



## Otorohanga District Council

# MINUTES

20 September 2016

10.04am

Members of the Otorohanga District Council

Mr MM Baxter (Mayor)  
Mr RM Johnson  
Mrs RA Klos  
Mr KC Phillips  
Mrs DM Pilkington (Deputy Mayor)  
Mr R Prescott  
Mr PD Tindle  
Mrs AJ Williams

Meeting Secretary: David Dowd (Executive Assistant)

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## **PRESENT**

Mr MM Baxter (Mayor), Councillors Mr RM Johnson, Mrs RA Klos, Mr KC Phillips, Mr R Prescott, Mrs DM Pilkington (Deputy Mayor), Mr PD Tindle, Mrs AJ Williams (attended at 10.05am)

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), GD Bunn (Finance & Administration Manager), A Loe (Environmental Services Manager), R Brady (Engineering Manager), C Tutty (Governance Supervisor) and D Dowd (Executive Assistant)

His Worship declared the meeting open and welcomed those present.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Councillor Phillips read the Opening Prayer.

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

His Worship referred to the Chief Executive's Report on a proposed agreement with Aotea Estate Limited in respect to establishing a public road to the beach east of Lawton Drive in Aotea and requested that this be considered in general business which may require a resolution.

**Resolved** that the Chief Executive's report on Beach Access east of Lawton Drive Aotea be considered in general business which may require a resolution

### **His Worship / Cr Pilkington**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 16 August 2016**

Councillor Klos referred to page 2, paragraph 3 of the Minutes and queried the Engineering Manager's advice that he did not believe that any unsealed roads leading to active tourist destinations in the Otorohanga District would qualify for Central Government Funding.

Councillor Klos referred to page 3, paragraph 7 concerning a statement by Councillor Johnson that the Board of Trustees of the Kio Kio School had been informed that they do not have to meet the NZ Drinking Water Standards by a District Health Board person. It was agreed that this statement is misleading and that any School with a roll of 25 pupils have to meet these standards. It was agreed that this paragraph be deleted from the minutes.

Councillor Klos then referred to page 5, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph from the bottom of the page and expressed the opinion that any establishment that has Gaming Machines is required to comply with the policy

His Worship replied that in the Otorohanga Clubs case they comply via a different process. It was agreed that the words "set of rules" be amended to read "guidelines".

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 16 August 2016 as amended, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

### **Cr Pilkington / Cr Klos**

### **ITEM 343 HAMILTON AND WAIKATO TOURISM**

Hamilton and Waikato Tourism Chief Executive Jason Dawson and Development Manager Nicola Greenwell attended the meeting.

Mr Dawson informed members that he has only been in the position of Chief Executive for five weeks. Mr Dawson reported that in the 2015 – 2016 year Tourism regained the mantle of New Zealand's leading contributor to national export earnings. He said this sector is currently experiencing exceptional growth with international visitor arrivals and expenditure at record levels. Mr Dawson reported that the available data and anecdotal evidence indicates that the Hamilton and the Waikato region has shared in this growth, but visitor expenditure data for year ending March 2016 will not confirm this until it is released in November.

Mr Dawson referred to Hamilton and Waikato Tourism's Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and reported that the sector has performed well against the KPI's the schedule of services during the 2015 – 2016 period. He reported the following performance against targets.

- 1) Growth of commercial guest nights to be in line with the national trend: New Zealand growth 5.7%, (Hamilton and Waikato Tourism growth 8.4%)
- 2) 10% Growth of total delegate days (8% achieved)
- 3) To at least maintain share of domestic visitor expenditure – result achieved - New Zealand Growth 5.1%, (Hamilton and Waikato Tourism growth 7%).
- 4) To at least maintain share of international visitor expenditure – New Zealand Growth 9%, (Hamilton and Waikato Tourism growth 10.6%).
- 5) 30% increase in visits to HamiltonWaikato.com (26.9% increase in Website visits.
- 6) \$400,000 industry investment – result achieved (\$430,000 of industry investment)

Mr Dawson referred to product development in Otorohanga and advised that Hamilton and Waikato Tourism partnered with the Otorohanga District Council and local operators on the Tourism Opportunities Plan and the Otorohanga Kiwi House and Native Bird park feasibility study to further develop the visitor experience and attract investment.

