



Otorohanga District Council

# MINUTES

18 October 2016

10.00am

Members of the Otorohanga District Council

Mr MM Baxter (Mayor)  
Mrs K Christison  
Mr RM Johnson  
Mrs RA Klos  
Mr P McConnell  
Mr KM Phillips  
Mrs DM Pilkington  
Mrs AJ Williams

Meeting Secretary: Colin Tutty (Governance Supervisor)

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## **PRESENT**

Mr MM Baxter (Mayor), Councillors Mr RM Johnson, Mrs RA Klos, Mr KC Phillips, Mrs K Christison, Mrs DM Pilkington, Mr P McConnell, Mrs AJ Williams

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

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

The Chief Executive declared the meeting open and welcomed those present.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

His Worship read the Opening Prayer.

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

No items were raised for consideration in General Business, which may require a resolution.

## **ITEM 1 DECLARATIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**

The Mayor read and completed the declaration pursuant to clause 14, of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2012. The Mayor then assumed the Chair.

Each Councillor in turn read and completed a written declaration, pursuant to clause 14, of schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2012.

His Worship welcomed members to the meeting and said he is really excited about who is around the table. His Worship reported that he feels more comfortable than at this period three years ago although, the last three years have been very exciting. He expressed the opinion that the next three years will see positive changes within the Otorohanga District particularly in regards to growth.

His Worship reported that he has received confirmation from the Chief Executive of Corrections New Zealand that there will be massive growth at the Waikeria Prison. He said a total muster will comprise of two thousands inmates, an increase of approximately fifteen hundred. He said as a result, five to six hundred new employment opportunities will be on offered across the Otorohanga and Waipa Districts.

His Worship reported that he sees potential growth opportunities during the next three years which will be most significant for the District. He reported that violent and domestic crime rates have increased during the past ten months and that the Waikeria Prison will offer the capacity to cater for these. Members were reminded that the Waikeria Prison is within the Otorohanga District.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – OTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL - 4 OCTOBER 2016**

Members were referred to page 4. of the minutes and the following corrections requested –

- third paragraph, the word 'audio' be amended to read 'audit';
- fourth paragraph from the bottom of page 4. to change 'Councillor Klos' to read 'Councillor Philips'
- page 2. the sentence reading 'Councillor Klos said that the discrepancy is due to being part of a three year package' be extended to read "of NZTA funding".
- page 6. third paragraph the year reading 2007 be corrected to read 2017.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 4 October 2016 as amended, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**Cr Pilkington / Cr Phillips**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD – 6 OCTOBER 2016**

**Resolved** that minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 6 October 2016 be received.

**Cr Phillips / Cr Williams**

**MATTERS ARISING**

Cr Klos referred to the resolution that the implementation of universal metered water charges applicable to all residential properties in Otorohanga be deferred until 1 July 2018 and queried the reason behind this.

The Chief Executive replied Council is not yet ready to commence charging for water consumption as staff are still struggling to locate the connections to some houses. He said Council is already benefiting from the introduction of water metering by the identification of a number of residential properties receiving more than 10 times the average amount of water used by a typical residential property in Otorohanga, presumably due to leakage.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD – 30 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 30 September 2016 be received

**Cr Pilkington / His Worship**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD – 22 JULY 2016**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 22 July 2016 be received.

**Cr Pilkington / His Worship**

**MATTERS ARISING**

**POLICING**

With regards to the matter of policing in Kawhia, His Worship reported that the Board in conjunction with NZ police are addressing this issue and considering ways of working with the Kawhia School.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

When asked by His Worship, members replied that they had no conflict of interest in matters to be discussed at today's meeting.

## **ITEM 2                    MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS GENERAL EXPLANATION & ADOPTION OF CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Chief Executive presented a general explanation of matters relevant to Councillors in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act.

