

Colyton Community Committee Meeting Minutes

25th September 2025 6.30pm at the Colyton Hall

Meeting Start 6.32pm

Present Cam Dyer, Lara Blackmore, Shelley Dyer, Michael Ford, Laurie Bradbury, Stu Bradbury.

Helen King (MDC).

Community attendees: Colin Worthington, Neil Stevens

Apologies Cam Bird, Nikki Speedy, Heather Whitehead, Jana Hocken, Kaye Bradbury, Matt Martin, Jacqui Reid.

- 50% of committee members were present, the meeting was valid for decision making.

Previous minutes and matters arising

- Everyone has received and reviewed the minutes.
- No issues raised

Correspondence

- Email about the Ballots, Books and Bangers event on Saturday being held by the Manawatū District Elections 2025 group. Has been shared to our Facebook page.
- Outgoing letter in support of the school fundraising initiative for playground equipment.

Financials

- \$3,149 from MDC for seed funding initiatives in the 2025/26 financial year.
- Entire balance of 2024/25 has been committed.

Community plan

- Cam Dyer will collate the feedback and submit to Helen King for editing this week. No major changes likely.

Projects

Beautification plan and signage

- Three signage designs will be ready for the next meeting for choosing the preferred design for completion.
- Cam will check in with James from MDC on the plan and timing of planting, plus whether or not part of the Holding Paddock will be included as a reserve.

Walkway/cycleway

- Just waiting on improved weather to start the next phase. Metal has been received.
- Traffic Management plan required.

Sharing Hut

- Lara still to look at how we can use social media to share as the Facebook page is limited in who can post etc.

Playground update

- Working Bee held on Saturday 21st of September. Well attended.
- New playground equipment still to be installed.
- Cam will give Lara some of the photos for the Facebook page.

Other project expenditure

- Looking into a notification board to go alongside the Sharing Shelf. Laurie and Kaye have donated an old window to create the board.

Council Updates

- Update on the initiatives across the various Community Committees of the District. Helen has encouraged Comms to reach out to promote some of the Colyton projects.
- Audit and Risk met today. End of financial year performance for 2024/25 is a \$12.9M surplus against a budgeted surplus of \$164K.
- Hearings of submissions on the Public Places Bylaw, deliberations on those submissions happen next week. Submissions tended to focus on incorporating considerations about smoking and vaping, as per the Council's most recent policy changes, and areas where food trucks should and shouldn't be allowed.
- Community Honours last Thursday night with 7 people honored for their ongoing commitment and contribution to the community.
- Campaign season update. Meet the Candidates events have all ended. Encourage everyone vote.
- Council meetings in the next term will be conducted on Wednesdays.

General Business

- Civil Defence training session with Hannah from MDC to follow the meeting.
- Replacement newspaper coming 17th of October. Will be delivered to Feilding and rural properties including Colyton.

Next Schedule Meeting

Committee meeting – 6.30pm 23rd October, Colyton Hall

Meeting closed 7.00pm