



## Otorohanga District Council

# MINUTES

21 February 2017

10.04am

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), B O'Callaghan (District Accountant), C Tutty (Governance Supervisor)

His Worship declared the meeting open and welcomed those present. He expressed his thanks to Councillor Pilkington for chairing the last meeting of Council held on 24 January 2017.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Councillor Williams read the Opening Prayer.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 24 JANUARY 2017**

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 24 January 2017, as circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

## **Cr Pilkington / Cr Phillips**

## **MATTERS ARISING**

His Worship reported that he signed the revised Waikato Triannual Agreement yesterday.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD 19 JANUARY 2017**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 19 January 2017, as circulated, be received.

## **Cr McConnell / Cr Christison**

## **SIR EDMUND HILLARY WALKWAY**

In reply to Councillor Pilkington regarding the Sir Edmund Hillary walkway Councillor McConnell advised that there is a need for the Board to make a final decision in regards to this walkway. He said the newly installed roof has now created a darker area and that the modules are still fading.

He said there has been discussion about extending a lean-to in solid roofing to alleviate the fading.

Councillor McConnell further reported that it has been suggested the modules be cut in half and turned to face inside. He said direction for this needs to come from the Project Kiwiana Committee.

Councillor McConnell informed members that the existing lighting has aged therefore there is a need to ensure the lighting is sufficient.

Councillor McConnell felt that there is a need for this matter to be finalised.

Councillor McConnell referred to the lighting problems on the Village Green and advised that there is now a light on an existing pole at the front of the reserve. He said this can be manually turned off if required.

## **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 36**

## **ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT FOR OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2016**

Councils Animal Control Contractor Perry Griffin attended the meeting and presented the Environmental Services Managers report on Dog and Animal Control activities in the District for the period October to December 2016.

The Animal Control Contractor informed members that he is on duty 24/7 and every week he receives a list of unregistered dogs from Customer Services. He said every dog owner is tracked down until the dogs are registered. The Contractor reported that the District, in particular the rural areas have very transient dog

owners. The Contractor advised that he does assist the NZ Police when they require dogs to be removed from a property. He further advised that Council at the present time has no prosecutions pending. He said he strictly acts under the rules of the relevant Act.

The Contractor then outlined various items that have been updated at the local Pound. He advised that at the present time there are 28 menacing dogs classified throughout the District and two dangerous dogs. He said the latter have huge conditions placed on them.

In reply to Councillor Christison the Contractor advised that often the dogs that are impounded are reoffending dogs.

Councillor Klos expressed the opinion that there appears to be less dogs in the Arohena District as farmers are now using bikes instead. The Contractor advised that the Kawhia area is the worst in respect of dog issues. Members were advised that with the introduction of a time payment system this has helped many dog owners and there are between thirty to forty such owners using this system.

Councillor Pilkington congratulated the Contractor on how he has embraced the position and seriously taken on the responsibilities that go with it.

The Contractor referred to the introduction of new legislation and advised that every menacing dog has to be assessed. He said this could incur a cost to Council of \$400 – \$500 per dog.

Councillor Johnson enquired whether there is anything which Council can do to make the Contractor's job easier.

The Contractor replied that there is weakness in debt collection by Council. A improved system needs to be introduced. He said he has discussed this matter with Council's Environmental Services Manager.

His Worship confirmed that there are two matters which will be of assistance to the Contractor and they are restricting hours of dogs being allowed on the beach and improved debt collection.

Councillor McConnell raised the matter of dogs around Lake Huipuitia which are fouling the area.

The Contractor suggested the placement of some form of signage might assist.

Councillor Pilkington requested that the matter of 'dogs on beaches' be placed on the next Kawhia Community Board Agenda.

**Resolved** that the Environmental Services Managers report on Animal Control for the period October to December 2016 be received.

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

#### **ITEM 37 PROPOSED REVISION OF DOG CONTROL FUNDING**

The Chief Executive referred to his report on a revised way in which Council's Dog Control service is funded. He advised that fifteen submissions have been received on the proposed funding of Dog Control services with twelve opposing and three in support.

