

Minutes

Himatangi Beach Community Committee Meeting

24th April 2025

Himatangi Beach Community Hall

No	Item		Action (who)
1	Procedural Matters	Permission to record the meeting was requested and approved.	
1.1	Welcome	From Judy Howatson, (Chairperson) Whakawhanaungatanga (Introductions) to community members attending	
1.2	Present/ Apologies	Present: Judy Howatson, Kevin Kelliher, Te Awatea Ward, John Hodder, Helen Faulkner, Alice Ebrey, Marty O'Fee MDC: Councillor Andrew Quarrie In Attendance: Rebecca and BJ Craig Apologies: MDC Community Services Co-ordinator Helen King	
1.3	Confirmation of Previous minutes	March meeting minutes Judy moved the minutes be accepted Kevin 2 nd Carried Information about the committee and all past minutes can be viewed here.	

1.4	Correspondence	Inwards: Emails: Helen King (MDC): Community Committees Bulletin x2 Helen King (MDC): Joint Community Forum notes MDC: Reminder: Local Water Done Well MDC: District Newsletter Helen King: Community Committee Survey (Marie Willis) Helen King: Facebook notice – Emergency Water Update Andrew Quarrie: Stormwater Update Outwards: Emails: Beauchamps: re Peter Shore plaque (Forwarded to committee for approval - replied and ordered, CC Helen King for purchase order) Helen King: (From Judy) Updating meeting minutes on website Feedback received via Community Email (hbccfeedback@outlook.com): Nil	
1.5	Matters Arising from Previous meeting	- Stormwater Upgrade update – Judy. Hunia Terrace – Upgrading the current pipe was considered the easiest option. An ecological assessment was done. 2 options presented to Horizons under the belief that a resource consent wouldn't be required however Horizons has come back saying that yes, a consent will be needed. MDC are now looking at the original option of piping directly to the drain by the Surf Club. - Entrance/waharoa of Dune walkway – Te Awatea. Feedback on the process to erect a Māori gateway at the beginning of the walkway to the viewing platform. A carver has been found who is interested in creating this. Trustees will meet with him via zoom so we can better understand the cost, time and process. Rebecca suggested using inmates in Linton Prison to carve this and will check out this possibility and give feedback to the Committee. - Reserve update: Marty. Awaiting earthmoving contractor availability. - Interpretive signage boards – Kevin.	

		Offered to check the prices of interpretive signage boards. Waiting for response for this. - Wifi needed for the library. There is a computer that is hooked to the internet but there is no wifi for people to use.	
		Items for Approval/Information	
2.1	Finances	- MDC Community Project Funding Balance: \$8522 - MDC Community Planning Implementation Fund: \$10,000 – tagged for dune viewing platform	
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 platform project).	
2.3	Community Projects	Progress on projects (what's been completed, what's been planned, timeline, issues, action): - Dune sunset viewing platform. Dune sunset viewing platform. Track clearance has started. Further work will be included during dune restoration work. Platform building quote process begun. Opening date set for Labour weekend (24/10/2025). Latest update, awaiting feedback from Horizons regarding consents - James is in the info gathering stage prior to going to Horizons and putting the plan to them - Meeting to be set up with Trustees and a potential Māori carver for the gateway	
3	General Business	- Joint Chairs forum feedback (Judy). Grant processes, Helen King to send out links. Fulton Hogan popular replacement to Higgins, more repair work being done. Local Waters submissions have closed. Centralised wastewater being sent to Feilding. Food waste collection into Feilding Roading north of district still repairing bridges from cyclone Gabriel. District growth strategy- what do we want the village to look like over the next 30 years.	

		Parks and Property- earth works have started for the reserve. The Kaikokopu walkway/ reserve upgrade starting in April. Reroofing on the Manawatū District chambers. Building WoF been done for halls in the district. - Community Hubs Programmes survey Rural Libraries, vehicle has been approved and ready to go out to 6 satellite libraries (includes Himatangi). Bring books out, can also bring out programmes, tech help, JP. Asked about wifi and disability access. Strong demand for wifi for the library. Judy to continue to work with Brenda as to the needs of our library. - Anzac Day service Starting at 6am, be there earlier. Councillor Bridget Bell attending. - Op Shop Ball – Matariki weekend, Saturday 21st June. Looking for sponsors.	
3.1	Surf Club report	No report.	
3.2	Fire Brigade report	- 8 call outs this month with 5 being in 1 week - \$1700 raised for the Sky tower challenge - 2 younger recruits have joined - Members doing courses e.g. 4WD and Pump OP - Trevor completed his recruit's course and has been promoted to a fire fighter - Open fire season, no permits required but need common sense	
3.3	Community Patrol report	No report	
3.4	Community Trust report	- Meeting is upcoming	
4	Council Matters and Councillor Update	- 2 meetings in April, the 3rd and the 17th - At the meeting on the 3rd, Kaydence-Capri Quinlan,U16 Touch Rugbytouch rugby player who TNZ Youth Nationals spoke to Council. - Plan change 1: Minor Amendments Operative Report. - Approval to notify plan change B: Residential review and plan change. E: Town centre review. Significance & engagement policy: Approval to consult, Public consultation started 4th April, closes 5th May 2025. - Community Honours Awards nominations opening soon.	

		- April 17th meeting, Tumai Burton spoke about participation in the TNZ Youth Nationals, U16 Touch Rugby. - Cr Bridget Bell presented Te Maruata a group that advocates for Māori representation in Local government institutions, offering professional development and mentoring. - Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust- six monthly report to 31st December 2024. Bamboo type plant (Phragmites Australis) becoming invasive and difficult to control. Going through the motions of making it a notifiable weed. (Committee discussion around some Phragmites now in Kaikokopu stream reserve) - CEDA six monthly report to December 2024 & Draft statement of intent 2025 to 2026. - Freedom camping bylaw. Concerns about problem squatters. Council can't move on homeless people but suggestion that Council officers be afforded discretion to deal with anti-social behaviour. - Road stopping at Bailey Road, Ohakea. Backs onto air force base. Issues with whether they should pay rates on purchased farmland that is leased back to farmers as a commercial operation. - Approval to notify plan change A: Rural and flood channel review. - Submissions made to Government for March. - Deliberations for the development and financial contributions policy. - Adoption of the development and financial contributions policy. - About 500 submissions for Local Waters, Council preferred option seems to be popular. For the full minutes of meetings, upcoming agenda and consultation documents follow the link below: https://www.mdc.govt.nz/about-council/meetings-agendas-and-minutes/agendas-and-minutes/manawatu-district-council-agendas-and-minutes	
5	Any other business	No other business	
	Meeting closed:	8.34 pm	
	Next Meeting	7pm. May 22nd, 2025	