



Rangitikei District Council

Hunterville Community Committee Meeting

Agenda – Monday 13 July 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

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The quorum for the Hunterville Community Committee is 4 including 1 Elected Member.

Council’s Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

1 Welcome

2 Public Forum

3 Apologies

That the apology for absence for Jane Watson be received.

4 Member's 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.

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, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of minutes

The Minutes for the meeting of the Hunterville Community Committee held on 10 February 2020 are attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-2

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Hunterville Community Committee meeting held on 10 February 2020 {as amended/ without amendment} be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Chairs Report

A verbal update will be provided.

Recommendation:

That the verbal 'Chairs Report' to the 13 July 2020 Hunterville Community Committee be received.

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

Council confirmed the recommendation from the committee to erect signage at the Hunterville rugby grounds/ fitness track to state:

- No unauthorised motorised/electric vehicles on track or grounds
- Fitness track is foot traffic only
- Please do not litter
- Take care of our park

A further update is covered in item 11.

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meeting

Recycling options and associated costs

At the 10 February 2020 meeting Committee members requested a report on recycling options and associated costs. Options to be included are recycling reciprocals in Queens Park, recycling bins next to town rubbish bins, ongoing costs and any rating implications.

Council have previously considered providing recycling outside the waste transfer stations but chose not to implement such a service. Experience elsewhere has proven that in open, uncontrolled spaces, recycling is poorly sorted and the facilities also attract rubbish. Council does not have the means or resources to sort recycling from such locations. The end result is that it all goes to landfill. For this reason a report was not prepared.

Hunterville recycling and the zero waste programme

Council’s Solid Waste Manager advised he can refer the Committee on what has to be done to reach zero waste, however New Zealand is not yet prepared or ready for this movement.

Please see table below for recycling and waste to landfill breakdown for Hunterville:

	Plastic	Glass bottles	Cans	Landfill	Diversion to landfill
18/19 Tonnes	0.89	23.27	0.525	70.88	26%

That is the San Francisco 2020 target to reach Zero Waste. Which they are almost at. (80% at 2013)

<https://www.epa.gov/transforming-waste-tool/zero-waste-case-study-san-francisco>

<https://www.waste360.com/legislation-regulation/recycling-law-could-mean-fines-san-francisco-businesses>

https://www.centreforpublicimpact.org/case-study/zero-waste-san-francisco/?gclid=Cj0KCQjw9ZzzBRCKARIsANwXaeKpzPbyxUWoV_zQ7zBF8UT7Tr5XrHiG9bTcB9B5U6SOOz-sKDDx1YaAkR6EALw_wcB

Some important drivers:

- Waste generators fined \$1,000.00/day is not meeting targets
- Fines per day to every city not meeting diversion targets. (Typical fine of \$10,000/day)
- Only one collector of waste for whole city
- Mandatory recycling, composting
- Businesses receive a rate to landfill discount based on diversion

Plunket toilets

Council received the fix-it form from Sandra Carroll regarding the backend of the Public Toilets in Hunterville needing painting. The painting of the entire exterior of the building is programmed work for 2020. Council staff have asked that the Hunterville Community Committee confirm a preferred colour scheme.

Stray and Unwanted Cats

Council investigated a number of ways to assist the district with the issue of stray and unwanted cats. The option of a 50% subsidy for desexing and microchipping, on a trial period up to the value of \$5000, was not supported through the public consultation process. Council approved a trial period of four weeks up to the value of \$1,600 covering the full cost of euthanizing unwanted cats trapped in Council trap. Local vets will not euthanize cats unless the owner has authorized this, the animal is suffering and Council has no legal powers to "impound" or euthanize cats. Regional Council have some power to address wild cats, but excludes domestic or stray cats.

10 Intermediaries

From time to time, an individual resident or business is dissatisfied with how Council has addressed an issue which they have raised, even though Council considers that the actions taken are reasonable and fair. While such people have a right to request the Ombudsman to investigate the matter, that may be seen as evading the issue and will certainly take time.

An alternative mechanism is to invite the chairs of the Community Boards and Community Committees to act as intermediaries. Such people are more distant from Council than the Mayor and Councillors which means governance-management boundaries are less of an issue. Their role would be to listen to both sides of the story and convey their view. It would not be binding, but it could help increase mutual understanding by both parties.

At its 25 June 2020 meeting, Council endorsed this principle, and invite Chairs of each Community Board and Community Committee to be intermediaries to assess whether Council has been reasonable in fair in responding to a particular issue from a resident or business within the District, and (if the chairs agree) setting that within a broader complaints policy to be considered by the Policy/Planning Committee.

Recommendation:

That, the Chair of Hunterville Community Committee [agrees/does not agree] to be an Intermediary on behalf of Rangitikei District Council and the community they service.

11 Fitness Track Update

A grant of \$7882 from the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund was paid on 20 December 2019 towards the Hunterville Domain Fitness Track.

Council's Graphic Designer has drafted up two designs for the Committee to discuss.

12 Community Information Board

Discussion item.

13 Old Ambulance Station site

Discussion item.

14 Letter to the Committee

A letter from Barbara Collinson-Smith addressed to the Committee is attached.

Council staff are unaware of any requests nor have any plans to remove trees in Bruce Street, Hunterville at this time.

Recommendation:

That the letter from Barbara Collinson dated 25 February 2020 to the Hunterville Community Committee meeting 13 July 2020, regarding the removal of trees in Bruce Street, Hunterville be received.

15 Placement of War Animal Memorial Plaque in Hunterville

Simon Beck the Hunterville RSA President has asked that the committee discuss potential sites for the placement of a War Animal Memorial Plaque.

16 Mayoral Update

A report is attached.

Recommendation:

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 13 July 2020 meeting of the Hunterville Community Committee be received.

17 Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020

A report is attached.

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020' to the 13 July 2020 Hunterville Community Committee meeting be received.

18 Placemaking

Discussion item

19 Small projects Grant Scheme update – July 2020

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-2

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update - July 2020' to the 13 July 2020 Hunterville Community Committee be received.

20 Community Grants

Round 1 for the 2020/21 year for Councils funding schemes are due to open as follows:

- Events Sponsorship Scheme will be open from 1 August – 21 August 2020.
- The Creative Communities Scheme will be open from 29 August – 18 September 2020.

Applications are being received and processed through the online portal SmartyGrants.

<https://rangitikei.smartygrants.com.au/>

Posters are attached advertising the upcoming funding schemes.

21 Late Items

As accepted in item 5.

22 Next meeting

Monday 14 September 2020, 6.30pm.

23 Future Meeting dates for 2020

Monday 9 November 2020, at 6.30pm.

24 Meeting Closed