

Colyton Community Committee Meeting Minutes

16^h May 6.30pm at the Colyton Hall

Meeting Start 6.31pm

Present Cam Dyer, Lara Blackmore, Matt Martin, Neil Stephen, Jacqui Reid, Colin Worthington, Michael Ford, Cr Colin Dyer (MDC), Paul Whitehead

Community attendees: nil

Apologies Heather Whitehead, Kaye Bradbury, Stu Bradbury, Michael Ford, Laurie Bradbury, Shelley Dyer

Previous minutes and matters arising

- Nil

Correspondence

- Incoming:
 - Notification of the Feilding in Lights Festival from Feilding and District Promotion
 - Notification of the Community Committee funding round and Vested Assets Policy from Manawatu District Council

Financials

- \$20,000 for specific beautification plans.
- Entire balance of 2025/26 has been committed.

Projects

Beautification plan and signage

- Met with James from MDC and the Green By Nature contractors today. Shared the vision for the planting for the intersection, next to the Hall and the road avenue.
- Waiting for better weather as there hasn't been a lot of rain to support the plants.

Walkway/cycleway

- First phase has almost been completed, just the lime to put down. Totaling 630m.
- Looking at a working bee to spread the lime on Saturday 13th June.
- Will look to do a further funding application via the contestable fund to continue down towards Menzies Ford.
- Jacqui expressed concern around the walkway opening up opportunities for people to wander up and down and look into properties. Committee to think about what can be done to lessen concerns.
- So far costing about \$25 per meter.

Tidying up the mural

- Talk to Brian Hills about work on the mural given it is attached to the Hall.
- Confirmed it was done by Joe McMenamin

Carboot sale

- Holding cash on behalf of the committee remains an issue
- Colyton Lions are looking into whether or not they could hold in an account on our behalf

Sign

- Gave Cam feedback on the latest designs
- Will do a poll on the Facebook page when we have some to share

More projects to consider

- Committee felt that focusing on the beautification and walkway was sufficient for now. Both are big projects.

Sharing Shelf

- Colin has been posting on the Sharing Shelf Facebook group when Ranfury Manor drop off food.

Council Updates

- From Cr Colin Dyer
 - Amalgamation update as signalled by Central Government. Discussed timeframe. More to follow about “having our say” and engagement activities, with several planned.
 - Creative communities will change to a larger regional approach rather than administrated by Councils.
 - Stanway-Halcombe water scheme won best tasting water in NZ.
 - Questioned whether the changes to school bus services were impacting in Colyton.

General Business

- Nil

Next Schedule Meeting

Committee meeting – 6.30pm Thursday 16th July 2026, venue to be confirmed

Meeting closed 7.40pm