

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
RURAL TRAVEL FUND COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50
HOLLOWAY ST, CARTERTON
ON WEDNESDAY, 2 APRIL 2025 AT 1:00 PM**

PRESENT: Cr Brian Deller (Chair), Cr Steve Gallon, Cr Lou Newman

IN ATTENDANCE: Staff

Becks Clarke (Community Development Team Leader), Sandra Burles (Community Development Coordinator)

1. **Apologies** – Cr Dale Williams

2. **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**

Cr L Newman – Children attend Carterton Junior Football and Carterton Junior Soccer

Cr S Gallon – Dalefield Hockey

3. **Confirmation of Minutes dated 3 April 2024**

Minutes of 2024 meeting moved Cr L Newman, seconded Cr B Gallon.

4. **Eligibility of Applications**

Funds for distribution is \$9,500.00

A total of 11 applications for funding were received before the application closure date of 28 February 2025.

1. Hockey Wairarapa
2. Gladstone Rugby Club
3. Dalefield Hockey Club
4. Basketball Wairarapa Inc
5. Kuranui College
6. Carterton Primary Netball Club
7. Carterton Junior Soccer
8. Gladstone Hockey
9. Carterton JAB Rugby Club
10. Athletics Wairarapa
11. Carterton Junior Cricket

The Committee discussed the eligibility of applications to ensure that the RTF criteria was followed for each. One application was excluded based on the details provided whereby a Regional Club was applying for travel support for Masterton residents. The discussion included the purpose of the grant and items / regional and national events that are excluded. A pro-rata allocation was used regarding the number of Carterton children supported in each Club /School.

Moved that the following grants be approved:

Organisation	Purpose	\$ Amount allocated 2025	Accountability form received
Hockey Wairarapa	To support the East Coast hockey players and their families for travel to hockey each week during the season. They currently are a minimum one hours drive away from the turf. Clareville hockey turf is the only turf for competition games so they are unable to play anywhere else.	Declined	N / A
Gladstone Rugby Club	We would like to provide \$30 in MTA vouchers to each player to assist with the petrol costs. Our Under 11 and Under 13 grades have to travel further each week in their home/away rounds as well as have training twice a week and so we would like to provide them \$10 more - so \$40 per kid. We are asking for \$3,600 across the 120 kids (at \$30 per kid), plus an additional \$10 per kid for the 40 kids in U11 and U13 grades. Totalling \$4000. We are not asking for anything for the Coaches.	\$ 1,000.00	N / A
Dalefield Hockey Club	To reimburse the Parents who consistently drive the schoolchildren to Clareville to play on Saturday and practice throughout the week. To assist the players that play in the social grade at Clareville on Saturday and the U19 who play in our Premier Teams to practice at Clareville and to home games on a Saturday.	\$ 1,250.00	Yes
Basketball Wairarapa Inc	Basketball Wairarapa is registered as an 'Incorporated Society' within the NZ Companies Office. We are a voluntary committee. Some of our primary purpose is to promote, develop, foster, administrate basketball as an amateur sport for well-being, benefit and recreation of the general public of Wairarapa, especially our youths who are interested in playing basketball. Unfortunately, we have parents who struggle to send their children to the practice because they do not have enough fuel or funds to assist with travel to Masterton. We would like to apply for the rural travel funding for our three members who reside in Carterton, to enable them to travel to Masterton to their basketball practices.	\$ 250.00	N / A
Kuranui College	The funding is going to used for transportation costs for all our sports teams. We have had a huge increase in students playing sports over the last few years and expect the same this year which has meant lots more travel has been required. We want to keep providing travel free of charge to students to keep participation in sport high.	\$ 1,000.00	Yes
Carterton Primary Netball Club	To assist with travel cost to the Trust House Netball Centre, Colombo Road Masterton. For coaches and children. Netball in the Wairarapa is played across the school year. Terms 1,2,3 and 4. Many families have children playing in all 4 terms. Which is a huge cost in travel, so if we are able to assist in any way possible as a club we will try our best to help the families.	\$ 1,000.00	Yes

Carterton Junior Soccer	This funding will be used to support our players and coaches with travel to our local regional weekly games. Trainings are held at Carterton but our games are spread across Featherston, Masterton, Greytown, Martinborough and Carterton each week on rotation. We try to keep our subs at a manageable level for families to keep our participation rates up so this support is valued for those that struggle with those costs for the season for travel and allow them to continue to be able to participate.	\$ 1,250.00	Yes
Gladstone Hockey	We purchase petrol vouchers or MTA gift cards to each family to assist in easing the travel cost of attending practices and games. \$25-\$30 per family.	\$ 1,000.00	Yes
Carterton JAB Rugby Club	The grant will be used to assist our coaches and teams with travelling to regular competition games around the region. Our teams can travel as far as Tihurangi Rugby Club in Pirinoa and Eketahuna Rugby Club in Eketahuna.	\$ 1,000.00	Yes
Athletics Wairarapa	To enable the athletes who live in Carterton to travel from Carterton to the all-weather athletics track in Masterton.	\$ 750.00	Yes
Carterton Junior Cricket	A rural travel fund for Carterton Junior Cricket can significantly impact the lives of rural kids by providing them with opportunities to participate in sports, which they might otherwise miss due to logistical and financial barriers. Here are several reasons why such a fund is essential Rural areas often lack the infrastructure and facilities available in urban centers. A travel fund can bridge this gap by covering transportation costs, allowing rural kids to travel to Carterton town for practices, matches, and training sessions. This ensures that all children, regardless of their geographical location, have equal access to participate in cricket. Regular participation in sports like cricket helps children develop essential skills such as teamwork, leadership, discipline, and strategic thinking. By enabling rural kids to join Carterton Junior Cricket, the travel fund supports their overall personal development and helps them acquire skills that are valuable both on and off the field. This fund will go to families who live rurally or families who help rural families transport their children so that all rural children can enjoy playing cricket in Carterton	\$ 1,000.00	Yes

Cr B Deller / Cr L Newman,)

Carried

5. General Business

Alter the timing of the annual grant round so that applications open from mid-February and close at the end of March (One month later than current timing). This is to ensure advertising reaches Clubs and Groups better than during the holiday period of January.

The meeting concluded at 13.23pm.

Becks Clarke

Community Services Team Leader