



Otorohanga District Council

MINUTES

17 June 2014

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 June 2014 commencing at 10.02am.

MINUTES

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

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PRESENT

Mr MM Baxter (Mayor), Crs, RA Klos, RM Johnson, KC Phillips, DM Pilkington (Deputy Mayor), RJ Prescott, PD Tindle and AJ Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

His Worship declared the meeting open and welcomed those present.

OPENING PRAYER

Cr Klos read the Opening Prayer.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 20 MAY 2014

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 20 May 2014, as amended, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Cr Phillips / Cr Johnson

MATTERS ARISING

His Worship referred to the item regarding the Te Kawa Road intersection – Ouruwhero Road and requested that the Stop signage be amended to read 'Give Way' from the West direction.

Cr Phillips referred to the item regarding the Rewarewa Recreation Reserve and requested it be noted in the minutes that he voted against the motion.

REPORTS

Item 82 OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 8 MAY 2014

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 8 May 2014 be received.

Cr Prescott / Cr Tindle

Item 83 KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES - 23 MAY 2014

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 23 May 2014 be received.

Cr Pilkington / His Worship

MATERS ARISING

Cr Pilkington referred to Page 4, the item regarding the Waikato Mayoral Forum and requested it be noted that Councillor Robyn Klos has been appointed the alternate Council Member of the Waikato Spatial Plan Joint Committee.

Item 84 REQUEST TO WAIVE INFRINGEMENT FEE

Discussion

The Environmental Services Manager presented his report informing Members that Mr Paul Diack has appealed a Dog Control Infringement Notice and requested that the fee be waived. He advised that the value of the infringement fee is \$300. The Environmental Services Manager further advised that Mr Diack has now paid all outstanding fees. He said that Council's Animal Control Contractor does attempt to make contact with non-payers, in an effort to establish where they are living.

Resolved

That Council waives the Dog Control Infringement Notice fee of \$300 appealed by Mr Paul Diack.

Cr Prescott / Cr Johnson

Item 85 ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS 2014

Discussion

Council Members gave consideration to the submissions not being heard as follows –

THE ENVIROSCHOOLS FOUNDATION

The Chief Executive reported that the Foundation is not seeking any changes to the Annual Plan however, the purpose of the submission is recognising and acknowledging Council's contribution to the EnviroSchools program. He referred to the Waste Minimisation Fund and advised that Council could allocate small amounts to additional Schools. His Worship said that Council supports the EnviroSchools program and that it is up to the individual Schools to approach Council for assistance.

KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD

Cr Pilkington reported that the Board had considered the previously agreed Footpath Program for Kawhia which is funded out of the Roothing budget. The Chief Executive referred to the construction of a footpath on the Harbour side of the road between the Kawhia garage and Mr John Staples' residence and reported that this will be a sizable amount of work. He said the work has been placed over three separate year's allocations and suggested that this continue as per the existing schedule. The Chief Executive suggested that the Board wished to continue with the improvement of Footpaths and that the submission was raising awareness of this. Cr Pilkington reported that the proposed work is included within the Roothing Budget every second year. She suggested that a further workshop be held by the Board to give consideration as to what is feasible. Cr Johnson felt that if the provision of a footpath is a public safety issue then the proposed work should be brought forward. His Worship felt that there is no need for any change as the program is in place and that the work will be continued as proposed. Cr Pilkington advised that the Board wanted to look at the Footpath Program priority list to reconfirm its priorities. The District Accountant informed Members that there is \$10,000 in next year's Budget under Roothing and a further \$10,000 sundry allowance which could be utilised for this purpose. Cr Pilkington informed Members that it will be great to see the commencement of Footpath construction between the Kawhia Garage and Mr John Staples' residence however, this will involve significant costs for some sections of the work.

The Chief Executive informed Members that a Level of Service Survey is being forwarded with Council's six monthly newsletter. Included in this is the option to increase funding for Footpath construction, and that this could be accelerated if signalled.

Seal Extension

Cr Pilkington reported that the proposed Seal Extension works relate to Wetere Street and the western end of Cowell Street. The Chief Executive advised that the proposed Seal Extension is

very minor work however, Council has given a clear signal that it is not economically justified to carry out this work unsubsidised. He said it could be suggested to the Board that if they want to proceed with the work, the cost be fully funded from the Kawhia account. He said the total cost might be in the order of \$50,000.

Funding within the two Communities

The Finance and Administration Manager advised that there are a number of activities which are funded jointly however, there are also activities which should be 'ring fenced'. He referred in particular to the Aotea Seawall and the Kawhia Water Supply. It was suggested that this proposal should be discussed further in the funding review later this year.

DEMOCRATS FOR SOCIAL CREDIT

Members referred to the submission lodged by Democrats for Social Credit. It was agreed that the submitters be thanked for their submission.

SPORT WAIKATO

Mr Mike McGuire (General Manager) and Ms Robbie Matthews (District Coordinator) attended the meeting and presented a submission on behalf of Sport Waikato. Mr McGuire lodged an apology on behalf of Mr Matthew Cooper who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr McGuire advised that Sport Waikato recognises and acknowledges Council for their ongoing commitment and support for Sport and Recreation. He said he would like to thank Council for the decision in the long term plan to continue to fund the salary and overheads of the District Coordinators role.

Mr McGuire reported that it is becoming more difficult for Communities to obtain funding for sporting related activities.

Cr Klos queried how the purpose of the Coordinator's role translates into what actually happens. Mr McGuire replied that the Coordinator is working within the Community to identify its needs via Pre-schools, Schools, Clubs and Organisations. He said work is then carried out to meet these needs. Cr Klos queried whether the Coordinator's role was that of planning or 'doing'. Mr McGuire replied that it identifies the needs of the Community to enable the Community to follow up on these needs. He said it could be referred to as a facilitating role.

In reply to a query regarding how it is demonstrated whether the job is being carried out well, Mr McGuire informed Members that this is via feedback and consideration as to where the Community needs were and where they are now. His Worship queried whether Council needs to extend the Coordinator's work or is Council being over serviced.

Ms Matthews reported that some Councils have an Events Coordinator on their Staff. She said the role of a Coordinator is more of a strategic position, developing and setting up events. Cr Pilkington queried whether Sport Waikato provided any follow up as to whether groups/events are continuing and whether they need further support. The Coordinator replied that 'yes' this is discussed with them. She said succession training is very important. Ms Matthews advised that one of the key issues is that a Sport Waikato Coordinator is seen as an independent person there to help to bring the various Clubs/Organisations together. In reply to Cr Johnson regarding whether any areas of concern have been highlighted, Ms Matthews referred to the proposed development of the Island Reserve. Mr McGuire advised that the Coordinator works with the various Clubs/Organisations not to continue in what they were doing in the past but, establishing better ways to provide for the future.

ODC STAFF SUBMISSION

The Finance and Administration Manager presented the Staff submission being –

1. \$6,000 budget included in Corporate Planning for the Healthy Rivers Forum. This additional cost will be funded from District Rates, 50% from General Rates and 50% from UAGC (Uniform Annual General Charge).

Members were informed that this will run for a period of two years. Cr Pilkington queried why this should not be 100% funded by UAGC.

2. \$5,000 budget be included in Furniture and Fittings for services equipment. This will be funded 100% from depreciation reserves and will have no impact on rates.

Members were informed that to date the Services team has been too reliant on the hire sector.

3. Change the heading on page 60 to Funding Impact Statement, to identify that this is the Funding Impact Statement as required under legislation.

CCS DISABILITY ACTION

Mr Roger Loveless presented their submission in partnership with the 'Access for All' disability stakeholder group.

Mr Loveless thanked Council for going out of its way to make things better for disabled people. He acknowledged the support of Council to date. Mr Loveless suggested that Council keep its lines of communication open with disability people from within the Community.

