

## **Waituna West Community Meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

### **Present:**

**Committee** - Maryanne Shannon, Marija Hare, Julie-Anne McGregor, John Williamson, Erin Moar, Scott Clare, Craig Hogan.

**Council:** - Kerry Quigley

**Community** – Barbara Quigley

### **Apologies:**

Jeremy Cumming, Hugh Hare, Greg Shannon, Gene Moore

**Minutes of last meeting:** - Accepted as read

1<sup>st</sup> – Maryanne Shannon

2<sup>nd</sup> – John Williamson

### **Treasurer's Report:** - Jeremy Cumming

- To be finalised when Jeremy returns from his adventures

**Correspondence:-** Letter from Janine re community funding  
Community Honours – nominations in by 31<sup>st</sup> July  
Scavenger Hunt – from 1<sup>st</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Ratepayers meeting – to discuss various Council decisions – 20<sup>th</sup> June

### **Council Report** - Kerry Quigley

These following have been affirmatively voted for but have yet to be signed off:

- Roading rates differentials are to be removed over a 3 year period
- Town centre parking limit enforcement is to be funded @ 75% from rates
- Building control is moving 80% to user pays
- The Waituna West Rural Water Scheme extension funding has been brought forward
- Rates increase has been set at 7.09% which is, at this stage, less than the projected Long Term Plan expenditure.
- Generally the Manawatu District is in good shape, with a few glitches, to be mentioned, that need to be sorted out.
- A decision will be made soon as to whether MDC will stand alone or work in with some neighbouring councils to collaborate with 3 waters. MDC is much more

advanced with these, and ratepayers will not be happy if funding is siphoned off to pay for neighbouring council's indiscretions and laziness.

- Highly Productive land class 3 soils have been removed from suburban extension restrictions thus allowing for housing movement beyond the present urban limits for some of the southern towns.

**School** – Erin added to this report augmenting Gene's input

The Tiger Turf has been refurbished, but is not really up to scratch with drainage being an issue and pooling in wet weather keeping it from full all weather use.

The Ministry of Education have included a generator in the school's 10 year plan which will hopefully installed by year's end.

A plan for the pool to be emptied and repainted this Winter are progressing, with leaks found and fixed by Dave Greenfield over the past Summer. (Eventually found to be a constantly leaking pipe from the roof-top solar heating bed!). Community Committee has been asked to help with funding this.

Two mobile indoor basketball hoops are to be purchased and kept in the Hall.

The septic tanks will need to be replaced at some stage, with costing estimated at around \$70k

**General** –

- Negin has moved on to class 1 or 2 pastures.
- Hall painting has once again been lifted out of obscurity with the prospect of it actually happening! Kerry to look into this.
- Curtains for the supper room in the Hall have been acquired and put up.
- Verge mowing keeps the area between cemetery and school looking good, but is supposed to go up to the sign past the Hall. It never has. Kerry to look into this too.
- It was agreed that money would be put towards the school pool.
- Kerry also had to face community displeasure of the rise in rates at this particular time when farming and business are in a serious state of recession and that perhaps our elected representatives have a tenuous grasp on reality. Maybe we do have the lowest rates rise in the country, but the necessities in these times need to be prioritised over the cutesy nice to haves.

- The Tapuae Road. It's like a scratched record, always stuck in the same place! Residents up this way remind Council, through us, that maintenance here needs to be constant and consistent. At present it has become dangerous with little gravel in many places making the road slick in wet weather. It has been suggested that Councillors need to take a drive and see the situation for themselves since not a lot of notice is being taken of the forgotten back-roads, or if so, it's not here! This is one of those necessities, unlike CBD parking, which nobody cares about – except Council.
- The question was raised as to whether the Hall was attached to the Waituna Water Scheme, and no-one was sure, although with no records, we don't know. The pipe from the road runs between the Hall and on the outside of the school fence down to the turn into the school tanks, so it could be available to the Hall, but we think it is solely rainwater from the roof.
- Unanimously agreed that remaining Community funding should be rolled over to the following year.

**Meeting Closed at 8:00 pm**

**Next Meeting Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 @ 7:05 pm**