

MINUTES for the meeting of the Meremere Community Committee held via Audio Visual Conference on **THURSDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2021** commencing at **7.05pm**.

Present:

Mr J Katu (Chairperson)
Mr J Harman (Deputy Chairperson)
Mrs C Heta
Mrs L Horsfall
Mr B Brown
Cr J Sedgwick [until 8.21pm]

Attending:

Mr M Balloch (Building Quality Manager)
Mrs LM Wainwright (Democracy Advisor)
Mrs L Van den Bemd (Community Led Development Advisor)
Mrs J Dolan (Economic and Community Development Manager)
Ms M May (Community Connections Manager)
Ms C Cullen (Project Manager)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Mr Brown/Mrs Heta)

THAT the Meremere Community Committee accepts the apology for non-attendance from Ms Tapiata.

CARRIED

MMCC2110/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mr Brown/Ms Horsfall)

THAT the Meremere Community Committee confirms:

- a) the agenda for the meeting of the Meremere Community Committee on Thursday, 28 October 2021;
- b) that all items therein be considered in open meeting, and
- c) that all reports be received.

CARRIED

MMCC2110/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

No minutes were available for the previous meeting.

REPORTS

Meremere Works & Issues Report June 2020

Agenda Item 5.1

The report was received [MMCC21/10/02 refers]. The following items were discussed:

Skatepark lights are not working. Merv logged a service request on 6/8/21, update required

Skatepark lights would be repaired with the next two (2) weeks.

ACTION: This item to remain on the schedule until the lights were repaired.

Is the old long drop out on the rugby grounds still an issue?

The Committee did not feel that the long drop was no longer an issue. If the Committee wished to have a flushing toilet at the grounds, they would need to signal this requirement for the next Long Term Plan process.

ACTION: This item to be closed and removed from the schedule.

Proposed Playground in Meremere

Staff provided a presentation on the proposed playground design for the Meremere community and what playground equipment options were available for the community to choose from.

- Concerns were raised with regards to the location of the new playground.
- The committee were happy for Council to start engagement with the community on the new playground.

Discretionary Fund Report to 5 October 2021

Agenda Item 5.2

Tabled Item 5.2B: Discretionary Funding Guidelines.

The report was received [MMCC2110/02 refers] and discussion was held on the following matters:

- The funding review had taken place over the previous 18 months and had been approved by the Strategy & Finance Committee at its meeting held on Monday, 18 October 2021.
- The aim was to empower the Community Committee to make their own funding decisions as they were close to their community and had a good view of what was required.
- The new process aimed to reduce administration costs and achieve maximum productivity with minimum waste of funds.
- The proposal would significantly increase the levels of funds available to the community.
- When assessing applications, the Committee would need to balance risk and opportunity and ensure funds were being spent in the right places.
- Allocated discretionary funds must be spent on an annual basis and not carried over.
- Alignment to the Blueprint and Community Aspirations Programme was preferred.
- A workshop would be held to give guidance to the committee on the criteria for groups requesting funding.

ACTION: The Community Led Development Advisor would meet with the committee to provide training on the criteria for groups requesting funding.

Cr Sedgwick left the meeting at 8.21pm during discussion on item 5.2.

Councillor's Report

Agenda Item 5.2

No report was received.