The Chief Executive circulated information researched from neighbouring Councils, Waipa and Waitomo. He said the proposed 30% UAGC sits in the middle of what our neighbouring authorities do. The Chief Executive advised that the majority opposing the recommendation believe that the problems arise from the owners of dogs therefore they should meet the cost in keeping the Community safe. He expressed the opinion that it is not appropriate to look at a complete user pays method as effective animal control has benefits which extend to the broader Community.

Councillor Christison expressed the opinion that the time payment system will help improve the numbers of registrations.

His Worship referred to the provision of police services and the services that are provided by them. He said a substantial amount of their service is provided for the safety of everyone. Members were informed that

this Council's dog registration fees are high due to the low number of dogs in the District. It is necessary for any cost to be spread over this smaller number.

Councillor McConnell advised that he was not in favour of the proposal and felt that dog owners need to pay for the safety of others. He expressed the opinion that dog owners get away with a lot of noncompliance. He said he is now a dog owner and felt that if you own a dog then you must contribute to the expenses incurred.

Councillor Klos reported that people believe the onus is on the Dog Owner however, the recommendation is a pragmatic approach to solving the problem. She said there appears to be no data available to identify the safety of people as a serious problem. Councillor Klos suggested that other ways be identified to solve the problem.

His Worship asked should the dog registration fees be less, would there be less unregistered dogs as a result.

The Chief Executive reported that the daily information retained by the Contractor does not provide the relevant information to assist in making a decision on the basis of funding of the activity.

Councillor Klos said that the issue is about funding the management / control of dogs.

Councillor Pilkington advised that she did not agree that this issue should be totally user pays as there is benefit to the community as a whole. She said she does support the proposed 70%/30% funding split however, significant cost will still fall on the owners of multiple dogs in order to provide this wider community benefit.

Councillor Williams advised that with the 10% UACG already in place people who are objecting to the proposal already fund community safety to a certain degree.

Councillor Johnson expressed the opinion that he does not like imposing more cost on the ratepayer however, he does support the recommendation.

Councillor Phillips said he did not support the proposed 30%UACG and has discussed this with several people. He said he could give consideration to a 20%UACG.

Councillor Phillips was advised that the proposal would have a \$8 per year impact on all ratepayers.

Councillor Philips expressed the opinion that this is just another form of tax. He said there is a need for Council to look at the structure of funding for this activity.

The Chief Executive suggested that the current discussion might be different if it took place, as part of Council's funding review. He said currently this matter is being considered in isolation and may be better understood when the treatment of other activities is also considered.

Councillor Klos felt that Council should look at other ways of funding this activity other than user pays. She questioned how Council can end up being fair to all its ratepayers. She said it is a matter of principle.

The Chief Executive queried whether members consider the existing 10%UAGC appropriate, or whether a figure between 10% and 30% would be more suitable, perhaps 20%.

His Worship expressed the opinion that further discussion needs to be held on the proposed 30%UAGC

**Resolved** that the funding of Dog Control services is revised to 80% user charges and 20%UAGC.

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

Councillor Christison voted against motion

#### **COUNCILLOR PILKINGTON**

Councillor Pilkington left the meeting at 11.03am

## **HAMILTON AIRPORT LTD PRESENTATION**

Mr Mark Morgan CEO of Hamilton Airport Limited attended the meeting and made a presentation to Councillors.

Mr Morgan confirmed that this Council is a 2.5% shareholder in the Airport and therefore is entitled to one vote. Mr Morgan informed members that he did not think the Airports Statement of Intent would change however, there are areas such as the strategic positioning of the business activities that need to be reviewed.

He said the Airport is struggling to make a profit solely on aeronautical activities.

Mr Morgan reported that the Hamilton Airport is made up of three main divisions –

- 1) Airport Operations
- 2) Titanium Park Landholdings
- 3) Hamilton and Waikato Tourism

Mr Morgan advised that the company has had a very positive first six months trading. He said the company is using its cash profits in order to pay down debt. Mr Morgan reported that under the company's property strategy it owns 330 hectares of land and is starting to see development at the Airport. He said it is now very clear how the land at the Airport is to be developed.

