

MINUTES of a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee held at the Meremere Community Hall, Heather Green Avenue, Meremere on **THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2020** commencing at **7.02pm**.

Present:

Mr J Katu (Chairperson)
Mr J Harman (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms M Tapiata (Secretary)
Mrs A Dobby
Mrs C Heta [from 7.34pm]
Mrs L Horsfall
Mr B Brown [from 7.34pm]
Cr J Sedgwick

Attending:

Ms F Lusby
Mrs O Rodgers
Mr S Toka (Iwi and Community Partnerships Manager)
Mr M Balloch (Building Quality Manager)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Mr Harman/Mrs Horsfall)

THAT an apology for lateness be received from **Mr Brown, Mrs Heta and Mrs Dobby.**

CARRIED

MMCC2012/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mrs Horsfall/Mr Harman)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee held on Thursday, 10 December 2020 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting;

AND THAT all reports be received.

CARRIED

MMCC2012/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mrs Horsfall/Mr Harman)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of Meremere Community Committee held on Thursday, 29 October 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

MMCC2012/03

REPORTS

Meremere Works & Issues Report – 10 December 2020

Agenda Item 5.1

The report was received and the following items were discussed:

1. \$35k available for development of the old ambulance building from Council facilities fund. Pavillion has asbestos in it not sure on how much so an assessment of that is needed. Merv suggested if the building is not going to be used then it is best to demolish it.

ACTION: Staff to obtain a quote for the demolition of the pavilion and report back to the Committee.

2. Library - Please encourage people to use on Saturdays while trial is happening, review of trial will happen next year. Mel is hosting a creative event on the last Saturday to help encourage users.
3. On Kims to do list, but her workload is huge and she will get to it.
4. The committee has requested 5 of each if possible, to be planted in the orchard behind the hall, the orchard by the tennis pavillion and down by the skatepark.
5. Mel to contact Kim on how many palings needed for the repair on the fence where the mural will be painted - James has volunteered to install palings. Mel to talk to owner of the fence in regards to the mural.
6. To be discussed next year.
7. Micky Graham identified as the kaumatua but he has been busy with a tangi. Jim will send contact details to Merv to arrange a time with Micky directly.
8. 8, 9 is down to Kims workload.

9. Footpath is going to be added to the left side of Naho place.
10. Paul wants to meet with someone from the committee to be shown around all the spots that need to be addressed, Jim will contact Paul and arrange a time to meet.
11. Can all expenditures be put in the Discretionary Fund report not in general business.
12. Financial Commitments - if not going to committ or there are no receipts the committee should make a motion to return the money to the pool. James handed his receipts to Jim and Jim claims to have given to Ange. Mel to ask Ange for receipt that James gave for hoses.

Councillor's Report

Agenda Item 5.2

Cr Sedgwick gave a verbal report on the following matters:

- Changes in recycling - it has been advertised on Facebook, all lids are to be taken off plastic and glass.
- Has anyone noticed the long grass on the verges, mainly on Heather Green,. If privately owned nothing can be done about it.
- CCTV cameras who owns them? We own the hall ones and have full control over them. Jan has put Meremere at the top of the list to receive cameras from the CCTV Trust, the amount is yet to be decided but a person will come out to assess suitability and location of the cameras. Huntly have had 20 installed so it would be less than that. Okeroa asked what about our privacy? Jan said the cameras would only face public pathways, e.g footpaths, roads and parks. Mel asked who has access to the footage? Jan said that the police have created a new app so that when they are alerted they can look on their phone and see the camera footage - whoever is closest would be the one to respond.
- Update on Pa site - Mel advised that they are currently having wananga with Ngati Naho to design the carvings and entrance to the Pa.
- Reminder that the Te Kauwhata A&P show is on Saturday and the Pokeno Christmas Parade on Friday.
- Jan presented a project proposal for the Meremere Street number project. Lauren from Toi Ako te Kauwhata and Mel from Creative Meremere to manage and facilitate the project. Jan has the money for it she asked the committee if they all agree to have this project here, everyone agreed. House numbers will be made for the 150 houses in Meremere. (document will be scanned through on a separate email).
- Okeroa asked Jan what was the update on the developers working at the bottom of the mountain. Jan advised that not sure if they have consent. Mel advised that a new development is happening right next to the Pa and is concerned that it doesn't have proper consent due to the proximity to the Pa. Mel has rung and spoken to council and Jan will follow it up.

ACTION: Cr Sedgwick to follow on development and report back to the Committee.

- Te Whakaea asked Jan who owns the rest home because they are not looking after the place and with all the good work we are trying to do in the village we have to do something about them and the state of the place. Jan advised that people can buy

houses and do what they want, not much can be done until they are caught doing something illegal and then it becomes a police issue. The perceived owner (Kelly Robinson) has the title of the land under his sisters name.

Discretionary Fund Report to 9 June 2020

Agenda Item 5.3

Resolved: (Mrs Horsfall/Mr Harman)

THAT the Meremere Community Committee approves the:

- **Reconnection of power for the Tennis Pavilion (Resolution No. MMCC1703/04/2) be removed from the Discretionary Fund commitments.**
- **Sum of \$200.00 (including GST) for 3 trophies for the youth awards (Resolution No. MMCC2010/05) be returned to the pool.**
- **Purchase of petrol vouchers for \$200 including GST (Resolution No. MMCC1912/03) be returned to the pool.**

CARRIED

MMCC2012/04

GENERAL BUSINESS

The following items were discussed:

- Cecilia reported that she did not go through with the youth prize giving as the trophies were too expensive and she ran out of time. She is planning one for next year with the Te Kauwhata College Principal. Print out handed out of letter of support from the principal. Our committee can contribute to the prize giving next year.
- Mel presented a proposal for the end of year skate event for the skate club and asked if the committee could pay for the t-shirts that are prizes for the club. James advised that the Development Committee meeting is on Tuesday and would put it to them instead of using the discretionary fund.
- Fran said she had a meeting with Tainui Group Holdings. They have made it a priority to block off the walking access to the river outlet so no more children can cross over and go for a swim due to the safety issues surrounding that area. Also they intend on doing a soil sample next week to test for asbestos and heavy metals in the areas surrounding the power station, and the watrecare site.
- Cecilia asked for an update on the school pool. James advised that the Development Committee have meet with school principal and they intend on fixing it but it won't be ready until next summer due to the work required on it and the time constraints.

- The committee was advised that the hall AGM had been postponed until 2021. Concern was raised by members of the committee on the process for calling an AGM.

ACTION: Staff to report back to the Committee on the process for calling an AGM.

- Te Whakaea had been doing work at the gym. He is an old resident of Meremere and wants to work with youth. He wants to give back to the community and is a boxing trainer and barber so he can add more value to our community.
- Discussion on Pavillion space. We should demolish the place if we have no intentions of ever using again. The options after that are to extend on the old ambulance building and bring some prefab buildings into the space. Antonio can draw up some designs to present at the next meeting. Mel asked if community consultation should be done before designing - consultation can be done next year. This committee is to do the planning and the development committee is to find the funding.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.44pm.

J Katu
CHAIRPERSON