



Otorohanga District Council

# MINUTES

18 April 2017

**OTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on 18 April 2017 commencing at 10.01am.

**MINUTES**

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

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## **PRESENT**

Mr MM Baxter (Mayor), Crs, RA Klos, RM Johnson, KC Phillips, DM Pilkington (Deputy Mayor), P McConnell , K Christison and AJ Williams.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

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

His Worship declared the meeting open and welcomed those present.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Cr Phillips read the Opening Prayer.

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

No items were identified for consideration in general business which may require a resolution.

## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – Otorohanga District Council – 21 March 2017**

### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 21 March 2017, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

### **Cr Phillips/Cr Pilkington**

## **MATTERS ARISING**

Cr Phillips referred to page 5 – appointment of Independent Commissioner – Ostern Quarries Limited in particular the third paragraph and queried why Council is engaging an Independent Commissioner. The Chief Executive said that it was because of the scale and complexity of the application and the need for demonstrable independent decision making.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – OTOROHANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL – 4 APRIL 2017**

### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 4 April 2017, as amended, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

### **Cr Pilkington/Cr McConnell**

## **MATTERS ARISING**

Cr Pilkington referred to the final paragraph of page 2 and requested this sentence be continued to read...in response to issues raised by K Wrenn and Federated Farmers.

Cr Pilkington referred to page 4 in particular the first sentence relating to the consideration of submissions to the proposed amended Long Term Plan and requested that reference to Population Healths Submission be recorded.

The Finance and Administration Manager referred also to page 4 and the incorrect spelling of "Te Raumauku" Road.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD – 23 MARCH 2017**

### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 23 March 2017, as previously circulated, be received.

### **Cr McConnell/Cr Christison**

## **MATTERS ARISING**

Cr Klos referred to page 2 the item regarding Verandah issues, Maniapoto street and queried what has happened to His Worships proposal on this issue. His Worship replied that his vision for Maniapoto Street is to provide some uniformity and to achieve what is the most feasible option.

Cr Phillips referred to the item on the proposed dairy factory and queried the amount of water required by this facility as a backup. His Worship replied that the backup quantity requested is 300 cubic metres of water per day.

## **OTOROHANGA STOPBANKS**

Cr Johnson queried whether there is an annual inspection of the Otorohanga Stopbanks to ensure the various leasees are compliant with the conditions. Cr McConnell replied that a walk around of the stopbanks was undertaken last year where issues were raised and these have since been addressed. He said discussion is to be held on the provision of walking tracks and the fencing off of the stopbank areas. Cr Phillips suggested that the current leasees be invited to take part in the walk around as well. Cr McConnell advised that the Board is intending to be more involved and hands on in regards to the leasing of the stopbank areas. He said an inspection is undertaken every 6 months with Regional Council representatives. The Chief Executive reported that the Board has already received an annual report from representatives of the Waikato Regional Council however, a meeting thereafter with the leasees has not yet been held.

## **GAMBLING VENUE POLICY REVIEW 2017**

### **ITEM 53 SUBMITTERS TO BE HEARD**

His Worship declared the Hearing open to enable consideration to be given to the submissions received on the Gambling Venue Policy Review 2017.

### **MANDEEP SINGH**

Mr Satvir Singh presented Mr Mandeep Singh's submission. Mr Singh reported that a large number of people visit his premises wishing to use gaming machines. He said when no machines are available these people will go somewhere else. Mr Singh expressed the opinion that the revenue received from gaming machines is good for the town and will help the town and its people. Mr Singh advised that many people wish to partake of a meal and play gaming machines.

Mr Singh requested Council allow the controlled increase in venue numbers with a maximum of 9 gaming machines per new venue.

### **WAIKATO DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD**

Dr Richard Wall and Dr Kay Kristensen presented the Waikato District Health Board's submission. Dr Wall congratulated Council for the effectiveness of its sinking lid policy. He reported that gambling has a negative effect on a large portion of the community and that the pokies are the main cause of harm in New Zealand and the main gambling mode of problem gamblers seeking help.

Dr Wall reported their service supports the intentions of the Gambling Act 2003, but since class 4 gambling legislation was introduced, there has been a stronger reliance on gambling funds to support community and sports activities. He said community capability in using more traditional fundraising methods and/or developing innovative ways to raise funds can be undermined alongside this reliance on gambling funding. Dr Wall said that the Waikato District Health Board has made a conscious decision not to support any Waikato District Health Board Charitable Trust or similar group operating under the Waikato District Health Board name to either apply for or received funds derived from class 4 gambling, and those groups outside of the organisation that are funded by the Waikato District Health Board be encouraged to decrease their reliance on class 4 gambling proceeds where applicable.

