
KIWITEA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Meeting Location: Kiwitea Hall, Kiwitea

Date: 21/08/2022

Time: 7.00pm (NZST)

1. Present:

Glen Terry
Jo Terry
Brian Stack
Desiree Silk
Michael Ford
Vicki Stack
Paula Scott
Roger Brown
Andrew Hoggard
Lucy Waldron

Apologies

Amy Weston
Vicky Doyle
Gayna Brown
Audra Hoggard

2. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes were passed as a true record of the meeting dated 21 August 2022.

Moved: Glen Terry
Second: Des Silk

Matters Arising

Nil matters arising

3. Correspondence

3.1 Received an email from Janine at MDC,. We need to have our Triennial meeting to elect Chairperson, Secretary, treasurer and committee members. This will be 20 February 2023.

3.2 Neighbourhood Support Manawatu will help fund a community summer get together. We will combine this with a training session on how to use the defibulator. This will be Friday 10 February at 6.00pm at the hall.

3.3 Received an email regarding heritage trees and heritage buildings in our area. The council have emailed some fact sheets regarding the changes in then district plan regarding these. They will be shared to the Facebook page.`

4. Kitchen Update

Desiree Silk updated on kitchen progress. ITM have provided a quote for the kitchen based on flatpack. Vicky Doyle and Des Silk are meeting with Bunnings on Thursday. Once both quotes are in, Vicky and Des will report to the committee via email or a zoom meeting to make a decision sooner than the next meeting.

5. Community / School / Playgroup fundraiser

Looking at having a joint fundraiser between Kiwitea School Community and Playgroup in 2023. A casino evening with auction was discussed. Event looking at being held in winter. A subcommittee to be formed in new year.

6. FINANCE

The balance of the bank account is \$21,799.21. It includes a \$50 donation from the recent farm tour event at Strahan's who borrowed tables and chairs.

7. MDC UPDATE

New Council:

Mayor Helen Worboys

Maori Ward: Bridget Bell.

Rural Ward: Alison Short, Fiona Underwood, Steve Bielski. Andrew Quarrie, Colin McFadzean.

Feilding Ward: Lara Blackmore, Stuart Campbell, Grant Hadfield, Kerry Quigley, Michael Ford.

Council is undergoing an intensive induction programme, with highlight to date being an overnight Retreat at Himatangi Beach. We all got to know each other better, and what makes each other tick. While some Councilors will never agree with other Councilors on some topics, I am confident that we will be able to agree to disagree respectfully, which bodes well for a functional Council triennium.

Michael Ford was appointed **Deputy Mayor**.

The following Standing Committees have been established:

Audit & Risk. Chair Stuart Campbell.

Hearings. Chair Alison Short.

District Development. Chair Michael Ford.

Chief Executive's Employment. Chair Grant Hadfield.

Creative Communities Assessment. Chair external.

Other non-standing Committees:

District Planning Focus Group. Chair Michael Ford.

Community Development Focus Group. Chair Alison Short.

Economic Development Focus Group. Chair Stuart Campbell.

Infrastructure Focus Group. Chair Grant Hadfield.

Community Development Assessment Panel. Crs Blackmore, Short & Campbell.

Submissions Assessment Panel. Crs Bell, Blackmore, Short, Hadfield, Mayor Worboys.

Waste Levy Assessment Panel. Grant Hadfield.

Health & Safety Governance Rep. Grant Hadfield.

Horizons Passenger Transport Rep. Alison Short.

Mana Whakahaere (Oroua River Governance) Mayor Worboys, Crs Bell and Ford.

CEDA Electoral College. Mayor Worboys, Crs Hadfield and Ford.

Oroua Catchment Care Group. Alison Short.

Manawatu River Leaders Accord. Alison Short.

Ohakea Water Scheme. Colin McFadzean.
Youth Council. Lara Blackmore. Bridget Bell as a reserve.
Feilding & District Promotion. Stuart Campbell and Andrew Quarrie.
16 Community Committees. 1 Councilor to each. Kiwitea – Michael Ford

Council have received new Rating Values as at 1 July 2022.
Briefly the average increases are: Commercial 29%, Industrial 21%, Lifestyle 61%, Northern hill country 50%, Southern rural 20%, Residential 50%
Lifestyle rates are still quite modest in \$ terms. Michael is concerned for Northern hill country and Feilding Residential. Feilding residential rates are currently the 4th or 5th highest in New Zealand.