The Chief Executive referred members to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and advised that the general principle is that The general principle is that information held by local authorities is to be made available unless there is a good reason for withholding it. Good reason for withholding such information exists where the giving of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, and the right to a fair trial, or to endanger the safety of any person, or where it is necessary to:

- protect privacy of natural persons;
- protect trade secrets or the commercial position of the person who supplied or is the subject of the information;
- avoid serious offence to tikanga Maori, or to avoid disclosure of the location of waahi tapu, in the case of various applications under the Resource Management Act 1991;
- protect information which is the subject of an obligation of confidence;
- avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public;
- maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions, or through the protection of members, officers, and employees of any local authority from improper pressure or harassment;
- maintain legal professional privilege;
- enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities;
- enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations;
- prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

The Chief Executive referred members to the Local Authority (Members Interests) Act 1968 and advised that the Act provides that in general an elected member is disqualified from Office if that Member is concerned or interested in contracts under which payments made by or on behalf of the local authority exceed \$25,000 in any financial year. He said additionally, elected members are prohibited from participating in any Council discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest, other than an interest in common with the general public. The Chief Executive advised that the same rules also apply where the members spouse contracts with the authority or has a pecuniary interest.

Councillor Phillips reported that Councillors are never involved in the awarding of Contracts.

The Chief Executive replied that there is nothing to preclude Councillors from doing this however he would not advise it.

His Worship advised that he is aware of all awarded tenders over \$100,000, and he becomes part of the awarding Committee for these tenders.

Members were informed that they are notified of the awarding of any Contract after the decision has been made.

The Chief Executive referred members to the Code of Conduct which is based on the following general principles of good governance:

- 1) Public Interest
- 2) Honesty and Integrity
- 3) Objectivity
- 4) Accountability
- 5) Openness
- 6) Personal judgement
- 7) Respect for others
- 8) Duty to uphold the Law
- 9) Stewardship
- 10) Leadership

The Chief Executive then referred members to roles and responsibilities in particular exercising due diligence in respect of issues of organisational health and safety. He advised that under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 elected members of Council and the Community Boards have, through their governance roles, a responsibility to exercise Due Diligence in respect of organisational issues of health and safety.

The Chief Executive advised that in essence such due diligence includes acquiring knowledge and understanding of the nature of the operations of the business, associated risks, hazards and incidents and ensuring that the organisation has and uses appropriate resources and processes to eliminate or minimise risks to health and safety, so as to comply with the requirements of the Act.

The Chief Executive further advised that whilst elected members of Council have these responsibilities, they are however granted special exemption from being personally liable for offences under the Act, through the provisions of Section 52 of that Act.

Members were informed that the Chief Executive is responsible for Council to adhere to the provisions of the Act.

The Chief Executive reported that the Mayor is elected by the District as a whole and as one of the elected members shares the same responsibilities of other members of Council. He said the 2012 amendment to the Local Government Act have given Mayors the following additional powers:

- 1) To appoint the deputy Mayor
- 2) To establish Committees of Council and appoint the chair's of such Committees.
- 3) To lead the development of the territorial authority plans (including the long term plan and the annual plan) , policies and budgets for consideration by the members of the territorial authority.

The Chief Executive then referred members to Standing Orders and meeting process issues in particular – a request for a deputation or presentation at a meeting must be lodged with the Chief Executive at least two working days before a meeting, and be approved by the presiding member. Not more than two members of a deputation may address the meeting, limit of 10 minutes in total.

It was agreed that the subject of the deputation must be identified at that time.

Councillor Klos queried why Councillors do not have speaking rights at Board Meetings, was this due to legislation and what was the reasoning behind this. She said the Community Board appears to have total control over their area whereas elected members take a view over the whole of the District.

His Worship replied that allowing Councillors speaking rights at Board Meetings diminishes responsibility given to the Board. He said Members should contact the Chair of the Board before hand.

His Worship advised that there are two Councillors who will be sitting on the Otorohanga Community Board and leading the direction of Council.

Following further discussion in regards to the status of Councillors to have speaking rights at Community Board Meetings it was agreed that:

- 1) the Mayor should have speaking rights at the Board Meetings however Councillors do not.
- 2) Councillors must obtain agreement from the Board Chair to obtain speaking rights.