Mr Morgan referred to the company's focus for the 2016/2017 period and the implementation of the business plan. He said extensive marketing will be undertaken identifying use of the Hamilton Airport and the opportunities this provides. He said it is proposed to carry out improvements to the Café, conference area and car park. WiFi will also be upgraded during this time.

Mr Morgan said Hamilton Airport has now been accepted as a Regional Airport.

His Worship thanked Mr Morgan for his presentation and said it is great for Councillors to receive an update on the Airports activities.

Resolved that the presentation by Mr M Morgan on behalf of Hamilton Airport Limited be received.

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

#### **ITEM 30                    GENERAL ROADS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – TENDER EVALUATION PROCESS**

The Engineering Manager submitted an apology from Council's Roothing Manger Martin Gould and accordingly summarised his report.

He said the process for evaluating the supplied tenders to determine the preferred tenderer follows a prescribed NZTA process, the price quality method.

In reply to Councillor Phillips the Engineering Manager advised that the new "ONRC" is not operative however, Council is working towards and engaging with it in order to assist securing funding from NZTA. The Engineering Manager reported that for a road maintenance contract such as that for Otorohanga District, the price quality method is acknowledged by the industry as the logical method for tender evaluation and this has been adopted for this contract. He said the price quality method allows the quality of the tenderer as defined by their tender submission to be equated to a financial value, which is the value the Council is willing to pay for a higher quality tenderer.

Councillor Klos queried whether this tender process is working for this Council.

The Engineering Manager replied that he believes so, the contract is tighter than that previously.

**Resolved** that the Roothing Manager's report on the General Roads Management Contract – Tender Evaluation Process be received.

### **His Worship / Cr Williams**

## **SPORT WAIKATO PRESENTATION**

The Chief Executive of Sport Waikato, Matthew Cooper, attended the meeting and made a presentation to Council. He said this will allow him the opportunity to give members a quick insight to Sport Waikato particularly around its new strategy.

Mr Cooper acknowledged the two newly elected members to Council, Councillor Christison and Councillor McConnell.

Mr Cooper reported that Sport Waikato was established in 1986 creating a regional body to promote physical activity in the area. He said in 2015 questions were raised regarding the relevance of its activities by Sport New Zealand and the Otorohanga District Council He said this signalled to Sport Waikato that it needed to change.

Mr Cooper said he would like the opportunity to work with Council to ensure residents are able to access the right resources.

His Worship informed Mr Cooper that this Council wishes to continue his relationship with Sport Waikato and this is something which could be looked at for the future, on behalf of the people of the District.

Mr Cooper reported it is the intention to grow participation in physical activity in the Otorohanga District and that the results of this will be able to be measured.

**Resolved** that the presentation on behalf of Sport Waikato given by Mr M Cooper be received.

## **Cr Johnson / Cr Phillips**

### **ITEM 31 ROUTINE ENGINEERING REPORT - NOVEMBER 2016 TO JANUARY 2017**

Staff Members Sharlene McGaughran (Project and Design Engineer), David Brown (Contracts Engineer – Road Maintenance) and David McKinley (Services Manager) attended the meeting and presented their part of the report.

Councillor Phillips referred to the Pony Club area on Otewa Road and reported that there are at least three dead trees adjacent to the road which need removing.

### **OURUWHERO ROAD SEALED SMOOTHING C1010**

The Project and Design Engineer informed members of the progress being made on the Ouruwhero road sealed smoothing contract. She informed members that the northern end of the works is almost ready for sealing.

Councillor McConnell referred to the road closure signs and asked whether staff had given consideration to providing road closure signage further away from the area, in this case Te Awamutu.

The Project and Design Engineer replied that the closure was advertised in local newspapers. She said that the Waipa District Council is also aware of this particular closure.

The Project and Design Engineer referred members to contract C1046 – Honikiwi Road Remedial Repairs and confirmed that this contract is being placed on Tenderlink today. She said it is proposed to move the road section over into the rock bank by an entire lane, improving drainage and building a timber wall at top of the second slip.

### **KAHOREKAU RESERVOIR UPGRADE**

The Project and Design Engineer confirmed that this reservoir has been built.

Councillor Klos queried whether an official opening for the reservoir could be held.

