

COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES, RANGIWAHIA HALL: 3 JUNE 2020, 7.30pm

PRESENT: Grant Hadfield, Grant Errol, Greg Clifton, Sue Jex, Nic Murphy, Steve and Mary Bielski, Shelley Dew-Hopkins, Nic Martin, John and Janice Booth, Fiona Morton, Doug Brodie

APOLOGIES: Janine Hawthorn, Kate and Mike Gee-Taylor, Mark Dickins, Vernon Gladstone-Brown, Geoff LeQuesne

M/S: Greg Clifton/Nic Marton

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from the previous meeting of 26 February 2020 taken as read and recorded as being true and correct. Headings noted.

M/S: Nic Martin/Greg Clifton

MATTERS ARISING

1. Shower project update

Continues. More information required for the permit to be accepted. Builder working with Council. Information hopefully to be provided by 12 June. If not acceptable to Council, then a drafts person may require to be engaged.

2. Hall toilets - level of service

If Anna requires her contract it needs to be requested directly from Recreational Services.

3. Ngaire's hardstand area

3-seater chair has been built. A plague still needs to be organised. Leafland plants will provide the tree/s but have been unable to organise over lockdown. Sue will advise when working bee required to plant trees and install seat. Any leftover money will be used for concrete mix.

Action: Sue to advise when working bee required

4. Te Parapara Rd signage

Information for the sign is with CEDA. Proof expected by July.

5. Te Parapara Rd plantings

Pictures and clarification of what area Community is talking about is required by Council. But in the interim – the area of concern are the plantings near the intersection of Te Parapara Rd and Ruahine Rd on the true left hand side.

Action: Fiona to send pictures to Carl Johnstone.

6. Quotes for Shade sails

Mary Bielski has spoken to Chris Tapp. Hopefully a quote will be tabled at August meeting.

Action: Mary to get the quote finalised.

CORRESPONDENCE

7. Correspondence

In (via email)

14 April - MDC - Drought information

23 April - HCC - Copy of letter sent to MDC regarding Zero rate increase

30 April - MDC - 10 Year Plan Community Engagement and Funding applications

6 May- Sharn Hainsworth - Telecommunications

Over May - MDC - Notification of various Facebook live events

25 May - MDC - Annual Plan Funding Decision Letter (declined)

29 May - MDC - Feedback on Draft Plan Change 65 - call for further submission (Close 12 June)

3 June - MDC - Confirmation of Funding for each Community Committee of up to \$1,000 to hold a Post Covid-19 gathering.

Out

MDC - Building permit application

M/S: Shelley/Sue

FINANCIALS

8. Financials as at 19/11

Go Account	\$91.38
OnLine Account	\$9,154.80

The OnLine Account includes money ringfenced for signage, shower building permit, Ngaire's hardstand area and the Rangiwahia Bush.

That the Financial Report be accepted

M/S: Mary Bielski/Nic M

GENERAL BUSINESS

9. Telephone Tower - Crown Infrastructure Partners

Discussion was had on the disappointing improvement with cellphone coverage from the tower going in. At best it has provided coverage for approximately 10 households in the area making it a very expensive exercise. This is disappointing given the ongoing issues people are having with landlines in times of poor weather. Steve Bielski will talk to the SPARK technician, who will be installing an antenna at the Bielski residence. Shelley will

talk to Taraua regarding how they got improvements, and also to Federated Farmers regarding legislative requirements to ensure that access to landline capabilities is maintained.

Action: Steve Bielski to talk to the SPARK technician
Shelley to talk to Tararua contacts
Shelley to talk to Federated Farmers

10. Rangī Reserve Update

Ten traps have been purchased and are working well. An issue with cats has been identified. This will need management in future. A day needs to be spent improving the bush track. MPI, MRSS and MDC have joined together to offer events as a result of the drought and Covid. One of these events is flyfishing. Surfcasting may also happen. Another event is a tramp around the Rangī Bush Reserve. This will happen on 27th June with people meeting at the hall. We are unsure how this event will be advertised (i.e should it be advertised on the Community Facebook page or Community newsletter). People from the Community who wish to participate are welcome.

Action: Steve to organise working bee in bush
Steve to advise how the event is being advertised

11. Funding for Community Committee - post Covid gathering

MDC has very kindly offered up to \$1,000 to each Community Committee for a post Covid gathering. This money is coming from the events budget of 2019/2020 and needs to be allocated for an event purpose before the end of the financial year. Discussion around the best use of that money was had, given differing needs of the wider district. A date for the gathering has been set as a Mid-Winter Christmas on Saturday 4 July. The event will cater for all facets of the Community young to old (including a bouncy castle). MDC has confirmed that the money can be used to go towards activities/events as prizes on the night (e.g. support local businesses with vouchers to be used as prizes/gifts). The Committee will finalise final details to get the event off the ground. This will include details of the event to MDC with a breakdown of expenditure. A provisional agreement on how that money would be put to good use was reached.

Action: Fiona to request funding from MDC incl
provisional expenditure
Fiona to book bouncy castle (\$250)
Committee to organise event

12. Hall update

Steve advised that the following work at the Hall will be undertaken by Council. Rotten fascia board at front of hall, Stormwater overflow (again...) and the kitchen ceiling. An electric report indicated that wiring and switch board were up to spec. This generated discussion as a previous report had indicated that wiring and lighting at the back of the hall could do with some work, with the added benefit of getting power into the new shower/disabled toilet. Discussion was also had as to whether the kitchen roof will be

possum proof in the future. This led to a discussion on other pests with an agreement to discuss PredatorFree NZ at the next meeting (August) to see whether there is enough interest in getting private control of mustelids and cats underway.

Action: Steve to obtain clarification on electrical matters

13. Traffic/Police Report

Please keep track of suspicious vehicle registrations. Have been problems with copper wires, sheep and deer being stolen/poached (carcasses behind).

COUNCIL REPORT

14. Council Report

Interesting times with no ability to undertake voting early during lockdown without a physical presence. Legislation was amended and Council was able to vote on matters during lockdown over Zoom.

Rates rise will be a 0% average. But as a result of revaluations occurring some people will still experience a rates rise. Feilding will have a targeted rate for a new bus route.

Request for tenders are out for the Mangaweka Bridge (close 25 June). Four tenders received to date.

Bylaws are up for discussion with the Stock crossing, road grazing, and stock movement bylaw closing date on submissions extend to 18 June. These are worth having a look at [Have Your Say](#).

Upcoming events:

4 July Community Covid Gathering

Meeting closed: 8.50pm

Next meeting: 26 August 2020

Meeting Outcomes/Actions

1. Sue to organise plague, trees and working bee for Ngaire's hardstand area
2. Fiona to send pictures of Te Parapara Rd corner to Carl Johnstone
3. Mary finalise shade sail quotes
4. Steve Bielski to talk to the SPARK technician
Shelley to talk to Tararua contacts
Shelley to talk to Federated Farmers
5. Steve to organise working bee in bush
Steve to advise how the event (Rangi Bush Walk on 27th June) is being advertised
6. Fiona to request funding from MDC incl provisional expenditure
Fiona to book bouncy castle (\$250)
Committee to organise event

7. Steve to obtain clarification on electrical matters

Manawatu District Council Actions

8. Follow up on Te Parapara Rd maintenance following receipt of photos

Signed

Doug Brodie

Chair

3 June 2020