GENERAL

MAKING GOOD DECISIONS

Cr Johnson reported on his attendance at a training seminar held in Auckland on 'Making Good Decisions'. He said he has been working on a draft assignment.

WAIKERIA PRISON LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Cr Prescott reported on his attendance at a recent meeting of the Waikeria Prison Liaison Committee. He said concern has been expressed regarding the proposed closure of the South Bridge. He further reported that he is unsure as to what is happening with the main Prison building, as it appears there is no urgency in this being demolished.

Cr Klos reported on her attendance at the Waikeria Prison Community Liaison Committee meeting and referred to the economic benefit the District receives by having the facility located there. She said the Prison will be reducing in size when new facilities come on stream.

HEALTHY RIVERS FORUM

Cr Phillips reported that a meeting of the Healthy Rivers Forum will be held this Thursday 19 June 2014. He said this is run by Dairy NZ, gathering ideas from farmers. He felt that it is important for Members to attend if possible.

Cr Phillips referred to the various cycle ways and said these are fantastic and being used by a considerable number of people both cycling and walking. He felt that these are great facilities and encouraged the use of them.

Item 85 ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS 2014

FEDERATED FARMERS NEW ZEALAND

Mr Zach Mounsey (Otorohanga Branch Chair) and Ms Hilary Walker (Regional Policy Advisor) attended the meeting.

Mr Mounsey outlined his background and advised that he has been a resident in Otorohanga for 18 years. Ms Walker then presented Federated Farmers submission acknowledging that Council is proposing a prudent Draft Annual Plan with a smaller overall increase in total rates than indicated in the Long Term Plan. She said it is pleasing to see that Council is concentrating on its efficiency and effectiveness and prioritising spending. Ms Walker referred to Council's

decision to sell the Waiwera Street property in Kawhia and supported Council not being involved in property development.

The following recommendations were highlighted –

1. Federated Farmers strongly encourages Council to continue proactively engaging with Central Government to ensure decision makers are well aware of the significant and detrimental impact changes to funding mechanisms could have on roading infrastructure in the District.
2. That Council prioritises the roading work to focus on the subsidised works on the network, before the FAR rate is reduced.
3. That Council involves key stakeholders early in the process of drafting and developing the next LTP.
4. That Council continues to deliver a good level of transparency by providing detailed itemised rates demands to all rate payers.
5. That the Long Term Plan and Annual Plans continue to include example rates for a wide range of properties which enables readers to compare rates.
6. That Council increase its UAGC percentage to the maximum possible allowance.
7. That Council continues to use the method of UAGC calculation which only counts targeted uniform charges which are District wide in the 30% gap.
8. That the Council continues to make good use of targeted rates to fund services which have a high level of direct and identifiable benefit.
9. That Council keeps rate increases as low as possible by using a 'Is this core business' test as the touch stone for any spending decisions.
10. That Council identifies why the rural percentage increases are twice that of their urban counter parts.
11. That Council reviews the funding allocation split to reduce the general rate contribution and target rates to businesses directly benefiting from the service.

Cr Pilkington acknowledged the effort by Federated Farmers in clarifying issues that evolved last year. She said there are a number of items which will come up for consideration in Councils forthcoming funding review.

Cr Johnson welcomed Mr Mounsey as Chair of the Otorohanga Branch and said it was encouraging to see a youthful image.

THE RENEWABLES MOTUEKA

Mr Greg Rzesniowiecki on behalf of The Renewables did not attend the meeting as indicated. The purpose of their submission is to inform themselves and others of the consequence of climate change and are strongly of the view that action at every level must be taken to mitigate its effect. The Finance and Administration Manager advised that this submission was received some three months ago and he understood at that time, it was sent to every Council in New Zealand.

RESPONSES TO SUBMISSIONS

The Enviroschools Foundation - That the Submitter be thanked for their submission and Council confirm its support in principle, for the Enviroschools program.