**Resolved** that

- 1) The Chief Executives report be received
- 2) The proposed amended Code of Conduct be adopted

### **MAYOR / CR PILKINGTON**

#### **ITEM 3 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

His Worship informed Members he would like to see Councilor Pilkington carry on in the position of Deputy Mayor for the next 18 months and then consideration be given to another Councillor to taking this position..

His Worship advised that Councillor Pilkington has been an important part of Council in particular to the development of the District Plan and her knowledge of the District.

**Resolved** that Councillor Pilkington be appointed as Deputy Mayor.

### **MAYOR / CR PHILLIPS**

#### **ITEM 4 DELEGATIONS TO COMMUNITY BOARDS**

The Chief Executive presented a report informing members that Council is required to delegate specific responsibilities to the Community Boards.

The Chief Executive referred to the matter of the Otorohanga Swimming Pool complex and advised that consideration has been given to taking away this delegation away from the Board

Councillor Phillips expressed the opinion that he is very much in favour of this particularly as the District has made a significant contribution to the operation of the pool.

Councillor Johnson agreed.

Councillor Klos expressed the opinion that she would like to see activities such as Parks and Reserves, Library, Security and Housing for the Elderly deleted from the Boards responsibilities. She referred to the contribution made by the District to these activities and that any decisions are being made by those people living within the area, however those people living outside the area are just as relevant.

His Worship advised that he struggled to see why these activities cannot be delegated to the Boards as Council has two representatives on the Board. He queried why take away the autonomy of the Boards.

Members were informed that the Library and Parks and Reserves activities are is not delegated to the Community Board.

Councillor Johnson expressed the opinion that the urban Councillors need to be focused on urban matters.

Councillor Klos expressed the opinion that the Otorohanga and Kawhia Communities are very important to the development of the whole District.

Councillor McConnell reported that things will change and that Council will be informed of Board activities.

The Chief Executive advised that it is seen as a model of good practice that locals have a say.

Councillor Pilkington reminded members that Council does have a say when considering the budgets of the two Boards.

**Resolved** that:

Pursuant to Clause 32 of Schedule Seven to the Local Government Act 2002 the Otorohanga District Council hereby delegates to the Otorohanga and Kawhia Community Boards, in respect of their community, all of Council's functions, duties and powers relating to:

- Refuse collection and disposal; and
- Water supply operation and maintenance; and
- Sewerage treatment and reticulation; and
- Flood protection; and
- Storm water drainage; and
- Security patrols; and
- Housing for the elderly; and
- Community property; and
- Medical centres.

The above delegations are subject to the following conditions:

1. The respective Community Account not going into a financial deficit situation without the prior approval of Council.
2. Full allowance having been made for any proposed expenditure in the estimates approved by Council.
3. Compliance with relevant policies or directions specified by Council.

#### **CR PHILLIPS / CR JOHNSON**

Cr Klos voted against the resolution.

#### **ITEM 5 APPOINTMENTS TO THE OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD**

Members were advised that the role of the Board is up for review under the Representation Review however the status quo remain until then.

**Resolved** that pursuant to Section 19F of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Mrs K Christison and Mr P McConnell are appointed to the Otorohanga Community Board.

#### **MAYOR / CR PILKINGTON**

#### **ITEM 6 APPOINTMENT TO KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD**

Members were informed that the Kawhia Community Board has expressed the desire that the appointment be well connected to Kawhia and the Board itself.



**Resolved** that pursuant to Section 19F of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Mrs DM Pilkington be appointed to the Kawhia Community Board subject to confirmation by the Kawhia Community Board.

**CR PHILLIPS / CR JOHNSON**

**ITEM 7 APPOINTMENTS TO ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES**

**Resolved** that the following appointments, with additions and amendments, be made to:

1. The Community Boards -
 

Otorohanga Community Board	The Otorohanga Ward Councilors – Cr Christison and Cr McConnell
Kawhia Community Board	Cr Pilkington (subject to the approval of the elected members of the Kawhia Community Board)
  
