



Otorohanga Community Board

# MINUTES

14 JUNE 2018

**OTOROHANGA COMMUNITY BOARD**

14 June 2018

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held in the Council Chambers, Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga on 14 June 2018 commencing at 4.05pm.

**MINUTES**

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## **PRESENT**

Mr. P Mc Connell (Chair), Mr. P Coventry, Mrs. E Cowan, Mrs. K Christison, Mr. N Gadd and Mr. A Buckman.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), RH Brady (Engineering Manager), MA Lewis (Community Facilities Officer) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed those present. He extended a special welcome to Mrs. Cowan and Mrs. Christison upon their return from overseas.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

### **“Our Sharing Place” proposal.**

Mrs. Cathy Hobbs made a presentation to members on a proposal to build and maintain a “sharing place” within the Community for everyone to be able to share excess produce etc. She asked members what they thought of the idea and a possible location for the “sharing place”.

Mrs. Hobbs advised that members of Menzshed are happy to be able to assist in the construction of the “place”.

Mr. Coventry expressed the opinion it is a great idea however, queried the best location for such a project.

Mrs. Christison reported that discussion has been held on erecting the “place” on the wall outside the Otorohanga Police Station. She said preliminary discussions have been held with representatives of the Police who are open to the idea.

The Chair also suggested consideration could be given to erecting the “place” on the corner adjacent to the Otorohanga Fire Brigade. He said the Board supports the proposal and will follow up on this upon the return of the local Police Constable.

The Chief Executive advised that consideration needs to be given to ensure the pavement is not obstructed by the “place”.

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

Mrs. Christison raised the matter of considering changing the parking times for vehicle parking spaces in Maniapoto Street and Wahanui Crescent adjacent to the Council building. She suggested these could be changed to 10 minute parking spaces to avoid visitors to Council parking their vehicles for long periods.

The Chief Executive advised that the current Traffic Bylaw needs to be reviewed and that staff will commence the process.

It was agreed that this matter be placed on matters referred for consideration at a later date.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 10 MAY 2018**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Otorohanga Community Board held on 10 May 2018, as circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

### **Chair / Mr. Coventry**

## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The Chair asked whether members had pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in the matters to be discussed at this meeting.

No declarations of interest were received.

### **ITEM 53 COST ESTIMATE FOR KERB AND CHANNEL – MERRIN AVENUE**

The Chair referred members to the Engineering Manager's Report regarding a section of Merrin Avenue which does not have Kerb and Channel. He said this is incongruous with the rest of the Otorohanga township and for this reason, a desire has been expressed by the local residents to bring this section of road to the same standard.

Members were advised that the cost of this work is estimated at \$53,170.

In reply to Mr. Coventry the Engineering Manager outlined the work required to be undertaken to install Kerb and Channeling.

The Chief Executive informed members that the Council funded roading sundry expenditure account is an amount that the Board can spend on whatever it wishes and generally in any one year this usually gets spent.

Mrs. Cowan raised the matter of Kerb and Channel being installed along part of Alex Telfer Drive.

The Engineering Manager replied this work had been placed out to tender however, the one price submitted proved to be too expensive. He said attempts are being made to obtain the resources to carry out the work at a more competitive price.

The Chief Executive advised that this sum could be carried over however, at the present time contractors are not out there to carry out the work at a realistic price.

**Resolved** that funds, estimated at \$53,170 from the Council funded roading sundry expenditure account (110-537-199) be consolidated over the next three year period and allocated to installing kerb and channel to a 155 metre long section of Merrin Avenue, Otorohanga.

### **Mrs. Cowan / Mrs. Christison**

### **ITEM 54 MATTERS REFERRED 10 MAY 2018**

The Chair took members through Matters Referred.

#### **TAXI PARKING**

Members agreed that the item under "Chair" dated 10 May 2018 can be deleted as discussion regarding the taxi parking space in Otorohanga will occur when consideration is given to the review of the current Traffic Bylaw.

#### **DOG AREA**

The Chair referred members to the item under 'Environmental Services Manager' dated 5 March 2018 to consider fencing off an area near Lake Huiputea to allow dogs to run free.