Mr Dawson informed members of the Tourism Opportunities Plan which provides a framework and direction for delivering new and improved tourism experiences over the next ten years that have the potential to drive growth in the tourism sector and its contribution to the regional economy.

Mr Dawson reported that this plan is centered around the Waikato River being the regions biggest asset. He said under the Tourism Activities Plan the following activities have been identified within the Otorohanga District – Brand Strategy, Kingitanga Story and Regional Events strategy.

Councillor Pilkington advised that Kawhia is the home of the Kingitanga. Mr Dawson replied that it is proposed to hold a destination planning workshop in Kawhia.

Mr Dawson expressed thanks to Council for its support and said it is his intention to engage more with the supporting Councils. His Worship advised that it is encouraging to see the tourism numbers increasing particularly as all Councils have invested additional money and will wish to see growth in their particular areas. His Worship said he was pleased to see Kawhia mentioned in the report and encouraged Hamilton and Waikato Tourism to keep in contact with the Otorohanga Kiwi House.

Ms Greenwell reported that she has made two visits to Kawhia recently, one of which she spent a full day with the Kawhia Community Board chairperson Kit Jefferies. Ms Greenwell referred to the Destination Action Plan for Kawhia and advised that this will involve the Kawhia Community itself.

Councillor Tindle referred to the graphs within the report and queried whether these show Otorohanga versus the Hamilton Region on a financial or transactional basis. He felt that the latter would be a better method to measure.

Ms Greenwell replied that this data is only an indication based on expenditure. She said there is a new tool being introduced on a regional level which will identify who and where spending is taking place.

His Worship thanked the representatives for their presentation .

**Resolved** that the Hamilton and Waikato Tourism's Annual Report to Local Government 2015 – 2016 be received.

### **Cr Johnson / Cr Tindle**

#### **ITEM 344 HEALTHY RIVERS**

Waitomo District Council Mayor Brian Hanna and Ms Gwyn Verkirt (Collaborative Stakeholder Group (CSG) Member) attended the meeting. Mayor Hanna reported that the CSG comprises 24 members, 7 from the community and a huge cross section of sector representatives.

Mayor Hanna reported that he was nominated by various people as a Community Representative. Mayor Hanna advised that this group was previously set up by the Regional Council to respond to Treaty Settlement obligations and to provide a vision and strategy for the future. He said it has taken three years to provide plan recommendations to Council, and from his personal point of view this has worked well including working with local Iwi.

Mayor Hanna informed members of the key elements of the planned changes being:

- long staged approach – 80 years
- first decade of foundation
- holding and starting to reduce nitrogen
- preparing for allocation in the future
- individualising mitigations to landowners – farm plans
- staged implementation of rules.

Ms Verkirt said it is important for members to understand that they may not see a benefit in water quality within the first ten years; it is just starting the actions that will lead to the 10% improvement.

Ms Verkirt referred to the number of affected properties in the region and reported that these only equate to 4% of the total land area. She said it is desirable to look at those farms comprising larger areas and that it will be necessary to prioritise which sub catchments are focused on, where they are now and where they wish to be in ten years time.

Ms Verkirt referred to farm plans and expressed the opinion that this will require the assistance of farming professionals. She said consideration will need to be given to how land use might be changed to meet the water goals.

Ms Verkirt discussed the plan change impact costs and the benefits that the changes would provide

Mayor Hanna then outlined the desired key outcomes as being:

- a) Putting decision making in hands of land owners as much as possible.
- b) Building Community and Sector understanding – ownership and good information.
- c) Obtaining Iwi endorsement.
- d) Balanced Policy Development – extended timeframe to allow change to take place.

His Worship referred to the 24 representatives of the CSG making the decisions and said some would argue that they did not truly represent the sector.

Mayor Hanna replied that at least 10 of the representatives have agricultural backgrounds and contributed fully to the decisions.

He advised that the representatives have a good grounding in this matter and formed a very balanced approach to understanding the issues. He said a large number of community meetings were held.

Mr Hanna and Ms Verkirt answered member's queries and concerns relating to this matter.

His Worship thanked the representatives for attending Council's meeting and for their presentation.

Members were advised that in regards to Schedule 1, this has gone through the Regional Council and will be notified around 1 October 2016 with submissions to close towards the end of February 2017.

