

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of Enterprising  
Taumarunui Incorporated held on Tuesday 15 September 2020 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

1. **Apologies**

Kevin Jones

**Resolved:**

That the apology be received

2. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 June 2020 be as a true and correct record.

3. **Financial Reports**

Anne Topham Treasurer reported

The financial report is as distributed.

**Resolved:**

That the report be received.

4. **Revitalisation Taskforce Update**

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

- We are currently awaiting the second part of the panels for installation on the southern State Highway flyover.
- A group of 12 people have been enlisted to care for a share of the rhododendrons on the Southern State Highway 4 entrance which will hopefully take care of all needed care. Karen Ngatai also advised that the rhododendron plantings were found to be deficient in magnesium so she has purchased a small supply of magnesium salt for \$36.75 (receipts provided to Treasurer)

**Resolved:**

That approval be given to reimbursing the purchase cost of magnesium salt to Karen Ngatai.

- The wall for the mural opposite the Wrightson's building has yet to be painted in preparation but funds are available for the paint.
- Work is being undertaken for the enhancing of the appearance of the railway station at the initiative of Weston Kirton. Harland Graphics are preparing an information/advertising board at an estimated cost of \$1,800.

**Resolved:**

That approval be given in principle to payment of the estimated cost of \$1,800.00 for the information/advertising board at the railway station.

**5. Matariki Winter Festival**

It was reported that there was good public support and the arrangements were well received.

**6. Billboard Hire**

The meeting discussed the information provided in the agenda concerning the billboard hire by Taumarunui Canoe Hire. It is considered that the position of the Cruise FM billboard space to be taken over by Taumarunui Canoe hire is less advantageous than other billboards. Martin Fuller is to liaise with Anne Topham concerning the history of this situation and to report back to the committee,

**7. General Business**

**a) Map of Taumarunui Metropolitan Area**

The previously considered map of the central area of Taumarunui and the businesses of interest to visitors has now been completed. Ron Hawkless and Karen Ngatai are to follow this up for review and hopefully completion and distribution.

**b) Speaker for Business After 5**

June Nevin is to take steps to identify a suitable speaker to attract an audience and to report back.

**c) Promoting Taumarunui Post Covid Lockdown**

The post Covid-19 enhancement of Taumarunui was discussed at length including hanging baskets etc. Karen Ngatai is to take some initiatives.

**d) Vandalism of Carved Birds**

Karen Ngatai is to approach Mitre 10 with a view to obtaining sponsorship for the lighting of the carved birds as a deterrent to vandalism.

The meeting closed at 6:39 pm