



Otorohanga District Council

# MINUTES

17 September 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 17 September 2013 commencing at 10.05am.

### 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, KC Phillips, DM Pilkington and RJ Prescott.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive & Engineering Manager), GD Bunn (Finance & Administration Manager), AR Loe (Environmental Services Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Cr Blackler read the Opening Prayer.

His Worship welcomed Councillors, staff, members of the press and the public to the meeting.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 27 AUGUST 2013**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 27 August 2013, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

### **Cr Baxter / Cr Pilkington**

## **MATTERS ARISING**

Cr Blackler referred to page 2, Otorohanga & Waipa Water Supplies, in particular the second to last sentence and requested that the words 'such as' be deleted.

## **REPORTS**

### **Item 386      DRAFT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS TO 30 JUNE 2013**

#### **Discussion**

The District Accountant attended the meeting and presented the Draft Management Accounts to 30 June 2013. The Roading Manager was also in attendance during discussion on Council's roading activities.

Cr Phillips referred to NZTA subsidies being down in relation to capital works and queried whether Council was slow in carrying out this work. He said it had been a perfect summer period for this work. The Engineering Manager replied that Council was slow in getting the Contracts out however, staff are very much aware of this for the forthcoming year. He said a schedule has been prepared with targeted timeframes identified. The Engineering Manager reported that the unspent funding will be rolled over and that this will still be included in the three year block period although it is desirable to spread the work out evenly over this period. The Roading Manager advised that in respect to the re-sealing works, Council, jointly with the Waitomo District Council, had used one of their Contractors. In reply to Cr Pilkington regarding unsealed pavement maintenance work, she was advised that this could not be finished last year due to the dry weather which was not suitable for putting down metal.

## **SEWERAGE TREATMENT AND RETICULATION**

The Engineering Manager highlighted the fact that the budgeted amounts of \$50,000 for mains renewal strategy/expenditure and \$63,000 for new power supply had not been expanded during the 2012/13 year. He reported that, in respect of the new power supply, a cheaper alternative has been found therefore the full budgeted amount will not be spent.

His Worship said the Draft Management Accounts are another good result and that every year Councillors receive a little more advanced presentation in providing the information they require. He said the Draft Accounts are a very pleasing result and that Council is meeting its expectations

under the 10 year plan. His Worship felt that this will be a challenge for the next Council to keep on developing the District and reducing Council's debt.

**Resolved**

That the Draft Management Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2013 be received.

**His Worship / Cr Blackler**

**Item 387 CARRYOVERS 2012/13/14**

**Discussion**

Members were referred to a list of the capital Carryovers identified from the 2012/13 financial year.

**Resolved**

That Council adopts the carryovers as listed below -

<b>Item</b>	<b>2012/13 budget allocation</b>	<b>Amount spent to 30 June 2013</b>	<b>Proposed carry over amount</b>	<b>Funding Method</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Walker Road	60,000	-	60,000	Cash surplus funded	Physical works completed, however legal side not yet completed, so carried over as work in progress as no asset exists to record.
Water Supply Mains Renewals	25,000	-	25,000	Cash surplus funded	Work delayed due to lack of resources. To be completed in 2013/14 year
Stop bank Improvements	90,000	-	90,000	Cash surplus funded	Work delayed due to design workload and weather, work to be completed in 2013/14 year.
Skate Park Structure Upgrade	4,000	-	4,000	Cash surplus funded	Work not completed, to be undertaken in 2013/14 year.
Customer Services Upgrade	10,000	2,635	7,365	Cash surplus funded	Work not completed, to be undertaken in 2013/14 year
MIS – Hardware and Software	105,000	95,006	10,000	Cash surplus funded	Upgrade of DR/Backup solution. Work not able to be commenced prior to 30 June 2013.
Website	25,000	-	25,000	Cash surplus funded	Work held up due to change in website developer. Work programmed to begin 1 September 2013.
Zero Waste Initiatives	20,000	2,731	17,000	Cash surplus funded	Commissioning of additional rural recycling centre's, not completed.

