



Otorohanga Community Board

# MINUTES

8 October 2015

## OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto St, Otorohanga on Thursday 8 October 2015 commencing at 4.00pm.

### MINUTES

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

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## **PRESENT**

Mr R Prescott (Chair), Mr NS Chetty, Mrs EM Cowan, Mrs AC Laws, Mr PD Tindle and Mr DR Williams.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

His Worship the Mayor, Mr MM Baxter, Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), RH Brady (Engineering Manager), Mr B O'Callaghan (District Accountant), Ms D Hooker (Community Facilities Officer) and Mr CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

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

### **Resolved**

That the awarding of Contract 1021 for the supply and installation of water meters in Otorohanga be considered in General Business which will require a resolution.

**Chair / Mrs Laws**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 27 AUGUST 2015**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 27 August 2015, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**Mrs Cowan / Mr Tindle**

## **REPORTS**

### **Item 89                    DRAFT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2015**

#### **Discussion**

The District Accountant presented the Management Accounts for the period ending 30 June 2015. He advised that there is an overall surplus in Council's accounts of \$336,000 however, this is under budget due to a recent revaluation of Council's assets and an increase in both the value of the assets and some depreciation rates resulting in depreciation higher than that budgeted. The District Accountant further advised that Council's total debt is \$9.8M.

The Chief Executive referred to the Otorohanga Water Supply account in particular the water charges and reported that a large customer had been overcharged for water over a five year period. He said this overcharge had to be reimbursed thus reducing the budgeted figure.

Mr Williams referred to the stopbank pump station situated on Otewa Road and queried the situation of a leaking pipe. The Chief Executive replied that the pipes will be replaced when the river flow is at an appropriate level.

The Chief Executive reported that the District Accountant has presented a tidy set of accounts, very much in accordance with the budgets.

#### **Resolved**

That the Draft Management Accounts for the period ended 30 June 2015 be received.

**Mr Williams / Mrs Cowan**

**Item 90****OCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 27 AUGUST 2015****Discussion**

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

**KIWI RAIL DISPOSAL OF LAND**

The Chair requested that the item for him to contact Kiwi Rail regarding the disposal of some of its land be deleted from Matters Referred.

**ROOF – ED HILLARY WALKWAY**

The Engineering Manager reported that some work has been prepared on the options of a preliminary design concept for the roof over the Ed Hillary Walkway however, this has not as yet been completed.

**GENERAL****CATERING BUSINESSES**

His Worship referred to his attendance at a recent Over 50's Club meeting and reported that he has refuted the rumour that Council is providing subsidies to small food businesses in Otorohanga.

**OTAGO UNIVERSITY**

His Worship reported on discussions he has had recently with professors from the Otago University regarding the geographical economics of small towns in NZ. He said discussion was held around what works and what doesn't and that Otorohanga is recognised as being a very vibrant and enthusiastic community.

His Worship further advised that, from a study carried out by the University, it is desirable to ensure that the local high school is recognised as a vibrant and very relevant establishment within a small town.

**THE LINES COMPANY**

The Chair referred to a telephone conversation he had recently from a person in Turangi wishing to obtain a contact person here in Otorohanga to fight against The Lines Company. The Chair requested Mr Chetty contact the caller to resolve the matter.

**PROGRESS PARK**

The Chair queried why the frontage of a section owned by a Mr Jolly in Progress Drive is being mown. He was advised that this was originally part of the sale agreement of the land to Mr Jolly.

**PROPERTIES – ADJACENT TO OTOROHANGA LIBRARY**

The Chief Executive referred to the matter of the lack of access to the rear of Ronnies Café. He said the property is particularly close to the neighbouring property and currently this cannot be accessed from the rear. The Chief Executive reported that the tenants of Ronnies Café are unable to access their grease trap and have asked Council whether they could relocate this onto Council land. The Chief Executive advised that he does have some sympathy for the tenants and is therefore enquiring whether there is any willingness on behalf of the Board to have discussion on this suggestion. The Chair expressed the opinion that he would be in support of such a proposal as he would not like to see the business have to close down. Messrs Tindle, Williams and Chetty also agreed with the Chair's comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 4.40pm and resumed at 5.38pm.

**Item 91                    OTOROHANGA WATER METER INSTALLATION – CONTRACT 1021**

The Engineering Manager summarised a memo advising that the Contract Awarding Committee met this morning to award Contract 1021 for the supply and installation of all existing properties in Otorohanga which are not currently metered with a water meter and valve, in total 1060 properties. He said the Contract Awarding Committee agreed that the lowest tender price of \$614,120 represented a good competitive market related price. The Engineering Manager advised that this price is however, well over the budget of \$470,000 and when this is added to the staff time to prepare and administer the contract, the total cost is estimated to be \$670,000. The Chief Executive advised that the additional cost would add approximately a quarter of a percent on rates, if loan funded. His Worship expressed the opinion that it is not really an option to delay this project. Mr Chetty referred to the overcost and queried whether it would be necessary for the Board to go back to the Community to explain this. The Chief Executive replied that the impact on rates will be relatively small. The Engineering Manager reported that there should be a reduction on future maintenance costs due to items of maintenance being carried out while undertaking this project. The Chief Executive informed Members that such a project will probably be a Resource Consent requirement in the near future. Mr Tindle reported that a minimal number of ratepayers/residents were at the community meetings to outline the project therefore it could be taken that it is left up to Council to make any decisions on the project.

**Resolved**

That

1. The Board approve the awarding of Contract 1021 to Allens United Drainage & Earthworks Ltd for the tender price of \$614,120.
2. The additional contract costs, over and above the budget, to be loan funded against the water supply account.

**Chair / Mrs Laws**

**MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting concluded at 5.51pm.

**CHAIRMAN:**

**DATE:**                                    19 November 2015