

## **COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES, RANGIWAHIA HALL: 29 November 2023, 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Doug and Rose Brodie, Greg Clifton, Clr Grant Hadfield, Steve and Mary Bielski, Natalie Masters, Fiona Morton, Bree-Anna and Bobby-Jae McDonald, Lorna Day, Neville Batchelor, Paul Quarrie, Kate Gee-Taylor, Angela McIntyre, Bridgette Murphy

### **APOLOGIES:**

Jim Richards, Eleanor Greer, Hamish McDonald

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

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Taken as read.

**M/S:** Greg Clifton/ Mary Bielski

### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **1. Scenic Reserve Car Park**

Bridgette Murphy queried why there needed to be an increase in the size of the carpark at the Bush Reserve. She wanted to know what data this increase had been based on. She had observed that when the size of the carpark was previously increased this had exacerbated flooding (surface runoff) onto her property. She noted that eco-harvesting of trees from the Reserve had occurred as well as eel harvesting. She felt that the eel harvesting only occurred as the access was so easy. She was disappointed that new culverting had occurred.

Steve Bielski advised that the culvert had been replaced - it was not a new culvert. He also advised that the infilling of the old dam was at the request of the landowner. This work had occurred a number of years ago (January 2013). Steve Bieski refuted Bridgette's interpretation of what had occurred.

Bridgette asked that it be recorded that she felt that the car park extension had all of a sudden appeared in the meeting minutes. Kate Gee-Taylor commented that if people wanted to know what was going on, the meeting had been advertised and the minutes had been circulated.

Clr Grant Hadfield advised that a democratic process had been followed.

Nat Masters asked if the process could be paused. It was agreed that an on-site meeting with MDC would be held, with Steve to organise and Nat to advise via email. Clr Hadfield reiterated that a democratic process had been followed.

**ACTION:** Steve Bielski to organise onsite meeting with MDC and other interested parties  
Nat Master to email the invitation out (date and time)

**ADDENDUM COMMENT:** No harvesting has occurred from the Reserve. However there has been eco-harvesting of trees from a neighbouring property.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **2. Correspondence**

##### **In (via email)**

- Circulating information received via email including:

- Draft Plan Change A - Rural and Flood Channel Review
- MDC Action report from previous meeting - tabled at meeting

**Out (via email)**

- Circulating information received via email

**M/S:** Fiona Morton/ Kate Gee Taylor

**FINANCIALS**

**3. Financials as at November 2023**

Go Account	\$ 203.39
OnCall	\$ 6,803.67

Tabled by Mary Bielski. Noted that Steve had been reimbursed for materials used in the reserve. Shower and Campsite working well. There had been trouble with the shower pay station, but Rex Newton had fixed this for the Community.

That the Financial Report be accepted.

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**4. Newsletter**

Nat Master checked in with the meeting attendees and asked if we wanted anything different. While it was expressed that it would be nice to see news of the younger generation to celebrate their successes, it was noted that it is up to the individuals to share that information. Meeting expressed their appreciation to Nat for the job she does. Thanks Nat!!

**5. Scenic Reserve**

Mary showed the signs that are with CEDA to the meeting. As well as general information, they also allow further details to be extracted via the QR codes on the signs. A significant amount of time and effort has been put into work on this project. The majority of those present thanked Mary for her work.

Bridgette Murphy raised concerns regarding the volume of signage. She felt it was 'sign pollution' and they were everywhere you looked. The signage encroached on her peaceful living and she found it stressful. She was concerned that the signs were made of PFAS, would never break down and were another example of pollution. She expressed concern that no mention of Ian Ritchie (responsible for the first tracks) was made in any of the signage. She considered that the sign project had been conducted in an undemocratic way and cited an incidence of a 'committee of three.'

Mary Bielski commented that the signage was and has always been an agreed community project. Kate Gee-Taylor commented that the information had been circulated and people had been able to have a say. It had been done in a fair and democratic way. Rose Brodie thanked Mary and Steve Bielski for their community efforts. They had contributed to ensuring Rangiwahia stayed on the Recreational Tourism map. Shelley Dew-Hopkins also endorsed the work the Bielski's had done.

Neville Batchelor asked whether the number of signs could be condensed. Doug Brodie suggested that when the carpark meeting occurs, the existing signage could also be looked at. Steve Bielski disagreed, noting that the signs (3) served different purposes and were from different organisations.

**ACTION:** Refer to Item 1 actions

## **6. Hall and surrounds**

Steve Bielski that Rex Newton will repair the tennis post/poles adjustments free of charge. The accessibility access to the shower block up the steps will be modified to allow access from the camper side. Rex Newton has submitted a quote of \$716.45 inc to undertake this work.

Steve will pick up an outdoor table from Halcombe and some leftover redicrete for the tennis net posts/poles. The hall is going to get cleaned and sprayed. The concrete tank will be replaced.

## **7. Artefacts/Historical items**

Neville Bachelor has kindly gifted items from his property to the Community. Items included a deer head, Rangiwahia Ski Field gear, original Rugby jersey, a mural and old newspaper clippings. A discussion was had regarding whether these items should be on display at the Coach House museum or at the Hall. Steve Bielski also has a deer head that had been gifted to the late Bruce Thompson. Bruce had requested that Steve have it placed in a museum such as The Coach House. Steve advised he also has a large painting of the Rangiwahia Ski Hut, painted by an artist from Marton or Sanson prior to the Rangiwahia 125 and used for the Main South Float. Doug suggested we discuss at the next meeting about whether these items be placed in the Rangiwahia Hall or in The Coach House.

Rose Brodie commented that the A4 posters on the wall of the hall need to be refreshed and more securely fastened.

**ACTION:** All to reflect on location/storage of items and discuss at February meeting

## **8. Traffic/Police Report**

Police not in attendance. No report

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **9. Council Staff Reports**

Negin attended via Zoom. The previous action items from Council were tabled. Negin advised that she has access to funding networks if people are interested. Advised that there was \$7k tagged balance .

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

Councillor Hadfield opened his report by noting that it was important to keep personalities out of discussions

**Councilor Hadfield tabled the following information regarding MDC updates since August**

**September**

Community honours to Henry Wheeler who was to be absent on the 21st September  
Appointment of Commissioner and members to the District Licencing Committee  
Road stopping – Sherwill St, Halcombe  
Adoption of Liability Management Policy  
Adoption of Investment Policy  
Recipient grant Presentation from Kiwitea School Agrikids team on their attendance at the FMG Agrikids NZ grand final  
Georgia Simpson spoke about her attendance at the Junior Track Cycling World Champs  
Adopted schedule of meetings 2024  
Targa Rally road closure request  
Feilding Civic Centre Trust Annual Report

**October**

Community Honours presentation to Rex Wheeler  
Recipient grant presentations:

- Bailey Jeffery (ITF Taekwan-Do World Champs, Finland)
- Nathaniel Hastelow-Fagg (World Kickboxing Assn Int World Champs)
- Sian Rowden-Poyzor (Netball NZ U18 Champs)
- Jade Askin & William Russell (NZ Junior Young Farmer Grand Final)

Youth Council mid year presentation  
Audit and Risk

- Receipt of draft Annual Report
- Receipt of quarterly performance report and treasury report
- Adoption of the statement of accounting policies

Sport Manawatu Annual Report to June 2023  
Ngati Kauwhata – provision of name for precinct 4  
Gary Barnett spoke to Council about parking  
Rec Services on rebrand  
Feilding & District Art Society presentation  
Adoption of Annual Report  
SOI – Tangimoana Village Climate Adaptation Project

**November**

Draft Speed Management Plan Consultation Requirements  
Feilding Town Centre time limited parking  
Representative Grants:

- Abby-Rose Terry Bailey (Zone Dance Academy NYC & Orlando Dance Tour)
- The Magnum Dance Troupe (World Supremacy Battlegrounds in Sydney, Australia)

Tangimoana: Climate Adaptation Planning Pathway (Bruce Glavovic from the Deep South Massey University Climate Adaptation team)

WAIORA PROJECT - Students from Manchester Street School will speak to Council about their work with waterways, and their field trip to the Almadale Water Treatment Plant and Feilding Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Manfeild Park Annual Report22/23

CEDA Annual Report 22/23

FDP Annual Report to 30 June 2023

Customer Satisfaction Survey Report and Benchmarking Report

#### **11. Upcoming events:**

- FB/PG Christmas Party - 16 December
- St Barnabas Carols - 17 December
- Dancing on the Domain - 2 March 2024
- Community Cricket - 17 February 2024

**Meeting closed:** 9 pm

**Next meeting:** 21 February 2024

#### **Meeting Outcomes/Actions**

1. ITEM 1: Steve Bielski to organise onsite meeting - Scenic reserve
2. ITEM 7: Reflect on historical item storage

#### **Manawatu District Council Actions**

3. ITEM 1: On-site meeting - Scenic Reserve (liaise with Steve Bielski)

Signed

Doug Brodie

**Chair**

29 November 2023