**Resolved** that the Healthy Rivers presentation and verbal report be received.

### **His Worship / Cr Phillips**

## **LUNCHIN ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned for lunch at 12.15pm and resumed at 12.46pm.

## **ITEM 335 LEASING OF PART OF BOB HORSFALL RESERVE & ASSOCIATED MATTERS**

The Chief Executive summarised his report on the Public Submissions on the proposed changes to arrangements in respect of the playing of paintball in the Bob Horsfall Reserve in Otorohanga which are presented for consideration.

The Chief Executive informed members that this matter has been placed before Council as Council has designated authority in matters relating to the leasing of Reserves.

The Chief Executive took members through the submission received and provided comments on the nine items contained within.

**Resolved** that:

1. A lease be granted to Kiwiana Leisure Park for the use of the area of the Bob Horsfall Reserve described in the report to Council of 17 May 2016 for the purpose of conducting games of paintball, subject to such conditions as may be specified by Council's Chief Executive. The lease shall have effect from 15 October 2016.
2. That from 15 October 2016 the previously granted permission for the general public to play paintball within the Bob Horsfall Reserve is withdrawn.

### **Cr Prescott / Cr Pilkington**

### **ITEM 336      UPDATING OF OTOROHANGA DOMAIN RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Chief Executive presented a report on a draft copy of a proposed updated Reserve Management Plan for the Otorohanga Domain Passive Reserve Areas for Council's consideration.

The Chief Executive advised that the fundamental direction of the plan has not changed however there is a backlog of work required if this is to be a native bush reserve. The Chief Executive advised that this area is within a community zone and issues such as maintenance of sight lines have not been given effect. He said there is significant works that need to be undertaken and these are beyond the scope of Council's landscape team.

The Chief Executive further informed members that it is difficult to know how much would need to be spent to achieve the Boards vision for the reserve but it will be significant, initial estimates suggest expenditure of around \$27,000 per year for the next four years and around \$21,000 per year on an ongoing basis thereafter.

The Chief Executive reported that these costs reflect the fact that attempting to have such a natural area inside an urban community has a number of challenges that do not exist in more typical larger scale native bush environments. The Chief Executive reported that a simple way to meet these costs would be to increase the operational expenditure budgets in the Otorohanga Parks and Reserves account, but it is recognised that as this account is District funded, and has already had very substantial budget increases in recent years, Council may be reluctant to do so. He said such potential reluctance has been discussed with OCB and another alternative could be to reallocate most of the annual Sundry Reserves Improvements capital budget in the Otorohanga P & R account (currently set at \$30,000 plus inflation per year throughout the period of the Long Term Plan) to provide operational funding for the works in the ODPRA.

In reply to Councillor Klos query as to what the Board is attempting to achieve the Chief Executive replied a natural native bush area with walking / cycling tracks.

His Worship reported that initially when the concept was proposed it was envisaged that volunteers would undertake this work however this has proved not practicable.

Councillor Prescott reported that the OCB does have funds available under its Special Reserve Fund to carry out a one off shot at the work however, there is continuing maintenance to consider after this.

The Chief Executive replied that this work would be classified as "deferred maintenance".

Councillor Pilkington expressed the opinion that she would be happy to proceed with the proposal as long as this comes from within existing budgets.

In reply to Councillor Tindle the Chief Executive advised that the \$27,000 indicated includes Animal Pest Control.

Councillor Pilkington referred to the proposed Kiwiana Playground and highlighted the fact that maintenance of this will be an additional cost.

**Resolved** that

- 1) Council approves the proposed revised Reserve Management Plan for the passive areas of the Otorohanga Domain, as per the supplied draft document.
- 2) Work required to give effect to the Resource Management Plan be funded within existing budgets.

### **Cr Pilkington / His Worship**

### **ITEM 337      POTENTIAL RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT**

Councillor Phillips declared an interest in this matter and expressed the opinion he wishes to contribute to the discussion but will not vote on any resolution.

The Chief Executive presented a report informing members that Community consultation is suggested on a proposed Council funded residential property development. He said Council and the Otorohanga Community Board have agreed that the lack of housing in Otorohanga is an impediment to encouraging people to the area. He said it is desirable for Council to take the initiative however; the proposal is a concept in “principle” only.

The Chief Executive advised that if the initial stage of consultation is successful then Council will conduct a further stage detailing exactly what it is going to do, where this will be and how much it will cost. He said this will require an amendment to the Long Term Plan.

The Finance and Administration Manager informed members it will be necessary to go out for public consultation under the special consultative process.

In reply to His Worship, the Chief Executive advised that it will be better for the proposal to be staged and to obtain a commitment from the new Council and Otorohanga Community Board.

In reply to Councillor Johnson regarding the capacity of reticulation systems the Environmental Services Manager replied that the capacity of these has previously been considered back in 2006 with the proposal for the Westridge subdivision.

Councillor Klos queried whether the proposed subdivision would meet lower cost housing needs.

His Worship replied that the covenants have not been considered at this time however, the proposal is to meet any housing needs not particularly catering for lower cost housing.

**Resolved** that Consultation with the Community be undertaken on the potential Council funding of a relatively large scale residential subdivision development in Otorohanga based upon the Statement of Proposal attached to the Chief Executives report dated 20 September 2016, removing the reference in that document to the special consultative procedure, with submissions to close on Friday 7 October 2016.

### **His Worship / Cr Prescott**

#### **ITEM 338 SPORT SUPPORT FUND ALLOCATION**

The Chief Executive presented a report informing members it is proposed that applications are invited for a further round of funding under Councils Sport Support Fund, and that consideration is given to the recently established District Sports Committee making the decisions on the allocation of this funding.

Councillor Phillips expressed the opinion that he did not support the District Sport Committee to make the decisions on the allocation of this funding.

Councillor Tindle agreed and said that any funding decisions need to be made by those people not directly involved.

**Resolved** that Applications be invited by local sports clubs for operational financial support under Councils Sport Support Fund for the period from 2016 – 2017 to 2017-2018.

### **Cr Phillips / Cr Tindle**

#### **OTOROHANGA DISTRICT SPORTS AWARDS**

The Finance and Administration Manager reported that the Otorohanga District Sports Awards will be held on Wednesday 23 November 2016 and that applications close this coming Friday 23 September 2016. He said to date, eleven nominations have been received.

**ITEM 339 CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY PLANNING REPORT FOR MAY – JULY 2016**

The local Civil Defence Controller summarised the quarterly update report on the Civil Defence emergency management activity for the period 01 May – 31 July 2016.

He said this includes emergency management activities under the shared service agreement between Waipa, Otorohanga and Waitomo District Councils and activities of the Waikato Civil Defence Emergency Management group including the Joint Committee.

**Resolved** that the Civil Defence Emergency planning report from Andrew Loe local Civil Defence Controller and Martin Berryman Emergency Management Operations Manager for the period 1 May 2016 – 01 July 2016 be received.

**Cr Klos / Cr Johnson**

**ITEM 340 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ALCOHOL REGULATORY & LICENSING AUTHORITY 2015 - 2016**

**Resolved** that the Annual Report to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority 2015 – 2016 be received.

**Cr Prescott / Cr Johnson**

**FURTHER ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned at 1.45pm to visit Giltrap Farm Machinery premises and resumed at 3.23pm.

**ITEM 341 ANNUAL REPORT ON DOG CONTROL POLICY AND PRACTICES**

The Environmental Services Manager summarised the annual report to the Department of Internal Affairs on Dog Control Policy and Practice for the financial year 2015 – 2016.

He referred members in particular to Clause 5, Dog Education and Dog Awareness and Clause 7, Menacing and dangerous dogs.

His Worship queried how the allocation of Kennels is working.

The Environmental Services Manager replied that around six Kennels have been allocated under this scheme.

Councillor Pilkington asked whether any feedback has been received from residents regarding the recent increase in dog control fees.

The Environmental Services Manager replied that Council did receive a little resentment however the same people and dogs remain outstanding as previously.

**Resolved** that the Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices be received.

**Cr Prescott / Cr Williams**

## **ITEM 342 MATTERS REFERRED**

The Governance Supervisor took members through Matters Referred.

### **KIO KIO HALL COMMITTEE**

Councillor Phillips said he would continue to keep talking to the representatives and will provide further information to Council in due course. It was agreed that this item be deleted from Matters Referred.