**Cr Pilkington / Cr Prescott**

**Item 388 REWA REWA RESERVE**

**Discussion**

The Chief Executive summarised a comprehensive report on matters relating to the Rewarewa Recreation Reserve on Barber Road. He outlined the background to the present situation and advised that as mediation has been unsuccessful, the process has been brought back to where it

was shortly after a workshop meeting on 6 August 2013, when it was agreed that a revised strategy for management of the Reserve should be adopted that contained some of the following elements –

1. Strong endorsement of majority view
2. More rigorous Management Group governance processes
3. Resumption of direct Council Management
4. Relinquishment of Council responsibility for Reserve.

The Chief Executive reported that three options were available for consideration to further reduce Council's involvement being –

1. Cancellation of vesting
2. Leasing
3. Sale.

The Chief Executive proposed a management strategy based on elements 1 and 2. Cr Blackler referred to the distribution of voting papers for the Management Group and suggested this should include residents on the parliamentary electoral roll. In reply to Cr Phillips, the Chief Executive advised that the proposed election area includes Barber Road from its commencement through to the district boundary. Cr Phillips referred to the suggestion that a suitable period between elections might be five or six years. He expressed the opinion that a four year period would be sufficient. Cr Johnson felt that a three year period between elections would be desirable. His Worship advised that by adopting a lesser period this is enabling the opportunity for change and constantly keeping the issue upfront in people's minds. Cr Johnson acknowledged the huge amount of work put in by Council's Chief Executive on such a minor matter. In addition to preferring a three year term, he also suggested that item 'e' in the recommendation be amended to read "Council will not support the opposing views of a minority on the Committee." The Chief Executive confirmed that the Reserve is vested in Council.

His worship requested that consideration of the item be deferred to later in the meeting to enable submitters to the proposed amendments to the Liquor Control Bylaw to be heard.

## **Item 390 CONFIRMATION OF LIQUOR CONTROL BYLAW**

### **Discussion**

The Environmental Services Manager presented a report informing Members that a Proposed Amendment Council's Liquor Control Bylaw 2007 was notified for public submissions on 26 July 2013 with the period for submissions closing on 30 August 2013. He advised that 16 submissions were received, four of these submitters requested to be heard in support of their submission and accordingly will be in attendance at today's meeting.

### **KAWHIA HOTEL**

Mr David Barnett, Kawhia Hotel owner, with his partner, Ms Annie Tapara, presented a submission opposing the Proposed Amendment to the Liquor Control Bylaw 2007. Mr Barnett referred to a petition attached to the submission signed by various members of the public. He reported that the proposal will hurt many businesses in the Kawhia/Aotea area as a number of these businesses will not be able to allow their customers to sit on the footpath and enjoy a drink. Mr Barnett advised that the Kawhia Hotel has a fenced off garden area for this purpose.

Mr Barnett informed Members that under 'Pub Charities' a sum of \$12,000 was granted to assist with the upgrade of the barbecue area on the foreshore. He said if this proposal is introduced members of the public will not be able to sit down and enjoy a drink in this area. He said if he had known of the proposal then he would not have encouraged the donation to be made. Mr Barnett referred to efforts to encourage tourism to Kawhia and expressed the opinion that the existing Bylaw should remain as is. He referred to tourists and locals that enjoy the hot pools on

Ocean Beach where liquor is consumed. He said often fishermen have a drink or two while they are fishing.

His Worship referred to Mr Barnett's earlier comments of business clientele drinking on the footpath and advised that these people will not be affected by the proposed change. Mr Barnett replied that although these people may not be affected, others, both local and visitors will see them drinking on the footpath and query why they are not able to do so in other public places. He expressed the opinion that a full 24 hour/7 day a week ban on liquor consumption in public places will split Kawhia. Mr Barnett again expressed the opinion that no alteration to the existing Bylaw is required and Council should not be looking at putting in place a Bylaw to prevent potential future incidents. He expressed the opinion that previous incidents have been blown out of proportion. Cr Pilkington advised that Oparau is not included in the proposed ban area. Cr Blackler informed Mr Barnett that the Kawhia Boat Club has indicated support of the proposed change.

