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1 Welcome

2 Apologies

3 Confirmation of minutes

Recommendation

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.

4 Council decision on recommendations from the Committee

There were recommendations requiring a Council decision.

5 Update on town centre project

No further progress has been made on the town centre project.

6 Small Projects Grant Scheme (opening balance)

The 2015/16 Small Projects Grant Scheme for the Bulls Ward is \$809.

The allocation of the Small Projects Grant Scheme is 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

From 1 August 2015, the Council has assumed direct responsibility for providing these services. Mowing of parks and gardening will be undertaken by a small Council team, led by Athol Sanson. Separate contracts have been negotiated for sexton duties, CBD cleaning and urban berm mowing.

8 Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund

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 has suggested that a 2:1 contribution from the community (in cash or in kind) to match Council's funding is appropriate. It has 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 is likely that either a need, or a great idea, is 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 is 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 is developed in conjunction with Council staff. The contribution from the community would be to describe the project, the community support/consultation that has 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)

Recommendation:

That the information relating to the Park Upgrade Partnership Fund be received.

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

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

10 General business

11 Date of next meeting

Monday 19 October 2015, 6.30pm