

**AMENDED COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES, RANGIWAHIA HALL: 22 February 2023, 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Fiona Morton, Doug Brodie, ~~Nic Martin~~, Clr Grant Hadfield, Clr Bridget Bell, Steve and Mary Bielski, Natalie Masters, Greg Clifton, Mike and Kate Gee-Taylor, Peter Mangold, Neville Batchelor, Lucy Daikin, Ian Hopkins, Shelley Dew-Hopkins, Bridget Murphy

**APOLOGIES:** Janine Hawthorn, Negin Nema, Rose Brodie, Sheldon and Nic Martin  
**M/S:** Greg Clifton/Fiona Morton

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Taken as read. No amendments

**M/S:** Nat Masters/ Greg Clifton

**MATTERS ARISING**

**1. Window Sill painting**

Sol is working in the hall currently. This work should be completed shortly.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**2. Correspondence**

**In (via email)**

- Hall toilet fixes
- Dress Circle
- BBQ Quote
- MDC Action Report

**Out**

- Various email circulating above information

**M/S:** Shelley Dew Hopkins/Mary Bielski

**FINANCIALS**

**3. Financials as at February 2023**

Go Account	\$ 102.12
OnCall	\$ 7,148.93
Give-a-little	\$ 1,775 (ring fenced for Reserve expenditure only)

Tabled and emailed to Fiona

Note that the power bill is increasing. Half paid for by the Council. Discussion around whether the Community should make a greater contribution. All present agreed there should be no change to the existing setup.

That the Financial Report be accepted.

**M/S:** Mary Bielski/Kate Gee-Taylor

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **4. BBQ Design Area - SubCommittee Project Team**

Work is continuing on this. Work not to start until after events finished. Will require the Community to assist with some of the work to ensure the budget allocated from Council is met.

### **5. Catchment Group Signage**

~~Peter Mangold and Shelley Dew-Hopkins~~ briefly discussed work that has been undertaken by the Kiwitea/Oroua Catchment Group. At some stage they would like to get signage installed around the Catchment. They asked if it would be possible if a sign could be put on the hall. This was agreed but noted that actual signage would need to be viewed at a Community meeting prior to installation. .

### **6. Scenic reserve update – Bush**

Steve advised that rope and standards installation has been completed. This includes waratahs, rope rails, yellow safety caps, bow shackles. Thanks to Doug Brodie for his contribution of materials. Continue to receive positive comments via Give-a-little page.

Steve advised of expenditure to date (\$1,932.14). This exceeds the amount in the Give-a-little account. Discussion regarding whether the additional amount could be topped up from the hall.

**Motion:** That Steve Bielski should be reimbursed the full amount of \$1,932.14 consisting of the full amount from the Give-a-little and the remainder coming from the hall account.

**M/S: Shelley and Greg (all agreed)**

### **7. Scenic reserve update – Roading**

Bridget noted concerns from previous minutes regarding drain cleaning. She advised that previous work had exacerbated issues on their property. She asked that rather than cleaning out the ditch (deepening/lowering), that the Road be built up instead (metal). Steve advised that he will ask Council if this approach is possible.

**ACTION:** Steve Bielski to ask Council if additional metal can be added to the road, rather than clearing out of the drains on the access road to the Scenic Reserve Bush.

### **8. Dress Circle**

Following the last minutes, Council has approached the Department of Conservation who have agreed that a toilet could be installed at the Dress Circle. The District Council will cover the costs of upkeep and cleaning. Thanks to the Council and DoC for working in partnership. Thanks to Anne for agreeing to undertake the additional toilet checking/cleaning.

## 9. Roothing matters – Council to note

There is a general discontent with the bureaucracy involved with undertaking simple road maintenance work by Higgins. Specifically Higgins will send 3-4 people to carry out one job. It seems that Higgins are not allowed to show any initiative and if the job is not on the 'task' list they can't extend the scope of the existing job to include additional work. There seems to be no practical common sense applied.

Given issues with Otara Bridge, and just in general, it is **IMPERATIVE** that the Ruahine Road is kept open. Ruahine Rd needs to be maintained. Issues become more apparent if there are diversions coming from SH1. Shelley Dew-Hopkins queried how the overhangs on the papa cliffs are maintained – do the Roothing Contractors look up when undertaking the road clearance?

Culvert clearing seems to be piecemeal. The water table on Te Parapara Rd is not adequately maintained.

Clr Hadfield advised that the most efficient way is to ring 06 323 0000 and get the matter recorded. He agreed that it is a bureaucratic situation. The rooding contract goes through tender, with the existing contract held by Higgins. Natalie Masters asked if it could be elevated to a higher level to get resolution.

**ACTION:** Council to note dissatisfaction with rooding maintenance and current contractors inefficiencies.

Council to respond to query regarding maintenance of Ruahine Rd bluffs (prevention)

Council to undertake maintenance on Te Parapara Rd water tables (specifically), and district water tables in general

## 10. Outdoor Concert

Shelley advised that things are all in train for the open air concert on 4 March. A curtainsider truck will be used for the band to play from. An ice cream truck and coffee cart will be available. Reiterated that it is cash only at the gate.

Hall power capability was discussed. Ian Hopkins and Doug Brodie to liaise to ensure power is capable of sustaining

Clr Bell endorsed the Community initiative and asked if we had considered using the Manawatu District Council facebook page to promote. Shelley D-H advised that we had not, but we had used existing networks to ensure attendance.

