



Rangitikei District Council

Huntermville Community Committee Meeting

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Present: Ms Karen Kennedy (Chair)
Cr Ruth Rainey
Ms Jane Watson
Ms Maureen Fenton
Ms Sandra Carroll
Mr Trevor O'Connor
Ms Jean Signal
Mr Richard Gower
Ms Erina True

In attendance: Ms Linda Holman, Governance Administrator
Mr Sam Hunter, resident
Ms Barbara Collinson-Smith, resident

1 Welcome

The meeting began at 6:34pm. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Ms Barbara Collinson-Smith spoke to the Committee about the problem of wild cats in Hunterville town. She is forming a charity with a group of interested people to raise money to support a humane trapping, neutering and rehoming, or euthanasia programme. Ms Collinson-Smith noted that, in contrast to the city SPCA, the rural SPCA would not get involved in helping with the wild cat problem and so it was up to the local people to help.

Ms Collinson-Smith contrasted the low level of the bird population in Hunterville with the abundant bird life in Wellington, and connected this to the high level of wild cats locally. Ms Collinson-Smith sought help from the Committee in finding premises to house the cats, and for volunteers to help care for them prior to rehoming.

3 Apologies

Apologies were received from Ms Lynette Thompson and Cr Dean McManaway.

Moved / Seconded. Carried

4 Members' conflict of interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda. No conflicts of interest were noted.

5 Confirmation of order of business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, three items be dealt with as late items at this meeting: the pothole in the Playcentre driveway, the overgrown drain by the bowling club, and the request for help with the wild cat problem.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **17/HCC/005** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-2**

That the Minutes of the Hunterville Community Committee meeting held on 20 February 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms Signal / Mr O'Connor. Carried

7 Chair's Report

A verbal report was not provided at the meeting.

8 Combined meeting / workshop with Council and Community Committees

Ms Kennedy and Mr Gower attended the workshop and gave an overview of the topics covered. There were no items that directly affect Hunterville.

9 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

It was noted that there were no recommendations raised at the previous meeting.

10 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings

- Item 15 for the information from Mr Athol Sanson, Parks and Reserves Team Leader was noted
- Ms Holman supplied "Grants and Funding 2017" brochures to the members

11 Update on place-making initiatives

Cr McManaway was not in attendance and will provide a report at the next meeting.

12 Small Projects Grant ideas

In item 15 it was suggested that the Small Projects Grant money be used to pay for fixing the gates, and if any money was left over then it could be put towards the installation of the rocking ladybird in the playground. Ms Holman will enquire as to whether the Lions Club were intending to install the ladybird themselves, and will report back.

13 Small Projects Grant Scheme update – April 2017

The Committee decided to spend some of the money on fixing the gates.

Resolved minute number **17/HCC/006** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-2**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update - April 2017' be received.

Ms Kennedy / Ms Carroll. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/HCC/007** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-2**

That \$559 be spent on fixing the gates at the playground and the RSA, with the unspent portion being returned to the Small Projects Grant fund.

Ms Kennedy / Ms Carroll. Carried

14 Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the ward

Discussion was held around nuisance trees. Cr Ruth Rainey will report back at the next meeting.

Resolved minute number **17/HCC/008** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-5**

That the memorandum 'Current Infrastructure Projects/Upgrades and other Council Activities in the Hunterville Ward – March 2017' be received.

Ms Kennedy / Mr Gower. Carried

15 Future Queens Park Waste Management and Playground Gate and Ramp

The Committee noted the information provided by Mr Athol Sanson.

16 Dog Cemetery

Mr Richard Gower noted that he made a presentation to Council on this project, and displayed the slides to the Committee. Council agree this is a good idea, but raised questions about the suitability of the site. Cr Ruth Rainey noted that parking is already available at the site.

Mr Gower noted charges from pet cemeteries in other parts of NZ:

- Taupo: \$170 + \$80
- Christchurch: \$1,500
- Cremation fees for dogs: approximately \$200

Mr Gower has acquired forms from the Australian town of Corrigin, which has a dog cemetery.' He noted that the local council is responsible for the upkeep of the cemetery, and there is no charge for local people burying their dogs. He further noted that Corrigin run a "Dogs in Utes" day, of which a similar day could be done in Hunterville.

Further discussion was held around the suitability of the site. It was decided that to progress, a sub-committee should be set up, with Mr Gower reporting back to the Committee.

Resolved minute number **17/HCC/008** **File Ref**

That a sub-Committee be created for the instigation and ongoing management of a Dog Cemetery in Hunterville, with regular reports back to the Hunterville Community Committee.

Ms Kennedy / Ms True. Carried

17 Hunterville Grandstand colour scheme

It was noted that this project is underway.

18 Geographical review of Census spatial units

Resolved minute number **17/HCC/008** **File Ref** **1-LTP-4-2**

That the memorandum "Geographical review of Census spatial units" be received.

Ms Kennedy / Ms Fenton. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/HCC/009** **File Ref** **1-LTP-4-2**

That the Committee provides the following feedback on naming of the redefined spatial units for aggregation of Census data from 2018 onwards: that the naming for Otiwhiti area should stay as Otiwhiti.

Mr Gower / Ms Watson. Carried

19 Hunterville Zero Waste Initiative

Ms Karen Kennedy spoke to the Committee about her attendance at the Zero Waste Initiative at Parihaka marae in 2016. Ms Kennedy requested that the organisers visit Hunterville, to provide guidance on how to establish and fund a Zero Waste Initiative in Hunterville.

Discussion was held around the positioning of the recycling bins, and how this can be improved, and how recycling could ease the problems around overflowing bins in Queens Park. Interest and volunteers from the local community are required to get the initiative off the ground, and Ms Kennedy has spoken with Council and advertised in the Bulletin to help drive interest locally.

20 Late Items

- 1 Pothole in driveway by the Playcentre. This is large and needs fixing. Cr Rainey will follow this up, and recommended raising another Request For Service (RFS).
- 2 Blackberry in creek in front of bowling club. Ms Kennedy will send an RFS to Council.
- 3 Wild cats. Ms Kennedy will contact the local vet to enquire about humane disposal of wild cats that are unable to be tamed and rehomed.

21 Next Meeting

Monday 19 June 2017, 6:30pm.

22 Future meeting dates for 2017

- 21 August
- 16 October

23 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____