
KIWITEA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Meeting Location: Kiwitea Hall, Kiwitea

Date: 16/05/2022

Time: 7.00pm (NZST)

1. Present:

Glen Terry
Jo Terry
Desiree Silk
Michael Ford
Vicki Stack
Audra Hoggard
Amy Weston
Vicky Doyle
Margaret Brown
Richard Brown
David Thompson
Andrea Thompson

2. Apologies

Pam Corpe
Gayna Brown
Paula Scott
Mark Dickins
Helen Worboys

3. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes were passed as a true record of the meeting dated 20 September 2021.

Moved: Jo
Second: Des

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Michael Ford to update on MDC matters
4.2 A subcommittee has been formed comprising of Desiree Silk, Vicki Stack and Vicky Doyle to organize quotes for the kitchen, Sub committee to report back with quotes at the next meeting.

5. Finance

5.1 No Finance report due to Paula being absent

6. Inwards Correspondence

6.1 Email received from Janine regarding a meeting for community committee chairperson and secretaries on the 4th of May which we have missed due to being in between secretaries.

7. General Business

7.1 Margaret Brown asked for a reminder of the purpose of the kiwitea committee. Michael Ford answered that there are 16 local community committees in the manawatu. The best people to make decisions about local communities are the communities themselves. The MDC assists community committees with special projects. An MDC councilor is allocated to each community. The Kiwitea community has received a big proportion of local funds allocated to community committees with the roof being replaced on the hall in 2020.

Going forward the committee is meeting quarterly with the intention of the meetings being very informative to the wider community. The community will be encouraged to attend and become involved.

7.2 Amy Weston is on the TB Free and Osprey local committee. If anyone in the community has any concerns regarding these, she is welcoming questions and feedback.

7.3 David Thompson asked what projects the KCC (Kiwitea Community Community) are undertaking at the present time. The Kitchen modification, the wheelchair lift and the hall floors are the next projects to be undertaken. Margaret Brown commented that previously anything to do with septic and toilets were classified as health and safety therefore the council would pay for repairs /upgrades.

7.4 The KCC would like to request the council to mow the lawn outside the hall, the school and playgroup carpark. The council regularly mow the grass at the Cheltenham and Kimbolton grass areas.

7.5 Margaret Brown commented that in previous years the community, the school and the playgroup would have joint fundraising events to raise funds for all three groups. It was agreed to make this an agenda item at the next meeting.

7.6 The Hall rules are to be laminated and put on the kitchen wall to highlight the following: cleaning, checking water pump, clearing rubbish, cleaning toilets, sweeping floors etc.

7.7 KCC positions were discussed. Jo nominated Desiree Silk as the secretary. Desiree accepted. Glen is happy to stay on as chairperson until a suitable replacement is found.

7.8 Richard Brown asked that notifications of community meetings are to be put in the school newsletter for those who do not have Facebook. The meetings will be posted on the community event sign stating All Welcome.

7.9 The improvement of the road speed signage at the intersection of Kimbolton Road / Haynes & Coulter Line was discussed. Concerns are the flashing light is too close to the school; it is not flashing for long enough and the committee would like to request the speed limit be reduced to 70km before and after school times. Michael Ford advised the committee to put any requests in writing to the council Desiree to liaise with the school to work out school bus timings. Desiree will report back next meeting to formalise request.

7.10 Margaret Brown asked about the KCC collaborating with the water catchment group. The KCC requested and welcomed a representee from the water catchment group to update the community at community meetings.

8. Council Matters

Council Update; Michael Ford
MDC Report May 2022

The council have sold most of the land on south street and kawakawa Road by the old racecourse. The space will be used as a church, office space, retail, light industrial. It has also

sold the MWLASS Archives property at 40 Bowen Street to a company associated with Horizons Regional Council.

Following the flooding in Feilding last December, the council is dealing with the storm water and flooding issue in the district plan review. The Rural Section of the district plan will be notified in November for final consultation.

The district plan also will cover subdivision. The final plan aims to look after good quality farmland while still allowing restricted subdivision, and being open for business on lesser quality farm land. The aim is to have this implemented mid-2023. In response to questioning, Michael will update the group regarding current thinking in the Rural Zone.

MDC have purchased land near Makino stream in Precinct 4 to manage stormwater runoff (detention), and be a new park / cycleway/walkway.

They have also purchased other land in Precinct 4 to install a new water bore – to replace the almadale bore. This will complement the 2 bores at Campbell Road and Newbury Line and provide resilience in the event of an earthquake splitting the pipe as it comes over Aorangi Bridge.

Rates will be increasing by 6.99% this year, a good proportion of this increase to help retain staff, particularly in the planning and, building inspector departments, there has been a problem with staff being poached by government departments. Depreciation, insurance and unfunded mandates from central government contribute significantly to rates, along with inflationary pressures across Council's expenditure. While high, the rate of increase is less than for many councils.

3 Waters – Helen Worboys is the chairperson on a committee of 31 councils opposed to the Government's 3 waters reform model – Communities 4 Local Democracy (C4LD). Michael is on the national Oversight Group for C4LD. The next step for the committee is to put a submission to the select committee. The committee have 2 alternatives to 3 waters with the main points of the alternatives being around local ownership and local management. C4LD is comfortable with the new Water Regulator, Taumata Arowai, and notes that collectively NZ councils already have approx. \$90b in their long term plans for 3 waters infrastructure investment.

Earthquake prone buildings. 12 building consents have been approved to strengthen buildings in town with 6 already strengthened.

The council are looking to put a poppy emblem on Manawatu District street signs of military significance. The council are asking people to come forward with any streets of military significance.

The proposed Pyrolysis plant is at the environment consent stage with Horizons Regional Council. The council are supporting the plant providing it is environmentally friendly. All rubbish currently goes to a landfill, the pyrolysis plant disposes of rubbish in a more environmentally friendly way than being dumped in a landfill. Council is however also encouraging the reduction of waste and recycling. Waste has increased significantly in recent years and Council is the organization that has to deal with what it receives.

Wastewater centralisation is well under way with the piping of sewage from 6 villages to the water treatment plant in Feilding.

The Mangaweka bridge opens on Friday.

MDC have joined a group of rural councils in conjunction with Beef & Lamb and Yule Alexander Consultants to put forward a submission to central government to stop farms being turned into forestry for carbon credits.

Council has made a submission to the Regional Transport Plan supporting the proposal for a rural

bus/van service between villages in the District and Feilding.

The Resource Recovery Park opened late last year on Council owned land in Kawakawa Road, and it will be a hub for businesses recycling and repurposing a variety of products from concrete to organic matter.

Council has consulted on Waste Minimisation & Management, and is looking to introduce new initiatives in the next 10 Year Plan.

The council voted not to hold a bi election to replace the councilor who resigned in February. The next council election is in October with the council's decision on councilor representation going forward being overturned by a successful appeal from Rangiwahia Community to the Local Government Commission. The final outcome is that there will be:

5 Rural ward councilors

5 Feilding ward councilors

1 Maori ward councilor

1 Mayor.

9. Police Report

No representation from the police.

10. Next meeting date

15 August 2022 at 7.00pm in the hall. All community member's welcome.

The meeting closed at

Signed
(Chairman)
