

Rongotea Community Committee Minutes.

Meeting was held at the Community Centre, Douglas Square, Rongotea at 7.30 Tuesday 6th of April 2021.

Welcome: Chairman Lance Berry welcomed everyone to the April meeting.

Present: L Berry, H Wheeler, B Procter, A Gloyn, N Rees, A Hodge, J & S Liverton, C Munn, K Leavesley, Matt, Aidyn and Guy.

Councillors: Alison Short and Andrew Quarrie. Also, Constable Mike Linton

Apologies: Janine Hawthorne.

The minutes from the March meeting were moved and accepted. Bryan/Henry.

Matters Arising: The new heat pump has been installed in the Community Centre. The Council was contacted on what type of trees should be planted in The Square, although the Community is still keen on the walnut and fruit trees.

It was suggested that we create a simple instruction sheet on how to care for the cherry trees outside people's properties as these are Community owned and there is an expectation for you to look after the lawn and trees outside the front of your property.

Correspondence: We received a letter from the Mayor re the 10-year plan consultation. Submissions will be open from the 12th of April to the 12th of May please have your say, see the MDC website.

District plan: A reminder, if you want to give feedback on the rural and settlement zones you have until the 16th of April – see the MDC website.

Councillor Andrew Quarrie said good progress is being made on the Sanson water bore and commented on what an amazing job the Kimbolton Community did on their Sculpture Festival.

Proposed new skate park. Matt, Aidyn, Guy and parent Kim came to the meeting with a request for support to build a skate park in the village. The boys have gathered over 200 signatures of people who support the idea. (Well done guys). The idea was well received. The next stage is to get designs and costings done so funding can be applied for. We had offers of support from those who built the Feilding skate park which was a great start and are now seeking parent support to help push this project along. The Community Committee has offered to help any way they can - some of the older committee members even woke up and nodded their approval. We will get all interested parties together and have a meeting.

Constable Mike Linton is based in Feilding and looks after Rongotea, Tangimoana, Himatangi and Sanson. He attended our meeting and told us about his work in the area and some of his plans to reduce crime and in particular speeding through our village and boy racers and what they get up to. He also commented that each patrol went well over summer.

S Liverton brought to our attention that there were water issues around Christmas time. She contacted the Council but has had no response. The water was discoloured and asked if we can have some information on how often the water is tested. The water seems to be okay at the moment.

B Procter requested that the culvert between The Square and the 4 Square be flushed out as it is blocked. Note: The Fire Brigade normally do this three times a year on a training night, but we request the Council have a look at this.

Roundabout Signage: Further ideas have been discussed, we could have removable panels on this and they could be themed for upcoming events e.g., Anzac, Gala, Easter, Christmas, Fireworks and possibly change with the seasons e.g. sunsets.

Meeting closed 8:45pm

Next meeting Monday 3rd of May 2021.