

Colyton Community Committee Meeting Minutes

17th September 6.30pm at the Colyton Hall

Meeting Start 6.30pm

Present Cam Dyer, Lara Blackmore, Matt Martin, Shelley Dyer, Stu Bradbury, Cr Colin Dyer (MDC), Michael Ford, Paul Whitehead, Glen Fidd (Guest)

Apologies

Laurie Bradbury, Kaye Bradbury, Colin Worthington

Previous minutes and matters arising

- Nil

Correspondence

- Incoming:
 - Engagement with Community Committees – Mayor Michael Ford
 - No new funding requests associated with the LTP planning cycle, except with the formal consultation process in March 2027.
 - Manawatū Rural Month – Feilding and District Promotion
 - Information about the events and various village profiles.
 - Manawatū Funding Forum – Stacey McLaughlin from MDC
 - Friday 18th September, 2-5pm
 - MDC Annual Plan for 2026/27 – Cr Colin Dyer
 - Confirmation of funding from MDC in 2026/27
 - \$3000 in project fund
 - \$15,000 for continuation of the walkway/cycleway
- Outgoing
 - Information about Colyton to Feilding and District Promotion for the Manawatū Rural Month engagement

Financials

- Totals:
 - \$3,152 general spending
 - \$15,000 for walkway/cycleway
- Received an invoice for \$166.20 for the weed spray

Projects

Beautification plan and signage

- Sign:
 - Most popular sign was the simple “Welcome to Colyton” sign with no imagery
 - Glen Fidd discussed specifics of dimensions and font etc. Will be wood stained rather than painted, words in black and natural/clear stain on the timber.
 - How will the sign be connected to the posts? Posts will be installed by MDC. Cam will check on the details of how it should be fastened.
 - Will be completed and installed by Christmas 2026.
- Beautification:
 - Planting has commenced along Taonui Rd both sides of the intersection.

Walkway/cycleway

- Continues both on Colyton Rd and on Taonui Rd north of the intersection.
- Check if the drain by Colyton Estate is supposed to be planted as the recent heavy rains caused some damage to the pathway – Lara to do.
- Need a solution for the bridge where the drain needs to be crossed.

Tidying up the mural

- The mural did not receive any funding from MDC Contestable Fund. Will need to look to alternative funding options, particularly Creative Communities – Lara to do.

Sharing Shelf

- There has been some issues with rotten food being left by Ranfurly House.

Council Updates

- From Cr Colin Dyer
 - Town Centre Refresh Update
 - The cover over Market Square will not go ahead at this time. Strong community feedback against this initiative.
 - Proposal to pilot the one way of parts of Fergusson St will go ahead. Had good community support.
 - Amalgamation as per Central Government direction
 - MDC is not considering any amalgamation partners.
 - Though there is work going on to look at what needs to happen with the Regional Council being disestablished in time.
 - Resource Management Act reform continues impacting the planning functions.
 - Petition for improving safety along Kimbolton Rd with intersections – being led by Cr Dyer as a personal initiative.
- Mayor Michael Ford
 - Gave more context to the feedback for the Town Centre Refresh. May be further community engagement on what this could be and could look like, including community submissions.

General Business

- Young Achiever Awards – Monday 23rd September.
- Senior Community Expo – Friday 16th October.
- Cam to look at availability of the Hall for a car boot/market.
- Next meeting will include an end of year celebration.

Next Schedule Meeting

Committee meeting – 6.30pm Thursday 19th November 2026, venue to be confirmed

Meeting closed 7.26pm