Hīmatangi Beach Community Committee Meeting

Thursday 22 October 2026 at 7.00pm

Himatangi Beach Community Hall

Present: Judy Howatson (Chair), Helen Falkner, John Hodder, Alec Mackay, Marty O'Fee, Bob Robertson, Nigel Barker, Jerry Pickford

In Attendance: His Worship Michael Ford, Dave Jack

Apologies:

No.	Item		Action (who)
1.	Procedural Matters	Meeting commenced 7.03pm	
1.1	Welcome	Judy welcomed everybody and a special welcome to the Mayor Michael Ford.	
1.2	Present/Apologies	Those present noted as above and apologies taken	
1.3	Confirmation of previous Minutes	Minutes of the 27 August meeting confirmed. No September meeting Moved – Judy Seconded – John	
1.4	Correspondence	**Inwards:** **Emails:** **Jerry Pickford (MDC Liaison Councillor) -** Email to council with outstanding matters for Community Committee **Manawatu District Council** – District News **Stacey McLaughlin (Community and Youth Coordinator) -** Community Planning and Implementation Fund – round 2 opening 1 September **Lisa Thomas (Strategy Manager) -** Letter to Community Committees outlining Council approach to Long-term Plan engagement **Stacey McLaughlin (Community and Youth Coordinator)** - Himatangi Beach Community Plan **Kate Jarvis (General Manager – People) -** Touching base regarding weather (responded with surface flooding photos) **James Adamson (Community Assets Liaison) -** Advising roading team site visit 10 September to discuss works required for beach entrance	

		James Adamson (Community Assets Liaison) - New basketball hoop and stand system ordered. Shipped early December and installed by Green By Nature. Line marking company engaged for installation of court lines. **Jerry Pickford (MDC Liaison Councillor) -** Updates from Council for outstanding matters – picnic landscaping 2 September with apologies for poor communication. Sunset viewing platform sit meeting with Hapu requested within next fortnight. Infrastructure Utilities team preparing plan for water line. Reserve planting day details. Disappointed in weeding done and contractor will come back to tidy up. Recycling centre weeding raised with infrastructure team. Community Plan was waiting on internal work request which has been completed. **Manawatu District Council –** Springtime Shout-Out competition **A Blast from the Past Old Time Cinema & Specialised Event Space** –Rural Quiz night **Manawatu District Council** – District News **Nicky Birch (Neighbourhood Support Manawatu)** - AGM 12 October **Stacey McLaughlin (Community and Youth Coordinator)** -Funding reminder and youth opportunities **Michael Ford (Mayor) -** Monthly Mayoral Update **Jerry Pickford (MDC Liaison Councillor) -** Media Release – Rangiotu, Our Place – Our Ball **Hannah Tokona (Emergency Management Officer)** - CDEM Exercise PacWave **Sherrie Manson (Executive Assistant – Mayor) -** Mayor Michael Ford attending next Community Committee meeting **Jerry Pickford (MDC Liaison Councillor) -** Intersection Speed Zone - speed change 70kph to 60kph **Rural Kids Matter –** Invitation to Meet the Candidates evening – Wednesday 21 October **Jerry Pickford (MDC Liaison Councillor) -** Passing on invitation to Meet the Candidates evening by Rural Kids Matter **Outwards:** **Emails:** **Jerry Pickford (MDC Liaison Councillor) -** Update on community garden area words, tennis court area, funding, consent for viewing platform, reserve planting day	

		James Adamson (Community Assets Liaison) - Kaikokopu Reserve planting day (response received with update on watering lines) **Mailing List** – Invitation to planting day **Mailing List** – September meeting cancelled **AED Locations** – Updating AED locations Feedback received via Community Email (hbccfeedback@outlook.com):	

