

# Minutes

## Rongotea Community Committee Meeting

3/2/20 7:30pm

Rongotea Community Library

Present: L Berry, H Wheeler, A Gloyn, B Procter, S Liverton, J Liverton, B Thatcher, J Lockyer, S Manley, M Munn, A Hodges, T Ross, Cnr A Short, Cnr A Quarrie

No.	Item		Action (who)
<b>1</b>		<b>Procedural Matters</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<i>That the following apologies be accepted:</i>  <b>Mayor H Worboys, J Hawthorne</b>	Moved/Seconded  L Berry/T Ross  Carried
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	Inward:  Nil  Outward:  Nil  <i>That the inwards and outwards correspondence be approved.</i>	Moved/Seconded  L Berry/T Ross  Carried
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b>	<i>That the minutes from the previous meeting held on 2/12/19 be accepted as a true and correct record.</i>	Moved/Seconded  L Berry/ H Wheeler  Carried
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Election of chairperson for the Rongotea Community Committee. L Berry nominated by A Gloyn, seconded by M Munn. Motion carried.</li> <li>- Election of secretary for the Rongotea Community Committee. T Ross nominated by L Berry, seconded by H Wheeler. Motion carried.</li> <li>- J Liverton co-opted to the committee – nominated by M Munn, seconded by H Wheeler. Motion carried. Jamie is 14 years</li> </ul>	

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		<p>old and will add energy and diversity to the committee – welcome, Jamie!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confirmation that the Committee is now L Berry (chair), T Ross (secretary), H Wheeler, A Gloyn, B Procter, S Liverton, J Liverton, M Munn and A Hodge.</li> <li>- L Berry acknowledged the passing of former chairperson and long-standing contributor to the community, Margaret Giles. Many in the room shared reflections of Margaret and her passion for service to the community.</li> <li>- Spud in a Bucket event a great success. Planning to run again this year. Would there also be any interest in a pumpkin growing competition? Open to input.</li> <li>- Council weed-spraying – can this also be done along Waitohi Walkway and at the back of the Rongotea Community Centre please.</li> <li>- Tree pruning required – Cherry trees 13-15 Ouse St as they are a traffic hazard for the Ouse/Thames corner. Also, the large tree on Mersey St by the roundabout still needs attention, as trucks are clipping it as they go past.</li> <li>- Recycling station – the area needs to be tar sealed to assist in maintenance. A lot of broken glass, bottle tops etc. Can we have confirmation of how often it is meant to be emptied - it requires collection more frequently as it is regularly overflowing. Commercial vehicles have also been noted to be disposing of glass bottles, leaving it too full for resident use.</li> <li>- Tyre dumping – approx. 20 tyres have been dumped on Fairfield Rd. A Quarrie to ring through details.</li> <li>- Roading – pot hole on Kopane bridge (Palmerston North side). Please investigate further. Question as to whether the roadworks on Aranui Rd/Rongotea Rd have been completed? Concern over planning and placement in regard to direction of traffic. Additionally, there is a dip in the road causing vehicle undercarriage scraping on Awahuri Rd where current culverts are being put in.</li> </ul>	<p>H Wheeler</p> <p>MDC</p> <p>MDC</p> <p>MDC</p> <p>A Quarrie</p> <p>MDC</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Street Signage – the sign has come down on the Penny Rd/Waitohi Rd corner.</li> <li>- Rongotea dairy – resident complaint that the white line on the road outside the dairy (Thames St side) is too narrow – traffic parks unsafely on the corner causing issues for those coming off the roundabout. Suggestion to make it a yellow line. Can this be looked at please.</li> <li>- Art Gallery - Sue Manley, president of the Rongotea Arts and Crafts Society discussed a proposal to create an art gallery/display in the Community Centre, featuring the creative outputs of our local community (schools, artists, storytellers etc). A suggestion that the library could supply books that match the theme of the month. Looking for any ideas or opportunity for collaboration. A Short mentioned that Pohangina community are already doing this well and suggested liaison.</li> <li>- Sue also put forward the idea of a chronic fatigue support group, to be held at the community centre. Seems to be several people in the area who experience this – if interested please get in touch.</li> <li>- Community Garden - Suggestion put forward for the creation of a Community Garden out the back of the Community Centre – looking for volunteers to help get this idea off the ground. Many hands make light work! Produce to be shared amongst all, with surplus to go on the community sharing table.</li> <li>- Internet – a request is being made to have an internet connection installed at the Community Centre, with free Wi-Fi available to visitors. Feilding Library have stated it would be beneficial to them, as well as to our local community.</li> </ul>	<p>MDC</p> <p>MDC</p> <p>Sue Manley</p> <p>Sue Manley</p> <p>Community Committee</p> <p>MDC</p>
<b>3</b>		<b>Other Business</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Subcommittee Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rongotea Library – M Munn informed that Feilding Library would like to install new shelving in the Rongotea Library. Motion passed.</li> <li>- Rongotea Library report that the four power points in the kitchen are unsafe and require urgent attention by an electrician.</li> </ul>	<p>Feilding Library</p> <p>MDC</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion of redesigning the interior of the Community Centre to be fit for purpose for the new ideas and projects in the pipeline. Centre is in need of some repairs and maintenance, as well as council-regulation smoke detectors, signage and illuminated fire exits. L Berry contact person for this – can council please follow up with him.</li> </ul>	MDC
4		<b>Council Matters</b>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cnr A Short introduced herself and her background, as the liaison for Rongotea and Tangimoana community committees. Alison has been a Councillor for 12 years, based north of Halcombe with a rural background. Chair of Manawatu Health and Well-Being Group and is one of two Resource Management Act (RMA) Commissioners. Welcome, Alison!</li> <li>- Government has announced \$10 million toward drinking water scheme for Ohakea after the PFAS water contamination. This is not enough to cover the full cost – Council is adding another \$2 million, to be paid by ratepayers over the next couple of years (at a max cost of \$28/ratepayer).</li> <li>- Cnr A Quarrie reported that the imminent rates increase is due to substantial increase in housing valuations and depreciation values</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Meeting Closed</b></p> <p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>9pm</p> <p>Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7:30pm</p> <p>Rongotea Community Library, Douglas Square</p>	