

Rongotea Community Committee Minutes.

Meeting was held at the Community Centre, Douglas Square, at 7.30pm Monday 5th October 2020.

Present: L Berry Chairman and Acting Secretary, H Wheeler, B Procter, M Munn, J Cook, J Liverton, N Rees, A Hodge, G and L Williams, Councillor Shane Casey.

Apologies: Councillors A Quarrie, Alison Short.

Correspondence. An email was received from Jeff Graham Emergency Management Officer for the MDC asking if he could attend our next Community Committee meeting. His request was accepted. Jeff would like to invite Neighbourhood Support and Civil Defence people to attend with the view of creating a Community emergency contact list with main points of contact.

Also, we received the action report from the MDC saying the Kopane Bridge road repairs would be starting soon (they have) and the Chevron signs at the Waitohi Rd and Penny Rd intersection are on the ASAP list with Higgins.

Financial. H Wheeler to go to the bank to close our bank account and have the money put into our MDC Community account this was necessary as cheque books are on the way out.

A new camera has been purchased to replace the faulty one at the Recycle Centre.

General Business. Councillor Shane Casey spoke on Council issues. The Council received submissions on the earthquake buildings and the fact that the majority of submitters said that rate payers should not have to put anything into this. Discussion was feisty and interesting.

Discussion was held on the Village growth. We were disappointed with the Council, first they approve a large subdivision, then they send someone out to ask where we would like the village to grow, pointless.

The Rongotea Community spud dig was well supported 91 spuds were planted as of time of meeting none had sprouted (some now have) great effort, dig date to be announced, probably will happen in December. J Liverton organising prizes.

Congratulations to Henry Wheeler for achieving his 50 years of service medal to our Community as a member of the Rongotea Fire Brigade. Well done Henry.

M Munn Reports the Community Centre is going well, they would like to see more visitors, so if you are looking for a cuppa and a chat feel free to call in between 10.00 -12.30 week days.

The famous Butter box is safely housed at the new Coffee shop for now, the new owner is very interested in our Communities history. Please support her and make her little business hum.

We will have discussions with Council over the frequency of emptying the recycling. Also, we will view the camera footage to see if there is commercial recycling being put there and by whom.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm. Next meeting **7.30 Monday 2nd November.**