Kawhia Community Board -

1. That the existing budget for sundry expenses will include footpath extensions to enable the proposed work to be carried out.

2. That consistent with existing Council Policy, consideration could in future be given to 'ring fencing' funding of the Seal Extension project.
3. That a workshop be conducted prior to the Funding Review involving relevant Council and Kawhia Community Board Members to further explore the issue of funding within the two Communities.

Democrats for Social Credit - That Council thank the submitters for their submission and they be advised that Council appreciated receiving their positive comments.

Sport Waikato - That the submitter be thanked for their submission.

Staff Submission - That the proposed changes to the Draft Annual Plan be approved.

Te Hunga Haua Mauri Mo Nga Tangata Katoa (CCS Disability Action) in partnership with 'Access for All' disability stakeholder group – That the submitter be thanked for their submission and they be advised that Council appreciates the positive comments contained therein in particular, to Councils response to their needs.

Federated Farmers NZ –

1. That Council thank the submitter for clarity of their responses to issues raised previously.
2. Consideration will be given to matters raised as part of the forthcoming funding review process.
3. Council continues to use the methodology of calculation which only counts targeted uniform charges, which are district wide in the 30% cap, and that have generally been returned to each year, be accepted.

The Renewables Motueka – That the submitter be thanked for their submission.

Resolved

That –

1. The submissions be received
2. Subject to amendments resulting from the submissions, Council adopt the final Annual Plan.

Cr Phillips / Cr Johnson

Item 86 2014/15 RATES RESOLUTION

Resolved

That the Otorohanga District Council sets the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on rating units in the district for the financial year commencing 1 July 2014 and ending on 30 June 2015.

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 set under section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of 0.0006088 cents in the dollar on the capital value of all rating units within the Otorohanga District.

b. Uniform Annual General Charge

A Uniform Annual General Charge of \$327.93 per rating unit on all rating units within the Otorohanga District, set under section 15 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

2. OTOROHANGA RURAL

a. Rural Targeted Rate

A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of 0.0000273 cents in the dollar on the capital value of all rating units within the Otorohanga District with the exception of the Otorohanga Community and Kawhia Community areas.

b. Rural Uniform Targeted Rate

A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$91.31 per rating unit on all rating units within the Otorohanga District with the exception of the Otorohanga and Kawhia Community areas.

3. OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY

a. Otorohanga Community Targeted Rate

A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rating unit within the Otorohanga Community area, assessed on a differential basis as described below:

- i. a rate of 0.0009506 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the "commercial" category.
- ii. a rate of 0.0003802 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the "residential" category.

b. Otorohanga Community Uniform Targeted Rate

A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$183.75 per rating unit on all rating units within the Otorohanga Community area

4. KAWHIA COMMUNITY

a. Kawhia Community Targeted Rate

A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of 0.0004817 cents in the dollar of capital value on all rating units within the Kawhia Community area.

b. Kawhia Community Uniform Targeted Rate

A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$90.73 per rating unit on all rating units within the Kawhia Community area

5. TARGETED LOAN RATES

a. Otorohanga Sewage Treatment Loan Rate

A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rating unit within the Otorohanga Community area, assessed on a differential basis as described below:

- i. a rate of 0.0006877 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the "commercial" category.
- ii. a rate of 0.0002751 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the "residential" category.

b. Otorohanga Water Supply Loan Rate

A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on every rating unit within the Otorohanga Community area, assessed on a differential basis as described below:

- i. a rate of 0.0001823 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the “commercial” category.
 - ii. a rate of 0.0000729 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the “residential” category.
- c. Kawhia Water Supply

A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of 0.0001599 cents in the dollar of capital value on all rating units within the Kawhia Community area.
- d. Arohena Rural Water Supply

A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of 0.0001013 cents in the dollar of capital value on all rating units within the Arohena Rural Water Supply Area.
- e. Aotea Erosion Protection

A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$514.31 per rating unit on all rating units within the Aotea Community, excluding those with properties in the Morrison Subdivision and properties that have previously paid a capital contribution.

