

Waituna West Community Meeting held on Wednesday 8th March 2023

Present:

Committee – Maryanne Shannon, Jeremy Cumming, Marija Hare, John Williamson, Craig Hogan, Scott Clare

Council – Helen Worboys (Mayor), Janine Hawthorn, Negin Nematollahi, Kerry Quigley (liaison)

Community – Julie-Anne Williamson, Erin Moar, Barbara Quigley

Apologies – Mark Dickens (Police), Gene Moore (School Principal), Hugh Hare, Greg Shannon

1st Maryanne Shannon

2nd John Williamson

Minutes of last meeting – accepted as read

1st Craig Hogan

2nd Maryanne Shannon

Correspondence - ‘ Family Fun Day’ 19th March hosted by Community Hub team at Manawatū District Council

-‘Great Manawatu Easter Hunt’ 7th – 22nd April being put on by Council via Feilding Promotions

Treasurer’s Report – Jeremy Cumming

Final Balances:

Community \$2012.00

Hall \$2150.46

Moved as accepted

1st Jeremy Cumming

2nd Marija Hare

Council – Kerry Quigley

This is Kerry’s inaugural meeting with us in which he is going to show us the depth of his immersion into the arcane matters of Council!

- The consequences of Cyclone Gabrielle on the Pohangina Valley are an estimated \$8 – \$10million clean-up, which includes the reinstatement of 3 bridges.
- Turner’s Road extension is proceeding and should take 2 – 3 years with around 70 industrial sites available.
- National has announced its equivalent of ‘3 Waters’, which they have dubbed ‘Deliver Waters Well’, and has basically taken on what Councils have been recommending for eternity.

- The upgrade of the Feilding stormwater system which has been recognised for some time as a migraine waiting for a disprin is estimated to cost in the region of \$18 million, but for the proofing of inevitable future weather events will be cheap for the protection it will afford.
- There have been issues with a subdivision consent in Rongotea where because soil types 2 & 3 don't allow this activity, the developers have employed private contractors to show that the soils are not actually as have been previously recognised.
- The pyrolytic waste disposal plant proposal at Kawakawa Road is on hold for the present while the requirement by Regional Council for better information is obtained by the proponents.
- Hamish Waugh is looking into the feasibility of a food/organic recycling plant at Kawakawa Road – and no, not for redistribution to food banks but for bio-fuel which would provide a saleable product. This could cost \$10 million but in the long run could be a goer.
- There are some very good comms people now at Council who are in the process of getting their messages out to the District in a way that will be interesting, available and intoxicating. They are obviously very young, savvy and adept! They will organise for a letter from the Mayor to be regularly sent out to the Community Committees who will distribute them to all regular contacts.

School Report – Erin Moar

The Nelson camp for the bulk of the school was evidently really well organised and went off without a hitch – apart from having the return ferry turned around on them! It was a full-on event, staying at the Richmond T Pot Valley Christian Camp, which was fully catered.

Activities included; Richmond Caves,

Little electric cars

Virtual reality goggles

Ferry to the lighthouse – so, we all should have been there!

53 children went plus parents and teachers – the latter two of which are still recovering!

School roll is 53+

General Business

Continuing complaints from those up the Tapuae Road about that road's state. Negin has suggested she will action this.

Vegetation has been trimmed beside the Waituna bridge. Maryanne has thanked Waka Kotahi for this simple act of practical safety.

Meeting closed at 8:00pm

Waituna West Community & Hall AGMs

Adjunct meeting to elect the committee and offices for the next period.

Maryanne Shannon stepped down as Chairperson handing her authority to the Mayor, Helen Worboys.

Nominations for the Community Committee:

Chairperson - Maryanne Shannon

Secretary - John Willianson

Treasurer - Jeremy Cumming

Committee - Craig Hogan

Marija Hare

Greg Shannon

Hugh Hare

Scott Clare

Mike Will

And new blood Julie-Anne Williamson

Erin Moar

- All nominated randomly, 2nd ed arbitrarily, agreed to unanimously!

Meeting closed 8:05pm

New Meeting Opened 8:07pm

Negin mentioned that there are two events coming up being put on by Feilding Promotions. The first is the Youth Communities Fun Day at Kowhai Park on Sunday the 19th of March – free food, free fun!

Second is the Great Manawatu Easter Hunt – which gives people the opportunity to explore the district and find out local facts, culminating in a barbeque and prizes at Kowhai Park – again. Good venue.

Sarah Gilbertson from Feilding Promotions requested something iconically Waitunaesque that we could provide for this. Suggestions were:

‘What is the latest business set up in Rewa?’

‘What do the dates on the Waituna entrance signify?’

‘When was the Waituna Hall built?’

These have to be in by the 10th, so if anyone has anything more startling, you’ve got a day!

Janine suggested that we have around \$5000 brought forward of Council Money.

Maryanne hypothesised that we could utilise this by concreting the smokers den and keeping the barbeque in there, or maybe getting some new curtains for the Hall. The curtains might win this one!

Conversation moved on to communication with the community and how existing methods could be utilised. There is a community facebook page up and running, and also the school newsletter. These will have to be a stop-gap until we can get a system sorted out that can be utilised for dispensing information and for emergency situations.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 14th June 2023