

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of Enterprising
Taumarunui Incorporated held on Tuesday 16 July 2019 at 5:30 pm in the
Back Foyer of the R.E.A.P. Centre**

Present

June Nevin (Chair)
Nicholas Leveille (Deputy Chair)
Martin Fuller (Secretary)
Anne Topham (Treasurer)
Michelle Hawthorne
Kay Kidd
Karen Ngatai

In Attendance

Scott Smith, Project Manager, King Country Christmas.

1. **Apologies**

Ron Hawkless
Kevin Jones

Resolved:

That the apologies be received.

2. **Deputation from Scott Smith re King Country Christmas**

The meeting heard submissions from Scott Smith re the date of the King Country Christmas event and co-ordination with the Christmas Parade to be organised by Enterprising Taumarunui Inc.

Resolved:

- a) That the submission be received
- b) That the Christmas Parade be held on Saturday 7 December 2019.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 June be confirmed.

4. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising. The Committee indicated a preference for dealing with business consequential to the minutes of a previous meeting as a separate agenda item in future.

5. **Financial reports**

Resolved:

That the report of the Treasurer be received.

6. Chairperson Report

The Chairperson reported that she had met and liaised with the new owner of the camping ground, that she had been involved in exploring the possibility of co-ordinating a possible new art event in Taumarunui and had been keeping herself apprised of progress with the establishment of the pet food factory. She noted the possibility of the pet food factory being the locus of a possible Business after 5 event in future.

7. Revitalisation Taskforce Update

Karen Ngatai, the Chairperson of the Taumarunui Revitalisation Taskforce reported:

- That she had arranged for a grant of \$800 to enable Enrich to undertake a mural on the wall of a building adjacent to Harland Graphics which was opposite PGG Wrightsons,
- That two more birds were in the process of being completed for Manson's Garden
- That the painted panels were shortly to be erected on the flyover bridge,
- That three more replacement trees were to be planted in the Rhododendron row alongside State Highway 4,
- That the dispute over the mowing of the vegetation around the row of Rhododendrons was scheduled for a hearing by the small claims tribunal on 7 September.

8. Briefing on Matariki Festival

Karen Ngatai reported that the festival had been very successful enjoying strong participation from the public and financial support and support in kind from a wide variety of organisations and individuals.

It was mooted that future festivals could include a "Light Up Your Town" initiative encouraging people to light up their homes including the possibility of holding a competition.

It was reported that there were impending changes in the organisers of the Te Huapae o Matariki Winter Festival and it was accordingly:

Resolved:

That Enterprising Taumarunui Inc take over the organisation of the festival in 2020.

9. Christmas Parade

The meeting discussed to organisation of the Christmas Parade for 2019 and

Resolved:

- a) That Karen Ngatai take the lead role for the organisation of the Christmas Parade for 2019,
- b) That Karen initiate a call for volunteers to assist in the organisation and conduct of the parade.

10. General Business

a) Future of Business Awards

It was considered that a preferable alternative might be to change the event to “A Celebration of Business.” Committee Members were invited to “Put their thing caps on” and that the matter be considered at the next meeting.

b) Strategic Plan

The Secretary is to put sections of the existing plan on the agenda of future meetings for review and consideration.

c) Billboards

It was reported that the Ruapehu District Council had made a decision to leave the billboards in their present locality for the next two years at least.

The meeting closed at 6:42 pm