

Minutes of the Rongotea Community Committee held Monday 2nd December 2019 at 7:30pm in the Rongotea Community Centre

Present: MDC Staff Cnr A. Quarrie (Chair), J. Hawthorne; Committee Members B. Procter, H. Wheeler, M. Giles, A. Gloyn, T. Ross; Residents B. Thatcher, M. Munn, J. Overall (Visitor)

Apologies: L. Berry, S. Liverton, Cnr A. Short, Mayor H. Worboys

Minutes: Circulated and received as read.

Committee Nominations: A. Gloyn nominated L. Berry – seconded by H. Wheeler; M. Giles nominated S. Liverton – seconded by B. Procter; B. Procter nominated H. Wheeler – seconded by A. Gloyn; B. Procter nominated A. Gloyn – seconded by M. Giles; M. Giles nominated M. Munn – seconded by B. Procter; A. Gloyn nominated T. Ross – seconded by H. Wheeler; H. Wheeler nominated B. Procter – seconded by A. Gloyn. All nominations accepted and new committee formed. Chairperson and committee roles to be elected at next meeting.

Inward Correspondence: Nil

Matters Arising:

Rongotea Cemetery: The cemetery gates require panel beating. It has also been noticed that the paddock by the cemetery is needing the gauze sprayed.

Road Signage: The signpost for Te Ngaio Rd near Ruffs Rd has been missing for about 3 weeks and needs replacing

Tree Trimming: Large tree on Mersey St requires a trim as trucks are clipping it each time they pass.

Road Markings: Suggestion that the white line on the road outside the 4 Square is widened or painted yellow as cars are parking too close to the corner, making it difficult for those turning or coming off the roundabout.

General Business:

Acknowledgement: Thank you to the Rongotea Lions for another very successful Christmas parade

Council Holiday Closure: The Manawatu District Council will be closing at 12 noon on the 24th December.

Spud Dig: Reminder – the Spud in a Bucket will be happening at the Community Centre on Douglas Square from 5-7pm on Wednesday the 11th December. Please bring along a bread bag for weighing to help keep things moving on the night.

Rubbish: Reminder that it is an offence to litter, and anyone caught doing so will be issued a fine by the Manawatu District Council.

MDC: A query was raised about fairness by MDC on distribution of funds and manpower amongst the townships. It was noted that the walking track in Sanson was created by council workers, however Rongotea had to rely on local volunteers to provide the labour.

Rongotea Community Library: Please note that the library will be closing for the year on Friday the 13th December and will re-open on the 21st January under the umbrella of the Rongotea Community Committee. New volunteers for the library are welcome and needed! Thank you to Jean Scott for your time and efforts to keep the library an asset of our community.

Councillors Report: (A Quarrie)

Lots of training and revision has been happening amongst the newly formed Council.

An application has been made to the provincial growth fund for a plastics recycling plant. 14000 tonne per year of plastics could be recycled and chipped to a degree that other manufacturers could then repurpose it. If successful, this would be a 20-year project.

The Ohakea development is going ahead and has broken ground.

The Manawatu District Plan review will be coming up in the first half of next year, with a focus on activities for the region. One challenge faced is a nationwide shortage of town planners.

Meeting closed at 9pm. Next meeting to be held Monday the 2nd of February at 7:30pm, Community Centre, Douglas Square. All are welcome!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your families from all of us on the Rongotea Community Committee!