## 11. Public toilets

Steve Bielski discussed issues previously occurring at public toilets. These involved a complete blockage in pipework, which has all been remedied. Approximately 48,000L water escaped from freshwater tanks. Over a four day period the tanks were topped up from the bore from the old Rangiwahia Garage. Alkathene pipe was laid across the road to enable this to occur. Discussion around whether an easement

should be sought to enable access to this water in cases of emergency. Agreed that if an easement was secured, alkathene pipe from the water supply to the tanks would be sufficient (as opposed to installing permanent access under road).

**ACTION:** Steve Bielski to discuss with Sol Harkness his thoughts regarding an easement over the water supply for Community use in times of emergency.

**Addendum:** Post meeting it was noted that there are significant damp patches around the toilets. Sources and solutions are currently being investigated by the Council.

## **12. Community Meeting process – amended following 26 April 2023 meeting**

*Neville Batchelor asked the following questions of the meeting based on minutes from the previous year in April 2022:*

- 1. Is there a time period that someone must live in the community before they are eligible to vote, put a motion forward or second a motion.*
- 2. Does ethnicity have any restrictions on eligibility to vote, put a motion forward or second a motion*
- 3. Can the Chair explain then why in the meeting April 2022, why not once was his name recorded after raising his hand 5 times and the Chair of the meeting calling my name out 3 times.*
- 4. On one occasion, his hand [Neville's] was the only hand raised in the room, yet the Secretary after hearing the Chair call his name asked another person to second the motion. Why?*

*Secretary response: The Secretary extended an apology for any errors that may have been made.*

~~Neville Batchelor raised concerns regarding meeting processes and accuracy of minute taking. He aired his concerns. Fiona apologised for errors she may have made.~~

~~Clr Bell re-centred the meeting into a safe space.~~

## **13. Traffic/Police Report**

No report as Mark was not present

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **14. Staff Reports**

Janine is handing over some responsibilities of her role. Our new staff liaison will be Negin Nema. Neither Janine or Negin were able to attend tonight (in person or via Zoom) but will endeavour to be in attendance at the April meeting.

## **15. Council Report - Councilor Hadfield**

### **December**

- Manawatu Community Trust Annual Report
- Awahuri Kitchener Park Forest Trust Annual Report
- Approval to accept and notify Rongotea South private plan change
- Adoption of the schedule of meetings 2023
- Council Submissions lodged Oct/Nov:
  - National direction for plantation and exotic carbon afforestation
  - Pricing of Agricultural Emissions
  - Horizons Plan Change 3 – Urban Development
  - A fair chance for all – breaking the cycle of persistent disadvantage
  - Charities amendment bill
  - FENZ Firebreak Policy Development
  - Self Contained Motor Vehicles Bill
  - Freedom Camping Regulations Discussion Document
  - The future for inter regional Passenger Transport
- Consultation decision for 23/24 Annual Plan – no consultation given changes under consideration are not significantly different from year 3 of the 10 year plan 2021-2031.
- Manfeild Park Trust Annual Report to June 2022
- Regional Joint Climate Action Plan (Horizons)

### **February**

- Proposed Traffic Safety and Road Use bylaw – hearing of submissions
- Appointments to external organisations
- Manfeild Park Trust 6 month report to Dec 2022
- Sport Manawatu 6 month report to Dec 2022
- Deliberations on traffic safety and road use bylaw – 38 submissions covering:
  - Parking (20 comments)
  - Road & Traffic Control (11 comments)
  - Stock on roads (2 comments)
  - Roadside grazing (5 comments)
  - Vehicle Crossings (15 comments)
- Future for Local Government Review Submission – full Council discussion
- Three day District Tour for Elected Members

### **Otara Road Bridge**

- Damage caused by overweight crossing of bridge
- Council's bridge engineering team have got onto this and working with RCC
- Having to obtain original construction drawings to confirm a whole lot of stuff including cable sag, transom levels, stiffening girder camber to inform subsequent repair. Will need to confirm the current bridge profile and compare with the original.

- The overall objective will be to repair the damaged stiffening girder, reconstruct abutment 2, replace failed hanger #12 (upstream) and tune hangers so that the bridge behaves as intended.
- This entire process will likely take up to 6 months.

Separate to Councillor Hadfield's update on the bridge, it was advised that Bryan Bendle (Peka Rd) is organising an on-site meeting to discuss matters.

**Upcoming events:**

- 4 March – Open Air Concert - Domain
- 31 March – Dog Trials
- 1 April – Sculpture Festival
- 25 April – ANZAC Day
- 22 or 25 April – Community Netball/BBQ (to be confirmed)

**Meeting closed:** 9.10pm

**Next meeting:** 26 April 2023

**Meeting Outcomes/Actions**

1. Steve Bielski to approach Sol Harkness regarding water easement options
2. Steve Bielski to be reimbursed for expenditure in Scenic Reserve
3. Steve Bielski to ask if additional metal can be added to Mangoira Rd

**Manawatu District Council Actions**

4. Work with Steve Bielski on bridge signage project
5. MDC to investigate metal application (rather than drain deepening) to Mangoira Road (Scenic Bush access road)
6. Note and Action **ITEM 9** above

Signed

Doug Brodie

**Chair**

22 February 2023 (amended following 26 April 2023)