

Rongotea Community Committee Minutes.

The meeting was held at the Community Center, Douglas Square Rongotea at 7.30pm on the 2nd August 2021.

Present: L Berry (Chairman), C Munn (Secretary), A Short (Councillor), A Quarrie (Councillor), A Gloyn, H Wheeler, B Procter, N Munn, J Liverton, S Liverton, L Barlow, B Thatcher, M Munn, S Manley, K Leavesley.

Apologies: J Hawthorne (MDC Community Liaison), A Thompsom

Minutes of July 2021 meeting moved and seconded as a true record N Munn and B Procter.

Matters Arising:

The roundabout frames/signage will be installed soon.

Two of the walkway benches have been installed

Road Closures – Council Apologies for the lack of notification on the road closures

Lighting over Pedestrian crossing – Passed onto the roading contractor awaiting reply

Limited Parking Sign at Cemetery (Short Term Visitor Parking Only) – working with roading

Tyre stops at the Pool – Higgins have been instructed to price the replacement

Curb and channel or better drainage to be installed at the cemetery as you first walk in the grass area is very wet in winter. To be passed on to MDC

Two invoices to be paid to Rongotea signs \$54.63 and \$34.50, L Berry and A Gloyn approved payment.

Inwards Correspondence:

Draft 10 Year Plan 2021-2031

For more detail on the deliberation outcomes, see the 10 year Plan page on Council's Website

www.mdc.govt.nz

Consultation Issues:

- Council assistance for strengthening earthquake-prone buildings in the Feilding CBD.

Council agreed to provide a discount on consenting fees for owners of the earthquake—prone building in the Feilding CBD who chooses to strengthen their building, including buildings being replaced by a new building within 12 months of demolition.

Council will allocate an annual budget of \$75,000 for year 1-3 of the plan (2021-24 to discount consenting fees in the following ways:

- Building consent fee discount for \$2,500 per consent for all earthquake-prone buildings in the Feilding CBD.
- Resource consent fee discount for \$2,500 per consent for earthquake-prone heritage building in

the Feilding CBD.

- The availability of funding for community events and initiatives.

Council agreed to increase the District Development budget by \$147,000 for the year 1 of the plan in order to support events and other community initiatives. The wider District Development budget will be reviewed for year 2 onwards.

Rates:

The Total amount of rates required to run council business for 2021/22 is 7.45% higher than was required for 2020/21, However, because of the population growth across the District in the last year, the total rates required will be distributed across more rate payers, Year 1 will see an average increase of 5.75% which take into account this growth.

For year 2 we will have an average increase of 5.70% and year 3, 4.86%. Across year 4-10 the average rates rise will be 2.9% (Note that individual rates invoices will vary based on a range of factors, including the value of the property. The increases noted here are averaged across the district.)

Other matters:

In your submission, you raised several other matters:

- Parking at Rongotea Cemetery.
Council will continue working with the committee on requirements so these can be considered when completing the Spatial Planning of Cemeteries in 2023/24.
- Footpaths in Rongotea.
Council has footpath installations planned in the 2021-24 Roading Program.
Business case, and will review additional paths for consideration in years 4 onwards.
\$192,000 is budgeted for construction of Avon, Ouse and Wear Street footpaths.
Council is awaiting confirmation from Waka Kotahi NZTA around funding for the projects in this business case.
- Park in Rongotea.
Council will continue to maintain the existing green and open spaces within Rongotea.
Management will meet with the developer to discuss opportunities for recreation space and utility connections. Future Annual Plan can accommodate any funding requirements. As council obtains further information on costs and requirements, the project may be considered growth related in which case council will be able to confirm whether Development Contributions can be used to fund this project.
- Guidance and funding towards a skate park.
Council can work with the Rongotea Community Committee to establish the best location for a skate park. Once detailed costs from the committee have been established this will be prepared within future Annual Plans.
- Concern that developments are not getting connected to Council wastewater.
It is proposed that this development will be connected to the wastewater network. Wastewater from this development will therefore discharge into the wastewater centralisation pipe work, There is no reticulated water network at property boundaries so buildings are allowed to use tank water for their water supply. The collection of roof water also assists with achieving storm water neutrality.
- Request that more of Development contributions are spent in villages.
Council has agreed that any decision regarding the finalisation of the draft Development and Financial Contributions Policy and Development Contribution Rebate Policy be deferred until further legal advice is sought and further deliberations have been undertaken.
- Query on use of Te Reo.

The use of Te Reo Maori in the 10 year Palm and consultation document reflects Council's commitment to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

General Business:

Skate park two possible sites in the square with some nice landscaping or TK park in the grass area behind the park, still trying to get some pricing on concrete fixture and a concrete pad. Suggestion made it could be done in hot mix or asphalt, J Liverton to discuss with possible concrete companies that help build the Marton Park.

Co opt C Munn in as the Secretary Community Committee, L Berry, B Procter, H Wheeler and A Gloyn.

Community Centre Toilet has been consistently running for two weeks can we please get a plumber in – to be phoned through to the council to repair

Community Centre Ramp surface is slippery in the wet, can we have something installed to stop this being a safety issue, Chicken wire or something – to be phone through to the council to repair

Community Centre Heat pump is running in the evening and weekends can someone take a look at it.

Community Centre glass panel display for memorabilia when will it be done

Rongotea Art Gallery has had over 100 guests next opening is 6th August 2021 show casing Dharmesh & Roshni Mody Indian Culture

Rubbish issue on the road around Rongotea – Advise to call the council with any issues
Keep NZ beautiful week program coming up details to follow.

Two Hundred houses coming in the next duration of time what is happening about the infrastructure in Rongotea to cope with this i.e.: recycling center, shop, liquor store, footpath, roading who will be held responsible.

Mowing lawns and leaving grass all over the footpath, who is responsible for cleaning this up.

Fibre installers left mud all over the footpath – Ring through to the company doing the work

Cherry Tree in Wye Street growing over access to house, fire truck couldn't get through

Pothole on Saunders Road - To be phone through to Council

Spud in the Bucket details to come soon.

Cherry Tree replacements L Berry has a map of Rongotea with what each street has if you need to replace your trees.

Dance Fit coming to Rongotea at the Te Kawau Rec Centre – Thursday 1pm starting August 2021 for more details please contact Ally by email connect@nsm.org.nz

Ally Thompson from Neighborhood support Manawatu will be attending our next meeting in

September 2021

Council Report:

- 3 waters main topic of discussion for council across the country
- we have until 1st October to make a decision to opt in or out to the proposal
- still awaiting much more details
- 15 million of project funding being offered to our council
- representation review proposal come to August 19th Council meeting for initial decision – then will go out for community consultation closing 27th September
- Community Committee Quarterly New letter out now
- Thank You to the Rongotea Lions Club who helped the Tangimoana Community cut up & distributes firewood as a community project.

Community Email account is now up and running feel free to email anything you would like brought up in next meeting rongoteacommunitycommitee@gmail.com

Meeting closed 8.40pm

Next meeting to be held 6th September 2021