## **YOUTH INCORPORATED**

Mr Ross Savage General Manager of Strategic Growth and TIC Youthtown presented the Youthtown Incorporated submission. A Mr Terry David Territorial Manager supported Mr Savage.

Mr Savage advised that Youthtown Inc wishes Council to amend the current policy to enable a controlled increase of Class 4 gambling venues in Otorohanga.

Mr Savage informed members that local hospitality venue Lavish has approached Youthtown with a proposal to partner with Youthtown in the provision of gaming machines at their venue, should Council policy allow. Mr Savage said that their experience suggests that the income from these potential machines would be modest, but all profits would be returned to the local community rather than being redirected to other communities as is currently the case. He said whilst local community members would be part of the patronage at this venue, tourists and people passing through Otorohanga would also be attracted to the venue and likely play on the machines.

Mr Savage reported as a community youth development organisation they are acutely aware of the harm gambling can cause to some people and how this harm can affect other members of the community. He said with this in mind, Youthtown accepts it has both a legal and moral obligation to minimise the potential of someone being adversely affected by excessive gambling.

Mr Savage concluded in stating that if a controlled increase in venues in the District is adopted then a Youthtown programme would be considered to be established in Otorohanga.

## **PROBLEM GAMBLING FOUNDATION OF NEW ZEALAND**

Mr Eru Loach presented the Problem Gambling of New Zealand's submission. Mr Loach advised that the Foundation recommends that Council adopt a "sinking lid" policy, a District wide ban on any additional class 4 gambling venues or machines. He said a "sinking lid" policy would reduce the number of venues over time but would not affect existing venues or current community funding in the short term. He said a District wide ban on any new venues or machines would reduce the harm caused by gambling, including social and economic harm.

Mr Loach further stated that his organisation recommends that Council does not adopt a TAB Board Venue Policy due to the community funding distribution used by NZRB and the loss to local Community groups.

## **NEW ZEALAND RACING BOARD**

Mr Jarrod True presented the New Zealand Racing Board's submission. Mr True informed members that the NZ Racing Board invites Council to –

1. Replace current "sinking lid" on gaming machines with an open policy and
2. Include a venue relocation provision in the policy.

Mr True said it is acknowledged that Council needs to strike a balance between the costs and benefits of gaming machine gambling. He said it is accepted that a small percentage of people have a problem with their gambling "all forms of gambling". Mr True reported however, for the vast majority of people, casual expenditure on gaming machines is a form of entertainment that they participate in and enjoy, without any harm being caused. He said gaming machines also provide a considerable amount of community funding to local community groups. Otorohanga organisations are now deprived of this funding of this funding due to the limited number of non-club gaming venues.

His Worship thanked the submitters for their attendance at today's Hearing and advised that Council will deliberate on the submissions after the conclusion of the meeting, in a workshop situation.

## **ITEM 54 SUBMITTERS NOT TO BE HEARD**

His Worship referred members to the following submissions which did not wish to be heard – Autism New Zealand, NZ Community Trust and Rotary Club of Otorohanga. He requested members take these submissions as read for discussion in a workshop situation.

**ITEM 55 BEACH ACCESS OFF LAWTON DRIVE AOTEA**

The Chief Executive presented a report informing members it is suggested that efforts towards establishing a public road off the end of Lawton Drive in Aotea cease, due to impediments that have arisen. The Chief Executive reported that a letter has been received from Edmonds Judd on behalf of Aotea Estates stating that Aotea Estates Limited demands two significant additional conditions be introduced into the Heads of Agreement, which had not been part of the initial on site discussion. He said the first of these demands is for separate titles to be produced for the land split by the proposed public road and secondly for a public toilet to be provided at the end of the new road. The Chief Executive confirmed that staff have considered both demands are not reasonable.

His Worship advised that Aotea residents want commitment from Council that they will have access from the end of Lawton Drive to the beach. Cr Pilkington queried whether Mr Wrenn's Solicitor has been responded to. The Chief Executive replied that Mr Wrenn has been informed and that this matter has been discussed at the Kawhia Community Board meeting held last Thursday. He said the Board is supportive of the proposed new approach.

