

Rongotea Community Committee Minutes.

The meeting was held at the Gazebo, Douglas Square Rongotea at 7.30pm on the 14th February 2022.

Present: L Berry (Chairman), C Munn (Secretary), A Short (Councillor), A Gloyn, H Wheeler, B Procter, N Munn, J Liverton, S Liverton, A Hodge, K Leavesley, H Worboys (Mayor), J Cook.

Apologies: J Hawthorn, A Quarrie (Councillor), L Barlow

Minutes of December 2021 meeting moved and seconded as a true record

Matters Arising:

Limited Parking Signs, Requested time limited parking signs outside the cemetery as it awkward if someone left a vehicle parked there and there was a funeral – we have not seen these yet, we would like it worded Short Term Visitor Parking only, WIP, working with roading.

Lighting outside Tavern, There was some concern about the lack of street lighting by the Pedestrian crossing on the main road outside the Tavern, could the Council have a look at this as it gives you quite a fright when someone appears out of the darkness, Has been put on the wish list for better lighting for when budget comes available, Passed onto the Job in Roading – away awaiting reply.

Dog poo signs, Apparently there's lots of dog poo along the Waitohi Road walkway as people think its rural and they can leave it there, if so, two to three signs please, James has contacted Re Services and will install one at each end of the walkway, forwarded to James, WIP

Culvert has slumped the new one by the S bends on Rongotea Road, possibly due to the very heavy rain event a month ago, the culvert furthest from the cemetery. There are a number of potholes around the district and Lance will phone or email them in, WIP, Forwarded to Jo B.

Skate park - K Leavesley presented L Berry with a letter which has been approved, to be able to get more funding.

General Business:

Trees on corner of Trent Street & Thames Street to be trimmed (To be phoned through to the Manawatu District Council) trees are to be removed to put in a new drain.

Taipo Road needs to be resealed has lots of new potholes (To be phoned through to the Manawatu District Council)

Humber Street & Wear Street sign to be reinstated (To be phoned through to the Manawatu District Council)

Ouse Street Footpath residents are urged to leave with the Manawatu District Council until finish.

Kopane Bridge to be resealed on the west side (To be phoned through to the Manawatu

District Council)

Congratulations to the Mayor on the Three waters stance

Thames & Tyne Street Cherry trees to be trimmed (To be phoned through to the Manawatu District Council)

Severn Street flooding, was created by rubbish, reminder to all residents to clean out drains if you notice rubbish, to try and avoid flooding.

Recycling bins overfull – if you notice they are full ring through to the council, which will help get bigger bins. Lance went to change the battery in the camera and it was gone, Shame on you whom ever has stolen the camera.

New Camera to be purchased for the Recycling area approved and seconded by N Munn & A Gloyn

Fence at the Playground to be repainted (To be phoned through to the Manawatu District Council)

Stepping blocks at the playground one has been removed from the ground (Volunteers will repair this)

Plaque to be purchased and installed in memory of Vincent Jenkins

Cell phone tower for Rongotea L Berry to put in a submission

Council Report:

- Manawatu District Council operating differently under red traffic light system
- The organisation has been divided into two teams to reduce the risk of disruption to daily operations
- Council itself in two teams A Short is in 'Zoom Team' A Quarrie is in 'Office Team'
- Many staff working from home much of the time
- Council Reception is open to everybody, but Library & Makino Pool are Vaccine pass entry.
- No face to face meetings, zoom or phone instead
- Public places bylaw 17 submissions received supporting the banning of alcohol in playground, but also comments on where to allow mobile vendors eg: Food trucks & Caravans
- Mangeaweka bridge, bridge finished, just finishing approaches open soon.
- Turners Road Council has purchased the last section of land to open up turners road from SH54 (by TRC tractors) through to Kawakawa Road, this will open up much industrial land.
- Annual Report 20/21 due to staff shortages at audit NZ, this has only just been signed off.
- Total Revenue: \$65.3m (\$44m from rates, balance from subsidies, grants, DC's etc)
- Total expenditure: \$89.4m (\$57m in operational expenditure) (\$32. in capital

expenditure)

- Budgeted surplus was \$3.3m but largely due to covid & resourcing issues, actual surplus was \$8.25m
- **Highlights** 653 Building consents, 181 Land use consents, 156 submission consents, 53km of road resealing
- **Roading & Footpaths** Wear street next, new guardrails on bridges in Rongotea Road & Main Drain Road
- **Upcoming Consultation** Review of 'waste minimisation plan includes services in village and rural, blue bag route, mobile recycling centres and opportunity to comment on new initiatives like village curb side recycling collection
- **District Plan Review** Delays in resourcing but hoping to get it out for engagement in the near future

Community Email account is now up and running feel free to email any thing you would like brought up in the next meeting rongoteacommunitycommittee@gmail.com

Meeting closed 8.16pm

Next meeting to be held 7th March 2022