

Hīmatangi Beach Community Committee Meeting

Thursday 23 July 2025 at 7.00pm

Upstairs, Surf Club

Present: Judy Howatson (Chair), Kevin Kelliher, Helen Falkner, Bob Robertson, Jerry Pickford, Alec Mackay.

In Attendance:

Apologies: Marty O'Fee, John Hodder, Dave Jack

No.	Item		Action (who)
1.	Procedural Matters	Meeting commenced 7.06pm	
1.1	Welcome	Judy welcomed everyone – corrected the agenda to read the previous minutes were June, not May.	
1.2	Present/Apologies	Those present noted as above and apologies taken	
1.3	Confirmation of previous Minutes	Minutes of the 25 June meeting confirmed. Judy moved. Bob seconded.	
1.4	Correspondence	Inwards: Emails: Jerry Pickford (Liaison Councillor): Sending through Storm Water modelling Helen King (Grants Connector): Reminder: Community Committee applications for Project and planning and Implementation Funding are closing soon Judy Howatson: Forwarding Grant Funding Report Helen King (Grants Connector): Links to funding application and Adie to communicate rolling over of funding Service@smartygrants: Confirmation of funding application being submitted James Adamson (Community Assets Liaison): Update on picnic area work – work booked in will provide update on timeframe – Booked in for Monday 27 July.	

		Adie Johansen (Community Services Manager): Sending link to plan and advising further items to be completed before finalising Community Plan (responded) Adie Johansen (Community Services Manager): Community Committee Update, Funding Time and Introducing Stacey (new Community and Youth Coordinator). Council working through approval process for Community Committee project applications. Jerry Pickford (Liaison Councillor): Forwarding email from resident asking for more details on Surveyor letter drop Jerry Pickford (Liaison Councillor): Forwarding email from resident asking for information on MDC preparation for El Nino Outwards: Emails: James Adamson (Community Assets Liaison): Asking for update on Picnic area work (reply above) Adie Johansen (Community Services Manager): Asking for link to plan and update on finalised plan James Adamson (Community Assets Liaison): Asking for update on cultural assessment report and consent for walkway (response received have approval from Rangitaane and Ngati Apa but waiting on Himatangi Hapu Collective) James Adamson (Community Assets Liaison): Asking for time on Picnic area work (response received that will get back to us with ETA) Feedback received via Community Email (hbccfeedback@outlook.com):	
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1.5	Matters arising from previous minutes	Bollard & Rope Replacements – Judy forwarded pics of outstanding job. Green by Nature are fixing the remaining broken rope - completed 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.	<i>Ask Wiremu about tap during meeting about stormwater</i>

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. \$3000 awarded for 2025/26 Funding. 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 the tiles for the walkway garden wall Application has been submitted for \$3,000 funding for: Waitangi Day Picnic in the Park, Basketball Court to be resealed, painted and a new hoop installed.	

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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, awaiting amended plan from Council. Still waiting on final updates.	<i>Send through to Adie and Stacey May and June minutes to be uploaded.</i>
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 - Waharoa: Stage 2 under reconsideration and perhaps amendment to just an entranceway - Sign boards and artworks: Stage 3 – discussion required. Judy working on content. Kevin and Alec have contacts for board designers. Green by Nature working on the picnic area landscaping Monday 27 July.	<i>Facebook post to let Community know what is happening with landscaping</i>

