

## **Rongotea Community Committee Minutes.**

The meeting was held at the Community Centre, Douglas Square at 7.30 on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**Present:** L Berry, (Chairman) C Munn, (new Secretary) H Wheeler, B Procter, N Munn, A Hodge, Councillors: A Short and A Quarrie, also in attendance; L Barlow, A Rees, K Leavesley, K & E Forster and R Kirkland.

**Apologies:** J Hawthorne (MDC Community Liaison)

Minutes of June 2021 Meeting moved and seconded as a true record Nicola Munn & Brian Procter

### **Matters arising:**

Skate Park subcommittee was set up and are looking to find a site and obtain costing and to draw a design. Then once we know what's required, we can apply for funding and start setting up a site.

We would like to find a possible green space in the new subdivision in Banks Road or possibly farmland close to the community so that as our community grows there is somewhere to relax.

Art Gallery sign done and in place. Art Gallery now open. Looks very smart, well done team.

The roundabout design and signs are coming along. There will be 8 panels that can have the design changed to any upcoming community events and will change with the seasons.

Walkway seats ready to be installed. These will be installed about every 500 meters and engraved with the distance in the seat so you can see how far you have walked.

Cherry tree audit done. The Council does not own the trees, the community does. The trees are doing pretty good considering their age.

Communication regarding the road closure on Rongotea Road has been very poor, community would like better communication from the council. (Since the meeting, the roading Manager has responded), Current work planned with sites and approximate dates. Rowe Rd 669 metre starting June 21- finish July 21. Waitohi Rd 1066 metres July 21- July 21, Taipo Rd 520 metres August 21- August 21.)

There was some concern about the lack of street lighting by the Pedestrian crossing on the main road outside the Tavern. Could the Council have a look at this as it gives you quite a fright when someone appears out of the darkness.

### **Council Report:**

10 year plan was adopted except for the development contribution section which will require legal advice, 3 waters reform review proposing 4 water entities we would be in the west coast, not sure if this is voluntary or compulsory to date. Ohakea water scheme is all under way and to be completed by December 2021. Bore that was put in Sanson to a depth of 600 metres to ensure a good supply, this has been future proofed, Wastewater centralisation is under way. The rural transport initiative group have met twice and are going to do a district wide survey to establish if there is a need for a rural bus, car pooling, or just volunteers offering to run people to town.

Representation review 2021- Which means how many Councillors do we want to vote for in the next election. This is a very important decision, do we want 5 Rural, 5 Urban (Status Quo) and 1 Maori and the Mayor has 1 seat. Note: the Maori and the Mayoral seats are not optional but the urban/ rural mix is.

Tyre stop at the Pool Higgins to price the replacement these.

For our Cemetery parking sign. We would Like it worded SHORT TERM VISITOR PARKING ONLY. That's for those parking outside not intended for those on the inside who are resting there.

Kellow Road sign now replaced.

Streetlight in Trent Street no job logged with Council this has been past to a contractor to fix. (This has now been fixed)

Cell phone site Spark to get back to Lance on a site.

Lime now on walking track, Dean Arnott has donated his time and machinery to this community project a huge Thank You to Dean, from the community. Also, to those who raked out the lime to get it looking so good.

Trees for the Square, suggestion from council was a Walnut or Chestnut. It was also suggested by committee members that maybe a Golden Elm or umbrella type tree might be suitable.

Community Email account to be created: [rongoteacommunitycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:rongoteacommunitycommittee@gmail.com)

Ally Thompson from Neighbourhood Support Manawatu will be attending our next meeting.

Meeting closed 9.10pm Next Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> August.