



Ōtorohanga Community Board

# MINUTES

5 August 2021

4.05PM

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Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Ōtorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, 17 Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga on Thursday 5 August 2021 commencing at 4.05pm.

Tanya Winter  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

## MINUTES

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## **PRESENT**

Mr. N Gadd (Chair), Cr. K Christison, Mr. P Coventry, Cr. R Dow.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs. G Bunn (Group Manager Corporate), M Lewis (Services Manager), C Tutty (Governance Supervisor), J Le Fleming (Community Facilities Officer), Ms. T Ambury (Community and Economic Development Manager), Mrs. H Williams (Strategic Planner).

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed members to the August 2021 meeting of the Board.

## **APOLOGIES**

**Resolved** that the apologies received from Mrs. K Brown-Merrin and Mr. A Buckman be sustained.

### **MR. COVENTRY / COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON**

It was noted that apologies were also received from His Worship the Mayor M Baxter, Ms T Winter (Chief Executive) and Mr. R Brady (Group Manager Engineering).

## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

No declarations of conflicts of interest were received.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Colin Murphy was in attendance at the commencement of the meeting, however he wished to present his submission on Item 73 Lions Club Recognition of Work – Renaming the Domain to Ōtorohanga Lions Domain. It was agreed Mr. Murphy present his submission when Item 73 is being considered by the Board.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 3 JUNE 2021**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Ōtorohanga Community Board held on 3 June 2021, as circulated be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

### **COUNCILLOR DOW / COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON**

## **ITEM 71 CHAIRPERSON'S VERBAL REPORT**

The Chairperson reported the following;

- This is a hectic period with a lot going on locally and nationally.
- Various policies and procedures are being changed.
- It is awesome to see the number of submissions received on Item 73 – Renaming the Ōtorohanga Domain.

**Resolved** that the Chairperson's verbal report be received.

### **COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON / MR. COVENTRY**

## **ITEM 73 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS**

### **LIONS CLUB RECOGNITION OF WORK – RENAMING THE DOMAIN TO OTOROHANGA LIONS DOMAIN**

During discussion the following items were raised;

- Encouraging to see the community engaging and valuable information was obtained in the submissions.
- The Lions have this morning, requested their request to be withdrawn.

The Strategic Planner referred members to her report and advised that 28 of the submissions received were opposed to any change in the naming of the Ōtorohanga Domain. A number of submissions felt that should there be any change in the name of the Ōtorohanga Domain that a Maori name be introduced.

The Strategic Planner asked members to take the written submissions as read.

Mr. Colin Murphy presented a submission on behalf of the Ōtorohanga Historical Society Inc. He advised that;

- What definition of area comprises the domain.
- The establishment of setting a precedent where by further voluntary groups may petition for other areas of public land to be named after them.
- Voluntary groups are made up of people who wish to provide a voluntary service to the Community.

Mr. Coventry expressed the opinion that a precedent has already been set with the naming of the Rotary Park within the Domain Area.

**Resolved** that;

- a) the Ōtorohanga Community Board recommend to Council that the Ōtorohanga Domain retain its current name and;
- b) request Council to give consideration to preparing a naming rights policy of some description for the future.

#### **COUNCILLOR CHIRSTISON / MR COVENTRY**

#### **ITEM 74 DISTRICT LIBRARY REPORT**

The Library Manager Ms. Heather Taylor introduced herself to members and presented highlights from her report. These being;

- 1) The engagement of Alix Whiteman for a 12-month position at the Library under the New Zealand Libraries partnership programme.
- 2) Planning for the future;
  - Review current library programme
  - Establish a combined winter reading programme in collaboration with Waitomo District Library.
  - Establish a combined summer reading programme in collaboration with Waitomo District Library.
  - Establish an adult reading programme.
  - Increase outreach to the District's rural communities.
  - Introduce stem/steam programme in collaboration with Waitomo District Library.
  - Establish a library blog for reader advisory and promotion of services.

The Chair welcomed Ms. Taylor to the District.

**Resolved** that the Library Manager's quarterly report be received.

#### **COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON / COUNCILLOR DOW**

#### **ITEM 72 REQUEST TO CLOSE A SECTION OF ALEX TELFER DRIVE FROM THE OTOROHANGA KIWI HOUSE**

The Roading Manager attended the meeting and asked members to take his report as read.

The following issues were raised during discussion;

- Alex Telfer Drive has no legal status as a road it is an internal access road.
- When sports are held in the area it will be required for vehicles to do a U-turn to exit – perhaps a gate system could be installed.
- Discussions held with the manager of the Kiwi House who advised that the road will remain in existence but it will be 'gated down' to provide safe access for pedestrians. The gate will be open when required.
- Consultation carried out 6 years ago – Would like to go back for public consultation.
- The opening of any gate to be administered by Council and communicated to the Kiwi House.

**Resolved** that;

- 1) That the report be received.

- 2) That the original decision to engage and consult with the public be upheld with the addition of direct consultation with local Iwi.
- 3) That public consultation take place over a two-week period and the result of this consultation be brought back to the Community Board for further consideration.

**MR COVENTRY / COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON**

**BOARD MEMBER UPDATE**

Mr. Coventry

- There is a good feeling around town – Quite exciting
- Provided an update on Thrive.
- Reported feedback from the Ōtorohanga College.
- Making plans for future Holiday Programs.

Councillor Dow

- Attended Regional Transport meeting.
- Difficult to find committed truck drivers.

Chair

- A huge number of businesses are busy and requiring staff.

**MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 4.47pm.