The Chief Executive advised that this matter will be considered under the review of the Dog Control Policy and informed members that the first stage of the review is for Council to engage a Lawyer to attend and present to Council an outline of the legal requirements which Council has to adhere to. He said this will be a joint venture with the Waipa District Council.

Accordingly it was agreed that all items currently on Matters Referred can be deleted.

### **PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

**Resolved** that the Otorohanga Community Board pursuant to Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolves that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting.

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48 (1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act all section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1987, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

### **Chair / Mr. Gadd**

## **GENERAL**

### **FOOTPATH FLOODING**

Mr. Buckman reported that following heavy rain, the Maniapoto Street footpath outside a restaurant and second hand shop that flooded. He said there are steel plates in place which appear to be blocked with rubbish.

Mr. Buckman queried whether the current roading contract is still in place.

The Engineering Manager replied that work under the contract is still being carried out but not particularly well.

### **STORM WATER DRAINAGE**

Mr. Buckman complained of a certain business which washes down vehicles with the discharge going straight into Council's stormwater system and then into the Waipa River. He reported that when he established his business in the area he was required to put in place procedures to stop this happening.

Mr. Buckman expressed the opinion that there appears to be a different set of rules and queried whether Council staff could investigate the matter.

The Chief Executive replied that the older businesses may have preexisting practices in place and when a new business is developed these are made to adhere to more modern standards.

The Chief Executive advised that any issues with discharge going into the Waipa River becomes the responsibility of the Regional Council. He confirmed that effluent from the truckwash facility goes into Council's sewerage system.

Mrs. Cowan queried what happens when a business change owners.

The Chief Executive replied that the same situation will remain.

The Engineering Manager advised that this matter may be able to be addressed under the Healthy Rivers proposal.

Mrs. Christison expressed the opinion that the Board should be seen to be proactive and that in future existing processes may have to change.

The Chair suggested that information could be circulated reminding people as to where effluent waste goes to.

It was agreed that an item could be placed in Council's rates newsletter and also on Facebook.

It was further suggested that the public be reminded that their drinking water originates from the Waipa River.

### **KAI RESOLUTION**

Mrs. Christison reported that members of Council staff and herself attended a recent workshop on minimising food waste into landfill.

### **STORMWATER DRAIN**

Mr. Coventry referred to a stormwater culvert at the intersection of Gradara Avenue and Domain Drive and reported that this appears to flood very easily and queried whether this was due to a design fault or being blocked. He said the road around this becomes very dangerous.

The Engineering Manager undertook to look into the matter in particular, as to whether the culvert is being maintained correctly.

The Chair expressed the opinion that at this time of the year, with fallen leaves, these issues often develop.

**PROGRESS DRIVE LIGHTING**

The Chair advised that he has been asked why new lights have been installed along Progress Drive. The Engineering Manager [ informed members that the request had come from NZTA and that they had paid approximately 85% of the cost. He said this has been of benefit to the Community.

**HAPPY VALLEY MILK**

The Chair reported on his attendance at meetings relating to the Resource Consent application from Happy Valley Milk. He advised that an action group has been formed to process this application.

**T SMIT – WESTRIDGE SUBDIVISION**

The Chief Executive circulated information on the original discussion regarding the Westridge subdivision and advised that a proposed extension of the subdivision with Mr. T Smit is still in negotiation.

**OTEWA ROAD SUBDIVISION**

The Chair advised that he intends to extend an invitation to the developer of the Otewa Road subdivision to make a presentation at the next meeting of the Board. He said a number of people are unaware of the proposed subdivision which will have 18 – 20 houses built on it.

The Chair felt that now is the time for Board Members to talk about positive things happening in the Community.

**KIWIANA PLAYGROUND**

Members were advised that it is understood commencement of the Kiwiana Playground will start next month.

Mrs. Cowan highlighted a meeting of the Playground Committee which will allow an opportunity for Board members to attend.

The Chair said he will have discussion with the Chairperson of the Committee in the near future.

**MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 5.11pm

**CHAIR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