### **MR HANO ORMSBY**

Mr Ormsby thanked Council for the opportunity to speak to his submission. Mr Ormsby reported on recent Community forum meetings held over the past six months. These have been held in an attempt to obtain a balance between maintaining law and order within the Kawhia and Aotea townships and to curb undesirable behaviour in public places. He said the Liquor Ban is the forum's initiative to make Kawhia a safer place in which to live and visit. Mr Ormsby referred to the 11 January incident and said that the Kawhia Community Board does not wish to see another incident like this happen in Kawhia or Aotea. He said the proposed change in the Bylaw would provide assistance to the local Police in preventing such a re-occurrence. Mr Ormsby reported that the Senior Sergeant of the District Police supported the proposal. His Worship suggested that there appears to be three options available to Council, these being –

1. Support the proposal
2. Vote against the proposal
3. Put the matter back to the Kawhia Community Board to re-consider the extend and conditions of the proposal.

Mr Ormsby replied that yes, there is a feeling that a compromise may be a better way and could be considered.

### **MS ANNETTE GANE**

Ms Gane, Aotea's representative on the Kawhia Community Board, reported that the Board supported a total ban although the proposal has created a division within the Kawhia/Aotea Communities. She said personally, she is of the opinion that a compromise may be arrived at which will be agreed to by both those for and against the current proposal. Ms Gane said that the proposal will impact on the Community and visitors to Kawhia and Aotea. She suggested that the current Liquor Ban be extended to after the Kai Festival on 6 February.

His Worship said that it also has to be accepted that Kawhia is a small place and that any Bylaw is only a piece of paper and will always need local people to step in and support it if required. He said Kawhia will be the place the Community wants it to be. His Worship felt that the communities need to send the right messages with the challenge, for Council being to assist Kawhia and Aotea in achieving this.

Cr Blackler referred to the new barbecue supported by the Kawhia Community and queried whether the proposed amendment will make use of this facility difficult. She was informed that the new barbecue is a convenience for people to eat and enjoy a drink. His Worship expressed the opinion that should the matter be referred back to the Kawhia Community Board, then the consultative process will have to re-commence again. His Worship thanked the submitters and their support people for their attendance at today's meeting. Cr Pilkington expressed her thanks also to the Chair and Aotea Member of the Kawhia Community Board for their attendance.

Cr Pilkington advised that Ms Judith Johns had forwarded her apology for today's meeting. His Worship said there are a number of people supporting the proposal and a number against it. He felt that tension will continue within the Communities however, it does seem that there is a number of options available to strengthen the current ban. Cr Pilkington said she endorsed the comments by His Worship and felt that Council would be moving down the right track in referring the matter back to the Kawhia Community Board. His Worship said the Communities cannot afford another tragic incident as occurred earlier this year. Cr Baxter agreed with possibly extending the current Bylaw and not enforcing a total ban. He agreed that the matter be put back to the public. His Worship felt that there is a risk that as time goes by the severity of the incident earlier this year will be forgotten therefore any means to alleviate this should be considered. Cr Pilkington felt that an amendment could be a preventative tool, a means of attempting to tell people that anti-social behaviour that comes from drinking is not acceptable.

Cr Johnson said he would be interested in hearing the Environmental Services Manager's opinion both on enforcing any proposed change and what other resort areas have in place to control this matter. The Environmental Services Manager replied that although Council can make a Bylaw and that this will be enforced by Police. He said the Police engage extra staff during the current restricted period of the ban and that the current ban has a clear cut-off period. He suggested to Members that they steer away from introducing any subtly watered down options. His Worship felt that these issues are difficult to police and that reliance is placed on the Community to enforce any Bylaw. He said people within the Community will have to come forward and provide support. The Environmental Services Manager reported that although the Bylaw covers all of the District, it is currently only in effect in Kawhia and Aotea.

Cr Prescott queried whether the local people will step up to assist the Police in enforcing the Bylaw. He said initially he was in favour of the total ban however, now considers the present Bylaw adequate. His Worship said points have been made by all parties creating a definite division of opinion. Cr Blackler said she agreed with Cr Prescott's comments and felt that if you can't regulate or control a situation by introducing a Bylaw then it is not worth having. She expressed the opinion that a short sharp ban period can be enforced more easily. Cr Ormsby said he is concerned about uncontrolled drinking in public places and felt it was up to the local Communities to supervise. Cr Phillips said he could not support a total ban however, he would support a ban during the 'party time' period. Cr Baxter suggested that the matter be put back to the Community to consider extending the current ban. His Worship agreed that the matter should be placed back to the Kawhia Community Board in order to propose any change to the existing Bylaw.