6. TARGETED RATES

- a. Roothing
 - i. A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 made of 0.0011006 cents in the dollar of capital value on all rating units within the Otorohanga District.
 - ii. A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 made of \$273.95 per rating unit on all rating units within the Otorohanga District.
- b. Security Patrol
 - i. A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 made of 0.0007482 cents in the dollar of capital value on all rating units within the “Security Patrol Area” in the Otorohanga Community
 - ii. A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 made of \$334.41 per rating unit on all rating units within the “Security Patrol Area” in the Otorohanga Community
- c. Otorohanga CBD Development Rate
 - i. A Targeted Rate of 0.0001047 cents in the dollar on the capital value of all rating units in the “commercial” category of the Otorohanga Community.
 - ii. A Uniform Targeted Rate of \$134.75 per rating unit on each rating unit units in the “commercial” category of the Otorohanga Community.
- d. Aotea Erosion Targeted Rate

A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$90.91 per rating unit on all rating units within the Aotea Community.
- e. District Halls

A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for all rating units within the defined hall areas as follows:

HALL SEPARATE RATING DISTRICT	RATE IN \$	RATING SYSTEM	UNIFORM ANNUAL CHARGE	
Arohena	0.0000050	capital value	\$45.00	Per rating unit
Kio Kio	0.000009	capital value	\$20.00	Per rating unit
Tokanui Crossroads	-		\$20.00	Per rating unit
Puketotara/ Ngutunui	0.000003	capital value	\$9.00	Per rating unit
Maihihi	0.000017	capital value	-	
Otewa	-		\$18.00	Per rating unit
Honikiwi	0.000013	capital value	-	

7. TARGETED REFUSE RATES

Otorohanga Community

A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$107.03 per separately used or inhabited part on all rating units within the Otorohanga Refuse Collection Area.

Kawhia Community

A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$216.98 in respect of each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the Kawhia Refuse Collection Area.

8. TARGETED WATER RATES

Otorohanga Community

- a. A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$284.55 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the Otorohanga Community which receives an ordinary supply of water from the Otorohanga Community Water Supply.
- b. A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$312.50 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit located outside the Otorohanga Community which receives an ordinary supply of water from the Otorohanga Community Water Supply.

Kawhia Community

- c. A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$401.92 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, which receives an ordinary supply of water within the Kawhia Community.

9. TARGETED SEWERAGE RATES

A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$292.32 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.

10. TARGETED RATES FOR EXTRAORDINARY WATER SUPPLY

Otorohanga Community

- a. A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$0.57 cents per cubic metre of water consumed in excess of 220 cubic metres, for each rateable rating unit within the Otorohanga Community on a metered supply.

- b. A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$0.76 cents per cubic metre of water consumed for each non-rateable separate rating unit within the Otorohanga Community with a minimum charge of \$178.25 per annum.
- c. A Targeted Rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$284.55 on every non-rateable separate rating unit located inside the Otorohanga Community which receives a supply of water from the Otorohanga Community Water Supply.
- d. A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$0.76 cents per cubic metre of water consumed for each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable outside the Otorohanga Community on a metered supply.
- e. A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$102.22 per meter for each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable receiving an extraordinary supply from the Otorohanga Community Water Supply.

Kawhia Community

- a. A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$1.01 cents per cubic metre of water consumed in excess of 220 cubic metres, for each rating unit, whether rateable or non-rateable, within the Kawhia Community on a metered supply.
- b. A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$1.17 cents per cubic metre of water consumed in excess of 220 cubic metres, for each rating unit, whether rateable or non-rateable, outside the Kawhia Community on a metered supply, with a minimum charge of \$401.92.
- c. A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$102.22 per meter for each separate rating unit whether rateable or non-rateable receiving an extraordinary supply from the Kawhia Community Water Supply.
- d. A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$10.22 cents per cubic metre of water consumed between the period of 20 December 2014 and 20 February 2015, for each rating unit meeting the Peak Season Metered Water Charges criteria, within the Kawhia Community on a metered supply.

