

Waituna West Community Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd June 2022

Present:

Committee – Maryanne Shannon, Greg Shannon, Hugh Hare, Jeremy Cumming, Craig Hogan, Marija Hare, John Williamson

Council – Andrew Quarrie

School – Principal, Gene Moore

General Public – Peter Shannon

Apologies – Steve Bielski, Mike Will, Mark Dickens, Scott Clare

Minutes of last meeting – Accepted as read

1st Craig Hogan

2nd Maryanne Shannon

Correspondence – Lions, Zone One project

Treasurers Report - J Cumming (as at 30/5/2022)

Final Balances:

Community	\$2001.65
Hall	\$2439.84

Hall Income & Expenses:

Fitzherbert	\$250.00
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Power	\$243.08
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1st Jeremy Cumming

2nd Craig Hogan

Council: - Andrew Quarrie

Council elections are coming up on the 8th of October and we need a strong rural voice. Need to find someone who can take on our issues. There are a couple of vacancies coming up. Election protocols are in place

There has been little progress in the District Plan due to not enough planning staff and some issues being demanded from on High – so at present there is open slather on subdivision.

Traffic safety issues have been identified in a number of places around the Region, and 80km zones will be emplaced particularly on those roads where high levels of new housing have popped up.

The joint planning process with PN Council needs a re-think.

Aorangi Marae is to get a turning lane to accommodate the regular high traffic experienced.

Flooding in the district has been very high around Feilding, and particularly down Taikorea way.

Council is having a stern disagreement with Local Government NZ due to them doing a poor job of representing Councils, particularly over the 3 waters debacle.

With local elections coming up, rates are also up for review, and will likely go up.

The unacceptable postponement for the opening of the new Mangaweka bridge has been the cause of a good deal of consternation from users having to use longer, more expensive routes and ructions are continuing.

Higgins contract to continue with managing roading because to change would be quite expensive, evidently. The Tapuae contingent has suggested – again, that the roads up that way are falling apart, from –

- Lack of metal
- Lack of grading
- Poor watertable maintenance

School:-

The new Principal Gene Moore, moving here from Lake Ferry, introduced himself. He is looking forward to working positively with the community with a continuation of the discussion of the need for better communication between the community and the school.

The copper lines have been removed from the school so there is limited communication with the outside world since cellphones, and now phones don't work!

With power lost at the school recently, it had to be closed due to H&S considerations.

Roll stands at 58, with no attendance problems that have seemed to plague other parts of the country.

General Business:-

On the 6th of July a covid pop-up centre will be popped up in the Hall.

A suggestion was made that due to the rate of power outages seeming to come at a quickening rate, a generator for school and hall could be a good idea. Sourcing of funding and practicality of this would need to be considered.

Mark Dickens warned that there had been a break-in up the Peep-o-Day and to be alert to stranger than usual goings-on.

Andrew suggested that it could be a good idea to organise a 'meet the candidates' evening before the up-coming elections. TBA. Don't bring eggs, bring your questions!

Meeting Ended – Into the night! pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 14th September at 7:05pm at this stage at the Hall.

As an addenda, Maryanne has informed us that the inside windows of the Hall have been painted.