

KIWITEA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Meeting Location: Kiwitea Hall, Kiwitea

Date: 30 October 2024

Time: 7.00pm (NZST)

1. Present:

Michael Ford, Janine Hawthorn, Helen King, Steph Strahan, Vicki Doyle, Paula Scott, Jo Terry, Glen Terry, Vicki Stack, Peter Thomas

Apologies

Amy Weston, Bailey Jacobs, Kate Ellery, Desiree Silk, Gayna Brown, Helen Worboys

2. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes were passed as a true record of the meeting dated 4 September.

Moved: Jo T
Second: Vicki D

Matters Arising

- Audra Hoggard will join the RSA Committee in Kimbolton as the representative from Kiwitea.
- Thanks for Des Silk for compiling the Community Newsletter and having it distributed.
- More discussion on the revamp of the Men's toilet at the hall. Vicki D has obtained broad estimates from Jonesy from the most basic option coming to approximately \$4,300; and the most expensive option totally approximately \$13,000-\$13,500. Paula will contact Darrell and Ange from next door and ask them to meet Paula at the hall to discuss the options. Paula will report to the Committee via messenger to gauge support and make a decision so the process can begin. The meeting agreed that the messenger chat will be sufficient to proceed with the motion to renovate the Men's toilet as we do not meet until January.

Moved: Paula S
Seconded: Vicki S

- Paula thanked Vicki D for all her work on the plans to date.
- A reminder that there is a Community Gathering on 22 November from 6pm until 8pm at the Hall. The Committee will provide some light food, but it is a BYO event. Defib training and handing out the Emergency booklets/folders.

3. Correspondence

4. The Rural Bus - details on this new service
5. Hannah Tokona – emergency plan – how many copies do we require. Paula responded with 150
6. Helen King – Grant workshop coming up. Paula to attend, anyone else?
7. MDC – Proposed Council plan

4. General

Steph Strahan gave a brief outline of her new venture in the accommodation business and advised that there will be an open weekend 9-10 November if any locals were interested in having a look around the renovated house.

Paula thanked the Committee for a great year, and the members thanked the office holders.

5. Finance

Paula will approach Darryl Coleman to see if he could audit or review the Hall Committee accounts so we can apply for grants.

Income

Hall Hire - Massey Catchment Solution Project June \$100.00 has paid
Hall Hire \$600 booking paid in Sept, with bond refund \$250.00

Expenses since the last meeting:

Nil

Closing Balance as at 30/10/24 \$21061.31

FINANCIAL REPORT as at 1/10/24- 31/12/24	KIWITEA COMMUNITY
Opening Balance	21211.31
Plus Income	
Hall Hire	100.00
Credit Interest	
TOTAL	100.00
Less Expenses	
Hall Hire Bond Payment Returned	250.00
TOTAL	250.00
Closing Balance	21061.31

as at
30/10/24

6. Council Update

Akona LGNZ Education Webinar. Janine Hawthorn and Michael Ford led a session on the success of our MDC community committee structure with 16 Community Committees and 9 Marae committees. Many other councils don't have them. Some have Community Boards which are more formal and more expensive to run.

Credit Rating. Council is seriously considering obtaining a credit rating as many other councils have done. It costs about \$57,000. The advantages are that we could probably get lower interest rates and greater credit limit. Possibly 280% of revenue instead of 175% currently. While we wouldn't be wanting to use much of the additional loan facility there are times when it would be sensible to be able to borrow a bit more for a revenue creating project, such as opening up more industrial land for businesses etc. Water CCO's can borrow 500% of water revenue. This is the main tool for councils such as Palmy to pay for their new wastewater plant.

Development Contributions. Consultation starts today and runs for a month. We are going out with 2 options and are saying that Council's preferred option is option 2.

- **Option 1: Developers would continue to pay 100% of the costs of future council projects that support growth through development contributions.**
- **Option 2: Developers would pay the growth component, and ratepayers would pay the renewals and increased levels of service component of each future council project.**
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- For example, under option 1, someone who subdivides a residential section would pay \$53,770 (a 104% increase) in the Feilding Urban area, \$38,883 (a 97% increase) in the Feilding Intensification area (approx. between North, South, East & West Streets), and \$11,235 (a 53% increase) in Rural and Villages area.
- Under Option 2, a new residential section might incur a fee of approximately \$38,000 (a 44% increase) in the Feilding Urban area, \$27,000 (a 37% increase) in the Feilding Intensification area (CBD), and \$8,000 (a 9% increase) in the Village and Rural areas.