11. RURAL WATER SUPPLIES

- a. A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$0.40 cents per cubic metre of water consumed, whether rateable or non-rateable, within the Arohena Rural Water Supply Area.
- b. A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$377.78 per meter within the Arohena Rural Water Supply Area.
- c. A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$0.35 cents per cubic metre of water consumed, whether rateable or non-rateable, within the Ranginui Rural Water Supply Area.
- d. A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$1,800.00 for the first meter per property within the Ranginui Rural Water Supply Area.
- e. A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$0.87 cents per cubic metre of water consumed, whether rateable or non-rateable, within the Tihiroa Rural Water Supply Area.
- f. A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$400.00 per meter within the Tihiroa Rural Water Supply Area.
- g. A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$0.52 cents per cubic metre of water consumed, whether rateable or non-rateable, within the Waipa Rural Water Supply Area.

- h. A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$88.88 per meter within the Waipa Rural Water Supply Area

That the Council adopt the definitions for its differential categories set out in the funding impact statement contained in the 2014/15 Annual Plan as its differential rating categories for the year.

That with the exception of water by meter charges, all rates will be payable in two equal instalments with the due dates for payment being:

Instalment One	29 August 2014
Instalment Two	30 January 2015

That water by meter charges will be payable in two instalments with the due dates for payment being:

Instalment One	29 August 2014
Instalment Two	30 January 2015

That the Council apply the following penalties as follows:

- a. A charge of 10 percent on so much of any instalment, excluding metered water charges, that has been assessed after 1 July 2014 and which is unpaid after the due dates below:

Instalment One	29 August 2014
Instalment Two	30 January 2015

- b. A charge of 5 percent on so much of any metered water charges instalment that has been assessed after 1 July 2014 and which is unpaid after the due dates below:

Instalment One	29 August 2014
Instalment Two	30 January 2015

- c. A charge of 10 percent on so much of any rates, excluding metered water charges, assessed before 1 July 2014 that remain unpaid on 1 July 2014

- d. A further amount of 10 percent on any rates, excluding metered water charges, to which a penalty has been added under (c) if rates remain unpaid on 5 January 2105.

That rates shall be payable at any of the following places:

- a. The council offices, 17 Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga
b. Using online banking or direct debit facilities established by the Council

Cr Phillips / Cr Prescott

Item 87 ODC MATTERS REFERRED FROM 20 MAY 2014

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

FUNDING FOR INSULATION

The Chief Executive reported that information has been provided and that the Governance Supervisor will be Council's contact in the promotion of this Scheme. He said Council will encourage those people that qualify to take up the offer of free insulation in their homes.

WATER LINE – RANGIATEA ROAD

The Chief Executive reported that this matter has not been resolved. He said he has spoken to Cr Phillips regarding the situation. The Chief Executive reported that the pipe from the water line

on Rangiatea Road is not in a defined area. He said any costs will have to be met by the Otorohanga Community Board although this is outside of the Community. The Chief Executive advised that clarity needs to be established as to the service provided outside of the Community.

VEHICLE CROSSING BOND – RURAL AREA

The Environmental Services Manager reported that technically, if anyone applies for an activity on their property and the crossing is not up to standard, then it is necessary for them to obtain a Resource Consent to upgrade the entrance way.

The Environmental Services Manager further reported that the view of Councils Roding Staff is that if the crossing is acceptable then Council will take the Bond and should work be required, then this will be put towards the cost. He said the District Building Control Officer exercises discretion in this matter.

