

Hīmatangi Beach Community Committee Meeting

Thursday 23 April 2026 at 7.00pm

Palmerston North Surf Life Saving Club

Present: Judy Howatson (Chair), John Hodder, Helen Falkner, Nigel Barker, Bob Robertson, Kevin Kelliher, Marty O’Fee, Jerry Pickford

In Attendance: Trish Sanders

Apologies: Alec Mackay

No.	Item		Action (who)
1.	Procedural Matters	Meeting commenced – 7.00pm	
1.1	Welcome	Judy welcomed everyone.	
1.2	Present/Apologies	Those present noted as above and apologies taken.	
1.3	Confirmation of previous Minutes	Minutes of the March meeting confirmed.	
1.4	Correspondence	<p><b>Inwards:</b> Emails:</p> <p><b>Adie Johansen (Community Services Manager):</b> Update on Community Committee Support</p> <p><b>Jerry Pickford (Liaison Councillor):</b> SH1 intersection speed limit change</p> <p><b>Janine Hawthorne (Community Connector):</b> Confirming funding increase for tiles.</p> <p><b>Janine Hawthorne (Community Connector):</b> Community Committees Satisfaction Survey</p> <p><b>James Adamson (Community Assets Liaison):</b> Concept plans for platform</p> <p><b>Hannah Tokona (Emergency Management Officer):</b> Cyclone Vaianu Community Committees</p> <p><b>Dolly Kaur (President, Bhartiya Samaj Lower North Island):</b> Cancelling Manawatu Cultural Festival.</p>	

		<p><b>Hannah Tokona (Emergency Management Officer):</b> Wet Weather – Community Committee Update</p> <p><b>Jerry Pickford (Liaison Councillor):</b> Request for feedback on cancellation of rural buses to pass on to MP.</p> <p><b>Outwards:</b> Emails: <b>Email to Janine Hawthorne:</b> Request for further funding for tiles for walkway entrance.</p> <p>Feedback received via Community Email (<a href="mailto:hbccfeedback@outlook.com">hbccfeedback@outlook.com</a>): Bus feedback</p>	<p><i>Helen to send platform concept to Committee.</i></p>
1.5	Matters arising from previous minutes	<p><b>Bollard Replacements, Health Centre Carpark loose gravel</b> still outstanding – Bollards, Health Centre Carpark.</p> <p><b>Water taps into reserve</b> – Janine has emailed James to see if it's possible to get a secure tap connected to water the plants</p>	
2	Items for approval		
2.1	Finances	<p><b>Community Planning and Implementation Funding:</b> \$7800 carried over from 2024/25 \$10,000 for 2025/26.</p> <p><b>Community Committee Project Funding:</b> \$7126 carried over from 2024/25 for the sunset viewing Platform. \$3000 awarded for 2025/26 Funding.</p> <p>2025-2026 Community Project Funding \$2,057.56: \$1000 towards the maintenance of the bollards and ropes to Parks and Property \$800 History sign boards for our dune walkway and waharoa project \$1500 towards tiles for garden wall.</p>	<p><i>Email James on timeline for rope and bollard maintenance.</i></p>
2.2	Community Plan	<p>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.</p> <p>Plan updated in March, awaiting amended plan from Council.</p>	<p><i>Adie to be emailed chasing amended plan.</i></p>

2.3	Community project	<p>Progress on projects (what's been completed, what's been planned, timeline, issues, action):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dune sunset viewing platform: Stage 1. Awaiting cultural assessment from iwi</li> <li>- Waharoa: Stage 2 under reconsideration and perhaps amendment to just an entranceway</li> <li>- Sign boards and artworks: Stage 3 – discussion required.</li> </ul> <p>Judy handed out initial thoughts for wording on history boards. A pop up community event is to be held for consultation and ideas on boards. Photos are to be taken of the children painting the wall tiles. Marty and Judy to meet on site.</p>	<i>Email James for update on walkway progress.</i>
3.	General Business	<p>Community Committees Forum</p> <p>Judy gave a debrief following the Community Committees forum. It was Feilding centric from Council. Presentations from Infrastructure and Communities, marae rebuild, and history signboards at Halcombe.</p> <p>Civil Defence – sand bags MDC. Sandbags were requested in an email to the Emergency Management Officer at MDC and no reply or acknowledgment received. Flooding jobs have been logged to clear the curbs and stormwater drains. The corner at Wylie Road was flooded and MDC put signs up.</p>	
3.1	Surf Club Report	-	
3.2	Fire Brigade Report	<p>1 callout – prepare surf club boat for a search in Palmerston North. Not required in the end. Fundraising and training is ongoing for the firefighters doing the SkyTower Challenge. New recruits will be sought.</p>	
3.3	Community Patrol Report	<p>Due to the fuel crisis extended patrols are not being done, only the weekend and every other day. They will be parked up at the beach entrance. The cameras are still up and running. Photograph bikers cars and trailers from anyone not abiding by the road rules.</p>	

3.4	Community Trust Report	No meeting this month. The date for the volunteers dinner is 20 June. Let Alice know of any volunteers that should be invited. The ANZAC service is 6am outside the Cossie Club. Volunteers are required to organise the 2027 service. Leaks have arisen from the earthquake strengthening work completed.	
4	Council Matters and Councillor Report	<p>Changes to Council fees and charges confirmed. Population growth in Manawatu has been marked as “high growth”. Wastewater at Kimbolton and Cheltenham is to be linked into Feilding. Foodscraps are to be turned into biogas and sold to a company in Reporoa.</p> <p>The Turners Road extension has been signed off as an industrial area. The Feilding town centre refresh is coming up for consultation. The annual plan and rates will become public at the next meeting on 6 May.</p>	
5	Other Business		
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	Discussion Closed	Meeting closed 8.35pm.	
	Next Meeting	28 May 2026, at the Hall	