The Services Manager reported on a response from the Waikato District Health Board that this Council should be commended on the prompt response and action taken to ensure Public Health is addressed.

## RANGINUI RURAL WATER SUPPLY

The Services Manager advised that the Waikato Regional Council has approved Council's application to increase the instantaneous rate from 10 litres per second to 15 litres per second.

## CHLORINE LEVEL

The Services Manager requested that consideration be given to enabling staff to remotely monitor Chlorine Levels in the rural water supplies.

## DRINKING WATER STANDARDS

The Engineering Manager reported that both the Arohena and Tihiroa Schemes are required to reach Log 4 compliance under the Drinking Water requirements. He said it was planned to accomplish this by using individual UV units at each farm however, testing of these units revealed unsatisfactory results and the Waikato District Health Board expressed concerns in using this method despite previously indicating this was an acceptable solution. The Engineering Manager advised that as a result of these findings a new treatment method is required. Research in addition to expert advice has been sought from BECA Consultants.

## PIPE REPLACEMENT

The Services Manager reported that renewal of water mains is to commence on Domain Drive from Kakamutu Road through to Gradara Avenue. He said this will also include Sangro Crescent and Alex Telfer Drive.

The Services Manager informed members of a water main replacement being carried out on Pouewe Street in Kawhia.

Resolved that the Routine Engineering Report for the period November 2016 to January 2017 be received.

## **Cr McConnell / Cr Williams**

## LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for lunch at 12.47pm and resumed at 1.12pm

## **ITEM 32 WAIPAPA RESERVE TOILET**

The Engineering Manager referred members to the Community Facilities Officer's report enclosing a full and detailed cost analysis on the proposal to install toilet facilities at the Waipapa Reserve.

His Worship reported that the provision of a toilet facility at the Waipapa Reserve is the desire of Councillor Klos. He thanked Council's Community Facilities Officers for the comprehensive information he had provided in his report.

His Worship said he has concerns at the ongoing cost of such a facility due to its remote location.

Councillor Klos referred to an article in a newspaper on an undercover Freedom Campers findings. She said it is apparent that Freedom Campers will not pay for the facilities they require. Councillor Klos advised that most Freedom Campers do not have Toilet Facilities.

Councillor Klos reported that Waipapa Road is increasingly busy and this is added to by the location of a camping ground on Landing Road. She felt that such a facility would be a valuable asset.

Councillor Klos informed members that the township of Mangakino is not the town it used to be, with many undesirable residents. She said should the erection of the facility be approved by Council she would like to see signage installed to encourage users to respect the facility.

His Worship questioned the funding of such a facility that is so close to the District boundary.

Members were informed that no consultation was carried out at the time the previous facility was removed.

The Chief Executive suggested should it be accepted that this is a tourist route and there is a shortage of toilets then consideration be given to erecting this in a different location, such as the Arohena School. He

said good signage could be erected to provide direction to this location, which would be less prone to vandalism.

Councillor Williams referred to the issue of possible vandalism and asked whether it is worth spending funding on this facility before installing a portable toilet for a trial period.

Councillor Klos replied that there was at some time, a portable toilet on site for approximately four months for the painters of the nearby high bridge to use.

His Worship said his biggest concern is the potential for the investment to be destroyed.

The Chief Executive suggested that such a facility would appeal to freedom campers should it be installed, but would have little benefit for locals.

His Worship queried whether Council is happy to encourage freedom camping in the District.

Councillor McConnell felt that the facility would need to look attractive and to have necessary signage in place.

Councillor Christison expressed the opinion that should the facility be erected then it would be necessary to install a rubbish container.

In reply to Councillor Johnson regarding Councils affordability for the proposal the District Accountant advised that there are three options to fund this being -

- 1- By way of loan.
- 2- Subdivision Reserve Account.
- 3- Rate funded from District Parks and Reserves account.

He said that the operating costs could be funded out of rates.

Resolved that Council install a new public toilet at the Waipapa Reserve in the 2017/2018 year in accordance with the Community Facilities Officers Report.

#### **Cr Klos / Cr Johnson**

Five Members voted in favour of the recommendation, two against.  
Accordingly the motion was carried.