## **Resolved**

That

1. The Environmental Services Manager's report be received.
2. The proposed Bylaw Amendment, as presented, is not appropriate.
3. Further discussion and consultation be conducted with the Community on potentially appropriate changes to the Liquor Control Bylaw 2007.

## **Cr Pilkington / Cr Baxter**

### **Item 388 REWAREWA RESERVE – CONTINUED**

#### **Discussion**

Members referred to the suggested changes submitted by Cr Johnson being –

1. Clause 3 in the staff recommendation be amended to... Council will not support the opposing views of a minority on the committee.
2. Clause f be amended to read 'Implementation of a set of Mandatory Rules for the function of the Committee that incorporates points a, b and e in the proposed recommendation subject to amendments agreed by Council, in particular to the suggestion of a three year

term from when the current Committee was first established. He suggested that initially a three year term be introduced under the new framework and thereafter five yearly. Cr Phillips suggested that a new Committee be formed now. Cr Johnson felt that the three years coincides with the election period for Councillors. Cr Pilkington expressed the opinion that the current Committee has been 'on hold' until this financial year. Cr Johnson said he has a real issue with the extent of time the Chief Executive has had to spend on this matter and felt that the matter should be put in motion and then left. Committee Members could then approach himself if necessary.

## **Resolved**

That

1. Council adopts the following stance in respect of the management of the Rewarewa Reserve:
  - a. Decisions in respect of reserve management are to be made by a clear majority of Management Group ('Committee') members.
  - b. Some enhancement of Committee meeting procedures is required to improve the clarity of decisions, including circulation of meeting agenda, voting on formal resolutions, confirmation of minutes and periodic election of Committee members.
  - c. Council's consideration of the validity of Committee decisions will be based only on whether proper process was followed and a majority of Committee members were in favour. Council has no interest in what the decisions are, so long as they do not require funding from Council, or expose Council to significant liability. Council does not care if a decision undoes something done previously, so long as there is no associated cost or liability for Council.
  - d. Council will not invest anything in discretionary 'improvements' or changes to the reserve that could potentially be undone in the future by changing membership of the Committee.
  - e. Council will not support the opposing views of a minority on the Committee.
  - f. Implementation of a set of Mandatory Rules for the function of the Committee that incorporates points a, b and e above subject to the amendments agreed by Council.
2. Previously Council approved works (removal of structures) are to proceed.

## **Cr Johnson / Cr Phillips**

## **LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm and resumed at 1.02pm.

## **Item 389 PROPOSED FIBRE OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION**

### **Discussion**

The Chief Executive presented a report informing Members that discussion of potential funding of the installation of a fibre optic cable to enable provision of high speed internet services to business properties on Progress Drive, part of Huiputea Drive and the lower section of Main North Road has recently taken place between the Otorohanga District Development Board and the Otorohanga Community Board. He said it is believed that there is significant merit in the proposal, but because of the relatively unusual distribution of costs and primary benefits, it is considered appropriate for Council to discuss this matter prior to confirming, or otherwise, any recommendation by the Community Board. The Chief Executive also advised that Council has not signalled the funding of such works.

The Chief Executive informed Members that currently the funding given to the District Development Board is without Council approval of what these funds are used for. He queried whether there is a greater need for this to be disclosed. The Chief Executive said currently it is a question of whether Council Members are comfortable with the proposed funding jointly with the Development Board for the installation of the fibre optic cable.

Mr Ormsby informed Members that this cable is already at the Kakamutu Road substation and will then go up Maniapoto Street. The Chief Executive reported that the cable is going to the Otorohanga Primary School and therefore the proposal will be an extension of this work. He said there are no plans for funding to be provided by Central Government.

