

<b>-KIWITEA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b> Kiwitea Hall, Kiwitea
<b>Date:</b> 29 January 2025
<b>Time:</b> 7.00pm (NZST)

### 1. Present:

Michael Ford, Helen King, Vicki Doyle, Paula Scott, Jo Terry, Desiree Silk, Laura Brown, Amy Weston, Kate Ellery

### Apologies

Glen Terry, Vicki Stack, Bailey Jacobs, Gayna Brown, Audra Hoggard

### 2. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes were passed as a true record of the meeting dated 30 October.

Moved: Paula S

Second: Jo T

### Matters Arising

- Nil

### 3. Correspondence

- Email received from the Police 105 phone line acknowledging the break in at the kiwitea hall. There was discussion around the external door security. Paula will contact James Adamson to have a look at the doors and security. Vicki Stack will ask her brother to also look at security options for the committee.
- Emails received regarding a funding seminar held by the MDC. Paula attended the seminar on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November which was very helpful. Paula is happy to submit some grants when required for the committee. The heat pump grants were discussed.

### 4. Finance

Nil transactions for the month. The balance of the account is \$21,245.19. Vicki Doyle asked permission to purchase a new fridge / freezer up to \$1,000 - \$1,500. Permission granted.

## **5. General Business**

Bathroom update: Progress is underway and should be done by the end of next week. Jonsey will do some repairs on the bathroom. There will be a working bee to paint the bathroom.

Hannah from MDC presented the Kiwitea Community response and recovery plans to the committee, and a civil defence bag for the community. The bag will be stored at school until a lockable cupboard is sorted in the hall. She will come back later in the year to provide training.

Helen discussed funding. \$10,000 is what we were allocated from the Community Planning Projects Fund for the hall bathroom upgrades, \$4134.78 was what had been spent so far, with \$5865.88 remaining. We also have remaining in the Community Committee funding tagged for Hall refurbishment.

Paula floated the idea of a literary evening to showcase a few local authors works. Paula will coordinate with authors.

Hall painting update. Painting has stalled as the council will be doing maintenance to the building this year. Painting will be done after work has been completed.

Paula asked for a volunteer to take over the hall bookings, Paula to put a note in the school newsletter.

Helen mentioned that Kwiotea doesn't have a community plan. We will need to do this sometime this year.

## **6. Council Update**

MDC are considering 3 options for 'Water done well' (3 waters). One option is 'in house' similar to what we do now, 2<sup>nd</sup> option MDC and PNth, and 3rd option being MDC, P Nth, Horowhenua and Kapiti.

MDC are looking at regional deals for loans from the Govt. This could be attractive for MDC, for a distribution hub and regional roading including a fast road between Palmerston North and Feilding.

A reminder about the Rural Bus Service. It isn't being used as much as anticipated, if its not used it will be lost.

Parking times in Feilding have been tweaked. Policing starts in March.

Waste water treatment maintenance in Kimbolton is bring planned.

MDC were proposing increasing the development contribution for subdivisions from \$26,000 to \$57,000. This increase could significantly impact development in the town so different options are being explored. Council has been out for consultation with 2 options, and will make a decision soon.

Government are implementing one standard for wastewater discharge to land and another for discharge to water to provide consistency throughout the country, because at present different Regional Councils impose different conditions. There are new fees for Councils to pay for Taumata Arowai, the Water Quality Regulator, and the Commerce Commission, the Water Regulator for pricing. These fees will add about 0.35% to rates.

MDC are currently waiting to finalise the Rural section of the district plan until the new govt confirm highly productive land classifications. There is however pressure to proceed because it is unknown when the government will address Class 3 soils.

**9. Next meeting date will be Wednesday 30 April at 7.pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chair)