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1 ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor - Chairperson

Members

Councillor Diane Sharpe, Councillor Bruce Thomas, the Chairperson or his/her nominee from each of Pirongia, Te Pahu and Ohaupo Residents and Ratepayers Associations.

2 APOLOGIES

3 LATE ITEMS

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-89-07

Recommendation

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

5 VISITORS

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-89-07

Minutes of meeting held on 6 October 2009.

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Recommendation

That the minutes of the meeting of the Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee held on 6 October 2009, having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

7 MINOR COMMUNITY WORKS & RESERVE CONTRIBUTION FUND

File: 75-06-05

Group Manager Service Delivery will update members at the meeting on the works around the ward and those referred by the Ohaupo Residents and Ratepayers noted below.

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Ohaupo Residents and Ratepayers have raised the following items:

- some lights to the Ohaupo School;
- some seating in the new play area in Kahikatea Park;
- the renewal or repainting of the sign at Memorial park;
- Traffic Calming devices be implemented;
- Ohaupo Toilets in Memorial Park - the disabled toilet does not have a hand dryer, the paper towel dispenser is broken and the toilet roll dispensers are also difficult to operate.

8 TREASURY REPORT – PIRONGIA WARD

File: 75-16-09

Reports of Group Manager Finance dated 10 February 2010.

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Discretionary Grants

Funds of \$14,100 have been committed with \$14,100 having been paid to date. There is a balance of \$1,710 in uncommitted funds.

Minor Community Works

Funds of \$10,000 have been allocated. There is a balance of uncommitted funds of \$13,497.

Recommendation

That the report of the Financial Accounting Manager for the period ended 31 January 2010 be received.

9 COMMUNITY DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

File: 01-31-12

Pirongia Residents and Ratepayers Assn application.

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An application has been received from the Pirongia Residents and Ratepayers Assn for funding towards hand washing facilities in the toilet of the Pirongia Community Centre and Centre Chapel. The request is for funds towards the total cost of \$1,537.44.

10 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

File: 01-91-43

Draft Annual Plan 2010/11

*(provided
separately)*

The proposed draft Annual Plan 2010/11 has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) and is based on year two of the 2009-19 10-year Plan (LTCCP). The proposed draft Plan and Summary will be presented to the Policy Committee on 15 March for approval to release for public comment in accordance with the LGA special consultative procedure, with the period for submissions expected to run from Monday 15 March to 19 April 2010. Any changes subsequently made by the Policy Committee will be highlighted at the meeting.

The 10-year Plan assumed that property growth would average 2% per annum, development contributions would be commensurate with this level of growth and New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) funding would continue to match Council's intended roading programme. Consequently, year 2 (2010/11) of the 10-year Plan signalled a proposed rate revenue increase of 9%, with 2.1% being generated by the growth in the number of new rateable properties. In addition, Council funding decisions subsequent to the confirmation of the 10-year Plan had the effect of increasing the proposed 2010/11 rate revenue requirement to 10.1%.

The preparation of the draft 2010/11 Annual Plan has occurred in a different environment than the one when the 10-year Plan was developed. Growth is now tracking at around 1% per annum, revenue from development contributions has slowed substantially and NZTA funding has been significantly reduced. In addition, increased depreciation and debt repayment requirements were placing significant upward pressure on operating costs.

In light of these changed circumstances and pressures Management has directed a review of activities and works programmes, with the result that capital works and operational activities for the current year have been adjusted to align with available funding. This review has been undertaken on a 'manageable risk' basis, that is, ensuring essential work proceeds and base levels of service continue to be met, with other activities/projects being prioritised, and rescheduled where appropriate.

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In workshop sessions in the latter part of 2009, elected members were kept informed of the review process and briefed on the changed context under which the draft Annual Plan would be prepared. During these sessions members expressed a collective view of issues and priorities, and signalled that a 5% rate revenue increase (plus growth) was an acceptable target for preparing the draft Annual Plan. Over this time a major review of the organisational structure, which, among other things, was directed by the need to improve performance and achieve greater efficiencies with the resources available. These reviews have signalled significant savings, including a \$1 million reduction in staffing costs.

The proposed draft Annual Plan has been prepared having regard to the matters outlined above, and sets out the changes from the 10-year Plan. The financial changes are detailed in the proposed draft Plan. The activities and projects presented in the draft Plan are required to maintain infrastructural assets, maintain levels of service, ensure community safety and well-being, support future planning, and meet Council's statutory responsibilities.

Key projects/initiatives for the coming year include:

- Completing the review of the District Plan
- Reviewing the Waste Management Plan
- Planning for the upgrade of the Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Completing the development programme at Lake Karapiro
- Ongoing support for the Maungatautari Ecological Island project
- Working with business/community groups to maximise the value to the District of the World Rowing Championships
- Preparation of a strategic water demand/conservation management plan
- Considering local government reform options

In preparing the proposed budgets signalled in this draft Plan, opportunities have been taken to secure funds from sources other than rates. Fees and charges have been reviewed, and changes have been reflected in the draft Plan. In the case of Building Control and Museum fees and charges, these have been increased by Council and took effect on 1 February 2010. Other proposed changes to fees and charges will be recommended to take effect as soon as possible.

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The proposed draft Plan requires total rate revenue of \$36.9 million, which reflects an increase of 5.2% (net of growth). The need for this increase is due to reduced levels of revenue through development contributions and investments, and increased costs associated with depreciation and loan repayment levels. The proposed capital works programme totals \$20.6 million, with debt levels projected to reach \$38.4 million by 30 June 2011. Overall, the proposed rates requirement, operating and capital works programmes, and projected debt levels are all substantially lower than the levels signalled in the 10-year Plan.

The proposed Draft Plan reflects current circumstances and signals a year of consolidation.

Recommendation

That the information be received.