#### **ITEM 33 ROAD LEGALISATION PART HARBOUR ROAD – SO 502856**

The Engineering Manager summarised a report advising that Council has documents requiring consent to legalising part of Harbour Road being a length of 100m in the vicinity of rapid number 1285 Harbour Road.

#### **Resolved that**

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

#### ***South Auckland Land District - Otorohanga District***

##### ***First Schedule - Land to be Declared Road***

<i>Area</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Owners</i>
352m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 1 on SO 502856	CFR 214278	PB Bothma & Q Ma

##### ***Second Schedule - Road to be stopped and vested by amalgamation in adjoining property***

<i>Area</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Owners</i>
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2. The Mayor and Chief Executive of Otorohanga District Council be authorised to sign and seal any documentation necessary to legalise plan SO 49265.

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

#### **ITEM 34 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – HAMILTON CAR CLUB – NGUTUNUI HILLCLIMB**

The Engineering Manager summarised the Engineering Representatives report on an application from the Hamilton Car Club for various road closures within the Otorohanga District, to enable the Hamilton Car Club 2017 Ngutunui Hillclimb event.

The Engineering Manager reported that Councillor Pilkington had requested that the residents of adjoining roads of Okupata Road and Pirongia West Road be informed of the proposed closure as a condition of the approval.

#### **Resolved that**

Purpose: Hamilton Car Club Ngutunui Hill Climb  
Date: Sunday 12 March 2017

Details of Closure: Pekanui Road from Ngutunui Road to Pirongia West Road  
0900 am to 1700 pm

With the following conditions imposed:

1. Persons will be allowed through the closure in the event of an emergency.
2. Hamilton Car Club is to pay an application fee of \$400.00 towards the administration of the road closure to Otorohanga District Council.
3. Hamilton Car Club is to pay for all advertising costs to the appropriate newspapers. Public notice advertisements are to be published in the Waitomo News.
4. Hamilton Car Club is responsible for obtaining public liability insurance (and paying the cost thereof) to a minimum value of \$2,000,000. This is required to indemnify Council against any damage to the property or persons as a result of rally activities during the road closure period.
5. Hamilton Car Club is to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.
6. Hamilton Car Club is to liaise, and provide evidence of liaison with all operators and businesses that may be affected by the road closures.
7. Hamilton Car Club is to consult with all residents of all properties on the roads intending to be closed and also the residents on roads connecting with roads intending to be closed, including any, no exit roads. Two mail drops to residents are to be carried out. All initial mail drops to residents are to be approved by Council staff before distribution commences. The subsequent mail drop is to be completed no later than ten full days before the proposed closures.
8. Hamilton Car Club is solely responsible for signposting and policing of the roads to be closed, to ensure that only vehicles connected with the event have access to the road closure areas. This



### **His Worship / Cr Klos**

Councillor Phillips abstained from voting on the motion.

#### **ITEM 40**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONER – NOVA ENERGY POWER PLAN PROJECT**

The Chief Executive referred Members to the Environmental Services Managers Report.

**Resolved** that: Pursuant to Section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991 independent Commissioner **Alan Withy** be appointed as the Hearing Commissioner for the purposes of hearing and making a recommendation on the notice of requirement to the requiring authority being Transpower New Zealand Ltd and making a decision on the resource consent application for Nova Energy Ltd as detailed below. This delegation includes hearing and considering the submissions lodged on the proposed designation and the resource consent application and dealing with any procedural issues prior to delivering the recommendation on the notice of requirement and a decision on the resource consent.

### **Cr McConnell / Cr Johnson**

#### **ITEM 41**

#### **PUBLIC FORUM' COMPONENT OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Chief Executive presented a report suggesting a Public Forum section be introduced at the start of future ordinary public meetings of Council. He said the Kawhia Community Board at its meeting held last Friday has agreed to introduce a Public Forum section.

Councillor McConnell questioned whether anyone will attend such a forum and queried whether Council could be opening a can of worms.

Resolved that:

1. The attached draft set of guidelines attached to the Chief Executives report for the conduct of 'Public Forum' sections of ordinary public meetings of Council are adopted.
2. The Public Forum sections, in accordance with the guidelines be conducted at the start of future meetings of Council.
3. Advertising is conducted to make the public aware of the introduction of these Public Forum sections of meetings.

