

Minutes of a meeting of the Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee held on Thursday 22 March 2007 in Committee Room 2, Waipa District Council Offices, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu commencing at 4.00pm.

1 PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor - Chairperson

Members

Councillor Diane Sharpe, Councillor Bruce Thomas, Alison Guy (Pirongia Ratepayers & Residents Association).

In Attendance

Group Manager Policy & Strategy (R McNeil), Engineering Manager (J Kerr) – until item 8, Asset Manager Recreation (M Ward) – until item 9, Secretary (C Plowright)

Public - Nil

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

8/07/01

That an apology for absence be received from Committee Member Turnwald.

A Guy/B Thomas

3 LATE ITEMS

Councillor Sharpe asked for a late item about names for future roads in the Hamilton Airport and Rukuhia areas.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-89-07

RESOLVED

8/07/02

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Cr Thomas/Cr Sharpe

5 VISITORS

Nil.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-89-07

Minutes of meeting held on 17 October 2006 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

8/07/03

That the minutes of the meeting of the Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee held on 17 October 2006, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

Mayor Livingston/.Cr Thomas

Matters Arising -

6.1 Rukuhia Hall

File: 15-11-24

Councillor Sharpe said construction of the new Rukuhia Hall has started and it is due for completion on 17 August 2007. Centenary celebrations will take place at the Hall over Labour Weekend.

6.2 Mystery Creek Road

File: 55-28-11

Engineering Manager, John Kerr, said Council has remarked the section of road causing concern and will continue to monitor drivers' behaviour. If this does not improve then more aggressive road marking, such as rumble strips, will be used to slow traffic down.

Mayor Livingston said a light is needed on the corner of Mellow Road and Mystery Creek Road.

6.3 Rating of Hamilton Kart Club and Hamilton Pistol Club

File: 75-22-04

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said that whilst he was unaware of any progress being made on this matter it could come up for discussion as part of a wider issue relating to discretionary grants at a Councillor's workshop scheduled for 27 March. Mayor Livingston asked Mr McNeil to ensure the issue is brought up for consideration at the workshop.

6.4 Welcome to Ohaupo Signs

File: 33-41-01

Councillor Sharpe said a competition had been run to design new signs and the entries are going to be assessed by sign professionals. It will be on the agenda for the next Ohaupo Ratepayer Association meeting.

6.5 Upgrade of Ohaupo CBD

File: 01-08-37

Res: 8/06/10

Mayor Livingston asked what progress has been made with consultation and design work. Engineering Manager, John Kerr, said he would check and provide an update.

7 MINOR COMMUNITY WORKS FUNDS

File: 75-06-05

Engineering Manager, John Kerr, said Council has just received the final plans for the upgrade of Franklin Street, Pirongia from Transit New Zealand (TNZ). He said TNZ are going to overlay the road again, despite advice from Council that this would create access issues for the community, and could result in footpaths and entranceways having to be reconstructed. He said it also appears that TNZ are not installing a stormwater system as part of the road upgrade. He said he would be writing to TNZ expressing Council's concern about a number of issues.

Mr Kerr said it had been hoped to undertake the footpath/landscaping upgrade in conjunction with the above roading work to minimise disruption to the community. However, he said staff have been trying to obtain a quote from TNZ's contractor for the past three months without success, and if nothing has arrived by 26 March he will be recommending that the work be put out to tender.

Mr Kerr said it is intended to have an open day on the proposed footpath/landscaping upgrade at one of the Pirongia Village Market days. He said the plans would be displayed and staff available to answer questions.

Committee Member Guy said, following suggestions made at the last meeting, it had been agreed by the Pirongia Ratepayers Association that the timber sleepers will not be bedded into the footpath because of the cost. Mr Kerr said he estimated a saving of \$20,000 in removing the timber from the footpath upgrade design. He said the plans would be changed and the new ones displayed at the open day.

Councillor Sharpe said she was unsure whether the contract for construction of the Rukuhia Hall would include fixing up the road alongside the new hall and carpark. Mr Kerr said he would ask Group Manager Assets and Community Facilities, John Mills, to check on the contract. Councillor Sharpe asked whether it would be appropriate to allocate more funding from the Pirongia Ward Minor Community Works funds to cover that work.

RESOLVED

8/07/04

That \$6,000 be allocated from the Pirongia Ward Minor Community Works funds for the Rukuhia Hall carpark, making a total of \$11,000, subject to clarification of the contract provisions for construction of the hall and carpark.

Mayor Livingston/Cr Thomas

8 RESERVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

File: 60-12-32

Ohaupo Public Toilets

Asset Manager Recreation, Max Ward, said Council is preparing construction drawings and a cost estimate for the renovation of public toilets associated with the Memorial Hall. It is envisaged this will cost more than the \$40,000 available. Councillor Sharpe said the Hall Society is prepared to fundraise to help with the cost of providing the toilets.

Kahikatea Park Reserve Programme

Mr Ward showed the Committee a concept plan for the upgrade of Kahikatea Park. Work is likely to include a tidy up of vegetation and trees, relocation of playground equipment and formation of a walkway from Great Collins Street to Selwyn Lane.

Pirongia Reserves Programme

Mr Ward said he is working on the proposed reserve development programme for 2007/08 and is hoping Council will allocate some more funds to the Pirongia projects. He said expenditure on section 550 is top of the list. Committee Member Guy said the Pirongia Ratepayers Association wish to retain section 550 as a passive reserve. Mr Ward said the same materials used for the footpath/landscaping upgrade would also be used for landscaping section 550. Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said the Pirongia Reserves Management Committee should be consulted on the concept plan for section 550.

River Walkways – Pirongia

It was asked whether the allocation of \$10,000 for river walkways could be reallocated to another Pirongia project as it has not been drawn on this year. Councillor Sharpe said she understood that budget would be needed to fund signage for the walkways. Mr Ward said the budget would be left as an existing commitment in the next reserve development programme.

9 TREASURY REPORT – PIRONGIA WARD

File: 75-16-09

Report of Group Manager Finance dated 14 March 2007 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

8/07/05

That the report of the Group Manager Finance for the period ended 14 March 2007 be received.

Cr Sharpe/Mayor Livingston

Mayor Livingston said Council has applied for external funding for the advancement of an archaeological plan on the Matakiki Pa site. Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said NZ Historic Places Trust requires the archaeological plan to be completed before any development work can be undertaken.

10 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2007/08

File: 01-91-39

Draft Annual Plan 2007/08 was attached separately to the agenda.

RESOLVED

8/07/06

That the draft 2007/08 Annual Plan be received.

Cr Thomas/A Guy

Everyone present had already received Council's presentation on the draft Annual Plan 2007/08 at previous meetings so a presentation to the Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee was not required. No submissions to the draft Annual Plan were suggested.

11 PROPOSED NEW ROAD NAMES - OHAUPO

File: 04541/131.00

Report of Development Engineer dated 15 March 2007 was included in the agenda.

The Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee was asked to consider the proposed name of "Settler Lane" for a road in the new subdivision located off Charles Edward Street in Ohaupo. Mayor Livingston said the developers had consulted with members of the community on an appropriate name for the road. Councillor Sharpe said the development will be called "Bohemian" which relates to some of the early settlers in Ohaupo so "Settler Lane" is appropriate.

RESOLVED

8/07/07

That the report of the Development Engineer dated 15 March 2007 be received and the Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee recommend to Council that the road name as proposed by the developers be adopted.

Cr Sharpe/Cr Thomas

12 COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARDS

File: 20-10-02

The Committee was reminded that the presentation of Community Service Awards given for voluntary service to recipients in the Pirongia Ward was initiated by the Committee in 2004 and one awards ceremony has since been held. Mayor Livingston said the inaugural awards was quite a big event but any future presentations would be on a smaller scale and could be included as part of another Council function.

Board Member Guy suggested Trevore Strawbridge and David McGuire as possible award recipients.

Following discussion it was suggested that Council write, on behalf of the Committee, to each of the Ratepayer Associations indicating the awards are available and that any nominations would be considered at the Committee's next meeting September/October 2007. Mayor Livingston said it would be up to Committee members to identify possible award recipients from areas not serviced by Ratepayer Associations.