3.	General Business	Stormwater modelling – organise meeting with Wiremu. Discussion over ideas. Some community feedback is stormwater retention pond areas might be difficult to liaise with landowners. What land can Council acquire without consent from current landowners? Dredging of the stream will need to happen more frequently if it has a non-returnable valve. We need to address the upstream issue (water table of the village) the modelling needs to be broader. Where does the water go from the ponds? Colin McFadzean Chair of the Water Services wants to be a part of the discussion.	<i>Judy to organise meeting with Wiremu and Committee</i>
3.1	Surf Club Report	Kicking into training next batch of lifeguards – 8 of them. Looking for senior coach. Good committee in place, settled on a new logo (for Palmerston North Surf Lifesaving). Will try to include Himatangi Beach name. Surf Life Saving NZ reviewing support of clubs. New landline in the surf club.	
3.2	Fire Brigade Report	Three callouts since last meeting – one house fire, one fire in the area, urgent lift assist for ambulance. People to go to “checkitsalright.nz” before lighting a fire. Trying to find recruits.	
3.3	Community Patrol Report	The vehicle now has a functioning Civil Defence Radio that can communicate with MDC. The portable briefcase radio is due to be reprogrammed and returned 24 July.	
3.4	Community Trust Report	HBCT Sunday 19 July 2026 meeting summary - Hall Improvements are being investigated to better utilise the area outside the stage fire exit, and to upgrade the hall toilets. Quotes have been received from a local builder and funding options are being pursued. Previously identified minor building warrant of fitness issues have been rectified by the MDC. One compliance fix has created a security issue, which options are being considered in consultation with the MDC. Discussions are ongoing with the MDC regarding the possibility of after-hours access for the community library. Our library volunteers are working directly with the MDC to move this option forward. Marika is working with the library volunteers to coordinate the logistics behind setting up a	

		donated printer and computer in the library, so this can be available for the community to use. Hall bookings have picked up, with a steady stream of functions and events utilising our excellent facility. Other Community Assets The tennis court net and fittings have been replaced, so this court is now functional again. The potential of adding pickle ball courts is still being considered in consultation with the MDC. Finance The balance sheet remains positive after budgeted expenditure. This allows the Trust to better support future related community projects. With the move to Kiwi Bank, the financial approval process has been reviewed and a new system implemented, to ensure appropriate rigour is maintained. Events The Bi-Annual Volunteers appreciation dinner was held on Saturday 20 June 2026 with NZ Police Inspector Mark Harrison the guest speaker and music provided by Jeff and Sheree Carr. 150 invitations were sent out and Leonie catered for 100. 84 people attended on the night and included distinguished guests Councillor Shelley Dew Hopkins and her husband Ian, and Councillor Raewyn Loader. Mark Harrison was also accompanied by his wife Delwyn. Many thanks to our sponsors; the MDC, Whakaako Educate, Falkner Builders, Levin Liquorland, and to our helpers on the night, including Leonie and her team for the catering. Special thanks to Alice and her team for organising the event. Apologies were received from the Surf Club, as this event clashed with the Capital Coast Surf Life Saving Awards of Excellence Awards in Wellington. Overall feedback was very positive - the guest speaker and desert got special mention from many! Upcoming events this year include the annual Himatangi Beach Cake Bake Off in September (date to be confirmed), the Arts Trail on 18 October, and the Xmas Parade on 12 December. Also Solo Artist Daniel Champagne is performing at the hall on 8 August, and polling booths will operate in the hall for the general election on 7 November.	
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		The Trust will work with the Surf Club to incorporate the annual 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. Next Meeting Sunday 16 August at 3.00pm at the HB Community Hall	
4	Council Matters and Councillor Report	Reserve planting are meeting with landscape gardener for timeframes – mid August planting. Basketball Court 80% done – trying to find additional funding for outside the Court sealing. Purchase for basketball hoop looking into – parks will top up. Tennis Courts netting and fence posts looking to be actioned in quarter 2. HeadStart proposal - unanimously voted against going into HeadStart. Trying to take prolonged approach to amalgamation. Looking forward to Long Term Plan services (parks reserves, toilet cleaning etc). Prime Minister in Feilding yesterday. Jerry appointed to marae at Rangiotu (Te Rangimarie marae). February weather event - \$3m damage to Council property, 49% is being funded by NZTA. Work can be commenced straight away. Feilding Town Centre refresh – been rated for in everyone's rates. Mixed feedback.	
5	Other Business	Thanks to MDC for new freedom camping sign on the tennis courts. Doggy waste bins – can we get more? Council said no more bins as it will be \$2,500 annually to service it.	<i>Email reminder to move doggy bin to far entrance to the reserve</i>
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	Discussion Closed	Meeting closed 8.45pm	
	Next Meeting	27 August 2026 – Upstairs at the Surf Club	