His Worship said he was thankful that the installation of this cable is not restricted to Maniapoto Street and grateful the Otorohanga Community Board has funds available for this work and that the District Development Board has seen merit in its installation. Cr Prescott said the Board is of the opinion that the proposal is future-proofing to encourage other companies to come into the Progress Park area. He said in addition it will encourage businesses to remain in Otorohanga. Cr Johnson said he agreed entirely with the proposal. With regard to the cost of the installation, the Chief Executive advised this is to provide the extra length to the defined area proposed. Cr Blackler said she supported the proposal however, would like to see those businesses benefitting from the installation to be charged perhaps by way of a fixed capital contribution.

### **Resolved**

That

1. Council confirms support for joint funding by the Otorohanga District Development Board (ODDB) and the Otorohanga Community Board (OCB) of installation of a fibre optic cable to enable provision of high-speed internet services to business properties on Progress Drive, part of Huiputea Drive and the lower section of Main North Road, as described in the report to the OCB of 12 September 2013.
2. There shall be further discussion between Council and the Otorohanga District Development Board in respect of disclosure of proposed expenditure.

### **Cr Phillips / Cr Prescott**

## **Item 391 ROAD LEGALISATION PART SIRCOMBE ROAD SO 462652 & SO 427303**

### **Discussion**

The Engineering Manager presented a report advising that Council has documents requiring consent to legalising of part of Sircombe Road being the middle section for a length of approximately 1000m.

### **Resolved**

That

1. The Otorohanga District Council hereby consents to the Minister of Land Information declaring:
  - a. Pursuant to Sec 114 of the Public Works Act 1981 the land described in the **First Schedule** below being declared road and vested in the Otorohanga District Council.
  - b. Pursuant to Sec 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981 the land described in the **Second Schedule** below being stopped and vested in the adjoining properties by way of amalgamation with the titles listed and being subject to existing mortgages recorded on the titles.

### ***South Auckland Land District – Otorohanga District***

<b>First Schedule - Land to be Declared Road</b>
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<i>Area</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Owners</i>
435m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 2 SO 427303	CFR SA1049/110	ST & JR Tucker
781m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 7 SO 427303	CFR SA1049/110	ST & JR Tucker
433m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 3 SO 427303	CFR 364616	AD Browne
207m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 8 SO 427303	CFR 94714	LL Harnett
171 m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 10 SO 427303	CFR 398684	DS & SL Pease
181 m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 12 SO 427303	CFR SA1207/278	SJ Pevreal

<b>Second Schedule – Road to be Stopped and Vested by Amalgamation in Adjoining Properties</b>			
<i>Area</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Owners</i>
235m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 2 SO 462652	CFR 364615	Walters Holdings Ltd
522m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 1 SO 462652	CFR 364616	AD Browne
875m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 4 SO 427303	CFR SA1049/110	ST & JR Tucker
358m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 5 SO 427303	CFR 364616	AD Browne
590m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 6 SO 427303	CFR 947149	LL Harnett
341m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 9 SO 427303	CFR SA1049/110	ST & JR Tucker
393m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 11 SO 427303	CFR 398684	DS & SL Pease

2. The Mayor and Chief Executive of Otorohanga District Council be authorised to sign and seal any documentation necessary to legalise plans SO 427303 and SO 462652.

**Cr Johnson / Cr Phillips**

**Item 392 MANIAPOTO FAMILY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION NETWORK – PICNIC IN THE PARK PROPOSAL**

**Discussion**

The Chief Executive reported he has been unable to ascertain what support, whether financial or moral, this organisation is requesting from Council. Accordingly it was agreed that the proposal be presented for Members information.

**Resolved**

That Maniapoto Family Violence Intervention Network Picnic in the Park proposal be received.

**His Worship / Cr Prescott**

**GENERAL**

**OTOROHANGA DISTRICT & COMMUNITY CHARITABLE TRUST**

Cr Johnson reported that a cheque for \$5000 on behalf of the Trust has been presented to the local Fire Brigade for the purchase of a utility vehicle.

**COMBINED SPORTS FACILITY**

Cr Johnson referred to a recent meeting of interested parties to consider the establishment of a combined sports facility. He said this is a great proposal in principle however, queried whether it can be afforded and how the proposal could be funded. His Worship reported it is the intention to

form a small steering group as a number of people feel the proposal has merit however, to proceed it needs to be considered on a concept/timeframe.

