

# Apiti Community Committee Minutes

Thursday 8th June 2023 Apiti Hall, 7.30pm

**Present:** Felicity McKay, Jock Bielski, Julie O’Rielly, Alexander Robertson, June Barratt, Apiti Fire Chief Grant Watson, Community Constable Mark Dickins, Councillor Steve Bielski, Mayor Helen Worboys, MDC Civil Defence Coordinator Vicki Willis, MDV General Manger-Community Lyn Daly

Procedural Matters		Action
<b>Apologies</b>	<b>That the following be accepted:</b> Sonya Dearlove, Russell Knight, Negin Nematollahi. Jo Loveridge, Sara Martin	<i>Moved: F. McKay Seconded: J. Bielski Carried</i>
<b>Previous Minutes</b>	That the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as deliver/read.	<i>Moved: F. McKay Seconded: J O’Rielly Carried</i>
<b>Matters Arising</b>	The guests at this meeting were greeted and all participants introduced themselves. Any matters arising to be discussed in General Business	
<b>Correspondence</b>	<p><b>Inward:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community CD training – Vicki Willis</li> <li>• Querie about what we are using MDC yearly funds for – Negin Nema</li> <li>• Account from MDC for Hall re-wiring</li> <li>• Acknowledgement from Duncan at Recreational Services of our thanks for the use of their bbq</li> </ul> <p><b>Outward:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email to ECT with account for Hall rewiring.</li> <li>• Invoice for chairs emailed to Apiti Tavern</li> </ul> <p>That inward correspondence is received, and outward correspondence be approved.</p>	<i>Moved: F McKay Seconded: J O’Rielly Carried</i>

<b>Financial Report</b>	<p>Account balances as of 31/5/2023  Non-profit account: \$4093.77  Small account (Non-Profit one) was closed and the monies were transferred into the Non-profit account.  It was proposed that MDC be paid for rewiring as soon as we receive grant money from CET into the account  That any reasonable other account received before the August meeting be paid</p>	<p><i>Moved: F McKay  Seconded: J. Beliski  Moved: F McKay  Seconded: J. Beliski</i></p>
<b>Committee Reports</b>		
<b>Apiti Domain Development</b>	<p>Spouting still not done at this stage. Grandstand nothing happening yet. Pavilion is a historical building.  Unedaplumber quote for hot water system in kitchen \$1767.90 to spend from community fund.</p>	
<b>Apiti Community Library</b>	<p>Still running each week. We now have videos and jigsaws.</p>	
<b>Apiti Hall</b>	<p>Felicity is the contact person for hall hire. Pat will open Hall.  Indoor Bowls has started back each Monday night 7pm onwards.  New stove to be brought with Community Fund money from 2022-2023. \$1500 approx. Felicity and Sonya to look into purchasing this.</p>	
<b>Community Bus project</b>	<p>There is the money required for the bus, so able to purchase the bus. There is difficulty finding a bus at present</p>	
<b>Apiti Gates</b>	<p>Little bit of work still to complete. Stones put around bottom of sign. Also, a proposed white board behind sign to help it stand out better. Alexander is also in negotiations with MDC about 70km sign and lighting for sign. Maybe look at spotlights on sign.</p>	

<b>Hammers and Horsehair Concert</b>	Cancelled	
<b>Community Reports</b>		
<b>Mark Dickins / Police Report</b>	All good in the area apart from Corbetts being robbed and some speeding around the district	
<b>Civil Defence.</b>	<p>Vicki Willis led the discussion on Civil Defence in the Apiti area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil Defence is MDC’s responsibility, and they will direct us in event of declaring a Civil Defence Emergency.</li> <li>• Apiti Community Response and Recovery Plan book was reviewed. Suggested change to replace slips page with fire advice page was accepted.</li> <li>• Grant Watson informed us that a Fire Season sign will be put up in Apiti Village.</li> <li>• StarLink can be dropped into the district in the event of a catastrophe.</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 will see radios being replaced. When this happens, key people in the community will be issued with radios. Currently the radio at the Apiti Tavern is not functioning because it is tuned into the wrong channel.</li> <li>• Felicity expressed concern that while it is good to have a solid plan in place, in reality people need to be self-sufficient for five days while help is being organised to get to them. Vicki said that they are now advising for people to be prepared to be self-sufficient for up to seven days. There are programmes planned to go into primary schools to teach children about being self-sufficient.</li> <li>• To capture new people in the district it was suggested that we maybe get the RD Posties to carry some “Welcome“ packs to give to new inhabitants. Work needs to be done on the “Welcome” pack.</li> <li>• Vicki will attend our mid-winter event and bring Apiti Community Response and Recovery Plan books to be distributed.</li> <li>• Civil Defence centre will be moved to Apiti Hall. After much discussion it was agreed that the generator will also be moved to the Hall.</li> <li>• The Apiti Civil Defence area contact list has been updated and will be sent to Vicki.</li> <li>• Committee members, as members of the community need to have ongoing training in CD. It is suggested that this be done following the 10<sup>th</sup> August meeting.</li> </ul>	

<b>MDC Report</b>	<p>Cr Steve Beilski updated us on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working through Long Term Plan</li> <li>• It is time to review Recreational Services and Roothing Contracts.</li> <li>• Rates have been set to increase 6.9% in July 2023 across the district</li> </ul> <p>Mayor Helen Worboys updated with a comprehensive overview of what the MDC is currently working on. MDC is in a good place; a good team is working well together. They are pushing back on government interventions with submissions to the huge number of Government Reforms (e.g. climate change, emissions, earthquake risk buildings) coming from Parliament. Their focus is on how these might impact on our rural-based district.</p>	
<b>General Business/Any Other Business</b>		
<b>General/Any Other Business</b>	<p>Roothing There will be a meeting at Apiti Tavern to discuss our concerns about rooding. Date yet to be set. Washouts are becoming a big concern after the recent rain events.</p> <p>Apiti signs are being renewed by CEDA on 15<sup>th</sup> June. Proofs looked good.</p> <p>All chairs and tables are now back in the Hall</p> <p>Mid-Winter Dinner at Apiti Hall 25<sup>th</sup> June. Vaune and her merry band of volunteers are on track for a great event. Funds will come out of non-profit account and Felicity will send receipts to Negin to get reimbursed.</p> <p>Recreational Services are looking into our issue in Apiti about grass around the trees in the village in the new contract.</p> <p>We have received our Coronation tree. It is a rimu and will be planted near the Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</p> <p><b>Meeting Dates for this year – 8<sup>th</sup> June 12<sup>th</sup> October 14<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7.30pm</b></p> <p>Meeting Closed at 9.00pm</p>	

	<b>Next Meeting: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023, 7.30.pm Apiti Hall.</b>	
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