Cr Pilkington endorsed the Chief Executives comments and advised that she has been involved with Mr Wrenn since 2004 and that the Kawhia Community Board, Aotea representative Ms Annette Gane has also attempted to work with Mr Wrenn. She said it is incredibly disappointing that the proposed decision needs to be made.

In reply to Cr Phillips the Chief Executive advised that there is a need to realign the road to the easement.

**Resolved**

That the Chief Executive's report be received.

**His Worship/Cr Pilkington**

**ITEM 56 AMENDED LONG TERM PLAN 2015-25**

The District Accountant attended the meeting and advised that the amended 2015-25 Long Term Plan and Consultation Document has been subject to the Special Consultative process and that Council has considered the submissions.

**Resolved**

That the Amended Long Term Plan 2015-25 be adopted.

**His Worship/Cr Phillips**

**ITEM 57 ROAD LEGALISATION PT MANGATI ROAD – SO470907**

The Chief Executive referred members to the Engineering Manager's report advising that the Council has received documents requiring consent to legalising part of Mangati Road being a length of 80 meters beginning 700 metres from State Highway 39 Ormsby Road.

**Resolved**

That the Otorohanga District Council hereby consents to the Minister of Land Information declaring

- a. Pursuant to Section 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 Section 119 of the Public Works Act 1981 the land described in the **Second Schedule** to be taken as severance and vested in the adjoining property by way of amalgamation and subject to the existing mortgage recorded on that title.

- c. Pursuant to Sec 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981 the road described in the **Third Schedule** below being stopped and vested in the adjoining properties by way of amalgamation with the titles listed and being subject to existing mortgages recorded on the titles.

**South Auckland Land District - Otorohanga District**

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

Area	Description	Title	Owners
211m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 3 SO 470907	CFR 616395	MJD Farms Ltd
271m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 4 SO 470907	CFR 616395	MJD Farms Ltd
2088m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 5 SO 470907	CFR 616395	MJD Farms Ltd
1578m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 9 SO 470907	CFR 187745	KA & LJ McGregor
430m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 12 SO 470907	CFR 187745	KA & LJ McGregor
46m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 8 SO 470907	SA49A/438	AJ & JD Roxburgh

**Second Schedule - Road to be acquired for severance**

Area	Description	Title	Owners
677m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 10 SO 470907	CFR 616395	MJD Farms Ltd

**Third Schedule - Road to be stopped and vested by amalgamated**

Area	Description	Title	Owners
3990m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 1 SO 470907	SA25C/655	KA & LJ McGregor
2775m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 2 SO 470907	CFR 187745	KA & LJ McGregor
3221m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 7 SO 470907	CFR 187745	KA & LJ McGregor
4222m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 10 SO 470907	SA49A/438	AJ & JD Roxburgh

**Fourth Schedule – Severance to be transferred with amalgamation**

Area	Description	Title	Owners
677m <sup>2</sup>	Sec 10 SO 470907	CFR 187745	KA & LJ McGregor

2. The Mayor and Chief Executive of Otorohanga District Council be authorised to sign and seal any documentation necessary to legalise plan SO 470907.

**Cr Pilkington/Cr Klos**

**ITEM 58 ONEPU CHARITABLE TRUST - REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Cr Pilkington summarised the Governance Supervisors report on behalf of the Onepu Charitable Trust seeking continued financial support. Cr Pilkington reported that the Trust carries out a great job in patrolling the beach in particular, Ocean Beach at Kawhia. She said that the Kawhia Community Board has agreed to make a grant of \$500 towards the servicing of their motorbikes.

Cr Klos expressed the opinion that the request is for such a small amount of money and queried whether the Trust made any effort to obtain assistance elsewhere. She said, Council can be looked upon as an easy way out.



Cr Johnson suggested that the Trust could make application to the Otorohanga District and Community Charitable Trust for any further assistance.

The Chief Executive informed members that Council does make an annual grant of \$1500 to the Trust for the purpose of carrying out beach patrols. With regard to possible District funding Cr Pilkington advised that beaches are public places and often Trust members pick up litter etc. His Worship reported that Trust member Mrs Daisy Scott provides a very informative report to the Kawhia Community Board. It was agreed that Cr Pilkington inform the applicant of other funding opportunities available. The Finance and Administration Manager informed members that Council has supported the Trust for a number of years and at one point provided a grant of \$4000 per annum.

**Resolved**

That the request from the Onepu Charitable Trust for a grant of \$500 for the servicing of their motorbikes used for the Kawhia Beach patrol, be approved.

