

## **Rongotea Community Committee Minutes.**

The meeting was held at the Rongotea Community Centre, Douglas Square Rongotea at 7.30pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Present: L Berry (Chairman), C Munn (Secretary), F Underwood (Councillor), A Quarrie (Councillor), N Nema (Community Wellbeing Office), B Procter, H Wheeler, A Gloyn , L Barlow, S Liverton, J Liverton, N Munn, K Leavesley and K Smith.

**Apologies:** A Hodge and M Munn.

Minutes of July 2023 meeting moved and seconded as a true record.

### **Inwards Correspondence:**

- Invoice from A D Pretious (Electrician) for \$262.72 approved by C Munn and second by N Munn
- A Pretious (Electrician) has advised that the Community Centre needs to be rewired, this information has been passed on to F Underwood & N Nema to notify the right MCD representative to have this done.
- Community Movie night Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August at the Te Kawau Memorial Recreation Centre doors open 5.30pm and Movie starts 6.30pm
- Rongotea new sub division has been approved to go ahead
- MDC Community Action Point

- Rongotea Road bottom of the cemetery hill road surface issue is still a work in progress.

- Flooding Sign permanent Flooding sign on Rongotea / Longburn road by the S bend that can be flicked down when there is flooding. Roading team responded that they are happy to consider this request and it will done approximately 1 month as the Higgins signs person is quite swamped at the moment. They are going to put some other flooding signs in similar known locations at the same time.

### **General Business:**

- Thank You to the Rongotea and District Lions for organising the trimming of the Cherry Trees.
- Roading Forum meeting held on the Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July at the Kimbolton Hall update this meeting focus more on the road to the north of the Manawatu.
- Skatepark update Thank You to Kim Leavesley for all your hard work so far she has been able to raise \$82,440 of the 120K needed.
- Flock of pigeons being a nuisance in the village, Community Committee to get a price quoted to get help with this problem.
- Spud in the bucket collection date from the Rongotea Square Gazebo 9<sup>th</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> September and be dug up 20<sup>th</sup> December

Facebook group name – Rongotea Community Committee

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Meeting closed 8.20pm

Next meeting to he held 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Council Update July 2023 - Rongotea

The Audit and Risk Committee presented the minutes from the 8 June meeting (can be viewed on MDC website under Meetings, Agendas & Minutes/Agendas & Minutes/Audit & Risk Committee). The Quarterly Performance Report (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter) to 31 March 2023 was also presented and received by Council. (can be viewed as a separate file with the Council agenda for 6 July 2023).

11 remits, prepared by councils around the country, were presented to determine our Council's level of support. Remit #9 was prepared by our Council in regard to earthquake prone buildings. MDC gave support to 8 of the 11 remits, however, all 11 remits were adopted by LGNZ at annual conference, held in Christchurch 26-28 July. (The remits can be viewed, in a summary table and in full, in agenda for 6 July 2023 beginning page 38).

Council decided not to proceed with the adoption of the Development Contributions Rebate Policy 2021 and the Social and Affordable Rental Housing Residential Unit Rebate Scheme Criteria 2021 in their current form following public submissions. Council officers will explore alternative mechanisms to incentivise the development of social and affordable housing. (The draft policies and public submissions can be viewed in Council agenda for 6 July 2023, beginning at page 84).

Council approved the continuation of in-house professional service delivery for roading, deeming that any benefits of undertaking a review of the current arrangements, do not justify the associated costs.

Council voted to keep the 'First Past the Post' voting system for the 2025 and 2028 local body elections.

More Local Government Official Information requests have been received and processed. Current and past requests, with responses, can be viewed on MDC website under *Contact Us, Official Information Requests, LGOIMA Requests*.

Long-term plan public engagement events are continuing. Go to the MDC website, click on homepage banner What Matters Manawatu? Get involved and go into the draw to win an E-bike. **Events coming up:**

- Community Movie Night this Friday 11 August at Rec Centre, 5.30-6.30pm, followed by movie.
- Rongotea community engagement, Sunday 20 August at Rec Centre, 10am - noon.

The second Storywalk is now complete at Kowhai Park, the first being at Mt Lees Reserve.

MDC has recently joined the Welcoming Communities programme, designed to create inclusive environments where all residents, including refugees and migrants, can thrive and belong. Find out more on MDC website or at Immigration NZ, *About US, What We Do*.