

Rongotea Community Committee Minutes.

Meeting was held at the Community Centre, Douglas Square, Rongotea at 7.30 Monday 7th June.

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

Present: L Berry, H Wheeler, B Procter, N Munn, A Hodge, C Munn, S Manley.
Councillor, Alison Short.

Apologies: Janine Hawthorne, MDC Community Liaison.

10 Year Plan - Rongotea's submission.

The Rongotea Community Committee asked for the following to be included; A small car parking area at the rear of the cemetery, more and improved foot paths in the village, assistance with creating a Skate park in the village, asking that houses in the new development be hooked up to village services to prevent pollution of our waterways. The Council was also asked to purchase a section in the new subdivision as a future green space or park with all the community contributions collected from the property owners in the new subdivision, also asked why so much Te Reo Maori was used in Documents when the majority of us don't understand what it means.

Minutes of May meeting moved and seconded as a true record of May meeting.

Matters arising. Skate park - Last meeting we asked for more help from the parents of proposed users no one has approached us. Please attend our next meeting otherwise the Rongotea Community Committee will not continue their support.

The sign on the corner of Rongotea Rd and Kellow Road is damaged. Please repair.

Correspondence: Neighbourhood Support are trying to set up Rural transport group and asked if anyone was interested in joining their steering group.

The heat pump has been having a few operator issues, but this has now been resolved.

Alison's Council report - The 10 year plan had deliberations and is still to be formally signed off. As I understand it The Community Development fund is to be held at \$147,000 for the next year, so if you are looking for funding to run an event here is your chance to apply make the most of this opportunity because it's your money.

Earthquake building fund the council have put aside \$75,000 to cover the next 3 years, 1 grant per building maximum of \$3,500 per building to help with things like building consents and compliance.

The Culvert replacement on Rongotea Rd is way behind schedule. Does it have anything to do with the 3 days spent catching and tagging Eels, could this have been done prior to the road closure?

There was discussion on the Maori Wards that the Council has passed.

Community Honours award nominations close on 31 July 2021.

Sue Manley from the Rongotea Arts and Crafts thanked the Community Committee for allowing her to set up a display area for Art and collections including schools and other interested groups. There is going to be an opening ceremony in July and the Tangimoana Art Group will be the first to display their work. Sue has asked for a sign to be made for the front of the building to promote the Gallery.

The verges on Cole Road and there are pot holes appearing on Taipo Rd due to the increased traffic because Rongotea is closed. (Since the meeting the Council have informed me, they are monitoring this. There is a 520 metre section of Taipo Road programmed for Cement Stabilization in the 21/22 maintain season.)

A question was asked about the completion of the lime on the walkway. (The contractor has been contacted, he said, he hoped to be there in the next couple of weeks.)

A stencil is being made so that we can router the new seats for the walkway before they are installed.

Could the Council get their contractor to look at the street light outside 24 Trent street as it has not been working for 2 months, it has been rung in twice.

Construction is underway of the signage boards for the round-about in The Square, these should look amazing once completed.

Meeting closed 8.45 Next meeting 5th July, 2021 at 7.30pm