

## **Colyton Community Committee Meeting Minutes**

**19<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm at the Colyton Hall**

**Meeting Start** 6.33pm

**Present** Cam Dyer, Lara Blackmore, Shelley Dyer, Jacqui Reid, Matt Martin, Laurie Bradbury, Neil Steven, Colin Worthington, Cr Colin Dyer (MDC), Janine Hawthorne (MDC), Nick Galpin and Hannah Tokona from CDEM MDC.

Community attendees: nil

**Apologies** Heather Whitehead, Kaye Bradbury, Stu Bradbury, Michael Ford.

### **Previous minutes and matters arising**

- Note that we should record the presence of Cr Colin Dyer and Janine Hawthorne at the meeting (and subsequent meetings).

### **Meeting Guests**

Hannah Tokona and Nick Galpin – CEDM, MDC

- Review of the recent weather events and emergency response. Questions raised:
  - How do you know whether the civil defence centre needs activating locally?
  - Who can get access into the school to use the radio?
- Refresh of roles and responsibilities of the CEDM, the committee and the community during and after an event.
- Consider a generator for the Hall.

Nicky Birch – Neighbourhood Support

- Update on the vulnerable people and skills registers.
- Looking to recruit people to keep the databases for Colyton up to date, there are currently two coordinators for this area.
- Reminder about the benefits of signing up which includes provision of information about crime and preparedness.

### **Correspondence**

- Incoming:
  - From Janine Hawthorne via email:
    - Oily Rag – Volunteer Centre trying to get a view of what services are actually available in the community so that we aren't duplicating services and funding.
    - Farm Wrap Collection
    - Whanau Funday on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March
    - Community ANZAC Services
    - Janine leaving Council after 28 years and moving Manawatū Community Trust.

## **Financials**

- Current balance is: \$2,991.85 from MDC for seed funding initiatives in the 2025/26 financial year.
- \$20,000 for specific beautification plans.
- Entire balance of 2024/25 has been committed.

## **Community plan**

- Was presented to Council on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Projects**

### **Beautification plan and signage**

- Received some ideas from Colin's wife on the imagery with a few sketches.
- Cam will seek professional advice and design for the sign itself including the ideas that have been submitted.
- Cam meeting with James from Council at intersection 11am tomorrow. Anyone welcome to join.

### **Walkway/cycleway**

- BFG has submitted the traffic management plan to Council.
- On track to be started in April.
- Anyone else keen to help Stu to advance this project?

### **Playground update**

- Cam to check on the large log that will be relocated from Mt Lees. Stu has someone who could relocate it to along the back fence line.

### **Bulletin Board**

- To go alongside the Sharing Shelf.
- Shelley working on that.

### **Sharing Shelf**

- Has been a lot better lately.

### **Council Updates**

- From Cr Colin Dyer
  - Thank you for the Plan presentation.
  - Customer satisfaction survey showing improvements in 11 of the 12 categories. Rural scores tend to be lower than Feilding.
  - Long term planning cycle has began.
  - Chorus presentation – retirement of copper services. Colyton has some fiber services.
  - Reminder of the role of Feilding and District Promotion in supporting events.
  - Will be away in April.

### **General Business**

- Other options for projects:
  - Can we put some money towards redoing the mural on the Hall as it is deteriorating?

- Would we be interested in putting a camera within the village for safety reasons? There are a lot of other committees across the district are doing.
- Car boot sale/market
  - Hall Committee could hold any of the funds raised. Cam will discuss with Brian.
  - Will look to later in the year once we have a solution for holding money.
- Community Committees meeting at the Hub on 1<sup>st</sup> April at 5pm.

### **Terms of Reference Update**

- Cam read out current Terms of Reference. Committee had a discussion on:
  - The quorum and chose to retain at 50%.
  - The frequency of meetings changed to bimonthly.
  - Chairperson to retain a casting vote where the vote is split.
- Other points of discussion:
  - Added the use of a Whatsapp group for the committee for reminders and discussion.
  - Does anyone have any issues with having their email address visible in community wide communications? – no.

### **Next Schedule Meeting**

Committee meeting – 6.30pm Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026, venue to be confirmed

**Meeting closed** 7.26pm