

Rongotea Community Committee Minutes.

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

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

Present: L Berry, A Gloyn, H Wheeler, J Liverton, B Proctor, N Rees, A Hodge, L Barlow, B Thatcher.
Councillors - Andrew Quarrie and Alison Short.

Apologies: J Hawthorn, S Liverton.

Minutes: The minutes of the February meeting were discussed and adopted as an accurate record.

Inward Correspondence: Council action sheet. The subsiding drain on Rongotea Rd has been checked and deemed ok by the roading manager as is the well-up sump in The Square outside the Foodstore. The Chevron signs to go on the intersections of Puawai-Main Drain Road and Raupo- Main Drain Road are made and ready to be installed this week. Also, received an email from Janine Hawthorn our Community Development Advisor, that the funds from Keep Rongotea Beautiful and our old Cheque account have been received by MDC and are ear marked for Rongotea Community Projects. Thanks for all those concerned.

Council Update. District plan review - Rural and village zones are out for feed back Documents were tabled closing 17th April. (What this means is, do we want the sections in Rongotea to be cut up and more houses put on sections and how the surrounding farmland is subdivided for growth of our village also how sections are Zoned, e.g. Residential /Industrial.) Have your say - go to the Council web site. The Kaimatarau Road Transfer station land has been sold. The 3 Waters (Sewage, Drinking Water and Storm Water) plan was discussed. (Sounds complicated.)

The recently advertised letting of the Community Centre was discussed and we agreed this needed more thought and further discussion would be held at our next meeting.

Our proposed art feature which is to be installed on the traffic island in The Square has been redesigned. Instead of being made out of core 10 steel (rusty) we are now looking at adding lots of colour which should brighten things up a bit.

The Committee has agreed to use our funds to have a heat pump installed in the Community Centre.

Jamie would like to thank the sponsors of the spud dig which was a huge success.

There are reports of vandalism and tagging around the rugby field and swimming pool, more information will be gathered and will be handed over to the Police to deal with.

It was decided that we contact the Council as to what sort of trees would be best suited in The Square, e.g. soil type, robustness.

Les Yarrall who donated the 1300 cherry trees for the village passed away recently, in Spring they certainly bring the village to life. Thank you Les.

Councillor Andrew Quarrie advised us that the 10 year plan will be out April / May.

GNS has upgraded the fault line status in the West St. Feilding area from dormant to active, meaning that some time in the next 10 thousand years there could be an earthquake.

We wondered how this would affect people's insurance etc.

Last but not least. The issue of branches overhanging the foot paths has come up again, could you please go out and have a look at the front of your property and check for this. It's amazing to see how many people are walking these days. In some places people have to walk on the road to get around the overhanging branches. Also, could you remove the suckers from the cherry trees please these are part of the root system of the tree and are best removed. Our Community owns these trees. You are part of our Community so lets work together to keep our village looking tidy.

Meeting closed 8.35. **Due to Easter we have changed the NEXT MEETING TUESDAY APRIL 6th**

Breaking news: The guys have started working on installing the ultra-fast fibre in our village.