**Cr Johnson/Cr Pilkington**

**ITEM 59 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – HAMILTON CAR CLUB – NGUTUNUI HILLCLIMB**

The Chief Executive referred to the Engineers Representative's report and advised that the Executive Summary should read "an application for road closure for the Ngutunui Hillclimb has been received following the previous postponement of the event."

**Resolved**

That approval be granted to the Hamilton Car Club Ngutunui Hillclimb to be held on Sunday 21 May 2017 as follows – Pekanui Road from Ngutunui Road to Pirongia West Road - 9am to 5pm. 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 includes arranging the delivery, erection and staffing of all road closure barriers and the removal thereof after closures. All gates and entranceways are to be taped and to ensure its removal thereafter.
9. Signs advising of the road closures are to be erected at the start and end of the closed portions of the roads and on each intersecting road two weeks prior to the road closure. All signs are to be removed immediately after the closure. A Hamilton Car Club representative is to meet with Council Engineering staff regarding the required signs format, size, location and quantity of signs for approval before they are manufactured and erected.

### **Cr Pilkington/Cr Christison**

#### **ITEM 60            MATTERS REFERRED WAIKATO DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD**

Cr Klos queried whether Council has heard any more from the District Health Board regarding mental health. Cr Pilkington referred to OCB member P Coventry's presentation at a recent Council meeting. Cr Klos replied that Mr Coventry was not on behalf of a represented group.

His Worship expressed the opinion that should any representatives of the Waikato District Health Board speak to Council they will merely inform members of what they wish to hear. He said they will say that they are doing what they can with the funding that is available. Cr Pilkington suggested that Cr Klos be nominated as Council's representative on the Health Forum. Cr Klos said she wishes to decline the nomination as she is aware of how the District Health Board works. She said she wants the Health Board to be held accountable. The Chief Executive replied that it would be difficult to hold such a large body to account and that Council will not actually know where any deficiencies exist within the District.

Cr McConnell referred to a tragic incident which occurred last year and felt that Council should be party to any post information which could be of benefit to all concerned.

His Worship referred to a meeting he will be having with the NZ Police District Commander whereat he will ascertain whether further discussion will be necessary.

Council's Environmental Services Manager referred to discussion with representatives of the Waikato District Health Board and reported that this Council does not have the resources to engage in policy matters with such a huge organisation. Cr Pilkington queried whether the District Health Board has public meetings. Cr Klos replied there are community engagement groups and when they consider that they have consulted with the community, they then report back to their Board. Cr Pilkington expressed the opinion that representation on a community forum could give Council the opportunity to express its views. His Worship queried what Council can do to effect change as

a number the questions would have been answered by the Board themselves. Cr Klos expressed the opinion that Council has a responsibility to hear of the Health Boards outcomes.

In conclusion His Worship undertook to establish what information will be available once the investigations have been completed by the WDHB to assure Council of the Boards ability to deliver effective mental health services to the Districts citizens.

### **KEY PROVISIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICT PLAN**

The Environmental Services Manager queried with members what particular items they wish to discuss. It was agreed that such items as sub divisions, countryside living zones and rural housing be some of the issues to be discussed.

Cr Klos suggested that Council be alerted to what its Districts residents are aspiring to. His Worship replied that an opportunity will be available when the next District Plan review is undertaken. Cr Pilkington reported it was clear at the review of the District Plan that there were hundreds of empty rural sections which had not been sold. The Environmental Services Manager advised that there is not sufficient profit for ratepayers for undertaking subdivisions. Cr McConnell said he did not want to see this local knowledge disappear and that previous Council's thoughts should be recorded.

It was agreed that the Environmental Services Manager provide a report summarising the key provisions with the District Plan, to be considered in a workshop situation.

### **RAUKAWA CHARITABLE TRUST**

Cr Klos expressed the opinion that the Trustees of the Raukawa Charitable Trust expect Council to understand their perspective on Council matters. His Worship advised that he is sure Council gives Trust members adequate time to submit their views and that these are listened to by Council. The Chief Executive referred to previous meetings with the Trust and said it is not very clear what their concerns are. The Environmental Services Manager asked what would the Trust like Council to do so that these could be addressed. His Worship suggested that when the Trust is having a hui an invite be extended to Council.

It was agreed that the item dated 15 November 2016 on "matters referred" relating to the Raukawa Charitable Trust be deleted.

