

COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES, RANGIWAHIA HALL: 26 April 2023, 7.30pm

PRESENT: Doug Brodie, Greg Clifton, Nic Martin, Clr Grant Hadfield, Steve and Mary Bielski, Natalie Masters, Mike and Kate Gee-Taylor, Peter Mangold, Neville Batchelor, Lucy Daikin, Ian Hopkins, Shelley Dew-Hopkins, Janine Hawthorn, Negin Nema, Bridget Murphy, Richard Goodwin, Hamish McDonald, Bree-Anna McDonald, Janine Hawthorn, Michael Day, Lorna Day, Lyn Daly, Mark Dickens, Jerald Twomey

APOLOGIES: Rose Brodie, Sheldon Martin, Fiona Morton, Mayor Helen Worboys

M/S: Shelley Dew-Hopkins/Ian Hopkins

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Taken as read.

M/S: Shelley Dew-Hopkins/Steve Bielski

MATTERS ARISING

1. Discussion and Amendments on February 2023 minutes

The following corrections to be made.

Nic Martin to be removed from those present.

Item 5: Remove reference to Peter Mangold

Item 12: Neville outlined his amendments stating that he felt he was targeted in the minutes as making the meeting unsafe. The meeting divided Neville's amendment into two parts.

Part one: Item 12 to have the four original questions included and finish after the Secretary's apology.

M/S: Neville Batchelor/Lucy Daikin

Carried

Part two: Grant Hadfield noted that the not useful language portrayed in the second part should not be shown at Council. Neville stated that he would allow the first part to be in the amendments. The second part to be completely removed if the part 'Clr Bell re-centred the meeting into a safe space' is also removed.

M/S: Bridgette Murphy/Peter Mangold

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

2. Correspondence

In (via email)

- Nev Batchelor letter - Meeting processes
- Update on Hall Septic field
- Committee Funding Projects
- MDC Action Report

M/S: Ian Hopkins/Lucy Daikin

FINANCIALS

3. Financials as at April 2023

Go Account	\$ 146.01
OnCall	\$ 4,604.14

Tabled by Mary Bielski.

That the Financial Report be accepted.

M/S: Mary Bielski/Hamish McDonald

GENERAL BUSINESS

4. Code of Conduct

A sub-committee has been tasked with drafting a code of conduct for discussion.

5. BBQ Design Area - SubCommittee Project Team

Work is continuing on this. The project started a bit later than planned. Work is now well underway.

6. Scenic Reserve

All going well.

7. Committee Funding Projects

Bridgette Murphy opened discussion about the IronGates website being funded via ratepayers money. Website encompasses a wider area so why only Rangiwahia fund it. Meeting noted that these were funding suggestions for discussion.

Discussion on location of blue rubbish bag cage near Te Parapara Rd. This needs to be moved.

ACTION: Council to move this to a different location

Additional money to be used for the BBQ area, including lighting.

8. Otara Bridge

Richard Goodwin spoke on the importance of this bridge. Cllr Hadfield replied that work was ongoing and they are trying to get it fixed as soon as possible.

9. Roothing matters – Council to note

Higgins seem to have improved recently, but in general, there is significant dissatisfaction with current roading contractor's processes and systems [Richard Goodwin and Mary Bielski (Main South Rd)]. Shelley Dew queried when the roading contract was due for renewal. There is a general discontent with the bureaucracy involved with undertaking simple road maintenance work by Higgins. The trees in the village need to be pruned back, as they are encroaching on the road.

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

Trees along the road in the village need to be pruned back.

10. Recording of meetings

Audio and visual recording of meetings will be dealt with code of conduct. While you do not need to seek approval if you are recording, you must have approval if this recording is being used for any purpose.

11. GV Rates

Bridgette asked why GV rates have gone up. Response was because values of land has risen, this has resulted in a rise in these valuations.

12. Community awards

When are these open? Janine advised that nominations are currently open.

13. Wairuapuna Museum

Neville commented that they are currently going through the museum. Will bring a box to the next meeting. Happy to donate to the hall.

14. School bus signs

Nat Masters requested that the Council install some 'school bus stops here/no parking' signs at the hall so no casual visitors could park during the time the bus is required to be stopped there.

ACTION: Council to install some school bus signs

15. Traffic/Police Report

Stock stolen. If anything suspicious is noted, report registration numbers.

COUNCIL REPORTS

16. Council Staff Reports

Janine is handing over some responsibilities of her role. Our new staff liaison will be Negin Nema.

17. Council Report - Councilor Hadfield

NZTA - Emergency works

Submissions on behalf of Community

- Alcohol
- Water
- Local Government OIAct
- Drinking Water/Wastewater
- Annual reports
- District Planning
- Helping youngsters represent Community
- April - Audit
- Awahuri Forest Park report
- Electricity procurement (to be emailed)

Upcoming events:

- 30 September - Comedy Show at Hall

Meeting closed: 9.15pm

Next meeting: 23 August 2023

Meeting Outcomes/Actions

1. Amend 22 February minutes

Manawatu District Council Actions

2. Shift Te Parapara Road blue bag rubbish cage location (shift closer to Council pound)
3. Trees in village to be pruned (encroaching on road)
4. Install bus stop signs for hall (please contact Nat Masters)

Signed

Doug Brodie

Chair

26 April 2023