The Environmental Services Manager informed members that the Kio Kio School Hall Committee may have difficulty in obtaining a special license for any future events.

### **WAIPAPA RESERVE TOILET INVESTIGATION**

The Chief Executive advised that he understood Council's Community Facilities Officer is looking into costs involved in the installation of toilets at the Waipapa Reserve however, Council is not currently in a position to make an application for funding. He said it will be necessary for this item to be considered in next year's estimates and also the matter of maintenance of such a facility will need to be considered.

### **WAIKERIA PRISON REPRESENTATIVE**

The Environmental Services Manager reported that Kevin Smith of the Waikeria Prison has been invited to attend a meeting of Council during November 2016. He said an invitation has been extended for the representatives to join Council for lunch.

### **COIN OPERATED / FREE DUMPING STATIONS**

Councillor Tindle referred to the suggestion from Councillor Phillips that a coin operated or free dumping station be installed on Tourist routes around the Community to cater for Campervans and questioned what benefit this will bring to the Community.

Councillor Klos expressed the opinion there is a need for such stations throughout the District.

His Worship advised that when the Motorcaravan Association comes to Otorohanga the demand for such stations may increase.

## **GENERAL**

### **PROPOSED ANZ CLOSURE**

Councillor Prescott reported on his attendance at a recent meeting with the ANZ Regional Manager regarding the proposed closure of their Otorohanga branch. He said the meeting went very well with good input from local businesses and persons. Councillor did feel that ANZ have already made their mind up on the proposed closure.

His Worship outlined discussions he has had with the National Manager of ANZ for members information.

Councillor Klos reported that ANZ clients are receiving personal service, but this is being undertaken over the phone.

### **INCITE**

Councillor Williams reported she attended the recent INCITE evening along with Councillor Pilkington. She further advised that the Lines Company still have customers who wish to pay over the counter.

### **MAYORAL ACTIVITIES**

His Worship highlighted the following activities:

- a) Waipa Network cheque for the Community.
- b) Recent passing of Mr Jim Barker
- c) Mayors Taskforce meeting in Wellington
- d) Drivers Licence Training gaining momentum
- e) Support to Susan Ings from Ngutinu Primary School on her receipt of a teaching award in Wellington.

### **BEACH ACCESS OF LAWTON DRIVE – AOTEA**

The Chief Executive presented a report advising that an agreement is proposed with Aotea Estates Ltd in respect of establishing a public road to the beach East of Lawton Drive, Aotea.

He referred members to the “Heads of Agreement” attached to the report.

The Chief Executive reported that the cost estimate for forming the road is around \$75,000 however, a budget allocation of \$85,000 is proposed to be funded from the Subdivision Reserve Account.

#### **Resolved that**

1. The Chief Executive be authorised to sign a Heads of Agreement with Aotea Estates Limited similar to that attached to the report (with the proposed minor amendments) in respect of potential development of a public road to the beach to the east of Lawton Drive in Aotea.
2. A budget allocation of \$85,000 is included in the Roothing Account for the 2017/18 year for the purpose of meeting the costs to Council associated with the attached Heads of Agreement.

### **His Worship / Cr Pilkington**

## **AROHENA WATER SUPPLY**

Councillor Klos reported that water filters are being installed at the plant and she suggested that all people on the scheme should be informed of what is happening and what work is being approved.

The Engineering Manager informed members that the water filters should last up to one year.

## **CREATIVES COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

Councillor Klos informed members of a Creative Communities event planned to be held in the Council Chambers in November 2016 and requested members provide her with names, addresses and contact details of arts related people living throughout the Otorohanga District.

## **AROHENA SCHOOL**

Councillor Klos reported she will officially open a new toilet facility at the Arohena School tomorrow.

## **BEACH ACCESS OFF LAWTON DRIVE AOTEA**

Councillor Pilkington highlighted the need for those involved to engage with local Iwi in particular Okapu and Mokaikainga Marae.

The Chief Executive agreed that this engagement is necessary to ensure the Marae are aware of what is being proposed.

## **DR JOHN BURTON**

Councillor Pilkington informed members that Dr John Burton has been awarded Rotary's highest honour, the Paul Harris Fellowship. She said it was great to be part of this wonderful occasion.

