

Rongotea Community Development Group Meeting Minutes

Community Committee	Rongotea	DATE	7.7.2025
LOCATION	Community Centre	TIME OPEN & CLOSED	7.28pm and 8.25pm
ATTENDEES	L Berry - Chairperson	A Gloyn	
	C Munn - Secretary	H Wheeler	
	F Underwood - Councillor	N Munn	
	A Quarrie Councillor	L Barlow	
	B Procter	K Leavesley	
APOLOGIES	S Liverton.		
Minutes from June 2025 meeting moved and seconded as a true record.			
INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:			
N/A			
MATTER ARISING			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banks Road Speed Limit moved to 70km can the MDC please investigate and help get this approved. Banks Road Walkway extended out by 250 meters, can the MDC please investigate and help get this approved. Fibre needs to be installed at the Community Centre, can the MDC please make a decision on who is paying as the RCDG doesn't agree that this should be taken from the community funding and should be paid for by MDC like it has been in previous years when the old copper line used. 			
GENERAL BUSINESS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rongotea Community Committee will be renamed to Rongotea Community Development Group, all member agreed K Leavesley moved and N Munn seconded S Pedersen has formally resigned from the RCDG Meeting the candidates Event will be held 25th August 2025 from 7pm New tree planted in the Square New jack & Jill chair installed at the skatepark Safety Camera & Power point quote have been received RCDG will need to seek funding Security Camera for the recycling centre L Berry to obtain a quote MDC please have the pothole repaired on the hill leading to the Rongotea Cemetery 			
COUNCIL REPORT			
N/A			
Facebook group – Rongotea Community Development Group and Email: rongoteacommunitydevelopment@gmail.com			
NEXT MEETING			
Date	5.8.2025	Time	7:30pm

Council Update July 2025 – Rongotea

Council deliberated on all submissions to the draft Significance and Engagement Policy in the meeting on 5 June 2025 and agreed to include some of the changes suggested by submitters in the revised draft policy. The revised policy was then adopted in the 19 June 2025 meeting.

Council also deliberated on all written and oral submissions to the Freedom Camping Bylaw in the meeting on 5 June 2025 and agreed that a number of changes be made to the draft bylaw as a result. The revised bylaw was adopted in the 19 June meeting.

The Annual Plan 2025/26 was adopted in the 19 June meeting. It can be viewed on the MDC website, 'Council' Tab, 'Plans, Reports & Strategies' Tab. The following accompanying resolutions were adopted in the same meeting:

Rates Resolution 2025-26

Borrowing Resolution 2025-26

Fees and Charges 2025-26: Planning, Health Act and Development Contributions.

Other Fees and Charges 2025-26

(These can be viewed consecutively in the Council Agenda for 19 June 2025, beginning on page 225)

Council agreed with the Statement of Intent 2025-2026 of the following Council Controlled Organisations; Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park (*Council Agenda 5 June 2025, page 27*), Feilding Civic Centre Trust (*Council Agenda 5 June 2025, page 60*), Manawatu Community Trust (*Council Agenda 5 June 2025, page 41*) and Central Economic Development Agency (*Council Agenda 19 June 2025, page 99*).

Council received Feilding and District Promotion 6-monthly report to 31 December 2024 (*Council Agenda 19 June 2025, page 88*).

Council also received the Resident Satisfaction Survey for Quarter 3 of the 2024/25 financial year (*Council Agenda 19 June 2025, page 20*) and the Quarterly Performance Report for the same period (*Council Agenda 19 June 2025, page 38*).

Community Honours applications are now being received and must be in by 5pm on 31 July 2025.

Feilding Community Hub Libraries won a gold award in the NZ Commercial Projects Awards in May.

Council Update August 2025 – Rongotea

There was only one meeting of Council in July. In this meeting on the 24th, the Smokefree and Vapefree Policy was adopted. *(The policy can be viewed in the meeting agenda for 24 July 2025, beginning on page 28).*

Council also gave approval to notify the Consultation of the Public Places Bylaw. *(Go to ‘Have Your Say’ on the MDC website to find out how to make a submission. Consultation closes on Friday 29 August 2025).*

Council received and noted these 10 submissions made on behalf of Council from April- June 2025.

	Submission topic	Date lodged
1	Help Shape New Zealand’s Wastewater System	22 April 2025
2	Local Electoral Reform draft position paper	28 April 2025
3	Horizons Consultation on the Long-term Plan amendment and Annual Plan	1 May 2025
4	Emergency Management Bill – Discussion document	22 May 2025
5	Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Sales on Anzac Day Morning, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Christmas Day) Amendment Bill	22 May 2025
6	Proposed amendments to the Waste Minimisation and Management Act and the Litter Act	15 May 2025
	Proposed product stewardship regulations for agrichemicals, their containers and farm plastics	5 May 2025
8	Draft Building Product Specifications - MBIE	23 June 2025
9	Regulatory Standards Bill	17 June 2025
10	Building and Construction (Small Stand-Alone Dwellings) Amendment Bill	23 June 2025

(These submissions can be viewed in the Council agenda for 24 July 25, beginning on page 93)

Council approved a request to close several roads in northern Manawatu so the Annual Targa Rally could be held on Saturday 18 October 2025.

Council approved the draft Memorandum of Arrangement between MDC and the Ministry of State Administration (on behalf of the Municipal Authority of Cova-Lima(Suai)), Timor Leste. This formalises a collaborative relationship focused on shared interests such as agriculture, education and workforce development. *(The Memorandum of Arrangement can be viewed in the Council Agenda for 24 July 2025, beginning on page 199).*

The official signing ceremony took place on 30 July 2025. There is a link to more details and photos from the day on the MDC Homepage.

The Manawatu Funding Forum is being held at the Community Hub on Wednesday 20 August 2025 from 3 – 7pm. This is a chance to connect face-to-face with a diverse group of funders.

The Creative Communities Scheme is a partnership in which Council administers funding on behalf of Creative New Zealand to support community-based arts activities within the Manawatū District. Go to <https://www.mdc.govt.nz/services/community-funding/creative-communities-scheme> to find out how to apply for funding. Applications close 31 August 2025.