### **NGUTUNUI QUARRY**

Cr Pilkington reported on the gorse growing in the Ngutunui Quarry and that seeds are being distributed in metal taken from the quarry. The Chief Executive replied that the quarry does get sprayed for noxious plants as it is a condition of the Lease. Cr Pilkington expressed concern that the seeds could be distributed to roads outside the District. The Chief Executive advised that this is a matter for the Lessee. Cr Blackler suggested that the people aware of the situation should complain to the Waikato Regional Council in order to get them involved.

### **INCITE YOUTH EVENING**

Cr Pilkington informed Members of an Incite Youth Evening organised by the Otorohanga District Development Board to be held at the Otorohanga Club this evening commencing at 6.00pm.

### **CIVIL DEFENCE MEETING**

Cr Blackler reported, following a recent Civil Defence meeting, that it is the intention to employ a Welfare Manager which will be funded via rates at 60c per household.

### **REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Cr Blackler reported that discussion was held on an interim report regarding revision to NZTA's Financial Assistance Rate (FAR) however, only preliminary results have been reported, no information on potential FAR rates.

### **RAUKAWA JOINT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

Cr Blackler reported she recently attended the signing of the Raukawa Joint Management Agreement, with His Worship.

### **WRC REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT**

Members were informed of a Waikato Regional Council's Regional Policy Statement meeting to be held at Te Aroha on 19 September 2013. It had been suggested that as Deputy Mayor Cr Blackler is stepping down from Council whether it would be better for another Councillor who is staying on Council to attend the meeting. The Environmental Services Manager reported that the meeting will consist of a summary of where the appeals to the Statement are at, the status and position of Councils. Cr Johnson undertook to attend the meeting.

### **WITHERS QUARRY AND ALCOHOL POLICY**

The Environmental Services Manager informed Members it is proposed for two Hearings to be held on either 2 or 3 October 2013. He will confirm the date as soon as it is known.

### **DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW**

The Environmental Services Manager reported that mediation on the Landscape Policy areas is currently on track however, it appears likely this appeal will have to be settled in Court.

### **PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT**

His Worship referred to a pamphlet produced by Taupo Beef which comes from two farms overlooking Lake Taupo, Glen Emmreth Farm, owned by Mike & Sharon Barton and Hurakia Station, a Maori Trust farm managed by Andy and Rachel Mitchell. Members were advised that these two farms are operating under NZ's toughest Environmental Standards aimed at protecting water quality. This means their free-range, grass fed beef leaves only the lightest environmental footprint on land and lake. Members were informed that the Bartons & the Mitchells are strongly motivated to protect water quality and have changed their farming practices to protect Lake Taupo. They are at the centre of the far reaching Lake Taupo Protection Project which restricts

the amount of nitrogen entering into the soil and ground water. It is an initiative that has evolved over the past 10 years and has involved all stakeholders in the Lake Taupo area. As a result of this process, farmers have accepted a cap on livestock numbers and will manage their farms under strict external monitoring to ensure Lake Taupo's excellent water quality is absolutely protected.

## **ZONE 2**

His Worship informed Members that LGNZ will be lobbying Central Government around Local Government reform matters. Members were advised that the next meeting will be held on Friday 8 November at Opotiki.

## **MANGAWHIO BRIDGE, WAIPAPA**

The Engineering Manager referred to the repainting of the Mangawhio Bridge for which, following advice from a Contractor, a cost of \$150,000 was estimated. He said tenders have now closed for this work and the lowest tender price received is \$360,000. The Engineering Manager said it is necessary to repaint the bridge structure as this will rust. He said staff will consider the options available.

## **RESOURCE CONSENT – OTOROHANGA WATER SUPPLY**

The Engineering Manager referred to the Resource Consent required to take water from the Waipa River for the Otorohanga water supply and advised that the Waikato Regional Council does not appear to be supporting the objection from Mana Whenua o Hopu Hopu.

## **FLOOD PROTECTION WORKS**

In reply to Cr Blackler as to whether Council received full subsidy for this work, the Engineering Manager replied that Council's claim was not lodged in time to meet the end of the financial year however, this will be rolled over into the new year and full subsidy will be received.

## **MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting concluded at 2.12pm.

**MAYOR:**

**DATE:** 8 October 2013