



Ōtorohanga Community Board

MINUTES

2 December 2020

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ŌTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD

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Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Ōtorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, 17 Maniapoto Street, Ōtorohanga on 02 December 2020 commencing at 4.00pm.

Tanya Winter
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MINUTES

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PRESENT

Mr. N Gadd (Chair), Cr. Dow, Mrs. Brown-Merrin, Mr. Buckman, Cr. Christison.

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. T Winter (Chief Executive), Messrs. A Loe (Group Manager Environment), G Bunn (Group Manager Corporate), M Lewis (Services Manager), J le Fleming (Community Facilities Officer), Ms. T Ambury (Community and Economic Development Manager), and Miss. N Martinsen.

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed those present.

APOLOGY

No apologies were received.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair asked members whether they had any declarations of conflicts of interests.

The Chair declared a conflict of interest in Item 60, Ōtorohanga Motorhome Friendly Town Proposal, and therefore undertook to take no part in the discussion nor vote on any resolution. The Chair remained in the room and sat in the public gallery for the duration of the report discussion.

PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Carr spoke in regards to Item 60 and requested that the Ōtorohanga Community board consider the postponement of making a decision on this matter due to the need for further consultation.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 4 NOVEMBER 2020

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Ōtorohanga Community Board held on 4 November 2020, as circulated be approved as a true and correct record of the meeting and the recommendations therein be adopted.

Mr. Coventry / Mr. Buckman

ITEM 59 CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – VERBAL

The Chairperson reported on the following;

- Ōtorohanga has been really busy.
- Ōtorohanga Craft Market had a great turn out.
- Gave thanks to the Engineering Team – Water is well managed and maintained.

Resolved that the Chairperson's verbal report be received.

Cr. Dow / Mr. Buckman

Due to the Chair's declaration of conflict of interest in the following item he vacated the chair.

The Deputy Chair – Cr Christison – took the chair.

ITEM 60 ŌTOROHANGA MOTORHOME FRIENDLY TOWN PROPOSAL

The Community and Economic Development Manager referred members to her report and highlighted the changes that have been made since her previous report in October, those changes being;

- a) Secured funding from the NZ Motorhome Association to cover costs of the installation of a dump station and funding up to \$3,000 towards operational costs for 3 years.
- b) Alternative sites being investigated for practicality, in particular the end of Rangipare Street and Whittington Lane.

During discussion concern was raised on following items;

- The proposed location of Rangipare Street not being the most practical site.
- Costs involved if further investigation in site location was to be undertaken.
- Consultation that was undertaken being unsatisfactory, especially with iwi in relation to the cultural significance of some of the proposed locations for the dump station.

Resolved that the Ōtorohanga Community Board;

1. Support the proposal to pursue achieving the status of being a Motorhome Friendly Town in Ōtorohanga, and;
2. Support the installation of a free public dump station on Council owned land off the end of Rangipare Street, Ōtorohanga, as per the site photo provided in this report and;
3. Support an amendment to the current Traffic Bylaw or the development of a Freedom Camping Bylaw or Policy to enable Freedom Camping in designated areas around the district, and;
4. Support the acceptance of the funding offered by NZ Motor Caravan Association of \$12k to cover the installation of the dump stations, and;
5. Support the acceptance of the offer from NZ Motor Caravan Association to fund up to \$3k towards the first 3 years of operational costs, and;
6. Support the acceptance of the offer from NZ Motor Caravan Association to supply to Council free of charge the certified pre-cast waste unit along with all the appropriate signage for users, and;
7. Support the approval for the ongoing operational costs of the dump station beyond the period of cover from the NZ Motor Caravan Association funding, at an estimated cost of \$800-\$1000 p/a to be funded from the public conveniences operational budget, subject to Long Term financial considerations and adoption of such.

On the condition that;

- a) The Ōtorohanga Community Board members themselves undertake engagement with iwi and any others that is satisfactory to them.
- b) The outcomes of that engagement is reported back to Council so that Council can make a third decision.

Mr. Buckman / Mr. Coventry

The Deputy Chair vacated the chair.

The Chair resumed the chair.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

Mr. Coventry

- Local schools wanting in on the mentor program.

Councillor Dow

- Business going well.

Mrs. Brown-Merrin

- Attended Hamilton & Waikato Tourism meeting.
- Attended Project Kiwiana AGM - appointed as secretary.

Mr. Buckman

- Disappointed in losing the BNZ Branch in Ōtorohanga.

Councillor Christison

- Raglan food composting system is amazing.
- Attended ODDDB meeting.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 5.09pm.