

Rongotea Community Committee Minutes

Meeting was held at the Community Centre, Douglas Square at 7.30pm Monday 1st February 2021.

Welcome: Chairman Lance Berry welcomed everyone to the February meeting.

Present: L Berry, B Proctor, B Thatcher, H Wheeler, J & S Liverton, N Rees, A Gloyn, A Hodge Councillor Alison Short and Community Committee Liaison Janine Hawthorn.

Apologies: Nil.

Minutes: The Minutes of the December meeting were discussed and adopted as an accurate record. MDC- Letter Notifying us the water connection to the Community Centre has been signed off.

The seats from Weekend Craft which are to be installed along the walkway are made and will be installed once the contractors are finished levelling the path. Thanks very much to Keep Rongotea Beautiful for donating these, I'm sure they will get a lot of use.

Note: We intend to router these with our sponsors name making them less attractive to undesirables.

H. Wheeler to transfer funds from our cheque account which is to be closed into MDC account and set aside for Rongotea.

The Rural Connectivity Group installed a new cell tower in the Kairanga area and called it Rongotea site. We are a little confused as no one has noticed improved reception, so I have asked Mayor Helen Worboys to look into this.

The Kopane bridge reseal came up for discussion (obviously). What a shambles. It looks second hand already. The Council and Contractors have had serious talks. I found out through a source that Fletchers who own Higgins used a different emulsion to adhere the chip to the road, we all know how that went. There were a large number of windscreens that Higgins had to replace.

Community projects and funding were discussed, our annual funding was reduced this year due to the Councils nil rate increase this year meaning there was less to go around. We are grateful for what we get.

The Committee agreed that we get a quote to have a heat pump installed in the Community Centre.

Brian Thatcher has donated a digital clock to the Community, Thanks Brian we will find a suitable place to mount this.

There was some discussion about boy racers in the village we are going to review the camera footage and get some rego's and hand these over to the police to deal with.

We are waiting on the contractor to finish the last section of walkway so that we can put up the bridge handrails and place the seats. I appreciate they are busy with seasonal work and they will fit it in, in the off season.

We are looking for ideas as to what sort of trees we should plant in the square. Fruit, Walnut?
What do you think?

Councillors report: Feilding CBD Earthquake prone buildings and their future up for consultation. The 10 year Plan draft is coming to Council this week then off to auditor, consultation April 21—May 21.

Meeting closed 8.25pm

Next meeting March 1st 7.30. At the Community Centre in the Square.