2. Organisations and Committees:
 

	<u>Appointments</u>
a. Conduct Review Committee	Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Cr Williams
b. Chief Executive's Review/Remuneration	Mayor, Deputy-Mayor and Cr Williams
c. Hearings Committee	Mayor, Deputy-Mayor and Cr Johnson and/or Ward Councillor
d. Sport NZ - Rural Travel Fund	Cr Klos and Cr Pilkington
e. Creative Communities New Zealand	Cr Klos, Cr Christison, Cr Williams
f. Housing for the Elderly Committee: (Otorohanga Community Board Committee)	Cr Christison and Cr McConnell
g. Local Government New Zealand – Zone 2	To be determined on a case by case basis
h. Otorohanga District Development Board	Cr Pilkington
i. Environment Waikato – Regional Transport Committee	Mayor and Cr McConnell
j. Waikato Regional Airport Company Limited	Mayor
k. Waikeria Prison / Community Liaison Group	Cr Klos
l. Beattie Community Trust	Cr Johnson
m. Waikato Civil Defence & Emergency Management Joint Committee	Mayor (Delegate), Cr Williams (first alternate, Cr Christison (second alternate) *
n. Waipa Catchment Liaison Sub-committee	Cr Johnson, Cr Phillips (alternate)
o. Rural Water Supply Committees (Arohena, Ranginui, Tihiroa, Waipa)	Ward Member
p. Council Youth Advocate	Cr Christison and P Coventry
q. North King country Development Trust	Mayor

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| r. Waikato Plan Joint Committee                                     | Mayor and Cr Klos            |
| t. District Sport Committee   | Cr McConnell and Cr Phillips |
| u. Waipa River Settlement Joint Management Agreement with Maniapoto | Mayor                        |
| v. Hamilton & Waikato Regional Tourism Organisation Liaison         | Cr Klos and Cr Christison    |
| w. West Coast Zone  | Cr Pilkington, Cr Williams   |
| x. District Licencing Committee                                     | Cr Johnson,                  |
| y. Otorohanga Community & Charitable Trust                          | Cr Johnson                   |

### **CR PILKINGTON / CR MCCONNELL**

#### **LUNCHON ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned for lunch at 12.32pm and resumed at 1.05pm

#### **ITEM 8 PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETING DATES NOV 2016 – DEC 2017**

**Resolved** that the dates for ordinary meetings of the Otorohanga District Council for the period November 2016 – December 2017, with any required amendments be approved in accordance with Clause 19 of the 7<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Local Government Act 2002 to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month with the first three meetings to be held on:

15 November 2016

13 December 2016

17 January 2017

### **CR PILKINGTON / CR MCCONNELL**

#### **ITEM 9 WAIPAPA RESERVE TOILET PROPOSAL**

The Engineering Manager presented the Communities Facilities Officers report on a request to look into the feasibility of installing a new public toilet facility at the Waipapa Reserve.

In reply to a question on the level of vandalism of the previous toilet facility the Engineering Manager replied this occurred randomly.

Councillor Johnson referred to a toilet facility at Arapuni between the Dam and the bridge and reported that this does not appear to be the victim of vandalism.

Councillor Johnson suggested contact be made with the neighboring authorities regarding this proposal and perhaps consideration be given to allowing school children to paint on the facility's walls.

Councillor Pilkington queried who has requested this facility.

Councillor Klos replied that should one spend a day at the reserve there is a constant use of the area by travellers to relieve themselves. She said it is an area where a number of travellers break their journey as there is no other toilet facility for miles.

Councillor Klos said it is not acceptable for people to relieve themselves in the area. There is definitely a need for such a facility. She informed members that there is a group of ladies based

in Mangakino who look after the Mighty River Power grounds. Cr Klos said these ladies could be approached to see if they would be interested in maintaining such a facility. She also reported that Mighty River Power at Waipapa have an excellent security system and queried whether this could be extended to cover the reserve. She also felt that big companies could be requested to contribute to the maintenance costs as this facility will be used by their staff.

Councillor Johnson expressed the opinion that the concept should be investigated particularly in regards to Tourism in the District.

In reply to the suggestion that discussion be held with the Taupo District Council, the Chief Executive replied that they would have no interest in this particular area as it is located within the Otorohanga District.

The Chief Executive confirmed that Council installed the previous toilet facility in the area.