A reminder to make sure that committees record every time the hall is used and report that annually to Council.

Council has employed Ross Patching as a Development Ambassador or Development Navigator to help Developers and people generally through the consent processes at Council. This will be particularly helpful with projects that don't fit neatly into compliance boxes.

The Turners Road extension project is starting from the Kawakawa Road end. This is exciting as new development and new business is already coming to our District and establishing there. Potentially there could be 70 sections created.

The library/Community Hub redevelopment is well underway, with earthquake strengthening, new roof, large addition and total retrofit taking place. There will be a café and several meeting rooms.

The Te Araroa walkway is being extended from Mt Lees to Mt Biggs School, with a view to be further extended into Feilding (Off road) reasonably soon.

The Feilding to Palmerston North cycleway finally has permission to be completed (MDC's section), with PNCC hopefully following over the next 18 months.

The National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land is out and in short prohibits subdivision of Class 1, 2 and 3 soils. Manawatu has a lot of Class 1, 2 and 3 soils which is great. Many districts have none. All of Kiwitea is affected. This will have a significant effect on the proposed Plan Change of the Rural Section of the District Plan. It will also severely restrict where Feilding and villages can grow. Council will consult with the Community early next year and notify the plan Change in mid-2023.

The Government seems determined to forge ahead with its Three waters Reform Model, with likely only a few minor tweaks coming from the Select Committee process. Our Communities 4 Local Democracy (C4LD) group of 30 Councils opposed to the reform model has been working with the new Mayors of Auckland and Christchurch and hopefully this week we will see a larger group of 40+ Mayors all signing a Mayoral Declaration opposing the Government's model of reform. We have a better model of reform which retains the three waters infrastructure in local Council ownership, with local decision making and local accountability. It looks more and more likely that it will take a change of Government to repeal and replace the Government's model. National and ACT are committed to do just that.

8. General

OSPRI Update:

Amy Weston sent some notes from her recent Ospri meeting.
TB is currently in Northland, Hawkes Bay and Taihape. There are currently 25 infected herds across the country with 11 on a first clear test.

He Waka Eke Noa (HWEN) update – Andrew Hoggard

He waka eke noa came about following the 2017 election. In 2016 NZ signed the Paris agreement. [New Zealand's NDC \(Nationally determined contribution\)](#) is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. The agriculture sector was highlighted as an area to lower greenhouse gas emissions to ensure we comply.

HWEN is an alternative to the ETS scheme which is a straight tax. The government intention is for HWEN to come into effect from 2025. Farmers need to know their emissions number by 31 December 2022 and have a farm plan to reduce that emissions number by 31 December 2023. There are several calculators online to help farms calculate this number. Overseer, Beef and lamb, Fonterra, Alltech, Famax, horticulture NZ, myimprint, Ministry for Environment and Toitu Envirocare.

Federated Farmers put forward a submission which was not supporting the proposed structure, advising it will only support if the following are included:

That the emissions reduction targets are based on what is required for NZ agricultural methane emissions to not add any additional warming. Currently this appears to be a 10% reduction by 2050 not 2030.

To ensure NZ production is not reduced when the NZ footprint is already low, shifting production offshore where the footprint is higher, therefore increasing global emissions. This is known as Emissions Leakage. Finally, any Pricing mechanism should take into account whether there are any available mitigations to Farmers. The Original stated aim of the process was that a pricing mechanism was only to be used to the extent necessary to incentivise the uptake of economically viable mitigations. If such mitigations are not available then any price should reflect this.

The government did not take this on board and moved from a research / production type tax/levy system to a straight-out tax.

42 submissions opposing the current HWEN proposal have been submitted with the government advising they will give feedback on the submissions by Christmas and present legislation in the new year.

10. Next meeting date

20 February 2023 at 7.30pm in the hall. All community member's welcome.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed
