

*Minutes of the meeting of the Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee held in Committee Room 2, Waipa District Council Offices, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Thursday 20 March 2008 commencing at 4.00pm.*

## **1 PRESENT**

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His Worship the Mayor - Chairperson

### **Members**

Councillor Diane Sharpe, Councillor Bruce Thomas, John Turnwald (Ohaupo Residents and Ratepayers Association), Peter Grierson (Pirongia Residents and Ratepayers Association).

### **In Attendance**

Ross McNeil - Group Manager Policy & Strategy  
Sharyn King – Committee Secretary

### **Public**

None

## **2 APOLOGIES**

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Apologies for absence received from Kirsty Christianson (Pirongia Residents and Ratepayers Association).

## **3 LATE ITEMS**

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There were no late items.

## **4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING**

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File: 01-89-07

### **RESOLVED**

8/08/01

*That the order of the meeting be confirmed.*

Cr Thomas / Cr Sharpe

## **5 VISITORS**

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There were no visitors.

## **6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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File: 01-89-07

**Minutes of meeting held on 9 October 2007 were included in the agenda.**

### **RESOLVED**

8/08/02

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee held on 9 October 2007, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.*

Turnwald / Cr Thomas

## **7 MINOR COMMUNITY WORKS & RESERVE CONTRIBUTION FUND**

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File: 75-06-05 & 60-12-32

### **7.1 Footpath Improvement**

Group Manager Policy & Strategy gave a verbal report and requested suggestions for the 2008/09 Footpath improvements, also any ideas about priority community work. These suggestions are to be provided at the next meeting. In the Ohaupo the suggestion was raised that footpath funds on reserve work, there is no impediment, however reserve funds are available for that work.

### **7.2 Sections 25 and 550**

Pirongia will want to alter pathways in suggestions as they wish to shift a building onto land at Section 25 or the new Section 550. Unfortunately, it was resolved at Pirongia Reserve Management Committee that Section 550 would remain as a passive reserve with no buildings on it. The Pirongia Restoration Group have approached Council regarding a building on Section 25 but Council feel it is inappropriate for buildings to be sited there due to drainage, septic and other issues.

Other sections are worthy of consideration in Pirongia, particularly in the way of availability and it was reiterated that Sections 25 and 550 are not available. Pirongia Ratepayers Association could submit to Pirongia Reserve Management Committee regarding a change on Section 550, but this would require a change of the Management Plan, and would be subject to Waipa District Council staff approval.

**7.3 Rukuhia Hall Car Park**

Members discussed Council's resolution, 1/08/011.

**RESOLVED**

8/08/03

*That the balance of \$8,493 from the Pirongia Ward Minor Community Works be committed to the Rukuhia Community loan in accordance to Council's resolution number 1/08/011.*

Cr Sharpe / Cr Thomas

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**8 TREASURY REPORT – PIRONGIA WARD**

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File: 75-16-09

**Reports of Group Manager Finance dated were included in the agenda.**

The reports detailed the funds available for allocation for discretionary grants and minor community works, and provided a copy of the Council report on reserve development projects. Reports were provided for the period ended 30 June 2007 (for year-end information) and for the period ended 30 September 2007.

Kahikatea Park is now complete with play equipment and surrounds. A suggestion of seating in the park was discussed as there is no existing seating available. The Ohaupo Residents and Ratepayers Association will contact Max Ward regarding this issue.

**RESOLVED**

8/08/04

*That the reports of the Group Manager Finance for the period ended 26 September 2007 be received.*

Cr Thomas / Guy

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**9 OHAUPO SIGN**

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File: 55-28-11

The use of Discretionary Grants to pay the invoice relating to the signs was discussed.

**RESOLVED**

8/08/05

*That the Tax Invoice # 57638 from Vivid Images Ltd for \$2,044.98 be approved for payment, funded from the Pirongia Ward Discretionary Grants.*

Turnwald / Cr Sharpe

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**10 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN**

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File: 01-91-37

**Waipa District Council's Draft Annual Plan & summary were provided with the agenda.**

Mayor Livingston gave a verbal overview of the major items in the draft Annual Plan, highlighting that the Annual Plan is proceeding according to the 10 year Plan, with a few minor changes due to necessity. It was noted that the non-formed footpath near the school in Ohaupo has an infestation of bristle grass. Pirongia requests a crossing to slow the traffic down as bus drivers have to stop traffic to let tourist off the bus. Mayor Livingston advised that this a Transit issue and should be referred to them but a copy should be sent to John Kerr at Waipa District Council.

Group Manager Policy & Strategy commented on the new water source project which will benefit the Pirongia community. The current water supply consent is up for renewal in 2011 and the indications are that the current water level rates will not be able to continue, perhaps up to 40% less. The Council are currently looking at bore supply, which is located near the water treatment plant and also the Waipa River, but this option means pumping back to the water plant, which is an additional cost.

Te Awamutu and Cambridge had the greatest percentage of rates increase due to the services provided. The seal extension budget has a process to prioritise which roads will be attended to; submissions to have names added to rezoning plan would be welcomed as Pirongia is not on the list. The draft Annual Plan open days have shown no major Annual Plan issues and have had reasonable attendance. Staff attending the open days are learning what other sections are doing.

The Sub-Regional Growth Strategy is to allow a more overall focus rather than being dictated by lines on a map. The group incorporates Hamilton City, Waipa, Waikato and Environment Waikato, with objectives to plan for the next 20-30 years in areas such as roading for example. An area of interest for Waipa and Hamilton City is the land around the Hamilton Airport being developed as Titanium Park.

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**11 TREES IN OHAUPO**

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File: 27-03-02

There is a gum tree outside the hall in Ohaupo with two over-hanging limbs. This matter has been referred to staff for action.

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**12 PIRONGIA VOLUNTARY RURAL FIRE FORCE – REDEVELOPMENT OF  
LEASE SITE, FRANKLIN STREET, PIRONGIA**

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File: 60-12-32

**Pirongia Voluntary Rural Fire Force – Progress Report**

Council gave consent for the redevelopment of the leased property and a new lease being entered into with Council. The request for financial support was delayed due to the lease being finalised. The grant request towards the building costs will be part of the Annual Plan process. It was noted that the land is owned by Tainui, administered by DOC, with the buildings owned by Council.

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**13 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**

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File: 01-08-07

Te Pahu have provided Council with a couple of names, but Pirongia has a name, however the intended recipient does not wish to receive the award. It was noted that the awards over the last few years have been retrospective and that most of these have already been awarded.

Nominations are to be taken for individuals who are worthy of recognition and the names are to be given discreetly. Council will provide a list of individuals who have already received awards to help in the process and names are to be given to Cr Thomas, Cr Sharpe or Mayor Livingston.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.23pm

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD**

**CHAIRPERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_