Members were advised that the operating costs would be the responsibility of Council as no one would be interested in funding this.

Cr Johnson referred to previous development in the area which was decided against by Council.

**Resolved** that a full and detailed cost analysis be obtained on the concept of a new toilet facility to be built at the Waipapa Reserve.

### **HIS WORSHIP / CR KLOS**

#### **ITEM 10 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2016**

The Environmental Services Manager attended the meeting and presented a report on Dog and Animal Control activities in the District for the period July to September 2016.

He introduced himself and outlined the staff of the Environmental Services Department for the benefit of the new members.

Councillor Klos reported that she does not think rural people are aware of the services available to dog owners in the District. She said there is a large number of rural dog owners who are not aware to ring Council on these particular issues.

**Resolved** that the Environmental Services Managers report on Dog and Animal Control for July to September 2016 be received.

### **CR JOHNSON / CR PHILLIPS**

#### **ITEM 11 PLANNING REPORT – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2016**

The Environmental Services Manager referred members to a report on Resource Consents granted under delegated authority for the period 01 July to 30 September 2016.

**Resolved** that the Planning Report for July to September 2016 be received

### **CR PILKINGTON / CR CHRISTISON**

#### **ITEM 12 DISTRICT BUILDING CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2016**

The Environmental Services Manager presented the District Building Control Officers report on Building Control Statistics for the period 01 July to 30 September 2016.

**Resolved** that the District Building Control Officers Report for the period 01 July to 30 September 2016 be received

**HIS WORKSHIP / CR MCCONNELL**

**ITEM 13 MATTERS REFERRED**

The Governance Supervisor took members through the Matters Referred.

It was agreed that the following items be deleted from Matters Referred

- 20 September 2016 – Art contacts throughout the District
- 16 August 2016 – Investigation into Toilets at Waipapa Reserve

**GENERAL**

**WAIKATO DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD**

Councillor Klos requested that the presentation of the Waikato District Health Boards report into recent events within the District be placed on Matters Referred.

**BAYLEY ROAD QUARRY**

Councillor Klos confirmed that the stockpile of old tyres can be seen from Bayley Road. She suggested a letter needs to be forwarded to the operator.

His worship replied that discussions had been held recently with the property owner.

**AROHENA DISTRICT**

Councillor Klos reported that the names of some Districts are slowly disappearing in particular that of the Arohena District.

The Chief Executive advised that these 'Districts' have never been accurately defined and are just the name referring to a certain general location.

**KING COUNTRY REGIONAL CENTRE**

Councillor Phillips reported that \$700,000 has been received from Trust Waikato for the proposed Sports Centre in Te Kuiti. He said the proposal is now going forward for Community consultation.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Councillor Phillips referred to the obtaining of submissions and expressed the opinion that perhaps Council is using the "old way". He suggested use now be made of a website for this purpose which will encourage more engagement.

Councillor Phillips said he is not referring to Social Media however, the provision of a website is a newer way of obtaining submissions on a particular matter.

The Chief Executive replied that Council has recently used email for this purpose.

Councillor Phillips suggested that a website could outline the whole concept with a question and answers section.

## **ROADSIDE SPRAYING**

Councillor Phillips referred to Councils policy on roadside mowing being that Council only sprays around the road markers. He said recently strips have been sprayed along the roadside in particular at the bottom of drains. He said this then allows for weeds to grow up in the areas sprayed.

The Chief Executive replied that ideally spraying is carried out at the discretion of the sprayer.

Councillor Phillips reported that such spraying is being carried out all around the District and is proving unsightly.

Councillor Klos expressed the opinion that she likes to see the drains sprayed and is grateful for this.

His Worship advised that Council currently has no policy in place not to spray in drains.

## **HONIKIWI ROAD**

Councillor Phillips queried the cost to repair Honikiwi Road.

The Engineering Manager replied that the design has just been completed and an estimated cost would be between \$40,000 to \$50,000.

## **OTOROHANGA TENNIS CLUB**

Councillor Phillips reported that the Otorohanga Tennis Club has raised the required funding for the resurfacing of the courts. He referred in particular to an auction night which raised approximately ten thousand dollars.

