



Rangitikei District Council

Hunterville Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Monday 18 February 2019 – 6:30 pm

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Present: Ms Karen Kennedy, Chair
Ms Sandra Carroll
Ms Erina True
Ms Jean Signal
Ms Lynette Thompson
Ms Jane Watson
Cr Dean McManaway

In attendance: Ms Nardia Gower, Strategic Advisor for Rangatahi / Youth
Ms Cheryl Gray

1 Welcome

The meeting started at 6.32pm. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting with special welcome paid to Cheryl Gray. Cheryl Gray introduced herself as a local business owner, teacher and mother of two and expressed her interest in learning more about the role of the Hunterville Community Committee.

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies

That the apology for the late arrival of Cr Dean McManaway be received.

Cr J. Dunn / K. Kennedy. Carried

4 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

There were no declared conflict of interest.

5 Confirmation of order of business

There were no late items or scheduled changes to the order of business. However Item 10 was taken following Item 13 due to the late arrival of Cr McManaway.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	19/HCC/001	File Ref	3-CC-1-2
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That the Minutes of the Hunterville Community Committee meeting held on 10 December 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

S. Carrol / K. Kennedy Carried

7 Chair's Report

There was no report provided.

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings

Resolved minute number **19/HCC/002** **File Ref**

That the confirmation of resignation from Mr T O'Connor be received.

K. Kennedy / J. Watson Carried

11 Grants update

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

12 Creative Communities Assessment Committee

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

Resolved minute number **19/HCC/003** **File Ref**

That the Creative Communities Scheme assessor nomination form be received.

K. Kennedy / S. Carroll Carried

13 Small Projects Fund – February update

It was discussed that C. Gray would help Kathy of the Hunterville Bulletin expand the reader audience via loading the digital pdf version of the bulletin to online platforms.

Resolved minute number **19/HCC/004** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-1**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – February 2019 be received.

L. Thompson / K. Kennedy. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/HCC/005** **File Ref**

That the Hunterville Community Committee approve the payment of \$400 from the Small Projects Fund to the Hunterville Trading Company for the printing of the Hunterville Bulletin.

L. Thompson / K. Kennedy. Carried

Cr McManaway arrived at 6.51pm

10 Update on place-making initiatives

K. Kennedy noted that the committee was looking for someone in the community to lead a Placemaking group.

Cr McManaway noted the previous Placemaking initiatives completed in Hunterville

Discussion was had over a dubious looking poplar tree in the Queens Park/Playground area. Cr McManaway noted that Council's Parks and Reserves Team Leader has a schedule of work to remove problem poplar trees in line with budgetary constraints.

The Committee further discussed the following:

- Pleased to see the new northern end town sign erected and looking forward to southern end being completed.
- The community have formed a group to paint the seats with donated paint.
- Getting youth involved in some of the Placemaking activities.

Resolved minute number **19/HCC/006** **File Ref**

That the CE Checklist and Place-making Project Plan Template are received.

K. Kennedy / L. Thompson. Carried

14 Fitness Track update

It was noted that the lime track has weeds developing and is in need of spraying. Further comment stated that it is the responsibility of the school has to maintain the track.

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

The committee noted the commentary in the agenda. Cr McManaway provided a verbal update, highlighting the following:

- Marton water has had increased issues with environmental factors playing a large role. While water remained safe for human consumption the appearance and occasional odour was affecting residents. Council is taking a strategic look at the entire water system and a financially viable solution.
- Hunterville water reticulation scheme incurs water rates for residents due to the electrical cost of the three pumps used to get the water from the bore to town.
- Through external funding, Council has commissioned an exploratory water bore in Hunterville that is currently 150 – 200 metres deep with a further 100 metre need to go. If water is found it is anticipated that a new bore would reduce the water rates of Hunterville residents. There is possibility of an increase in water rates under the current scheme.
- Otara Bridge has had remedial work completed and can now cater to 44 tonne vehicles.

- A business case and strategy is under way for the construction of a replacement Mangaweka bridge.
- The Hunterville swimming pool trust has spent \$120k in the previous couple of years on the upgrade of pool and facilities including a sheltered area for kids and chemical shed to comply with health and safety regulations. Long standing issues have been rectified that will now allow the pool to get accreditation. Future plans include fibre glass lining on the pool and solar heating. An application will be put in to this year's Council annual plan for Council to support the solar heating costs. It was noted that the trust has raised and invested a large amount of money and that Council's financial support at this stage would be appreciated.
- Council have agreed on a location of new facility building in Taihape's Memorial park, with the hopes that a collaborative project with Clubs Taihape could see a larger facility built.
- The harvesting of forestry logs now and over the coming years was raised as a concern of the committee, with one block estimated to take 16 years to complete harvest. The primary concern is over roading issues. Council staff have been working identifying road sections that need addressing and action plans to decrease damage and/or hazards. It was noted that as the roads are clay based winter harvesting would be very problematic.
- Council has acquired land to extend the Hunterville Cemetery.
- Simpson Bush Reserve was noted as still not having adequate toilets as agreed to be installed by the Department of Conservation (DoC). Committee members stating that prior to DoC erecting fences the community would care for the area mowing lawns and keeping it tidy. Currently the grass area is overgrown and creating a potential fire hazard. The reserve is well used by tourist and campers with its advertising still being found in promotion material. The existing long drop toilets not fit for purpose and are out of view of campers.

Undertaking**Subject**

That the CE send a letter to DoC expressing Council's concern and displeasure with the condition and state of the Simpson Reserves as a DoC owned park. The main issues being:

- DoC not yet delivering on promised ungraded ablution facilities which are needed with the regular high numbers of campers using the park, creating a health issue
- Unkempt fenced grassed area being a fire hazard with grass allowed to grow high.

16 Late Items

Nil

17 Next meeting

15 April 2019 at 6:30 pm

18 Meeting Closed

At 7.49pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: