



Otorohanga Community Board

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Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, 17 Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga on 27 April 2017 commencing at 4.00pm

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PRESENT

Mr P McConnell (Chair), Mrs. K Christison, Mrs. EM Cowan, Mr A Buckman, Mr N Gadd, Mr P Coventry

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship The Mayor M Baxter, Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), R Brady (Engineering Manager), M Lewis (Community Facilities Officer) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor),

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chief Executive reported he has a matter regarding the sale of part Te Raumauku Road property which he would like considered without the public present and which may require a resolution.

Resolved that the matter relating to the sale of part Te Raumauku Road property be considered in General Business, excluding the public, which may require a resolution.

Mrs Cowan / Mrs Christison

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 23 MARCH 2017

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 23 March 2017, as circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr Gadd / Mr Coventry

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair asked members whether they were aware of any situations where they could stand to make personal and/or monetary gains in any particular matter to be discussed at this meeting.

No such Declarations of Interest were received.

ITEM 19 PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF STRUCTURES AND WORKS IN PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW

The Chief Executive advised that the matter of deteriorating verandahs on premises along Maniapoto Street has been discussed previously in a workshop situation. He referred to a request from a business to remove the deteriorating verandah from their premises on Maniapoto Street which has led to consideration of potential changes to relevant Council regulations. He said challenges would be experienced to remedy this situation under the existing Bylaw.

With regard to the use of post supported verandahs in the pedestrian precinct areas Mr Gadd advised that Council must be careful as to where the posts are placed, to reduce interference with vehicles.

In reply to Mrs Cowan regarding consultation with NZTA she was advised that the footpath area of the State Highway is the responsibility of Council.

The Chief Executive advised that the posts would most likely be of a standardised nature to provide consistency of appearance.

In reply to Mr Gadd the Chief Executive advised that any amendment to the current Bylaw will have to go through a public consultation process therefore, the Otorohanga Business Association will have an opportunity to submit.

The Chief Executive informed the Chair that in most cases preference would be given to replacing the whole verandah roof as many of these are unsafe.

Resolved that it be recommended to Council that amendments be made to the Structures and Works in Public Places Bylaw that permit the use of post supported verandahs in the pedestrian precinct areas of the Otorohanga District.

Mrs Cowan / Mr Coventry.

ROTARY PARK WALK AROUND

The Chair took this opportunity to thank members for making themselves available to walk around Rotary Park today.

ITEM 21 HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY – REVIEW OF RENTAL

The Governance Supervisor presented a report on the review of Housing for the Elderly Rentals in Elizabeth Place and Windsor Court, Otorohanga.

In reply to His Worship the Chief Executive advised that it is proposed the balance in the account will move from a deficit situation to a credit balance during the 2021 – 2022 year.

Resolved that the rental charged for units in Elizabeth Place and Windsor Court Otorohanga be increased as follows –

Single Unit \$103.00 per week (3% increase)

Double Unit \$135.00 per week (4% increase)

effective from 1 July 2017.

Mrs Christison / Mrs Cowan

ITEM 20 OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME

The Roding Manager Martin Gould attended the meeting and presented a report reviewing the current footpath construction programme and the prioritised list of footpaths for construction, updating the programme previously established in 2008.

The Roding Manager said he understood it was the desire of the Board to provide footpaths on both sides of every street within the Otorohanga Community.

The Roding Manager informed members that there are some footpaths on the previous program that could be considered to not be warranted for future footpath construction, these being –

- 1) State Highway 31/39 - McCreedy Road to Waitomo Valley Road
- 2) Factory Drive
- 3) Waipa Esplanade
- 4) Fareview Lane

Mrs Cowan highlighted an area on Alex Telfer Drive where there is no footpath. She reported that this area is used as a walking circuit and the volume of traffic using the area has increased.

Mrs Christison advised that there is almost a full length of footpath on one side of Alex Telfer drive.

The Chief Executive agreed that there is only a short stretch where there is no footpath.

Mr Coventry queried the thought process behind the provision of footpaths on both sides of a road.

The Roding Manager replied that this is what previous Boards have wanted.

The question was raised as to why would this would be required on roads such as Progress Drive and part of Hinewai Street adjacent to the Otorohanga College.

The Chair informed members that as a new Board it is able to decide whether the previous Board's policy is to be followed or not.

The Chief Executive advised that there is currently a budget of \$50,000 per year for construction / maintenance of footpaths which is District funded, but this does not have to be spent.

The Roding Manager confirmed that there is no subsidy available for this work.

Mr Buckman expressed the opinion that the \$50,000 could go a long way in providing a footpath along the Otorohanga Stopbanks.

Mr Gadd expressed the opinion that the Board should provide a footpath on one side of most of the roads before considering those roads which may require footpaths on both sides.

The Roding Manager said that the construction of a second footpath on the Main North Road which will be very difficult and more expansive. He reported that a number of sections of the current footpath are below the road level.

MR BUCKMAN

Mr Buckman left the meeting at 4.57pm

The Chair expressed the opinion that where there is high traffic usage there must be a footpath. With regard to the Main North Road footpath it was suggested that consideration could be given to doubling the width of the existing footpath as the existing one is too narrow.

Mr Gadd agreed that improvements could be carried out on some footpath currently in place.

The Roding Manager queried whether the Board would like to see a revised programme as it is proposed to commence work this coming summer.

The Engineering Manager suggested that the Roding Manager prepare a report as to what footpath work is able to be carried out, within the current budget.

Resolved that the Roding Manager's report be received.

Mr Gadd / Mr Coventry

ITEM 22 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 23 MARCH 2017

MRS F RAWLINGS / MR C PAYNE

Following discussion it was agreed that the Chair contact Mrs F Rawlings / Mr C Payne and inform them that the Board is still discussing the matter of freedom campers parking in Otorohanga however, to date no firm decisions have been made.

The Chief Executive advised that in regards to an additional effluent Dump Station, Mrs Rawlings and Mr Payne could be advised that the Board has not supported another facility being developed.

PROJECT KIWIANA COMMITTEE

The Chair reported that he has discussed with the President of the Project Kiwiana Committee the matter of a meeting however, it has been agreed that this be delayed until a decision has been made on the development of the Reg Brett Reserve.

Mrs Cowan reported that the Project Kiwiana Committee will be meeting on Tuesday 2 May 2017.

It was agreed that this item be removed from Matters Referred.

SIR EDMUND HILLARY WALKWAY – LED LIGHTING

The Community Facilities Officer reported that he is currently working through a problem with the lighting sensor.

Mrs Cowan reported that Consultant David Walmsley has looked at the walkway and suggested that a LED light be fitted in each individual module, at Project Kiwiana's cost and perhaps a LED spotlight be installed as the commencement of the walkway centering onto the panels.

Mr Gadd expressed the opinion that matters relating to this walkway are continuing on for too long.

The Community Facilities Officer reported that the situation is currently 'OK' and he understood that the existing lighting under the verandah will be replaced with LED lighting when required. He said the only current issue is attempting to control the lights. This could not be carried out on the proposed individual lighting in the modules.

Mrs Cowan suggested that the lighting be left on permanently.

Mrs Christison referred to the proposal to install spotlighting and expressed the opinion that as these would be focused on Kiwiana assets then the responsibility for the installation of these should be with the Project Kiwiana Committee. Mr Gadd agreed with Mrs Christison's comments.

The Chair reported that originally the Board agreed to look at improving the lighting for the benefit of all. He said it the intention to get it right and finalised.

The Chair highlighted the following. –

- 1) All members have agreed that the lighting is poor and for it to be replaced with LED lighting when required. It was further agreed that Mrs Cowan approach the Project Kiwiana Committee regarding the cost of the installation of LED lighting in each module.
- 2) If there is something else that the Board is able to do to improve this asset such as two LED spotlights then this be met by the Board.

It was agreed that the lighting be on 24/ 7.

OTOROHANGA ROTARY PARK

Mrs Christison requested that a monthly 'mini' report be presented to the Otorohanga Community Board providing details of what is happening in the Rotary Park area.

WAITOMO VALLEY ROAD

The Engineering Manager reported that arrows are painted on each side of the road at the one-way bridge along Waitomo Valley Road. He suggested that in addition the Board could consider erecting 'keep left' signs.

With regard to State Highway 31 the Engineering Manager outlined his discussion with NZTA's Senior Road Safety Engineer and Network Manager. He reported that based on NZTA's criteria they do not view the intersection of State Highway 31 with Waitomo Valley Road as a road safety priority. .

The Engineering Manager advised that NZTA are spending funding further up State Highway 31. He reported that consideration has been given to providing some improvement such as signage.

The Chair queried as a District, are we not allowed to erect signage along the State Highway.

The Chief Executive advised it is proposed to rotate the various safety message signs around the District.

The Chair expressed the opinion that as a District, we should be able to do something.

Mrs Cowan felt that NZTA should be considering what the locals are saying and for Council to do what it is able.

The Chair felt that should the Board wish to make changes then collectively it should attempt to do so.

The Chief Executive referred members to Waitomo Valley Road and advised that this is not under the jurisdiction of the Board, it is a Council road.

GENERAL

LITTER CONTROL

Mr Gadd reported on the very hard work carried out by Council's Litter Control Officer Lillian Te Paea and the thoughtfulness she gives when parking her vehicle throughout the District.

Mr Gadd referred to a recent slip on Waitomo Valley Road and congratulated staff and Inframax on the great effort they provided in attending to this.

PICNIC TABLE

Mrs Christison referred to a Picnic Table within the Community and queried whether a rubbish bin should be placed nearby.

The Engineering Manager replied that his usual response is that it is best not to install a rubbish bin as this only encourages people to dump rubbish there.

Mrs Christison reported that she often picks up rubbish around the town and requested that Inframax's staff member who works around Maniapoto Street and the surrounding area be congratulated on the excellent way he carries out his duties.

FLOODING AREA

Mrs Christison informed members of an area opposite the Otorohanga Bowling Green in behind two flats which is often under water thus creating a dangerous situation for children.

She queried whether a larger culvert should be installed to improve the situation.

RAILWAY FENCE

The Community Facilities Officer reported he has today had discussion with fencing contractor Jeff Rountree and advised that he will be getting back to him regarding the cost to supply and erect a fence as proposed by the Board.

Mrs Christison requested this matter be placed on Matters Referred.

OTOROHANGA DOMAIN

Members were informed of how very dark the Domain area is at night and whether a street light should be erected.

WATER LEAK

Mrs Christison informed staff that there is a water leak outside the front of Councils Administration building.

YOUTH PROGRAMMES

Mr Coventry queried whether it would be for him to address Council regarding Youth Programmes.

RUBBISH

Mr Coventry expressed his concern at the amount of rubbish left lying around in Huiputea Drive when two rubbish containers are located nearby.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Mrs Cowan asked whether a community tour of Councils key infrastructures could be scheduled. It was agreed that this take place at 2pm prior to the next Board meeting to be held on Thursday 25 May 2017.

REDWOOD TREE

Mrs Christison referred to the recently lit Redwood Tree in WW1 & WW2 Memorial Park and queried the times this would be lit up

ANZAC DAY POPPIES

The Chair congratulated Mrs Christison on her involvement along with others, in the creation of ANZAC Day poppies displayed in the Burt McKenzie Reserve.

RUBBISH

The Chair expressed his concern at the rubbish left by patrons from the McDonalds food chain.

CULVERT ISLAND RESERVE

The Chair requested that staff look at culvert on the Island Reserve as this may be the reason why water is ponding in the area.

COMMUNITY PIANO

The Chair asked His Worship to enlighten him on the provision of a Piano in the town.

His Worship replied that a Piano will be displayed in Maniapoto Street after the winter and will be stored in Ronnies Café. He said the Piano will be available to anyone who wishes to use it.

The Chair suggested that in future he should be advised of any matters relating to the Community.

MOVIE NIGHT

His Worship congratulated all those involved in the presentation of a Movie Night last Friday.

MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Reason for Confidentiality

	Grounds	Reason
	Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, which permits the meeting to be closed to	Subject to sections 6, 8 and 17 of the Local Government Official Information Act 1987, the withholding of the information is necessary to:

	the public for business relating to the following grounds: -	
	<i>To Protect the privacy of individuals</i>	

Chair / Mrs Cowan

MOTION TO READMIT THE PUBLIC

Resolved that the public be readmitted to the meeting.

Mr Gadd / Mrs Christison

The meeting closed at 6.17pm

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____