### **Cr Klos / Cr Phillips**

#### **ITEM 42**

#### **ODC MATTERS REFERRED FROM 19 JANUARY 2017**

The Governance Supervisor reported that both items on Matters Referred have not been progressed.

Councillor Klos requested that the matter of future meetings of Council being held on a Marae be reinstated on Matters Referred.

#### **GENERAL**

#### **WAIPA RIVER CATCHMENT WORKSHOP**

Councillor Phillips reported on his attendance at a recent Waipa River Catchment Workshop in place of Councillor Johnson. He said this covered goals and policies for the future.

#### **FORMER GIRL GUIDE HALL**

In reply to Councillor Phillips the Chief Executive reported that Council is in the process of purchasing the former Girl Guide Hall.

Councillor Phillips reported that a current user is using this hall regularly.

The Finance and Administration Manager reported that a meeting has been held with the current users of the hall and that all previous agreements will continue.

The Chief Executive informed members that some additional office or storage space may be created in the hall in the future, but not at present. be created in the hall for future use.

Councillor Phillips queried the zoning and use of the Hall which he understands must be for recreational use.

The Chief Executive advised that the former Girl Guides Hall and the existing Senior Citizens Hall are not utilised very much therefore there is a need to make the best use of these facilities.

The Finance and Administration Manager informed members that Council will not encourage one off use of the Former Girl Guide Hall.

### **EASTERN DISTRICT TOUR**

Councillor Phillips reported that he had learnt a lot from the recent eastern tour of the District

Councillor Klos expressed the opinion that the tour went well and that the eastern side of the District looked very prosperous. She said she appreciated the opportunity given to other Councillors to see her side of the District. Councillor Klos reported that communication is required between DOC and Council in regards to managing the camping ground on Landing Road.

Councillor Williams reported it was good to take part in the eastern District tour and to have the opportunity for discussion with Council Staff.

Councillor Christison also expressed the opinion that it was great to be part of the eastern District tour.

### **COMMUNITY BOARDS CHAIRPERSON SEMINAR**

Councillor McConnell thanked Council for the opportunity to attend a recent Community Boards Chairperson Seminar. He said he received a substantial amount of useful information.

### **MANIAPOTO PATROL**

Councillor McConnell raised the matter of the Maniapoto Community Patrol and that this is being considered to restart.

The Chief Executive advised that a Mr Allan Sole attended the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board last Friday on behalf of Communities New Zealand. Mr Sole had indicated that he would like to see the Maniapoto Patrol restart.

### **DOG CONTROL**

Councillor McConnell expressed the opinion that Council needs to provide a lot more information on Dog Control in particular, as to what Council expects from Dog owners. He referred to a disposal bag facility used in some areas for dog owners to collect their pets waste.

### **CIVIL DEFENCE**

Councillor Klos referred to the recent Port Hill fires in Christchurch in particular to what happens and is required when Civil Defence support is not available,

### **OTOROHANGA BUSINESSES**

Councillor Klos expressed the opinion that Otorohanga Businesses need to establish Otorohanga as a destination in particular by using Websites more. She queried how many local businesses have websites available.

### **MAYORAL FORUM**

His Worship reported on his attendance at a Mayoral Forum meeting held yesterday.

His Worship reported that discussion has been held on bringing together the Waikato Plan and Waikato Means Business under the one plan. He said Chief Executives have been requested to come up with ideas that enable these initiatives to be integrated.

**VISIBILITY ISSUE**

Councillor Williams requested discussion be held with the Engineering Manager regarding the signage and visibility at the intersection of Owaikura Road and Tihiroa Road with the intersection of State Highway 31 / 39.

**BEATTIE HOME**

Councillor Johnson reported on a recent Beattie Home Committee Meeting and advised that though the facility has full occupancy however, it is still on the knife edge financially.

**HEALTHY RIVERS**

Councillor Johnson reported that His Worship, Councillor Pilkington and himself had met with the Consultants on the proposed Healthy Rivers Plan change and that something will be put together in the near future.

**The meeting concluded at 2.52pm**