

## **Rongotea Community Committee Minutes.**

The meeting was held at the Community Centre, Douglas Square at 7.30 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

**Present:** L Berry (chairman and acting Secretary) H Wheeler, B Proctor, N Rees, B Thatcher, C Harper, G and L Williams. Also, Councillors - Alison Short and Andrew Quarrie.

**Apologies:** MDC Mayor Helen Worboys, Community Liaison Officer J Hawthorn, S and J Liverton.

**Correspondence:** Invoice was passed from Arnott Agriculture for the work on the walkway. Thanks to Dean and the team.

A submission was made to the MDC requesting a parking area be constructed at the rear of the Cemetery as some older folk are finding it hard to walk all the way from the front gate to visit their lost loved ones.

A discussion was held on the Palm trees and the fact it was nice to finally see them gone, the pigeons are in the process of being relocated.

A report from our Liaison Councillor was read, it was about Council activity projects for the future.

The new cell tower for Rongotea is in the planning stage, it is going to happen not sure when though. A question was asked of Councillor Short as to whether it would be 5G, Councillor Short said she would find out for us.

We were advised of some interesting facts:

The NZTA lost 1.4 billion dollars during lockdown in road user charges as there were not as many vehicles on the road.

The NZTA has reduced its roading subsidy that it gives to Council from 53% to 51% which is quite a significant amount.

The MDC CEO Richard Templer has resigned and is moving to Wellington with his family.

Due to a recent nasty accident it has been asked if the Council could hurry up and get Chevron signs put up at the Waitohi end of Waitohi Road. These have been requested before and nothing has happened.

A discussion was held on the "Boy Racers" that pass through our village and what to do about it -

The Police will be contacted for input and this will be discussed further.

There are a lot of potholes by the Recycle Centre - Could these be repaired please.

Speaking of potholes, the Kopane bridge potholes are quite a talking point. The Council have let themselves down on this one. They repair them and the following day the holes are back. I spoke to the Roading Manager and he stated this is going to be a major job as the road is going to have to be all ripped up and done again. I believe they are waiting on NZTA for funding approval. I hope there is not an accident and someone gets hurt while we wait.

Don't forget to enter the spud in a bucket competition.

There was quite a bit of discussion on the proposed village growth plan and a submission will be made to Council. However, we think this will be a waste of time as subdivisions are already underway south of Rongotea.

More information hopefully at next meeting.

Next meeting – 7.30pm 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. The Community Constable has indicated he will also be attending.

Meeting closed 9.15pm