

KIWITEA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Meeting location: Kiwitea School, Kiwitea

Date: 19/06/2023

Time: 7.00pm (NZST)

1. Present:

Glen Terry
Jo Terry
Desiree Silk
Michael Ford
Vicki Stack
Paula Scott
Gayna Brown
Vicky Doyle

Apologies

Helen Worboys
Audra Hoggard
Amy Weston
Caro Shannon
Negin Nema

2. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes were passed as a true record of the meeting dated 17 April 2023.

Moved: Glen Terry
Seconded: Jo Terry

Matters Arising

The committee discussed paint colors for the external of the hall. Vicki Doyle to confirm colors and Des to speak to Jonesy's about doing repairs on the building to confirm he paint donation with Guthrie Bowron and Dulux.

Glen has been researching ladders and will purchase one.

3. Correspondence

3.1 Received a letter from MDC confirming our \$3,000 annual funding.

3.2 Email from MDC advising of the Manchester Block 150-year celebration. Committee agreed to send an email advising that we will look to collaborate with school and enter a float in a parade subject to there being a parade and may have a school / community picnic to commemorate.

4. Casino

Planning going well, however need to sell more tickets. If everyone can please make a big push to sell tickets.

5. MDC update

Highly productive land (class 1,2,3) cannot be subdivided under current government legislation. National have confirmed they will be more flexible on class 3 soils. (40% of Manawatu are class 1,2 and 3, made up of 18% classes 1 & 2 and 22% being class 3).

Council preparing a 30 year Growth Strategy for Feilding and Villages. Michael Ford reiterated the need for Kiwitea to have a community consultative meeting to discuss and advise council on what the members of the kiwitea community want for our community in the future. Eg Like it as it is and don't want change, prefer a small village community, or something different. An opportunity for locals to have a big say in the future of Kiwitea.

The Labour Government's 3 waters legislation, which was 4 waters and now 10 waters, will be repealed by a National led Government. Their approach is closely aligned with the Communities 4 Local Democracy (representing 30+ Councils) approach. The work of C4LD has been worthwhile in (a) getting some amendment to the Government's previous model, but particularly (b) convincing opposition parties of a better model, which National has adopted.

District Planning. Under the current Labour Government, the RMA reform will see district planning taken off councils and replaced by new Regional Planning Committees a with one representative from each council and some appointed Iwi representatives, who will make decisions for the entire region. MDC and Michael particularly, considers this aspect of the change in legislation stupid. National will repeal this leaving local decisions to be made by local councils.

MDC have renewed their power contracts and the Recreation Services contract. These are multimillion dollar contracts. IT will be done in house to save money. MDC have signed a \$7.5 million contract for solid waste rubbish disposal to landfill over 5 years. MDC is investigating a range of alternatives to landfill to (a) be good for the environment, and (b) save money for ratepayers.

Council and Iwi from 12 local maraes (Te Kotui Reo Taumata Collective) are having a hui to re-engage for the greater good of the district. Intention is ideally a committee will be formed with councillors and marae reps to work together. MDC will potentially also invite 2 iwi reps onto each of 4 council focus groups, along with other interested stakeholders.

Manawatu Community Trust have taken a \$1.4 mil loan to build more social housing units, using MDC borrowing power.

Manawatu District had \$10.3 million of damages from Cyclone Gabrielle. The actual cost to council is \$871,000 with Waka Ko Tahī funding the rest.

The Council have also put in 12 submissions for various things such as proposed legislation since April. As well as the 12 submissions many other topics were researched but considered less important and no submissions were made.

This takes a lot of research and the time of staff and councillors. MDC take these matters seriously on behalf of our community.

MDC have purchased 2 blocks of long narrow land adjacent to the Makino stream in Maewa (Precinct 4) with more to purchase to build the park and walkways from North Street to Reid Line West.

Building owners of unreinforced masonry earthquake prone buildings (EPB's) in Feilding's Priority Thoroughfares have less than 5 years to carry out earthquake strengthening of their buildings, or demolish the buildings. 16 have been done or started. There are 40-50 buildings which are highly unlikely to be completed by the March 2028 deadline. Michael Ford proposed a remit to MDC which is now going to the National AGM of Local Government New Zealand

(LGNZ) in July. This remit has been proposed by MDC and supported by a Regional zone grouping of councils, and it has passed a remit selection committee at LGNZ. The remit proposes that LGNZ do research into addressing solutions in respect of the tight timeframes for building owners with EPB's in High Risk and Medium Risk zones for earthquakes throughout New Zealand. Feilding is in a High Risk zone, and priority thoroughfares halve the time frame from 15 years to 7.5 years, and that time frame is already down to 4 years 9 months. This compares to about 47 years in Low Risk zones such as Dunedin, Auckland, Whangarei etc. The solution may involve a change to Legislation and/or Regulations, it may involve being able to repeal Priority Thoroughfare decisions or being able to amend notices to building owners under the Building Act. It may well involve compromise where if building owners make some improvement in relation to reducing the risk to human life, they might be granted a longer timeframe overall. Such improvement could involve strengthening or replacing the verandahs so that if the front façade collapsed it would land on a strong verandah, and save the lives of people on the footpath etc etc.

Rates rise for MDC is 6.94%, one of the lowest in the region.

6. FINANCE - Kitchen Update

The ladies night made a profit of \$1,604.

The first payment on the kitchen has been made to Bunnings of \$9,227.

The balance of the account is \$14,641. There are payments to come out for the casino night.

The kitchen should arrive in July.

Paula thanked Vicki and Hannah Doyle for all their work on the kitchen and hall painting.

7. General

Sharing table. Erana, a local kiwitea resident posted on the community page in April about the idea of starting a community sharing table for excess fruit and veges etc people in the community may have. This was discussed and agreed that it was a great idea. Paula to discuss ideas with Erana around functionality.

Vicki Stack and Amy Weston have submitted the Civil Defense community plan forms to the council. Vicky from Civil defence will attend a KCC meeting in the future to discuss the proposed plan.

Vicki Doyle commented on the leaking down pipe at the hall. Michael advised the email address to send the complaint to, and Jo Terry will ring the council to report as well.

10. Next meeting date

21 August 2023 at 7.00pm at the school. All community member's welcome.

The meeting closed at 8.53pm.

Signed _____