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1.5	Matters arising from previous minutes	**Water taps into reserve –** Janine has emailed James to see if it's possible to get a secure tap connected to water the plants. Update, James has emailed infrastructure. Update update, Judy brought this up with Wiremu at stormwater meeting and he is getting Gavin to look into it, seems it shouldn't be too hard. Gavin will be here next week (week of 26 September 2026) to finalise the plan for the tap in the reserve. **12 months since Civil Defence meeting –** check the civil defence wheelie bin updated and back. Follow up on aerial map of addresses to tick off in an emergency. *Wheelie Bin not back from Civil Defence.* **Tennis Court –** new fence looks good – rubbish and weeding down the side to be cleared (by recycling area). All done now including recycling area. **Stormwater modelling –** discussions after meeting with Wiremu. Updates for the community. Suggest Council clear the built-up sand around the intersections to allow water to drain. Storm Water Modelling done, budgeted for 2028 - 2030 – Subject to Manawatu Water Services approving and then Council approving it.	*Email Hannah requesting bin to be returned.* *Facebook post to be done advising modelling is being undertaken.*
2	Items for approval		
2.1	Finances	**Community Planning and Implementation Funding:** $7800 carried over from 2024/25 $10,000 for 2025/26. **Community Committee Project Funding:** $7126 carried over from 2024/25 for the sunset viewing Platform. Application has been approved for $3,000 funding for: Waitangi Day Picnic in the Park,	

		Basketball Court to be resealed, painted and a new hoop installed. $2332.56 is the amount MDC has recorded as awaiting approval for carryover for sunset viewing platform.	

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2.2	Community Plan	To provide a pathway for village community's vision and priorities to be reflected in council's and other agencies strategies and work plans. Dune walkway, platform, waharoa, community area of learning and history. Plan updated in March. Draft plan has been sent through, still waiting on final updates. Final now received. Approval to be sent through to Council for uploading. Stage 2 of Kaikokopu Reserve planting – thanks to community, Green by Nature, MDC. MDC is commencing next part and preparing a planting plan for eastern part of the Reserve. Thanks to Rebecca for designing.	*Email to be sent to Stacey approving Community Plan.*
2.3	Community project	Progress on projects (what's been completed, what's been planned, timeline, issues, action): - Dune sunset viewing platform: Stage 1. Awaiting cultural assessment from iwi. MDC requested Hapu to review assessments. Costs anticipated and Council budgeted. Required to accompany Resource Consent application. Hayden Turoa provided draft form agreement. No formal response received. Meeting to be requested to progress work so consent can be lodged. - Waharoa: Stage 2 under reconsideration and perhaps amendment to just an entranceway - Sign boards and artworks: Stage 3 – discussion required. Judy working on content (now parked). Kevin and Alec have contacts for board designers. STILL awaiting the landscaping (July 27th??) What is happening in the landscaping is not what was discussed between Committee and Council. Some finishing work on wheelchair access ramp and painting on fencing panels work to be completed first week of November.	

		School curriculum tied up this term for painting tiles. Block wall – Bob has created an image from assumptions. We need a plan. Health and safety an issue due to the size of the wall. Masonry standards to abide by. Wind loading, terrain, topography and exposure. Footing and foundation – how deep, how wide? Wall reinforcement. Durability (type of concrete, corrosion etc). James Adamson – basketball court, hoop and stand ordered arrive early December and installed by Green by Nature, painting to be done of court. Library – costings to be done for access. City to Sea Rail Trail – Stock trail being focused on. Contaminants checked, cables mapped, $75,000 to turn the surface into a useable track. LINZ negotiation happening to get a lease. Rangiotu part difficult due to two bridges. Momentum building and visibility. Possible next project following platform could be Himatangi Beach to SH1 track.	*Judy to try come up with a plan of what the vision is*
3.	General Business	Upcoming events: Labour Weekend - Cossie Club something every night. Fire Brigade Car Boot Sale Saturday morning, Foxton Spring Fling Sunday. Christmas Parade – 12 December. Angelique Walker organising. Beach vibes. Cossie open for treats for the kids and possible free sausage sizzle. Trust put on a breakfast for the Coast to Coast. Christmas Day – Santa water fight from 9.30am. Firefighters football – Monday 28 December. Picnic in the Park – Waitangi Day 6 February contact musician Tri Club – possible triathlon in March. Support from Committee. Summer beach behaviour: Previously Police have done blitzes checking motorbike registrations. Community Patrol can only observe and report. If you see dangerous behaviour call 111. Mayor had a	*Post to be put up reminding people to call 111 or 105, take photos of vehicle issues*