## **TARGA RALLY**

Councillor Phillips queried whether it could be possible to carry out an audit on the recent Targa Rally event. He referred in particular to the times of closure and reported that a School Bus and Stock trucks could not travel up the road concerned. He expressed the opinion that the applicant had not informed the relevant people very well and for staff to ensure that they are carrying out the conditions as imposed.

The Engineering Manager replied that he has written to the organisers and will meet with them in the near future.

Councillor McConnell referred to at least four events and extended congratulations to staff member Marion Fleming on her handling of these.

The Engineering Manager undertook to have discussions with the Targa Rally organisers.

## **STATE HIGHWAY 3 OTOROHANGA**

Councillor McConnell queried whether Council has any say in the repair of two large pot holes on State Highway 3 outside McDonalds.

He was advised that Council does correspond with NZTA and is encouraging a better relationship with them..

## **KAWHIA SPRING FLING**

Councillor Pilkington reminded members that the Kawhia Spring Fling event is being held this coming weekend with displays at the Kawhia Community Hall and the Kawhia Committee Room along with rock carving demonstrations.

## **OTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Councillor Pilkington informed members of the AGM of the Otorohanga District Development Board to be held in the Council Chambers on October 26,2016.

## **DISTRICT LICENCING COMMITTEE**

Councillor Johnson informed members that a new commissioner is being appointed to the District Licensing Committee.

## **GRASS ON ROADSIDE**

Councillor Johnson reported that the yellow Bristle grass is establishing on the roadsides, this usually occurring in the autumn.

Councillor Johnson queried whether an offer to spray the road sides could be made to the farm owners. He asked whether there is an appetite for support for the farmers.

The Chief Executive replied that it would be desirable for Council to be seen to be working with the farmers.

Councillor Pilkington suggested that consideration be given to the correct time to undertake this spraying and the type of spray to be used.

The Engineering Manager undertook to check on this.

## **SKATE PARK TOILET FACILITY**

Councillor Christison asked whether the toilet at the Skate Park on the Reg Brett Reserve is cleaned every day. She said she has received comments that the toilet is dirty and there is often no toilet paper available.

## **KAWHIA MOVIE NIGHT**

Councillor Christison informed members of a Movie Night to be held at Kawhia this coming Labour Day weekend.

## **DISCRETIONARY FUND**

The Chief Executive referred to his Discretionary Fund which is in place to support staff and approved Community projects. He reported on a proposal to purchase a Boom Box and a Popcorn Machine totaling \$1400 to be used for future Movies / Events organised by the Volunteer Events Coordinator.

Councillor Pilkington suggested an approach be made to the Otorohanga District Development Board.

The Chief Executive replied that the request is outside of what the Development Board has been established to do.

Members had no issues with the proposed purchases.

## REVALUATION

The Finance and Administration Manager reported that QV have completed their three yearly rating re-evaluation to take effect from 1 July 2017. He said the overall increase in the District is 17.9% broken down as follows:

- Residential 15.6% (20.1% Otorohanga, 6.9% Kawhia/Aotea)
- Dairy 19.4%
- Lifestyle 21.9%
- Pastoral 20.3%

## SUNDAY TRADING

The Environmental Services Manager informed members that Central Government has passed legislation in respect to Sunday trading.

He said an approach will be made to the Otorohanga Business Association regarding this.

## MAYORAL GRADUATION

The Executive Assistant extended an invitation to Councillors to attend the Mayoral Graduation to be held on 10 November 2016. He also referred to a Diwali event to be held in Otorohanga on 29 October 2016 and reported that the local Indian Community are thrilled that this event is being held.

## PUBLIC EXCLUDED

### ITEM 14            CONFIDENTIAL

#### Reason for Confidentiality

	<b>Grounds</b>	<b>Reason</b>
	Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following grounds: -	Subject to sections 6, 8 and 17 of the Local Government Official Information Act 1987, the withholding of the information is necessary to:
	48(1a) That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.	7(2f) Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through- (i) the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority, or any persons to whom section 2(5) applies, in the course of their duty.

## MAYOR/CR PILKINGTON