

Waituna West Community Meeting held on Wednesday 14th February 2024

Present:

Committee - Maryanne Shannon, Marija Hare, Hugh Hare, Jeremy Cumming, Julie-Anne McGregor, John Williamson

Council: - Kerry Quigley

Community – Barbara Quigley, Lyndsey Will, Mark Dickens (Police)

Apologies:

Gene Moore, Scott Clare, Negin Nema.

Minutes of last meeting: - Accepted as read

1st – Maryanne Shannon

2nd – John Williamson

Treasurer's Report: - Jeremy Cumming

Final Balances	Community	\$2036.00
	Hall	\$2188.18

Moved as accepted	1 st Jeremy Cumming
	2 nd Julie-Anne Williamson

Council Report - Kerry Quigley

Our Community Funding from Council - message from Negin – use it or lose it!

3 Waters – has been axed by the new Govt with hopefully a much more democratic face.

10 Year Plan – is going out for public consultation in March. Rates look like they are going to be increasing by around 7% but dropping by a small margin over the 10 year period. **Read the document and have your say!**

Roading – Fulton Hogan have won the roading contract for the next three years. Keep an eye on them you people with metal roads, if they don't come up to scratch your disapproval needs to be swift and bloody!

Council interaction with Govt. – Through the LGNZ, Councils are to negotiate with Govt. about extra funding – particularly for mandatory infrastructure. A suggestion is that GST could be kept by Councils instead of accepting handouts, and that Govt. should pay rates on their properties. It appears that this us-them mentality has a way to go to crawl out of these particular rabbit-holes.

CEDA, New expectations – Priorities have been agreed on that include the Central Distribution Hub, Manawatu Food Strategy (paddock to plate initiatives), key visitor destinations and investments in both Palmerston and Feilding town centres.

Growth Strategies – Where do we want the District and Feilding to grow while protecting all we consider valuable – i.e. subdivision of productive land, building in flood-prone areas?

Turner's Road – The first stage is almost open with new businesses filling the area already. Next phases will start in 17 months.

Library – will be open in July. Could be worth a look.

Maewa – the new suburb to the north, had ground broken for the start of development of new stormwater retention ponds. Cost - \$4 - \$5 million and will have recreational provisions.

Wastewater centralisation – continues at this stage from Ohakea, Sanson, Rongotea and Halcombe to Feilding. Large wetlands are to be constructed to remove all direct discharge into the Oroua River.

Police Report – Mark Dickens

Just a few Domestic. That's all.

A note that Police are getting pretty thin – that's on the ground, not round the waist!

General Business:

Suggestions for spending our funding were called for with the following to be prioritised:

- 1 – more tables
- 2 – outside heater
- 3 – Community sign of the Hall
- 4 – curtains for the supper room
- 5 – herbicide – for whoever is spraying around the hall
- 6 – BBQ

Tiger Turf at school – is getting a bit ratty and needs reconditioning. Maryanne to talk to Gene and the people who do this to see what can be done.

Broken seat – brought over from the school and broken at some event. Jeremy and John to take it away and work out a fix.

Message to the school – remember to empty rubbish bins around the Hall when they have been used, and tables don't have to be put back into the container after every use.

That is all.

Meeting closed at 8:10 pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 12th June2024 @ 7:05 pm

