

Waituna West Community Meeting Held at the Waituna West Hall
Wednesday 1st July 2020

Present:

Committee – Mary-Anne Shannon, John Williamson, Jeremy Cumming, Marija Hare, Scott Clare, Greg Shannon, Mike Will, Craig Hogan, Hugh Hare.

Council – Steve Bielski

Apologies – Catherine Jacobs, Janine Hawthorn.

Minutes of last meeting – accepted as read

Treasurer's Report – No change in the Community fund from last time.

Balance remains at **\$2000.22** as at 30/5/2020

The Hall total has dropped slightly during the period however, with income from badminton of **\$67.00**, and expenses of **\$165.93** for power,so,

Balance is **\$1342.36**, as at 30/5/2020.

Treasurer's Report accepted 1st John Williamson 2nd Mary-Anne Shannon

Council Report: Steve Bielski

Council has allocated \$1000 to each community for a post-covid Breakout Bash, to start a bit of social normalisation. Called 'Reconnex', this will be put on in conjunction with the school.

Traction sealing – that is, the sealing on metal roads of areas that are highly prone to corrugations is being considered.

The welfare of goats being grazed on the side of the road has been brought into question by some persons living in Auckland, who, of course have a strong local commitment to the region.

There have so far been four tenders for the Mangaweka Bridge build.

Rates for the next round are set to be 0%, with Feilding house prices going up slightly, but with rural areas falling just a bit.

Revamp of the Council Buildings is going to be in the region of \$2 mill, to bring it up to earthquake code

The upgrade of the kids play area at Kowhai Park is going to cost the best part of \$500,000 – but at least we get more than a slide!

The Beaconsfield Cell tower at Williamson's Road is up and running, and those with the technology can now get 4G reception and are able to play much more sophisticated games.

The proposal of community members to be honoured for having done outstanding things in the area will close on the 31st of July. That's all of us folks, we're all outstanding!

General Business:

Council allocation of funds for this year of \$3000, brings our total now to \$8421 available for use.

Suggestions were called for on how this should be spent:

Sprucing up the curtains in the Hall (change to blinds?)

But this time it was decided that we should ask Jeremy to enquire into a 6 x 2.4m container for storage of much of the paraphernalia that continually clogs up the front foyer, and to proceed with the purchase should the price and availability be acceptable 1st Marija Hare, 2nd Mary-Anne Shannon, and unanimously agreed to.

Metal Roads in the district are still terrible.

There is talk of a water scheme taking water from the Rangitikei at Vinegar Hill to provide water to a portion of the hillier country around Tapuae and beyond. There was some discussion as to whether this was viable.

Does the Hall septic tank need cleaning? When was it last done?? This is to be checked, and we will do this in conjunction with anyone else around about who needs theirs sorted after a notice has been placed in the newsletter.

Badminton/ table tennis/ and darts will be starting up in the hall on Tuesdays.

There are a few road signs down, requiring some attention:

The Waituna – Tapuae sign at the SH54 junction

The Mangapipi Road sign

The School sign

A letter will be drafted to the school requesting that community news be dispersed more frequently by this method, and we will provide a donation to enable this.

School: Mike Will

The new Principal is still new, due to Covid!

There will be no fat lamb competition this year

Meeting finished at 8:17pm

Next Meeting set for Wednesday 14th October 2020 at 7:05pm

Some outcomes since this meeting:

Steve has got onto the roading issue, and received this reply:

Gents,

Higgins have a grader dealing with these roads as I compose this email. If maintenance gravel is required, I have instructed this to be applied. I have confidence that it will be done.

In saying this, I have investigated some of the requests for maintenance gravel on some roads and found there to be sufficient gravel. Sometimes the road appears to be smooth but that is because finer materials migrate upwards due to moisture and the vibrating effect of vehicular traffic. The thickness of the gravel layer is mostly in excess of 100mm and therefore considered to be sufficient. A good grade usually does the trick to restore the surface. If this is not the case, and gravel is less than about 75mm additional gravel will be added.

Regards

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So hopefully there will be some improvements coming our way.

The post-Covid Bash at the hall on Saturday 4th of July was enjoyed by all who attended, but there is food left over! So it's going to be left-overs for the Christmas Do!!

Jeremy procured the container, which now sits unobtrusively behind the school changing sheds. It has already made a huge contribution to the lack of clutter in the Hall foyer!