



Rangitikei District Council

Hunterville Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Monday 2 December 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

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Present: His Worship the Mayor
Mariata Couch
Karen Kennedy
Kelsey Smith
Lynnette Thompson
Jane Watson
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Richard Lambert

Also present: Cr Nigel Belsham
Nardia Gower, Strategic Advisor for Youth

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor called the meeting to order at 6.31pm, welcoming everyone.

2 Apologies

No apologies were received.

Sandra Carroll was absent.

3 Introduction of Committee members

Mariata Couch – A registration database Manager, has lived in Hunterville for the past three years and is a member of Destination Hunterville. Partner, John Paki, is the artist of the new Hunterville Map.

Karen Kennedy – Pleased to be entering a third term on the Hunterville Community Committee

Kelsey Smith – A member of Destination Hunterville that grew up in Hunterville.

Lynette Thompson – *arrived during item 6*

Jane Watson – originally from Auckland, is entering her third term as a member of the Hunterville Community Committee. A member of Destination Hunterville.

Cr Fi Dalgety - a newly elected Council member was born and bred in Hunterville.

Cr Richard Lambert – a newly elected to council.

Cr Nigel Belsham – Marton resident and excited to have Hunterville as part of the central ward with Marton.

His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson – The incumbent Mayor elected unopposed for his third term as Mayor and 6th term as an elected member.

Cr Lambert arrived at 6.32pm

4 Election of Chair

No voting system was required as there was only one accepted nomination.

Karen Kennedy nominated Kelsey Smith as Chair. Ms Smith declined the nomination.

Resolved minute number

19/HCC/029

File Ref

That Karen Kennedy be appointed Chair of the Hunterville Community Committee.

Mrs J Watson / Mrs K Smith. Carried

Ms Kennedy took place as Chair.

5 Election of Deputy Chair

Resolved minute number **19/HCC/030** **File Ref**

That Kelsey Smith be appointed Deputy Chair of the Hunterville Community Committee.

Mrs J Watson / Mrs K Kennedy. Carried

6 Guidance for Community Committees

Resolved minute number **19/HCC/031** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-5**

That the memorandum 'Guidance for Community Committees' to the Hunterville Community Committee at the 2 December 2019 meeting be received.

Mrs K Kennedy / Mrs K Smith. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/HCC/032** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-5**

That Karen Kennedy and Lynnette Thompson be appointed as the Hunterville Community Committee grant assessors for the Community Initiatives and Events Sponsorship schemes.

Mrs L Thompson / Mrs J Watson. Carried

Mrs L Thompson arrived at 6.45pm

7 Standing Orders

The committee noted the commentary in the agenda and the associated attached document.

8 Member's conflict of interest

Mrs Smith raised the potential of Destination Hunterville members having conflicts of interest during the upcoming triennium. Both Mrs Smith, Mrs Watson and Miss Couch are members of both Destination Hunterville and the Hunterville Community Committee.

His Worship the Mayor stated that at each meeting every member has the responsibility to declare any potential conflict of interest, and further that it is not for the Chair to state a member's conflict but it is for the Chair to manage the meeting and any declaration made. Should a member have a pecuniary or financial interest in an agenda item they are obligated

to declare a conflict of interest and the Committee member should vacate the room for that item.

9 Confirmation of order of business

There were no changes to the order of business.

10 Small projects Grant Scheme update – November 2019

The Chair spoke of the projects the previous Committee has discussed noting that they might be of interest for Destination Hunterville to undertake and which some funding may be available through the Small Projects Grant.

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That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update - November 2019' to the 2 December 2019 Hunterville Community Committee be received.

Mrs K Kennedy / Mrs L Thompson. Carried

11 Rangitikei Youth Council applications are open for 2020

Ms Gower spoke to the item, highlighting some of the activities of the 2019 Youth Council, and encouraged the committee to talk to any Hunterville youth that may be interested.

12 Receipt of minutes from the last meeting in the 2016-19 triennium

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda and the associated attached document.

13 Late Items

His Worship the Mayor was granted the opportunity to update the committee on the following items of interest:

Minister Jones recently announced the approved of a Provincial Growth Fund grant of approximately \$120k for a feasibility study on the widening of rural water scheme. This will involve experts to assess what could be designed and is achievable. Should the feasibility study affirm that the outcome would increase the GDP and the sector agree to that analysis, another application to government will be lodged, potentially for a 50/50 split of costs. This would overlap the urban Hunterville water scheme, but should not affect the current pricing.

Minister Jones further announced funding for the science research around Bio Forestry and the production of bioplastics. Council started the process of a District Plan change to accommodate the industry set up in Marton, however due to commercial sensitivity Council was unable, until recently, fully disclose why the change was being sought. The potential business will result in greater quantities of timber being milled and processed in New Zealand instead of off shore and the waste product of that industry being turned into bioplastic.

The Chief Executive along with His Worship the Mayor attended the Rural and Provincial two day meeting in Wellington where the focus topics included: changes to fresh water regulation, climate change, and local authority's urban contamination to waterways. Further noted was the Sustainable Land Use Package which could result in places such as the Canterbury Plans changing from intensive dairy farming back to sheep or forest.

There are potential risks being highlighted with Carbon Farming, the act of planting farms in forestry with no intention of harvesting. Such risks to a community include decreasing economy and work options, followed with closure of schools and businesses.

Rangitikei District Council are taking a look at strategy and the new civic buildings required through the district.

Whanganui District Health Board and the associated region holds New Zealand's highest rate of suicide per capita in New Zealand. Although His Worship the Mayor didn't have the statistics on hand he noted the rural sector as being the hardest hit with some farmers in difficult financial position.

The Committee discussed running a Hunterville event to help the community understand and prevent suicide. Cr Fi Dalgety noted Good Yarns workshops by Farmstrong and Ms Gower noted that a workshop was being held in Bulls on 9 December 5.30 to 7.30 at the Rangitikei Veterinary Clinic State Highway 1.

14 Next meeting

Monday 10 February 2020, 6.30pm

15 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 7.19pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: