

Rongotea Community Committee Minutes.

Meeting was held at the Community Centre, Douglas Square at 7.30 Monday 3rd August 2020.

Present: L. Berry (Chairman and acting Secretary) H. Wheeler, N. Rees, A. Gloyn, B. Thatcher.

Also, Councillors A. Quarrie and Alison Short. Community Liaison Officer J. Hawthorn.

MDC Senior Planner Matt and Kirk.

Apologies T. Ross, S. and J. Liverton, M. Munn, B. Proctor.

Correspondence. An email reply was received from the Rural Connectivity Group Acknowledging a request that they look into better cell coverage for Rongotea, they said we were identified as an area to receive coverage but could not provide a time frame (that's positive I think)

General business. It was suggested that when the Palm trees are removed from the square that they be replaced with other trees such as Kowhai or maybe a Walnut so the villagers can harvest the walnuts.

Please check that the trees and hedges on your property do not overhang the footpath blocking pedestrians, there are some properties that particularly need attention.

Discussion was held on the walkway. When it is completed, it will be 1.8 km long. We are currently waiting for it to dry out and settle before the lime goes on.

Councillor Alison Short then introduced the Manawatu District Council planning team.

These guys have been tasked in planning where villages and towns grow. Our thoughts were that we enjoyed our village the size it is, however we realise it has to grow, so we intend to have our say in which direction and what size sections should be and of course the big one - ALL sections must be hooked up to village services to save pollution in our country side.

The Council have drawn a circle about 500m around our Village and suggest this is where growth could be. Is this what you want ??

Have your say come to our next meeting on the **Monday the 7th of September, 2020**

Or go to Web sites below:

Complete Overview of District Plan Review – <https://arcg.is/14nXmi>

Rongotea – <https://arcg.is/CDOKS>