

## **Bainesse/ Rangiotu Community Committee**

**Date: 16/04/2025**

**7.00pm at the Rangiotu Hall**

**Present:** Alan Horsefall, Helen King, Bridget Bell, Trevor Donaldson, Roy Taylor, Jane Taylor, Warren Munford.

**Bridget opened the meeting with a Karakia.**

### **Apologies:**

Apologies from Cara Leyten

### **Minutes of the previous meeting:**

- Corrections of surnames 'Tanner' to 'Taylor' for Roy and Jane.

**Moved by:** Roy

**Seconded by:** Warren

### **Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:**

- ANZAC day is in hand. Some discussion around logistics on the day.

### **Correspondence:**

- From Helen linked to the Community Committee Joint Briefing. Commented that it was an informative meeting.
- Also commented that there was good information linked to Local Water Done Well which has received a large number of submissions, and three consultation meetings which around 14 people attended plus a Marae meeting attended by about 26 people. May be further work after council makes its recommendations to local government.

### **Treasurer's report:**

- \$3255 in Community Committee Funding for Hall Upgrades and Community Events.
- \$13,836 towards beautification from the Community Planning Project Implementation funding.
- Hoping to have the metal delivered for the beautification project. Trevor will send on a quote for this from the purveyor.
- Still need to finish the fence, and concrete pad (Green by Nature) from the beautification funding. They have just started this process. Helen to follow up with James re the costings for these.
- Also need to get the compass engraved in there. Looking perhaps to do in stainless steel. Are getting a quote for the stainless steel.

- Question around moving some of the beautification funding to the hall toilets project.
- QR codes - wanting one as part of the beautification project. Other Committees, such as Pohangina, have had artwork and QR codes that are linked to council and the website. Possibility here too.
- Discussion with the rail trail representatives around the possibilities of having a signal man's hut here as part of the trail. Would mean putting a building on the side of the road. Discussed alternative venues for this. Would be a great asset, but may be damaged. For consideration.
- Looking to upgrade the hall toilets. Mostly want them clean and tidy. The tradesperson who was lined up may not be able to complete this work.
- Also may need to look at security for the building, such as an alarm over security camera. Security cameras could be fake. Look at getting a quote. Alan will follow up with this.

#### **Hall update:**

Nothing noted.

#### **General Business:**

- Lawns. In conversation with James it was discussed that council would mow around the beautification area. Helen will enquire further around why the hall area is not mown and if this is possible. It was noted by committee members that lawns are mown in other areas. Helen to follow up with James and explore what areas council does and doesn't mow.
- Replacement of plants on the hill that decided to die. Parks and Property will do this.
- Sound system inherited and will be used for the ANZAC ceremony.

#### **Manawatū District Council report: Cr Bridget Bell**

- Consultation for Local Water Done well has closed and will hear oral submissions in May, decisions will be made in May and between May and September a water services plan will be created.
- Significant Engagement policy is out for consultation at the moment. The new policy is an updated one for 2020 that includes consultation with more groups. Please look to check that you feel like your community is represented in this policy; the rural community. Have also added topics around transparency and accountability. Submissions close on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025.
- Election period. Nominations start 4<sup>th</sup> July. Voting starts 9<sup>th</sup> September, results by 17<sup>th</sup> October. Voting for candidates and also whether to keep Maori ward or not. If the community vote 'no' for the wards, there would be 3 terms before it can be considered again, if 'yes', safe for 2 terms.
- Community Committee can ask to have an hold an election evening. If want to will need to get in touch soon. Helen will find out who the committee need to get hold of if they want to do this.

- Triennials will occur for Community Committee's post election.
- Discussed minutes of Community Committees and how these are used and viewed during council meetings. Councillors are interested in how their spending is tracking.

**Helen King**

- Questionnaire. Recently emailed and I will email this out again. This helps us assess how well council is doing by the community committee and your feedback is appreciated.
- Community Committee funding for next financial year. Helen will send out links to the form in early May. Applications need to be made by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 for both Community Committee and community plan implementation funding.
- Library closing over Easter and there will be a Starwars event on 4<sup>th</sup> of May.

**Meeting closed:** 8:16pm

Councillor Bell finished with a closing Karakia

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of June.