

PROJECT 1: PICNIC IN THE PARK

Board Member Muller advised the purpose of the event was to restart community connections after so many community events were cancelled due to COVID. The proposal is to host food truck events where community members can arrive with a picnic blanket, purchase food and enjoy local entertainment such as a movie or music. The proposal is expected to run at no cost.

Several locations were considered and the Ōtorohanga Domain was identified due to the large grass area, ample parking and potential access to toilets and power.

Board Member Muller noted three dates were tentatively scheduled for 20 January, 24 February and 24 March. The event would be from 5pm to 8pm. Limiting factors include daylight impeding movie screening.

Signage and rubbish removal were being considered but all the food trucks contacted were now registered with Ōtorohanga District Council (or another local council) in anticipation of the event. Discussions with iSite staff and members of the Ōtorohanga Support House were encouraging. Further discussions were planned with the business community to encourage participation and support.

Members queried the legal and insurance status of the Board when running events. Council's Chief Executive undertook to discuss with staff and Council's insurers for clarification.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Councillor Hughes spoke on a recent dog attack with the Ōtorohanga township.

Chairperson Christison noted the kiwi at the north end of Maniapoto Street was now dressed for Christmas and magic elves had been busy lighting up the Village Green.

There being no further business, Chairperson Christison declared the meeting closed at 4.31pm.