GENERAL

RURAL PROVINCIAL MEETING

Cr Pilkington reported on her attendance at the Rural Provincial Meeting held recently and said this was a very interesting meeting with valuable information given. She then highlighted the following –

1. Earthquake Prone Building Amendment Bill. Cr Pilkington reported that Minister Nick Smith is pragmatic and understands the life/safety/economics trade-off in respect of the earthquake strengthening requirements. She said LGNZ's position aligns with Federated Farmers NZ and Business NZ on this issue.
2. LGNZ Funding Review – with an aging population and an increasing number of people on fixed incomes, it is not sustainable for rates to keep rising therefore we must find an alternative to the current rating system.
3. Derelict Properties – there is a very high threshold to be able to do anything about them – potential proposed solution to add a definition into the Building Act. A Bylaw is not a solution as the effects of a Local Bylaw cannot exceed those of Government legislation.
4. Local Alcohol Policy – Cr Pilkington reported that two test case appeals are being heard during July/August. She said the appeals are demanding evidence based justification. The level of consultation will be very important to the judges in their decision making.
5. FAR Review - Cr Pilkington reported that the final rates will be out between October and December 2014. She advised that Central Government will not be increasing the pool of funding and that emergency works funding is under scrutiny.
6. National Monitoring System (RMA) – Cr Pilkington queried whether this Council has electronic capability for the reporting system required.

Cr Pilkington expressed her thanks to Council for giving her the opportunity to attend the Rural Provincial Meeting.

His Worship referred to risks such as earthquake, volcanic activity etc and advised that different levels of risk have been identified from slight to extreme.

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Cr Pilkington informed Members of an Otorohanga District Development Board Workshop Meeting to be held tomorrow morning.

IWI LIAISON GROUP

Cr Klos expressed the opinion that she sees this group as an important element of governance and that this Council does not have such a Group.

EARTHQUAKE SUBSEQUENCES

Cr Williams reported on the number of yellow stickered houses in Wellington being notified as earthquake prone. She said that Local Government New Zealand is lobbying this issue on Council's behalf.

LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for luncheon at 1.45pm and resumed at 2.20pm.

Cr's Klos, Johnson and Prescott left the meeting prior to it being resumed.

MAYOR'S TASKFORCE FOR JOBS

His Worship reported on his attendance at a recent Mayors Taskforce for Jobs meeting whereat Ministers Bennett, Bridges and Joyce were in attendance. He advised that the local scheme is not reliant on Central Government funding and it is hoped this will carry on.

CIVIL DEFENCE

His Worship reported that Council staff have carried out a considerable amount of Civil Defence training recently. He said from the feedback received there has been a real improvement in Council's ability to provide this service. In reply to Cr Tindle regarding Council's capacity to fulfil the needs of Civil Defence, His Worship replied that working together with other Councils and the Waikato Centre, this should be achieved.

WAIKATO SPORTS

His Worship referred to a Consultation Survey being undertaken on Sports facilities and focusing on Sport proactively.

TRIENNIAL AGREEMENT

His Worship reported that 10 out of 12 Councils have previously signed the agreement. He said the Thames/Coromandel District Council will now sign the agreement with eight added protocols and that it is the belief that the Rotorua District Council will follow suit.

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The Chief Executive informed Members that Council's 6 monthly newsletter will be posted out during July 2014 and will include a Level of Service Survey.

COUNCIL BUILDING

The Chief Executive referred to the approval given by Council that a picture panel be placed on the exterior wall of the Council building fronting Wahanui Crescent. He said it is now the intention to fix three panels to the wall however, in his opinion this will enhance the building.

KOTUI LIBRARY SYSTEM

The Finance and Administration Manager informed Members that a workshop meeting will be held after the Council meeting in July 2014 to further consider the Kotui Library System. He said a Consultant has been employed to prepare a report on the future of libraries and where they are going. He said a presentation will be given at the workshop.

LONG TERM PLAN PROCESS

The Finance and Administration Manager reported that there are a number of issues Councillors need to be directly involved in, such as Policy revisions etc.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

It was agreed that a meeting be held on Monday 28 July commencing at 10.00am.

MEETING CLOSED

The meeting concluded at 2.47pm

MAYOR:

DATE: 15 July 2014