

## **Rongotea Community Committee Minutes.**

The meeting was held at the Rongotea Community Centre, Douglas Square Rongotea at 7.30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**Present:** L Berry (Chairman), C Munn (Secretary), A Quarrie (Councillor), A Short (Councillor), H Wheeler, B Procter, A Gloyn, A Hodge, L Barlow and N Munn

**Apologies:** J Hawthorn, J Liverton and S Liverton

Minutes of June 2022 meeting moved and seconded as a true record.

### **Matters Arising:**

- Skate park. Discussion was had on pulling \$10,000 from next year Annual Plan, more information has been requested before the committee will make a decision.
- Skate park committee has requested a letter of support from the Community Committee.

### **Inwards Correspondence:**

- Manawatu District Lions Club has taken over the funding for the Glob caravan, this will be parked at adverts for everyone to be able to obtain a medical / health screening.

### **General Business:**

- Two trees to be purchased for the square.
- Spud in the bucket Susan and Jamie Liverton to arrange the spuds.
- Parcels going astray because the street signs are missing, two street signs to be replaced Thames/Wear Street and Thames / Tyne Street.
- Could the damaged Roundabout chevron sign to be repaired/ replaced please.
- 8<sup>th</sup> June the town ship had no water, on calling the MDC the public was informed that this was a planned maintenance outage, but no communication was sent out by the MDC prior to this outage.

### **Council Report:**

- Community Honours 2022. If you would like to nominate a Manawatu resident for this award for their extensive voluntary services to the community you have until July 31<sup>st</sup> to get the nomination in. Forms are on the MDC website.
- Local Government elections are nearing. Nominations open the 15<sup>th</sup> July and close the 15<sup>th</sup> August. There are three wards this time Rural, Urban and the new Maori Ward plus the position of mayor. Do you have the passion to stand for council and represent your community? Or do you know someone else who would make a great councillor that you could nominate?
- The Rongotea stage of the wastewater centralization project is underway down Green Road. The contractor is Drillco. There will be ongoing traffic management. Allow for delays.
- Rongotea storm water upgrade underway. Contractor is Downers.
- Flooding. There was yet another significant heavy rain event in mid-June. This caused a number of homes in Feilding to be inundated and also areas of the Taonui Basin particularly in the Rangiotu / Main Drain Road area. Council is currently commissioning storm water mitigation design for area of Feilding and early estimates are suggesting the investment required will be \$18 million plus.
- Government reform. The current single party government is undertaking so much reform and policy review that MDC had 19 items to formally submit on in upcoming weeks and months. It has been necessary to form a working group assessment panel to respond to this demand.
- The official opening of the Ohakea rural Water Scheme is August 16<sup>th</sup>
- The NZ Defence Force recently held a planting day at the Mt Stewart Reserve where 4500 native plants and trees were planted. This planting is a memorial to The Missing Wingman's Trust.
- Horizons will be holding a hearing for the resource consent application for Bioplant Manawatu, to build and operate a pyrolysis plant at the Feilding Resource Recovery park.
- Mayor Helen has asked that people consider making a submission against 3 waters to, demand better.nz which closes the 22<sup>th</sup> July.

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Meeting closed 8.45pm

Next meeting to be held 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022

