

MINUTES of a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee held at the Meremere Community Hall, Heather Green Avenue, Meremere on **THURSDAY, 1 APRIL 2021** commencing at **7.00pm**.

Present:

Mr J Katu (Chairperson)
Mr J Harman (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms M Tapiata (Secretary)
Mrs C Heta
Mrs L Horsfall
Mr B Brown [*from at 7.28pm*]
Cr J Sedgwick

Attending:

Mrs S O’Gorman (General Manager Customer Support)
Mr S Toka (Iwi and Community Partnership Manager)
Mrs I Mtkawa (Meremere Hall Committee)
Mrs O Rodgers (Meremere Hall Committee)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Mr Harman/Mrs Horsfall)

THAT an apology be received from Ms Heta;

AND THAT an apology for lateness be received from Mr Brown.

CARRIED

MMCC2104/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mr Harman/Mrs Horsfall)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee held on Thursday, 1 April 2021 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting;

AND THAT all reports be received.

CARRIED

MMCC2104/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mrs Horsfall/Cr Sedgwick)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of Meremere Community Committee held on Thursday, 10 December 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

MMCC2104/03

Matters arising:

The Schedule of Meetings 2021 report had not been considered at the November 2020 meeting. The Committee confirmed the meeting dates for 2021 as follows:

Resolved: (Mr Katu/Ms Tapiata)

THAT the Meremere Community Committee continues to hold its meetings at 7.00pm in 2021, on the following dates:

- **Thursday 18 February 2021**
- **Thursday 1 April 2021**
- **Thursday 13 May 2021**
- **Thursday 24 June 2021**
- **Thursday 5 August 2021**
- **Thursday 16 September 2021**
- **Thursday 28 October 2021**
- **Thursday 9 December 2021.**

CARRIED

MMCC2104/04

REPORTS

Meremere Works & Issues Report – 18 February 2021 Agenda Item 5.1

The following items were discussed:

Disused Tennis Pavilion

ACTION: This action to remain on the report.

Library Trial

Library hours to remain unchanged.

ACTION: This action to be closed and removed from the report.

Gardens at each entry/exit point at Meremere

ACTION: This action to be closed and removed from the report.

Fence repairs surrounding the skatepark

Library hours to remain unchanged.

ACTION: This action to be closed and removed from the report.

Repairs to the water fountain

Quote had not been received.

ACTION: This action to remain on the report.

Bush behind the basketball courts

Mr Katu advised that kaumatua Mickey Graham would bless the spot.

ACTION: This action to be closed and removed from the report.

Garden at the front of the Meremere Hall

ACTION: This action to be closed and removed from the report.

Steps to be added to the front of the Meremere Hall

ACTION: This action to be closed and removed from the report.

Sunken footpaths where water meters had been placed

ACTION: Mr Katu to contact the Community Projects Manager to ascertain if there were any potholes still outstanding.

Meremere Hall Committee AGM

The following discussions were held:

- A hui had been held to form a hall committee. They are an independent committee.
- An AGM would be held following the end of Council's financial year.
- The doctor's surgery was not covering the full cleaning and maintenance costs incurred. The hall committee were in the process of renegotiating this agreement.
- Any organisation that uses the hall should be charged a usage cost as the hall required regular income to cover costs.
- The hall committee to prepare and present a detailed budget forecast to the development committee to assist with funding.
- The committee had been advised by Waikato Regional Council to charge each user.

ACTION: Staff to investigate who the umbrella organisation is for the hall committee and report back to the committee.

Councillor's Report

Agenda Item 5.2

Cr Sedgwick gave a verbal report on the following matters:

- A proposal had been presented to change Island Block Road to a left in, left out movement (LILO) so there would be a restriction on the right turn movement. The committee discussed, and agreed, that this is not a good idea and that it would funnel all traffic to the south entrance of Meremere which would cause problems. Another solution needs to be found.

ACTION: Cr Sedgwick to take this back to Council for another solution.

- The Long Term Plan would be coming out in two (2) to three (3) weeks. The committee should be aware that some of the issues being addressed are:
 - Inorganic rubbish collection – should it continue?
 - Pensioner housing - Council is looking at selling these assets. It was noted that Meremere does not have any pensioner housing units.
 - Rates rise and the percentage of increases being considered.
- Individuals and the Meremere Community Committee could make submissions. There would be forms at the library and links on Facebook as well as information coming through the mail.
- Peat fires - FENZ had determined that the peat fires had started as a controlled burn and were now being monitored by the farmer with the help of FENZ. FENZ were in charge of putting out the fire and council was responsible for the air pollution. If any person is feeling unwell, they should see a doctor. FENZ were available to meet with the community if there is interest to discuss the process and answer questions.
- Mr Harman advised that he had not been reimbursed the \$69.96 for hoses and attachments.

ACTION: Cr Sedgwick would follow up reimbursement to Mr Harman.

Discretionary Fund Report to on 22 March 2021

Agenda Item 5.3

Resolved: (Mr Harman/Mr Brown)

THAT the funds for the purchase of a gift for Mr Creed of \$200.00 (Resolution No. MMCC1906/04) be returned to the discretionary fund pool.

CARRIED

MMCC2104/05

