Rongotea Community Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE:	2.11.2026		
LOCATION:	Community Centre	**TIME OPEN & CLOSED:**	7:29pm – 8.15pm
ATTENDEES:	L Berry – Chairman, C Munn – Secretary, J McKelvie – Councillor, N Munn, A Gloyn, B Procter & K Leavesley		
APOLOGIES:	A Quarrie – Councillor, L Barlow and S Liverton		
GUEST:	P Vandevaal,		

Minutes from October 2026 meeting moved and seconded as a true record.

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

- N/A

MATTER ARISING:

MDC Action Points… (MDC please provide an update)

- The Banks Road Walkway has been approved to be extended by 250 meters. (Reference number AR2610289696)
- The village requires adequate street lighting. (Reference number AR2610289695)
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- The street light outside the RSA needs fixing. (Reference Number AR2610289691)

RCC Action Points…

- Spark cell coverage remains poor and needs improvement
- Restoration of the gazebo table is planned, including sanding, priming, and painting

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Fibre has been installed at the Community Library/Centre.
- MDC has delayed the open plus Library at the Community Library/ Centre.
- The Community Centre is running smoothly—many thanks to the dedicated volunteers who make this possible!
- Thank you to Pete for your valuable help and support at the Community Centre
- The Banks Road Walkway has been approved to be extended by 250 meters. (Reference number AR2610289696) MDC to find a local contactor to get this completed
- The village requires adequate street lighting. (Reference number AR2610289695) MDC have advised that the request for additional or upgraded street lighting would need to be considered through the Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) process, as this type of infrastructure improvement requires funding to be allocated through Council's long term planning and budget setting framework. I would encourage the Committee to make a submission during the next Long Term Plan consultation period outlining the areas of concern and the reasons additional lighting is needed, including any safety issues affecting pedestrians and residents. This will ensure the request can be formally assessed and considered alongside other community priorities. Submissions can be made through Council's formal LTP consultation process either online or by written submission. I suggest that the Committee begin documenting the specific locations of concern and the issues being experienced so that a well supported submission can be provided when the next LTP consultation opens.
- The cemetery needs more space through extension. (Reference Number AR2610289693) MDC response Budget: Funding is proposed from 1 July 2027 onwards, subject to Council approval as part of the Long Term plan. Proposed works: Extending the road, installing concrete beams and improving drainage.

COUNCIL REPORT:

- Bridget Bell of MDC was named the 2026 Young Elected Member and Alison Short won the national 2026 Super Human Award
- The Annual Report will be released soon.
- The inaugural Rangiotu Turagawaewae Ball took place at the Rangiotu Memorial Hall.
- MDC has had a new IT system installed

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NEXT MEETING:

Date	7.12.2026	**Time**	7:30pm