



*Halcombe will be a safe, supportive and progressive community.
It will be attractive, valued by all and well connected to the wider district.*

Minutes OF THE HALCOMBE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Monday 3 August 2026 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Maureen Lambert, Faye & Richard Bain, Vicki Powell, Rachel Mikaera, Peter Beck, Kevin King, Manu San Roman, Barbara Davies, Jeannette Henderson, Councillor Jerry Pickford

1.1 Apologies: Kathy Smith

Moved: Maureen Lambert Seconded: Richard Bain

Correspondence and Reports Accepted as read.

In

- 9 July – Rhys Emerson copy of email sent to MDC re blackberry in ditch along his property.
- 13 July – Adie Johansen MDC – intro of Stacey McLaughlin, new Community & Youth Coordinator
- 18 July – Updated Financial Policy circulated to HCDG
- 31 July – MDC District News
- 31 July – Stacey McLaughlin MDC – Checking details of HCDG meetings
- 2 Aug – Lucinda Dodunski – Minutes and AGM minutes from HCT

Out

- 27 July – Invoice from HCDG to Junction Farms Ltd for sale of 7 lambs
- 2 Aug – HCDG to Stu Addenbrook re required funds for 2026/2027

Moved: Barbara Davies Seconded: Faye Bain

1.2 Confirmation of previous minutes:

That the minutes from the previous meeting held on 6 July 2026 be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Rachael Mikaera Seconded: Peter Beck

2.0 FINANCIAL BUSINESS

2.1 Financial Report

*That the Financial Reports showing an overall total balance for June 2026 of **\$26,631.04** be accepted.*

See attached financial report for July.

Moved: Faye Bain Seconded: Rachel Mikaera

2.2 Invoices & Reimbursements Approved for Payment:

- \$139.53 - Maureen Lambert for Hall equipment – Hall Operating Account

Moved: Jeannette Henderson Seconded: Barbara Davies

Unanimously approved

2.3 Financial Policy

- The group reviewed the word changes to the financial policy and unanimously agreed to accept them.
- It was agreed to transfer \$5,000 from the Livestock account to The Halcombe Community Fund administered by the Halcombe Community Trust.
- Jeannette Henderson to contact HCT to inform them of the transfer.

Moved: Jeannette Henderson Seconded: Faye Bain

Unanimously approved

3.0 COUNCIL BUSINESS

Council Report: Jerry Pickford

- Water Services meeting – no progress as waiting on information
- Horizon RC may rate for Rangitawa river maintenance in the future
- MDC agreed to say 'NO' to the Central Gov't 'Head Start' proposal for Local Gov't
- Feedback closes on 18th Aug for Central Feilding Refresh proposal

- MDC and NZTA to joint fund road repairs from February 2026 storm – total cost \$3.1m. MDC funds of \$1.5m from contingency fund not from rates.

4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Focus #1 – Walkway and Domain

A very successful two working bees over the past month, we managed to move just about all the bark with the help of the senior students at Halcombe school, thanks for all who helped, the walkway is looking great. Extra trees and flax have been planted some trees were donated by a local which was nice. Another working bee to be planned soon to do some scrub cutting to get rid of blackberry before it starts to come away again. Vicki has reported to council about the oak tree by the park that's got a split trunk that is in danger of breaking off, no update received as yet.

4.2 Focus #2 – Hall

July Bookings

Community use

Monday 6th HDCG meeting

Mondays: Kai and Korero for Seniors 10.30 – 2.00

Tuesdays: Boot camp 6-7am, Yoga, 6.30 - 7.30pm

Wednesday 22nd HCT 6.30 pm

Tangi support 13 – 16

Paid Use

10th – 12th Wedding

25th – 26th Halcombe Winter Market

31st – 2nd August Bike Manawatu

August Bookings

Community Use

As above

Other

11th 9 – 4 Planned power outages

18th Hall audit MDC

Paid Use

1st- 2nd Bike Manawatu

8th Moa Harriers

22nd Moa Harriers

23rd Birthday party

Activity

Curtain draw pulls fixed – thanks Richard

4.3 Focus #3 – Cenotaph & Recreational Area

- Nothing to report

4.4 Subprojects

Roading

- Nothing to report

Recycling

- Nothing to report.

Hall Water

- Nothing to report

Community get-togethers

- Agreed to set up an organising group for the Summer Picnic/Easter egg hunt. Ideas include Music, BBQ/sausage sizzle, water slide, kapa haka, dunk the teacher. Involve Fire Brigade, school, playcentre etc

Thank you to Rachael, Vicki, Kevin, Manu

Cemetery Land

- Gorse spraying –Michael Watson has been contacted for costings. \$700 + gst and chemicals.
- Purchase fertilizer after spraying completed. Approx \$2,000

Entrance/Welcome signs

- When the weather warms up, the framework for the Event Signs needs to be cleaned down and repainted.

Date not set

Communications

- Facebook page rules are being respected.

Water Scheme	
No report	
Halcombe Community Trust (HCT)	
HCT has asked that HCDG be responsible for 'artwork' on the concrete wall facing playground. See below	

4.5 Other General Business

- MDC Community Funds:** The 2026/2027 Community Committee Project fund has been applied for. As yet, we have not had confirmation that this funding has been approved.
- Playground** – Rachel has submitted pictures via Antenno. Barrier has been put in place around broken piece of equipment. No further communication received.
- Asset Register** – Vicki has made a start on the Walkway equipment for the asset register of all physical equipment owned by the community. Hall equipment and Walkway equipment.
- Walkway** – next working bee to start on clearing blackberry – Sunday 16th August 1 - 3pm
- Local Providers Register** – it was agreed to send out a msg via FB asking for local trades to go onto a register so that locals can access their details first. We need a policy drawing up.
- Tennis Court bare wall** – as we need to follow a process to put artwork on this wall, Jeannette to investigate Creative Communities grants (closes 31st August)
- Storage cupboard** – Richard to investigate using a \$200 koha on this
- ANZAC Poppies** – As the hall is booked every Saturday in Oct. Manu to enquire about using the Rugby Club room. Otherwise, this will have to be a mid-week event.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

- See correspondence above

6.0 OTHER ITEMS

Meeting closed at: 8.10pm

Next meeting: Monday 7th September 2026 at 7.00pm in the hall

Actions Points:

MDC Funds available to use before 30th June 2027: Balance is \$??

Projects identified yet to be actioned by Halcombe & District Community Group

- Halcombe Open Drains – written to MDC & Horizons
- Halcombe & Districts Re Branding – Replace signs once agreed
- Community Plan – images to be updated
- ANZAC WWI soldier images to be erected in the hall