This option would result in an additional rates increase for ratepayers of around 0.9% in 2025/26, and additional rates impacts of between 0% and 0.33% compounding each year from 2026 to 2034. For example, for the average Feilding household (\$600,000) this would mean an additional \$0.77 per week for 2025/26.

- MDC prefers this option because it helps keep development affordable and encourages growth, although it does shift some of the financial responsibility to ratepayers to reflect the wider community benefits they receive.

Re-consenting Manawatu Wastewater Treatment Plant. This consent is for 30 years for land discharge and 10 years for river discharge. The 10 years comes up in 2026. We have increased treatment, we are piping in wastewater from Ohakea, Sanson, Rongotea and Halcombe, and will probably do the same with Kimbolton in time. We are discharging to land in the dry months, and have built wetlands to further filter the discharge before entering the river. The consent cost several million dollars last time.

Annual Plan. We are working on that for the 2025/26 year. It will be a basic AP to keep costs to a minimum.

Annual Report. We hope to adopt this tomorrow. It is actually an interesting read!!! I will leave a copy for any Council Geek.

Election in less than 12 months. Talking about Council Geeks like myself, it is time to seriously consider standing for Council next year. Seriously if you would like a chat, I would be happy to meet and discuss the good, bad and the ugly. It is not for everyone, but for some it is very interesting and fulfilling, and you get paid a bit to help justify your time.

Rural Plan Change - Waiting on Government to announce what they are going to do re Class 3 soils and the NPS:HPL. (National Policy Statement: Highly Productive Land). We want to protect our Class 1 and 2 soils, but allow some subdivision of Class 3 and above soils, otherwise we can't grow Feilding, our villages in the south, allow for farmers succession planning or allow small numbers of lifestyle blocks.

Residential Plan Change - Initial consultation starting soon. Important for those with an interest.

Town Centre Plan Change - Initial consultation starting soon. Important for those with an interest.

Town Centre Refresh – The Focus Group is working on prioritising projects that create more business and vibrancy.

Combined sector meeting LGNZ. What does Government's back to basics for local government really mean? I will be representing MDC at this meeting in Wellington.

PN Airport gave an update about their new \$40m Terminal.

Federated Farmers meet with us quarterly and presented to all of council recently.

Young Achievers Awards. Run by Youth Council with support. Excellent event.

Local Water Done Well. Regional model. We have asked for a paper on the 7th November to pull out of the Horizons Regional Model. If we do, and I think we will as our ratepayers who pay some of the highest urban rates in NZ will be subsidising our regional neighbours, we will have 4 models to still consider. In

house, our own MDC CCO, a CCO with Palmy, and a CCO with Palmy, Horowhenua and Kapiti.

Gambling venues policy. This is a policy for pokies. We consulted recently and have to deliberate now. We heard excellent submissions from both sides. The 2 options are status quo of 90 machines in the District, or sinking lid where any closing are not replaced. There are lots of problems with gambling, but many organisations and sports clubs wouldn't survive without their grant funding.

Water treatment bore and plant Roots Street. This is part of our water resilience programme for Feilding with bores at Campbell Road, Newbury Line and Roots Street, and the river intake at Almadale which will eventually be retired.

Stanway Halcombe Rural Water Scheme – New water treatment plant. This project is underway which will improve the quality of the water. It started out as a stock water scheme and is now used for a lot of human consumption and is not currently protozoa compliant.

Feilding Flood Resilience Governance Group – Joint MDC and HRC committee with Iwi and Land Owner representation. MDC have Cr Colin McFadzean and DM Michael Ford (Chair) on the committee. Purpose to make Feilding and Te Arakura far more resilient to flooding. Have had a 2nd meeting. MDC has \$20m fund in the LTP for stormwater improvements, and HRC has \$15m fund in their LTP for Feilding flood resilience. The plan is to prioritise projects for an application to the Government for funding. This is potentially a \$40m - \$100m + project.

9. Next meeting date will be Wednesday 29 January at 7.pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signed
(Chair)
