

**Waituna West Community Meeting Held at John Williamson's House**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Present:**

**Committee** – Mary-Anne Shannon, Jeremy Cumming, John Williamson

**Council** – Steve Bielski

**Also** – Claire Audier - School Principal  
Aly Thompson - Neighbourhood Support

**Apologies** – Hugh Hare, Janine Hawthorn, Scott Clare, Greg Shannon, Craig Hogan, Marija Hare, Mark Dickens, Mike Will

**Minutes of Last Meeting** – Accepted as read 1<sup>st</sup> Mary-Anne Shannon  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremy Cumming

**Treasurer's Report** – J Cumming (as at 30/5/2021)

	Final Balances	Community	\$2000.35
		Hall	\$3091.35
Rural Support Hall Hire	\$30.00		
Table Hire	\$50.00		
Donated Wool	\$273.60		
Power		\$160.72	

We will also be rolling the remainder of the Council Community Grant over into the next financial year.

1<sup>st</sup> Jeremy Cumming  
2<sup>nd</sup> John Williamson

**School Report** – Claire Audier

The school is progressing in Winter mode, like the hum of an off-duty beehive!

- Wormalds came and did a fire alarms check, and at the same time discovered the Hall WoF was out of date. This is a council responsibility.
- Claire also mentioned that with the school using the Hall regularly, that often switches for lights and appliances are tricky to find for those not

using them all the time, and perhaps an information sheet could be useful.

### **Neighbourhood Support – Aly Thompson**

Aly gave us a brief rundown of her responsibilities in Neighbourhood Support and her role in connecting with rural communities.

The prime focus is with Civil Defence with particular reference to rural communities and communications with the people within these communities

Aly has also been asked to help organise other community activities as a connection for individuals who may get out much, such as;

- Music and movement for the elderly.
- Buddy reading in schools.
- Rural community transport initiative – bus services to the villages.

Aly is available for discussion on any of these matters and anything else that people may consider important.

### **Council Matters - Update provided by Cr Bielski**

Community funding of \$140,000 has been voted forward as an acknowledgement of the benefits it provides for rural activities.

Shane Harris, previously Regulator of Services has been given the position of CEO.

Council also needs to find a new Parks and Reserves Manager.

The 10 year plan is about to be finalised.

Rates are going to get a 5 – 7% lift

NZTA is proposing that roundabouts are to be placed on Kimbolton Road at the junctions of Pharazyn and East Streets, no doubt costing half a motorway, but at least it will be spread across the country and not just us.

Govt. is pressing ahead with the 3 waters programme, wanting a new entity to control water across the entire country, however MDC suggests they have this under control, but many other Councils around the country don't.

Wastewater extensions to the closer villages are progressing.

The new recycling shed is nearing completion, and this enterprise will soon be shifted onto the new site on Kawakawa Road.

The rural/urban wards are being reviewed – again.

Kimbolton Village may be getting some new sealing for the couple of roads on the outskirts that are still metal and there are metal roads around the district which will likely get traction seal. Higgins has been awarded the contract for this year.

Development contributions – people are curious as to how it is being spent, and whether it is where the houses are being constructed. Steve stated that it would be on infrastructure which is either new or needs improving to accommodate all the new houses that are, and will be built.

**Meeting Finished at 8:00 pm**

**Next Meeting set for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7:05 pm**

**(Probably in the Hall, but to be confirmed)**