		meeting with Area Commander – patrol increases. Thanks to MDC for the work done on the grounds coming into the village – mowing, spraying, painting, clearing foot paths, street sweeper. Great maintenance. Civil Defence Emergency Management test – Community Patrol was contacted, Judy is still waiting on the phone call.. If FENZ get called to a non-fire incident then community patrol can meet them to use another four wheel drive. Using different resources and contacts. Civil Defence plan can be reviewed.	
3.1	Surf Club Report	Good numbers. Junior numbers growing. Two new drivers qualified. Six new lifeguards in training. Callout squad busy. Search and rescue made up from Surf Club. FENZ set up the boats for Surf Club. New signage on building. New crest to be put up. The missing rescue buoy was found. Second one to be put at the end of the walkway.	
3.2	Fire Brigade Report	Nine callouts since last meeting, three beach related, one motor vehicle accident, one house fire, fire in area, three PFA callouts. On the hunt for volunteers. Car boot sale Saturday morning.	
3.3	Community Patrol Report	Couple of new enquiries for volunteers.	
3.4	Community Trust Report	**HBCT Sunday 20 September 2026 meeting summary -** **Community Hall** • Power: Options for managing electricity costs were discussed, with trustees present favouring a hybrid approach. Further discussion required, along with investigating potential funding opportunities. • Maintenance: Ongoing door lock issue. • Cleaning: Looking at whether a deep clean of the hall cupboards is required. • Pest Control: Rohan and Marika to catch up regarding bait checks. **Library**	

		• Marika has taken on the coordinator role, introduced monthly volunteer catch-ups and developed guidelines. Volunteers are looking forward to the Open Plus initiative. **Events** • Hīmatangi Beach Arts Trail: Preparations underway, with Marie Wilton coordinating the event. The Trust will organise a hall clean beforehand. • Christmas Parade / Coast to Coast: Rohan to touch base with organisers to see what support is required from the Trust. • Surf Club Triathlon: The Trust is supportive of the idea of a local triathlon but would need more information from organisers before confirming what assistance could be provided. • Polling booths will operate in the hall for the general election on 7 November. • The Trust will work with the Surf Club to incorporate the Market Day with the Big Dig on 23 January 2027. **AGM** • The 2026 Trust AGM will be held at the hall on Sunday 1 November 2026 at 11.00am. With the recent resignations of 3 Trustees we will be advertising for community members to join the Trust. **Next Meeting** • Sunday 1 November 2026, following the AGM at the HB Community Hall.	
4	Council Matters and Councillor Report	Residents Survey reports – increase of 6% overall satisfaction. Five new questions were introduced (eg food scraps collection). Benchmark report compared against 23 other councils. MDC performed above average. Southern end not as satisfied as northern end of district. Finance Chair and Deputy Chair and Chair of Water Services voting rights and quorum – passed. Govenor-General has to give final approval. Submissions council made on central government. Presentation from Mac Kovaleski who represented Manawatu at Under 18 Hockey championships – finished fourth. Mayor – thrill last week at local government NZ super local conference in Rotorua. YEM (Youth Elected Member) group awarded Bridget Bell YEM of the year. Allison Short won Super Human Councillor award.	

		Submissions report – go to Central Government. Lobbying done as well. Three major successes in last few years – local water done well, kept MDC in house and saved $6 – 8 million. Earthquake prone buildings – external walls have to be supported. Class three soils to be excluded from a restraint of subdivision (only excluded where it attaches to urban areas). Feilding Civic Centre to be handed back to Council. Second lowest rates Council in last few years. Amalgamation discussion – we signed a MOU with Whanganui, Ruapehu, Rangitikei, Tararua. All on hold. Couple of models being looked at. Judy acknowledged the work Jerry has been doing advocating for our community and thanked the Mayor for attending. Nigel said the work we get from MDC staff is exceptional.	
5	Other Business	Power outage 4 November 9 – 3.	
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	Discussion Closed Next Meeting	Meeting closed 9.13pm 26 November 2026	