

# Rongotea Community Committee Meeting Minutes

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| Community Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Rongotea                 | DATE               | 4.8.2025          |
| LOCATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Community Centre         | TIME OPEN & CLOSED | 7.28pm and 8.46pm |
| ATTENDEES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | L Berry - Chairperson    | A Gloyn            |                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | C Munn - Secretary       | H Wheeler          |                   |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | A Quarrie Councillor     | L Barlow           |                   |
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| APOLOGIES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                          |                    |                   |
| Minutes from July 2025 meeting moved and seconded as a true record.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |                    |                   |
| INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                          |                    |                   |
| N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |                    |                   |
| MATTER ARISING                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |                    |                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Banks Road Speed Limit moved to 70km can the MDC please investigate and help get this approved.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                          |                    |                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Banks Road Walkway extended out by 250 meters, can the MDC please investigate and help get this approved.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                          |                    |                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fibre needs to be installed at the Community Centre, can the MDC please make a decision on who is paying as the RCC 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.</li></ul>                                                                                                               |                          |                    |                   |
| GENERAL BUSINESS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                          |                    |                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meeting the Candidates Event will be held 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025 from 7pm at the Te Kawau Memorial Recreation Centre</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                          |                    |                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Street Lights being removed by Power Co, advised by A Quarrie this will be discussed in the next council meeting.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                          |                    |                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Street Lights added to the village, MDC can this please be looked at again the last response we had was the lighting in the village in adequate. We have our community member walking in the evening and they feel the lighting is not adequate. Prone to large pockets of shadows making it dangerous to pick up variances in path surfaces and safety concerns due to lack of sufficient lighting.</li></ul> |                          |                    |                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Safety Camera &amp; Power point quote have been received RCC will need to seek funding</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                          |                    |                   |
| COUNCIL REPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |                    |                   |
| N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |                    |                   |
| Facebook group – Rongotea Community Committee<br>Email: <a href="mailto:rongoteacommunitycommittee@gmail.com">rongoteacommunitycommittee@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                          |                    |                   |
| NEXT MEETING                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                          |                    |                   |
| Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8.9.2025                 | Time               | 7:30pm            |

## Council Update August 2025 – Rongotea

There was only one meeting of Council in July. In this meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

|    | <b>Submission topic</b>                                                                                               | <b>Date lodged</b> |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 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 Manawātū 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.

Some work on the District Plan Review has been stopped at the request of central government until RMA amendments are finalised.