

Waituna West Community Meeting held on Wednesday 21st May 2025

Present:

Committee - Maryanne Shannon, John Williamson, Jeremy Cumming, Marija Hare, Greg Shannon, Craig Hogan, Julianne McGregor

Community - Barbara Quigley, Lyndsey Will

Council: - Kerry Quigley

Apologies:-

Scott Clare, Hugh Hare, Helen King, Gene Moore

Minutes of last meeting: - Accepted as read

1st John Williamson

2nd Julianne McGregor

Treasurer's Report: - Jeremy Cumming

Community Balance @ 30/4/2025 - \$2062.44

Hall Balance @ 30/4/2025 - \$2508.45

Moved as correct - Jeremy Cumming

2nd - Craig Hogan

Correspondence:- From Emergency Management Coordinator Hannah Tokona Wishing to run a Civil Defence training session for this committee and District.

Council Report - Kerry Quigley

Not much to report on this occasion as the Council is gearing into election mode. However, submissions for '3 waters done well' were high with a general recognition that Council's preference that we go forward alone is the preferred and cheapest option. Manfield was discussed with its questionable ability for economic self sustainability – and yet, they are considering adding courts to the complex.

School – No school report. Principal Gene Moore is leaving and heading to Halcombe.

General – Being able to tap into the school generator at the Hall in emergencies was discussed, and Council may be able to facilitate this. Further discussions with the School and Council rep to be ongoing.

- The sliding door between the main hall and the supper room, which has caused some consternation by being removed – twice, by persons unknown, turned out to be by the H&S contractors that Council employed to check out all the Halls in the Region. The question asked was, what was the risk? Well, evidently, in 1946, in the States, a sliding door in a hall caused some loss of life during a fire because it couldn't be opened wide enough. This of course didn't stop the

Council putting in the original sliding door because, well, H&S was more about practicality and common sense back then.

- The Waituna-Tapuae road, up the hill past the hall still hasn't had the gulches on the inner side repaired. The existing road cones are disappearing down the ever deepening scours. It might be a good idea if Council could put some more in there until it is fixed, but bigger and taller!
- It has been suggested that the young grader driver working on the Tapuae road may need a bit of training as he is filling up a lot of water courses and culverts, kind of defeating the road protection part of this service.
- Marija Hare stated that she and Curwen had been visited by an Australasian organisation by the name of Neon wishing to check the viability of putting in an area of wind turbines in the windier parts of the Tapuae and Waituna ridges. The adjacent high voltage lines running back to The Bunnythorpe distribution centre was evidently a big factor in this choice. Neon would at some stage like to come to a meeting at Waituna to discuss their prospects with the community
- Discussion was had on how we would be spending this year's Hall allocated Council funding. It was decided that we would get four 'tivo type' heaters to replace those in the main hall that aren't working, and are supposedly a lot more efficient and which may be able to be installed at the same time that we can be hooked in to the school generator. **Julianne McGregor** will be looking into this.

Also, we are going to convert the small open shed in the carpark into a permanent BBQ place, so that the BBQ doesn't need to be shifted around. This will require concrete and coloursteel to clad the outside, plus two front doors for security. **John Williamson** will box for the concrete base and price up the coloursteel. **Craig Hogan** will source the concrete.

These considerations were moved by Jeremy Cumming, 2nd by Marija Hare and approved unanimously by those present

Meeting Closed at 8:06 pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 6th August 2025 @ 7:05 pm