13 PIRONGIA RURAL FIRE FORCE

File: 55-40-03

Committee Member Guy said the Fire Force has drawn up plans for extension of its building and has consulted with the Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre on them. She said the work requires a resource consent and will be undertaken in three stages. Mayor Livingston asked that the Pirongia Ratepayer Association let Council know if it wishes Council to become involved in the issue in an advisory capacity.

14 PIRONGIA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

File: 01-08-07

Committee Member Guy said the Pirongia Te Aroaro a Kahu Restoration Society is undertaking a feasibility study of all potential locations for re-siting of the old school building. She said Council has recommended that the Society engage a planner to put the proposal together and the Society is currently seeking funding to do this. She said a public meeting will be called to make a final decision on the preferred site and then a presentation will be made to Council. Mayor Livingston said Council would make the final decision on the site based on a recommendation from the Pirongia Reserves Management Committee.

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said when Council receives the resource consent application from the Pirongia Rural Fire Force it would contact the Restoration Society concerning their proposal and then arrange a meeting of the Pirongia Reserves Management Committee so both issues can be considered at the same time. Mayor Livingston said it would be beneficial to everyone if Council could receive a clear steer from the community on what it would like done in this area so the Fire Force extension plans can proceed and some direction can be given to the Restoration Society on the location of the Education Centre.

15 LATE ITEM - NAMES FOR FUTURE ROADS IN THE HAMILTON AIRPORT AND RUKUHIA AREAS

File: 55-28-12

Councillor Sharpe tabled a list of names of families who took an active part in Rukuhia in the early 1900's. She said with the future development of the Airport and surrounding area it would be advisable for Council to have a list of suitable names for developers to choose from.

RESOLVED

8/07/08

That the Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee recommend to Council that the following names be added to a list maintained by Council's Roading Department and, subject to Council approval, be made available to developers in the area -

Name	Background
Jess	<i>Jess's brought land in Rukuhia in 1903/04. The land was a dairy farm until absorbed into the Hamilton Airport in the 1960's.</i>
Perrow	<i>Perrow family farmed the land to the north-east of the runway from the early 1900's until it was bought by the Airport Authority from granddaughter (Carol Griffin) in 2003.</i>
Henderson	<i>Henderson family farmed the land to the north of the runway from the early 1900's and leased part of the airport land in their farming activities. They sold their land in the 1980's with the family purchasing a large farm in Herman Road and have still been very community minded in the Rukuhia Area.</i>
Asplin	<i>The Asplin family owned and farmed a peat block on Rukuhia Road down towards the railway line. Jack Asplin set up the garage on SH3 and also after the war recycled many war planes and their parts.</i>
Healy	<i>Healy's have farmed in the District on Raynes Road for 100 years in 2007 and have taken an active part in District affairs.</i>
Roberts	<i>Roberts family actively farmed (milking) on land on eastern side of SH3 from the early 1900's until the farm was sold to go to a larger property out of Otorohanga in the 1960's. The Roberts family were very active in community donating some of their land for the Rukuhia Primary School at that time on SH3 in 1907.</i>
Sharpe	<i>Sharpe's have actively farmed on Raynes Road since 1927. More adjoining land through to Peacocke Road was bought in 1965. They have taken a very active part in the community with Diane representing Waipa County in 1986-89 and Waipa District Council from 1989-2007.</i>
Fraser	<i>Owned land from the late 1800's in the Peacocke/Raynes Road area with descendents still farming in the Rukuhia area (Woolerton).</i>

Nukuhau The name of the prominent Pa site and old flour mill on the Waikato River at the end of Lowe Road. The catchment of the Nukuhau stream is extensive draining the Airport's northern side and SH3 from Ingram Road through to Peacocke Road.

Cr Sharpe/Mayor Livingston

Mayor Livingston suggested that the list be forwarded to the Airport Company for its consideration when looking at the future development around the Airport.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 5.25pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____

Next Meeting: September/October 2007