



Rangitikei District Council

Hunterville Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Monday 17 August 2015 – 6:30 p.m.

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Present: Ms Jane Watson (in the Chair)
Ms Erina True
Ms Maureen Fenton
Councillor McManaway
Ms Jean Signal

1 Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Nil.

3 Confirmation of minutes

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That the minutes of the Hunterville Community Committee meeting held on 15 June 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr McManaway / Ms Signal. Carried

4 Council decision on recommendations from the Committee

The Committee noted there were no recommendations requiring a Council decision.

5 Update on town centre project

The Committee noted that no further progress had been made on the town centre project.

6 Small Projects Grant Scheme (opening balance)

The Committee noted the 2015/16 Small Projects Grant Scheme for the Hunterville Ward was \$809, and that the allocation of the Small Projects Grant Scheme was for the period 1 July to 30 June each year. Any unspent funds at the end of this period cannot be carried over to the following financial year.

7 Arrangements for parks and town maintenance services

The Committee noted that from 1 August 2015, the Council had assumed direct responsibility for providing these services. Mowing of parks and gardening would be undertaken by a small Council team, led by Mr Athol Sanson. Separate contracts had been negotiated for sexton duties, CBD cleaning and urban berm mowing.

Discussion on the arrangements for parks and town maintenance services was well canvassed. The Committee hoped the work would continue as previously. It was noted that the new regime would be actively monitored.

8 Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund

The Committee noted the advice on the Agenda that the consultation document associated with the draft 2015-25 Long Term Plan, What's the Plan, Rangitikei?, outlined two options for the future upgrades to parks. Option 1 was to rely on community donated labour and materials for improving our parks. Option 2 was to make an annual provision of \$50,000 to upgrade facilities and equipment at our parks.

During submissions, there was a strong majority in favour of Council contributing funding to park renewals and upgrades and also a significant recognition of the value of community input. A substantial minority of submitters specifically suggested that a combination of both community and Council support was needed.

Council decided to allocate up to \$50,000 per year in a fund for park and reserve upgrades and had suggested that a 2:1 contribution from the community (in cash or in kind) to match Council's funding was appropriate. It had also agreed an upper limit to Council's contribution to each proposed upgrade of \$15,000, which would indicate that projects should be up to \$45,000 in total (cash and in kind contributions). Anything over this amount would be a significant upgrade for consideration through the Annual Plan process.

The Assets/Infrastructure Committee considered a process to allocate this funding at its meeting on 9 July 2015.

This process would be very much a partnership between Council and the community. It was likely that either a need, or a great idea, be identified in the community and someone from the community approaches Council to seek support. This could be at any time during the development of the project but it could be expected that if it concerned a Council-owned asset then Council would be engaged near the start.

The fund could be open for applications at any time and each application would be treated on a case-by-case basis by the Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

An application form is attached. It takes the form of an "expression of interest" which was developed in conjunction with Council staff. The contribution from the community would be to describe the project, the community support/consultation that had taken place and a fundraising plan and the contribution from Council staff would be to describe the fit with Council's current objectives in managing its parks and reserves.

The Committee could then take a view on whether it wishes to support the project and to what extent. It would also give the Committee the opportunity to consider the phasing of these projects and to put a deadline for community fundraising to be completed.

The Assets/Infrastructure Committee would be unlikely to consider contributing to park upgrades which went against either:

- The objectives and/or action plan contained in the Parks and reserves management plan(s) or
- Council's intent to rationalise its parks and open spaces assets (fewer but better)

9 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the ward

There were no infrastructure projects/upgrades or other Council activities within the ward to report on this month.

10 General business

Water Treatment”

Councillor McManaway led a discussion on the water treatment, and how issues were to be solved.

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That the drain around the Town Hall needed cleaning again.

Ms Fenton / Ms Signal. Carried

11 Date of next meeting

Monday 19 October 2015, 6.30pm

12 Meeting closed - 7.30pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: