

Wiatuna West Community Meeting held on Wednesday 14th June 2023

Present:

Committee – Maryanne Shannon, Jeremy Cumming, John Williamson, Hugh Hare, Scott Clare, Erin Moar.

Council – Kerry Quigley, Vicki Wills.

Community – Barbara Quigley, Gene Moore.

Apologies:

Mark Dickens (Police), Negin Nematollahi, Craig Hogan, Marija Hare, Greg Shannon, Julie-Anne McGregor, Mike Will.

Minutes of last Meeting: - accepted as read

1st Scott Clare

2nd Maryanne Shannon

Treasurers Report: - Jeremy Cumming

Final Balances

Community \$2017.76

Hall \$2439.55

Moved as accepted

1st Jeremy Cumming

2nd John Williamson

Roll-over of Council annual allocation was moved by Maryanne – Unanimously agreed to.

Correspondence – Council: Development of Community Response and Recovery Plan

Roading update – Tapuae Road

150 year's Celebration of Manchester Block Invite

School – Gene Moore

- Roll stands at 56 but 12 students will be leaving at the end of the year.
- Promotion to attract more pupils will be actively pursued.
- Cost of the newsletter has escalated and Gene has requested that the Community might give a hand with this.
- Turf is getting into an unsafe state with sludge and mold and lifting in places. 'Tiger Turf' needs to come and look at it and a turf sweeper is being considered for \$2500.
- The School is to get a bit of an upgrade to add a bit of sparkle.
- The 10 year property plan has been approved by the Board.
- Looking into getting a generator to accommodate future power outages at a cost of around \$53,000.

Council – Kerry Quigley

Only one grader available, but it is ready to go when available to work on the Tapuae Road.

Council is working on the 2023 – 33 10year plan.

There are to be parking restrictions imposed in Feilding CBD of 3 hrs. 165 signs are to be ordered and scattered about.

Roading in the Region is quite weak at this time with all the storms that have been intermittently hammering us and resulting repair costs have escalated.

The new library is due to open in July 2024.

The roading contract finishes at the end of the year.

Vicki Wills – Emergency Management Coordinator:

Vicki shared her experience of community emergency management with us and will attempt to help us formulate a practical and concise system for implementation at any future emergency situation the District may be confronted with. With Vicki's help, Maryanne and John will formulate a cunning plan that will hopefully be of benefit to the whole area. This will be widely disseminated when we have got it sorted.

General

Negin will check with NZTA when the Bartlett culvert, SH54, just to the south of the Waituna Bridge is to be repaired.



On the same stream at the back of the school there was also discussion on the best remedy to mitigate further increasingly heavy rain events cutting a chasm further and deeper upstream. Jeremy suggested that this best be done in conjunction with Horizons and that Wayne Spencer from the Marton office may be the best bet to get in contact with.

Maryanne noted that the street light outside the Hall was intermittent and often flickered, so may need a peek taken at it.

Concerning the ending of the roading contract at the end of the year, it was asked whether any thought had been given to a succession plan for the grader driver, who is at the crux of retirement but has a wealth of experience not yet attained by some who have been sent to pacify the ruts along the Tapuae road.

Discussion around the parking signs to be implemented around Feilding queried whether this might just increase general clutter in the CBD and that a little more thinking outside the box could be implemented to dissuade pernicious parkers from overstaying their limit.

Meeting Closed at 8:30 pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 11th October 2023