## **REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Pilkington reported on her attendance at a Regional Transport Committee meeting held in Hamilton on 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2016. She said she went in place of His Worship who was unable to attend.

Councillor Pilkington informed members of a railway crossing warning device upgrade to take place on Kio Kio Station road, Otorohanga.

## **WEST COAST ZONE**

Councillor Pilkington reported on her attendance at a West Coast Zone meeting on 30 August 2016, the main discussion being around Healthy Rivers.

Councillor Pilkington reported she attended the recent meeting with the ANZ Northern Manager and also attended the funeral of the late Jim Barker, founder of Freightlines.

## **INCITE EVENING**

Councillor Pilkington referred to the ODDDB initiative of a INCITE night held on 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 and advised this was a great event. She said such a night comprises of entertainment and inspirations for residents and businesses of the District.

## **HAMILTON CAR CLUB CLOSURE**

Councillor Pilkington queried where Council is at with the proposed Hamilton Car Club road closure.

The Engineering Manager replied that staff are to inspect the roads concerned prior to the event.

## **OTOROHANGA DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY CHARITABLE TRUST**

Councillor Johnson reported that a meeting of the Otorohanga District and Community Charitable Trust was held last Monday evening under the new Chairmanship of Mrs Kim Ingham.

He informed members that the ACORN grant to the Trust has increased to around \$9,000 per annum.

## **BEATTIE HOME**

Councillor Johnson thanked His Worship and Chief Executive for attending a recent strategy meeting of the Beattie Home Committee. He said now that the new extension has been completed it is necessary for the Committee to consider where to from now.

Councillor Johnson outlined other facilities/services that the Beattie Home could be involved in. He said the Committee is looking at a "licence to occupy" concept which if adopted, would require consideration to be given to changing the ownership structure of the existing Beattie village.

## **KING COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

Councillor Phillips reported that Hillview Home in Te Kuiti currently has 12 empty beds therefore they are commencing a marketing program to obtain full occupancy.

## **AGENDA MATTERS**

Councillor Phillips queried why this meeting's agenda has been printed single sided rather than double. He also requested once again, that his initials being KC, be corrected.

## **KARAKA ROAD**

Councillor Phillips queried when the yellow dotted line will be installed on a section of Karaka Road. He also expressed concern at trucks exiting from Karaka Road onto Main North Road.

The Engineering Manager advised that this is a road safety matter which he will follow up on.

## **ANZ CLOSURE PROPOSAL**

Councillor Tindle said he is very disappointed with the proposed ANZ Bank closure and hoped that ANZ would change their mind.

His Worship advised that a major contribution to this is due to the increase in electronic banking.

## **HAMILTON AND WAIKATO TOURISM**

Councillor Tindle referred to the presentation from Hamilton and Waikato Tourism representatives in particular the significance of the Waikato River and said he was surprised to hear the promotion of the region is going to be centered around this.

His Worship expressed the opinion that such a suggestion would have been led by the Hamilton City Council.

Councillor Tindle referred to the increased fees that the Otorohanga District Council now pays and queried whether there is any plan in place to measure the benefits.

His Worship replied that it is very difficult to measure the outcomes and said he was disappointed to see no reference to the Otorohanga Kiwi House in their report. He said Council will wait and see how the organisation goes under the guidance of the new Chief Executive.

Councillor Pilkington reported that Tourism is really booming therefore the situation has to be evaluated.

Councillor Phillips expressed the opinion that when the organisation is making a presentation to Council, this needs to be about Otorohanga and not about the region. He said he does not trust the correctness of some of the information supplied in the report.

His Worship raised the issue of what the organisation is going to do to encourage people to stop here in Otorohanga on their way to the Waitomo Caves.

Councillor Klos suggested that a destination workshop be held here in Otorohanga to arrive at new initiatives such as that proposed for Kawhia.

The Chief Executive referred members to previous issues with Sport Waikato and suggested if Councillors are not able to see what they are getting for the money spent, they should ask questions.

Councillor Tindle expressed the opinion that the promotion of Otorohanga should be the role of the Hamilton and Waikato Tourism.

Members were informed that OCB member Mrs Liz Cowan is Council's Tourism Liaison Officer.

Councillor Tindle reported he also attended the funeral of Mr Jim Barker, a local legend.

The meeting closed at 4.34pm.