhero and Tahaia Roads.

TAHAIA ROAD – from its intersection with Whawharua and Mangawhero Roads, to its intersection with Otewa Road.

OTEWA ROAD – from its intersection with Tahaia Road, to its intersection with Barber Road.

BARBER ROAD – from its intersection with Otewa Road to the district boundary.

Includes intersections with Smith Road, Veale Road, Bush Road and Shank Road.

Period of Closure: 12.35pm to 3.35pm

With the following conditions imposed:

1. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
2. Club Targa Inc is to pay an application fee of \$400.00 towards administration of the road closure to Otorohanga District Council.
3. Club Targa Inc is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News.
4. Club Targa Inc 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 rally activities during the road closure period.
5. Club Targa Inc is to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
6. Club Targa Inc is to liaise, and provide evidence of liaison with all operators and businesses that may be affected by the road closures.
7. Club Targa Inc is to consult with all residents of all properties on the roads intended to be closed and also residents on roads connecting with the roads intending to be closed, including any no exit roads. Mail drops to residents are also to be carried out. All mail drops to residents are to be approved by Council staff before distribution to residents commences and must include the date that objections close with Council. The subsequent mail drop is to be completed no later than ten full days before the proposed closures.
8. Club Targa Inc is solely responsible for signposting and policing of the roads to be closed, to ensure that only vehicles connected with the Rally have access to the road closure areas. This includes arranging the delivery, erection and staffing of all road closure barriers and the removal thereof after closures. All gates and entranceways are to be taped and tape is to be removed thereafter.
9. 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. A Club Targa 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.

Cr Baxter / Cr Johnson

Item 366 ODC MATTERS REFERRED FROM 4 JUNE 2013

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

KAWHIA LIBRARY – AOTEAROA PEOPLES NETWORK WIRELESS GATEWAY

The Governance Supervisor, on behalf of Cr Pilkington, reported that this is still a 'work in progress'.

RANGINUI RURAL WATER SUPPLY

The Finance & Administration Manager queried the need to call a special meeting of the Ranginui Rural Water Supply Committee to present information as to the Scheme's viability should the Ranginui Station withdraw from the Scheme. He suggested whether this could wait

until their annual meeting in early 2014. The Finance & Administration Manager reported that the Committee has already approved new water charges to be effective from 1 July 2013. The Engineering Manager suggested that the relevant information be provided to each individual Committee member. Accordingly it was agreed that the matter be deleted from Matters Referred.

GENERAL

RURAL SECTOR MEETING

Cr Johnson reported on his first attendance at a Rural Sector meeting which he found to be very interesting and motivating to see other area leaders present.

Cr Johnson reported that Local Government had met with representatives of Central Government, the latter had indicated it has no appetite for unaffordable housing in Auckland. He said perhaps consideration will be given to raising interest rates in an attempt to curb rising prices.

Cr Johnson then referred to the FAR review currently being undertaken and advised that this is one of the hierarchy systems attempting to provide consistency between local Councils. He also reported that local Government is giving consideration to rebranding itself.

Cr Johnson reported that Central Government is looking at an electronic Building Consent system in an effort to help with the Christchurch situation. Data from this will be available to everybody. Discussion was also held on the RMA reform and Earthquake Prone buildings where Members were advised that the Government is not in favour of increasing the required degree of compliance with the code. His Worship stressed the need for consistency around the minimum requirements for older buildings to comply. Cr Johnson referred to a building initiative named 'Best Home', a concept being targeted at large housing companies and developers. He said the intention is to future proof homes and to provide a quicker Building Consent process.

Cr Johnson further reported that a presentation was also given on energy exploration in the Taranaki Basin. He informed Members that royalties from such activities do not come back to the local district.

OTOROHANGA CEMETERY

Cr Prescott reported on discussion he had had with a newspaper reporter regarding a staff report presented to a recent meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board on the shortage of burial plots at the Cemetery.

ENTRANCE SIGN

Cr Prescott informed staff that the entrance sign into the Otorohanga District at the bottom of the Te Kawa hill had fallen over.

FARMERS FUNCTION

Cr Ormsby reminded Members of the forthcoming 'Farmers Shout' at the Otorohanga Club. He said this is an event which brings the District's people together.

COUNCIL DEBT

The District Accountant reported that Council's total debt is down by \$1,118,000 to \$12.06M.

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL

His Worship informed Members that Mr Vaughan Payne has recently been appointed the Regional Council's new Chief Executive Officer.

MAYORAL FORUM

His Worship referred to an invitation to Elected Members to attend a forthcoming Mayoral Forum meeting at Karapiro. He said the meeting may not now be open for Elected Members to be updated as was originally thought.

MAYORAL FATHERS & MOTHERS BREAKFAST

His Worship encouraged Members to attend the forthcoming Mayoral Mothers & Fathers Breakfasts to be held on 10 & 11 July 2013 respectively.

MAYORS TASKFORCE

His Worship reported that work has been undertaken on a nation-wide employment support scheme based on Otorohanga concepts. He said it is the intention to release details of the scheme at the forthcoming Local Government Conference. It is targeted at providing 20,000 jobs for young people. Cr Baxter queried whether this activity is now a 'core business' of Council. His Worship replied that Council is required to listen to what the ratepayers want and to be motivated to support their processes better.

GOVERNOR GENERAL

His Worship informed Members that the Governor General will be coming to Otorohanga on 10 July 2013.

DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

His Worship reported that Council's Environmental Services Manager has received constructive feedback from the submitters to the District Plan. He said a Landscape expert has been engaged to carry out the mapping required. His Worship outlined the present situation and said he is hopeful that both parties' expectations will be met. He said he would like to see a sign-off take place prior to the forthcoming Local Government elections.

COUNCIL EXPENDITURE

The Chief Executive reported that in terms of expenditure Council is doing very well however, last weeks storms created between \$30-50,000 damage to local roads. He said this is disappointing however, some additional subsidy may be available.

ROADING

The Chief Executive referred to the Mayoral Forum work stream and presented information on the costs of roading for local roads as a comparison with all districts within the Waikato.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 11.20am.

MAYOR:

DATE: