

that should have been, given the rhetoric coming out of the Bee-hive for quite some time now. Rents need to be put up to offset this, but pensioner rent %age will remain below the national average.

- The new Manfield driver training centre is proving to be a great success, and at this time is providing a good income. A facility that will have a continuing demand with construction of the Gorge bypass road and ongoing extensions to the ranges windfarms.
- The 1km of tarseal/year being applied to gravel roads and in areas of greatest potential damage that has been floated is being considered in the 2 year plan. It could stop some of the Tapuae residents floating off the road in places!
- NZTA has proposed that it will put in a roundabout at the junction of North St. and Kimbolton Road. Discussion suggested that the SH1 junction at Sanson would also benefit from a similar installation. The cheap option to by-passing both towns.
- The laying of sewer pipes to take effluent from Sanson to the Feilding ponds is progressing, with Ohakea joining the scheme and paying for their part. Other centres will follow, and evidently anyone along the route of the main pipeline can join. Local settling ponds will be maintained so only the effluent is pumped to Feilding. The question of surplus processing capacity at Feilding was met with '2 – 3x existing'.
- The new recycling shed on Kawakawa Road is up and will soon be the place to go for a fun time.
- The extension of the bus service around Feilding is being considered, and maybe also once a week to some of the outlying villages.
- The stock-droving bylaw has been postponed and is to be reassessed due to impracticalities and inconsistencies in the initial draft.
- Janine is planning on putting out a 3 monthly informal newsletter informing the communities what is happening at Council and how they can be involved. An update on this will be provided at the Council at 5:00pm 7th April for those who are interested.

- At the office – Still hunting down a new CEO.
A lot of staff are working from home still and using zoom
- The Govt., with its 3 water plan, is angling to take over potable, sewerage and storm water management because of rubbish and decaying systems around the country that have never been looked at again from inception. Feilding's, however is well maintained and progressive, and there is a feeling that there needs to be a push-back so that we can maintain control of our own, otherwise no funding would ever come our way again, it would all be siphoned off to Auckland and that infrastructurally collapsing hell-hole – Wellington.
- The New Mangaweka Bridge is progressing well, with piles almost done. There has been a delay in getting the girders which are coming from Korea but are being held up in China. Probably thought they were going to Australia!
- Rates are probably going to go up. As if they weren't.

Police – Mark Dickens

The odd sheep is still being stolen, and power wire theft over the wider Manawatu area is giving someone out there a buzz!

And please continue to keep an eye out for strange behaviour and report any suspicious activities – and try to get vehicle details.

Meeting Finished at 8:09 pm

Next Meeting set for Wednesday 9th June @ 7:00 pm

(Probably at John or Mary-Anne's place – to be confirmed)