### **LUNCHEON ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned for lunch at 12.43pm and resumes at 1.10pm

### **GENERAL**

#### **DRAFT WAIKATO PLAN**

Cr Klos informed members of the Draft Waikato Plan meeting to be held this Friday and advised that this is supposed to be an overarching document. She queried how Council wishes to proceed with this plan. His Worship informed members that Council has to decide whether it wishes to give effect to the Plan and accordingly hand over further funding. He said it will be a question of how the Plan sits within each individual Council. He said there will be a request for a similar amount of funding, of upwards of \$30,000. His Worship said it is a question of whether Council wishes to be on board, along with other District Mayors and share opportunities throughout the Waikato district. Members were informed that there is concern from some Councils as to when they stop funding such documents. Cr Klos suggested that this should be when measures cannot be implemented and Council has no power over.

#### **CIVIL DEFENCE**

Cr Klos referred to a recent Civil Defence activity and how dependent the District is on the Stopbanks. She queried whether there is any interface between the Regional Council and District Council regarding these. The Environmental Services Manager advised that in terms of this District

no actual severe events occurred and that the infrastructure stood up well. He said residents responsibility to look after themselves until such time this is not possible, then the matter is referred to the Regional Council. The Environmental Services Manager reported that no large scale defect has been identified on the Otorohanga stopbanks. Cr Johnson advised that fortunately the river has a lot of fall through the town which creates less pressure against the Stopbanks.

Cr Phillips referred to the Snap-Send-Solve software application and felt that during recent events this would have been a great opportunity to use this tool. Cr Phillips said he would like to see a warning system introduced covering the rural areas of the District. The Chief Executive replied that social media was available and was used. The Environmental Services Manager undertook to develop standard flood warning messages for the benefit of the rural district.

### **EASTER TRADING**

Cr Phillips reported there were a number of food outlets open over Easter but no other usual shops.

Cr Phillips reported he has been approached about a pathway being formed along the Waipa River and the funding required for a feasibility study to be undertaken. Cr Pilkington replied that there are organisations out there which will be able to assist. Cr McConnell reported that a previous application has been declined due to the lack of iwi consultation.

### **NZ MOTOR HOME ASSOCIATION**

Cr McConnell referred to the NZ Motor Home Association Park and reported that this is in quite a mess following the recent wet weather. He said however the site is still being used by the Association members. Cr McConnell queried whether they should be allowed to continue using the site when the river water level is high. Cr McConnell suggested that at the commencement of the road into the area a sign be erected advising this area is closed. The Chief Executive confirmed that a sign has been delivered. Cr McConnell suggested that this be erected at the end of Waipa Esplanade.

### **NZ POLICE**

Cr McConnell raised the matter of 24/7 police cover and was informed that Otorohanga is not part of this however, Te Kuiti will be. He was advised that additional staff will be available over both Districts.

Cr McConnell thanked staff for contacting Kiwi Rail regarding the accumulation of logs under the railbridge during the recent flooding.

Reference was made to ponding issues on Puketarata Road. The Environment Services Manager reported that any former Drainage Board enquiries are to be referred to the Regional Council.

The Environmental Services Manager updated members on the following Resource Consent applications -

- Ostern Quarry hearing
- Nova Energy application
- Waikeria Prison
- Proposed dairy factory

### **MAYORAL ACTIVITIES**

His Worship reported on the following activities –

- Otago Rail Trail
- Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs
- Police matters – meeting tomorrow

### **PIRIPIRI LODGE**

Cr Phillips informed members that he attended the recent opening of PiriPiri Lodge which was a fantastic event. He said the facility was opened by local MP Mrs Barbara Kruiger.

#### **OTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Cr Pilkington informed members of a meeting tomorrow of the Otorohanga District Development Board which will also be attended by local MP Mrs Barbara Kruiger.

#### **TAHAROA C**

Cr Pilkington reported she had received advice from Council's Building Officer that Taharoa C's Building Consent has been issued for work in Kawhia.

Cr Williams reported on her attendance at the following –

- Lunch meeting with Honourable Jonathan Coleman and local MP Barbara Kruiger
- Governor General visit
- EEG meeting

Cr Williams referred to the recent Civil Defence activities and reported that the local people are responsible for their wellbeing until such time they cannot cope with the situation which is then referred to the Regional Council.

#### **OTOROHANGA KIWI HOUSE**

Cr Johnson reported he went through the Otorohanga Kiwi House over the Easter holiday period and was really impressed with the facility, staffs professionalism and the high standard of the facility.

#### **MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting concluded at 2pm.

**MAYOR:**

**DATE:**