

## **Rongotea Community Committee Minutes.**

The meeting was held at the Rongotea Community Centre, Douglas Square Rongotea at 7.30pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

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

**Apologies:** A Short (Councillor), J Hawthorn, J Cook, A Hodge, J Liverton and S Liverton  
Minutes of May 2022 meeting moved and seconded as a true record

### **Matters Arising:**

- Street light in North/East corner of Douglas Square bulb is flickering, no update from MDC
- Street light outside public toilet bulb is flickering, no update from MDC
- Street light on the corner of Thames Street and Tamar street bulb is flickering, no update from MDC

### **Inwards Correspondence:**

- Waitohi Road Pothole has been given the approval to have a permanent fix rather than a repair, the ground is to be excavated to determine the cause.
- resource consent is being put in for the new subdivision, what would we like to see as part of the condition, walkway, footpaths, curb and channeling, RCC to ask for a plane of the sections

### **General Business:**

- could Kellow Road and Hammond Road be made wider as this is a main detour route when the state highway is closed for an emergency incident.
- Street lighting in the village to be improved, very poor visibility and unsafe to walk at night, suggested MDC to come out and survey at night.
- Trees to be replaced in the square, can the parks and reserves department of the MDC please provide some ideas
- Potato's for the spud in the bucket
- plaque for Vincent

### **Council Report:**

- Rongotea skate park. It is great news that Rongotea Lions have agreed to be the project sponsor so that we can now work through a registered charity. So far, this project has seed funding committed of \$15,000. (\$10,000 MDC Annual Plan + \$5000 Rongotea Community Committee).
- The 2022/23 Annual Plan has been adopted. There was little variance to what was set out in the Long Term Plan. The total rates rise for the district is 6.99% (which will vary property to property depending on services). Council is increasingly aware of affordability but is also not immune to inflation, supply chain issues, skilled staff shortages etc. Remember in 2020, in response to Covid 19, MDC had a 0.00% rate rise.
- Council has agreed to completely review the MDC rating system. Rates are very complex and guided by legislation so this will be a big exercise and take some time.
- Many infrastructure projects are underway currently and some are near completion. You will have seen that new Managaweka Bridge is now open, which will make a huge difference to accessibility to the north of our district. The Ohakea Rural water scheme is nearly complete and will be operational before long. Locally in Rongotea village, you have some storm water work underway.
- Waste minimisation and Waste Management Plan. We received 96 submissions, and several came in to talk to us in person. The final draft of the updated plan is underway and will be adopted in coming weeks, in the draft, the proposal is to go ahead with kerbside bins and recycling in Rongotea village but to also retain the Mobile Recycling centre to cater to rural residents.
- District Plan update. It is a real battle getting this progressed quickly as we struggle with skilled staff shortages. At this stage, it looks like the large Banks Road subdivision owners will need to

go through a Plan change. This is a lengthy legal process and may take 1-2 years to finalise. You will hear more as this progresses.

- MDC is now faced with so much legislation and policy review coming at us hard and fast from Central Government that we've had to develop a separate working group of some staff and councilors. 19 items for us to submit to government over the next couple of months.

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Meeting closed 8.25pm

Next meeting to be held 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022