

Waituna West Community Meeting held on Wednesday 12th June 2024

Present:

Committee - Maryanne Shannon, Marija Hare, Greg Shannon

Council: - Kerry Quigley

Community - Barbara Quigley, Lorraine Thompson (Neighbourhood Support)

Apologies: -

John Williamson, Jeremy Cumming, Julianne McGregor, Hugh Hare, Craig Hogan, Gene Moore, Scott Clare

Minutes of last meeting: - Accepted as read.

1st – Maryanne Shannon

2nd – Marija Hare

Treasurer's Report: - Jeremy Cumming

Community Balance @ 31-1-2025 - \$2,060.12

Hall Balance @ 31-1-2025 - \$2,498.58

Correspondence:- Community Plan has been requested by MDC at a date to be determined.

- This year's funding of \$3900 needs to be used or it won't roll over.
- MDC and committee Chairs and Secretary's meeting is to be held on Wed. 2nd April at – the Library??
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Council Report - Kerry Quigley

- Central Government has requested that Councils work together with their neighbouring Councils to solve water issues, which is a great and logical idea as long as these recalcitrant neighbours pay their way and don't suck on our resources. This committee is aligned with MDC in that we stand alone on this one
- Council needs an action plan for this community.

School –

- The School asked if we could contribute towards a \$2000 pool cover (not sure if this is a goer since pools come under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education). Also suggested there was an outstanding account towards the School and Community news letter (this request was made at the June 2023 meeting which we did agree to but was unminuted). But we also need to be invoiced, and so far these have

not been forthcoming

- School roll is 48, more starting before July giving full 3 teacher rooms.
- Maryanne to have a yarn with Gene Moore regarding school/community re info being available to community in general, and possibly on facebook.

General

- Hall Key registration needs to be updated. It needs to be known where these are so access is always available.
- Painting of the Hall has now been locked in for the summer of 25-26. YAY!!
- While wear and tear of Hall equipment is expected, any damage needs to be made known to any members of the committee so that repairs/replacement can be timely.
- Possible purchase of a new BBQ to complement/replace the existing one which has suffered somewhat from lack of oversight. Any new one would need to have some guidance placed on its use.
- A big thankyou and compliments to the road verge mower contractor who is doing an excellent job. Suggest that another mow could be done later in the season, but no need to go overboard. The prime times are still Nov. – Feb.
- Concerns have been made concerning the washed out gutter on the Waituna-Tapuae Road up the hill past the school. It has been deep and dodgy for some time, however between this meeting and these minutes, Council have been active with a possible resolution forthcoming. Hopefully with more than a couple of cones and some writing on the road!

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- Also, again, the visibility around the bridge at Waituna is occluded with Transit once again needing to be advised that the vegetation needs to be nuked, not just topiaried!



- Lorraine Thompson from Neighbourhood Support attended the meeting and asked if locals could join up, be available and to share knowledge and skills. She also reported on the 'Bus Service on Demand', which allows folk with no transport to ask the bus to come out and pick them up. Lack of uptake is concerning to MDC but it was pointed out that people living in the country are scattered so have existing transport arrangements, or have moved closer to a community where there can be a bus service that will work.

- One last thing, the sliding door between the supper room and the main hall in the Hall was removed by someone and had to be replaced. It was left leaning up against a mural by renowned local artist Tammy Hodgett with little regard for damage that may have incurred and at this time we have no idea who it was or done for what reason – but we will find out!
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Meeting Closed at 8:00 pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 14th May 2025 @ 7:05 pm