Rangitikei District Council

Hunterville Community Committee Meeting

0rder Paper – Monday 20 June 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

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The quorum for the Hunterville Community Committee is 4.

At its meeting of 28 October 2010, Council resolved that "The quorum at any meeting of a standing committee or sub-committee of the Council (including Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, the Community Committees, the Reserve Management Committees and the Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committees) is that required for a meeting of the local authority in SO 2.4.3 and 3.4.3.

1   Welcome

2   Apologies

3   Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

4   Confirmation of minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Hunterville Community Committee meeting held on 18 April 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

5   Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

There were no recommendation from the Committee to Council meeting on 26 May 2016.

6   Council responses to queries at previous meetings

There were no responses.

7   Issues raised at previous meeting

Ms M Fenton suggested the Rangitikei District Council be informed via the Request for Service process for the following:

- The blackberry and vegetation infestation in the Hunterville township waterways (in front of bowling club)
- The blackberry and vegetation infestation in the creek on Te Maire Rd
- The Old Man's Beard infestation at Buffalo Park (opposite the Station Hotel).
- The Committee requests Rangitikei District Council look at the issue of trees and branches overhanging footpaths in the township, these are proving to be an obstacle for pedestrians.

In regards to the Blackberry at the North and South entrances to Hunterville. Council has advised our contractor to spray the Blackberry that is within the 50km speed limit zones and pass on to NZTA a request to do the same to the Blackberry outside the 50km speed zone (this falls into State Highway territory and is the responsibility of NZTA).

The over grown section of Blackberry in front of the bowling club has been weed eaten by Cr. Dean McManaway and Athol our Parks and Reserves Team Leader will have his team give it a weed eat bi monthly or when requested.

The land in Te Maire road in being used privately for grazing and is being maintained by a third party.

In regards to the Old Man's Beard Athol was unable to locate this invasive plant. The reserve is full of a climbing plant called Mulenbeckia australis. A brief description from the NZ plant conservation website follows.

'With its rampant growth engulfing trees and roadsides, our native Mulenbeckia australis might seem like a weed but it occupies an important place in New Zealand's ecology. Pohuehue, or large-leaved muehlenbeckia, grows naturally in places where there is plentiful light and climbing support such as forest edges, cliff faces, scrub and regenerating vegetation. It has flourished since human settlement because land clearance has created conditions it favours such as edges around forest remnants.'

He informed Karen that from Council's part this plants removal is not a priority on our hit list. However when the parks team start cleaning up some of the smaller reserves in our region they will look at this plant with a view to removing it. Also in the reserve is a strange larger growing shrub that has a seed similar to "Old Man's Beard". It's a plant I am not familiar with. He noted if the Committee still feel Old Man's Beard is present he can meet and you can show him the spot it's growing. They will remove it without delay.

The overhanging trees in the township are being dealt as Council are informed of the trees specific location.

8   Small Projects Grant Scheme (balance)

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-5

Recommendation
That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update - June 2016' be received. A resolution is needed if the Committee wishes to rollover unspent funds to 2016/17.

9   Outcome of Council deliberations on submissions to Annual Plan and other proposals consulted with at the same time

Attached for information is a summary of Council's decisions made on 26 May 2016 on the 2016/17 Annual Plan, the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2016/17, the Dog Control and Owner Responsibility Policy and Control of Dogs Bylaw, the Gambling (Class 4) Venue and Tab Venue Policies and the amendment to the Speed Limit Bylaw for a section of Parewanui Road.

The Mayor and Ward Councillors may wish to comment further.

10   Proposed District Plan Change – Update May 2016

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-PL-2-7

Recommendation
That the memorandum 'Proposed District Plan Change – Update May 2016' be received.

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

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-5

Recommendation
That the memorandum 'Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Ward' be received.

12   Potential Hunterville Computer Hub

The Marton & Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust was set up in 2010 and has 12 computers in Marton and 6 on Ratana. The latest Annual Report is attached.

The goal of the Trust is to improve computer access and computer skills in our community. Their manager, Angela Coleman writes:

"We take the 'and surrounds' in our title seriously and have been wondering what you would think of hosting a couple of our computers in Hunterville?   We would provide the computers and periodic support, but would need a local business or public building that would be willing to keep them safe and let the public access them, for as many hours as possible. We use unpaid volunteers at our other hubs to extend opening hours.

If this is something that the Committee would like to discuss further, giving us your ideas about where such a facility could be hosted, and who are the key people who might like to be involved, please let me know. I am happy to take phone calls or to come to meet with people in Hunterville."

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13   General business

14   Next meeting

Tuesday 15 August 2016, 6.30pm

15   Meeting closed