

Himatangi Beach Community Committee Meeting

Thursday 24th July 2025 at 7:04 pm

Community Meeting Room

Present: Judy Howatson (Chair), Alice Ebrey, Helen Falkner, John Hodder

In Attendance: Nigel Barker (Community Trust Chair), Helen King (MDC), Liz Paipay, Mary O'Callaghan, Phillip Moore, Andrew Quarrie (MDC),

Absent: Kevin Kelliher

Apologies: Te Awatea Ward (Secretary), Marty O'Fee,

No.	Item		Action (who)
1.	Procedural Matters		
1.1	Welcome	Judy welcomed those present Congratulations to Himatangi Beach TOP 10 Holiday Park, they were recognised as Medium Holiday Park of the Year at the Holiday Park Association awards last night.	<i>Contact Feilding promotions let them know.</i>
1.2	Present/Apologies	Those present noted as above and apologies taken	
1.3	Confirmation of previous Minutes	Minutes from June meeting moved and accepted as correct Moved: John Seconded: Alice	
1.4	Correspondence	Inwards: Emails: - Helen King (MDC): Reminder - Funding applications close June 30th - Helen King (MDC): Deadline Extended-Requests for Community Committee Funding MDC: - District Newsletter Hannah Tokana (MDC): Offering 1st aid course - Helen King (MDC): Minutes and meeting confirmation - Nigel Barker (HBCT): MOU Safety Cameras Outwards: Emails: - Committee members (from Judy): Community Committee Project Funding application	

		- Committee members (from Judy): Planning and Implementation fund submission “Stage 3” - Tanith Wirihana (from Te Awatea): Invite for waharoa project (accepted for 26/27 July) - James Adamson (from Judy): Peter Shore dedication	
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1.5	Matters arising from previous minutes	Sight rail safety – Himatangi Street, damaged rails and overgrown vegetation logged. MDC stormwater issues – Sandown- don’t have a means to dispose water. MDC Broken weir – in floods of 2016, stream now remains higher than previous. MDC Bollards in the stream by Surf Club – moving them towards the ocean	<i>Jobs logged</i> <i>Request site meeting with infrastructure- Wirimu Greening- to look at the bigger picture and find a solution</i> <i>Send Alec an email</i>
2	Items for approval		
2.1	Finances	MDC Community Project Funding Balance: \$7126.18 – Some may be tagged for fees involved with dune project ie ecological assessment etc. MDC Community Planning Implementation Fund: \$10,000 – tagged for dune viewing platform minus \$2200 resource consent process 2025-2026 Application \$1000 Picnic in the Park (increased budget due to costs of musicians) \$200 Hosting Tanith and Dean, contributing towards their meal and accommodation costs for the weekend \$1000 towards the maintenance of the bollards and ropes to Parks and Property \$800 History sign boards for our dune walkway and waharoa project	<i>Pending contestable in progress</i> <i>Discussion around the life time of the rope with the bollards</i>

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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).	

2.3	Community project	Progress on projects (what's been completed, what's been planned, timeline, issues, action): • Kaikokopu Reserve: earthworks and planting, loads of soil has been transported in, contouring of the land is complete. Planting has began. Question asked about another bin placed in the reserve, discussed this as a previous request and the cost involved too high for council. • Dune sunset viewing platform: Opening date set for Labour weekend (24/10/2025). Latest update, working through with Horizons consents. Encourage locals to use the walk way. It has been noted that you can view the shops living quarters so we are coming up with a wall of some sort to block the view • Waharoa: Committee to host an informational weekend 26th/27th July. Tanith is confirmed, Dean at this stage has not responded.	<i>Community invite out on the Hub, meet at the SurfClub on Sunday.</i> <i>Judy to Simon about walkway wood</i>
3.	General Business	Tanith's visit – as discussed previously, meeting this weekend, showing them the village and meeting the community. Op Shop Ball Hall fundraiser - \$1300 donated to Trust	
3.1	Surf Club Report	Alec not present ? IRB event next weekend	
3.2	Fire Brigade Report	Currently pushing home fire safety check- Smoke alarm checks. If you are aware of anyone who may need a check please let them know to contact us. 3x call outs since the last meeting Chimney fire, scrub fire (fire ashes), MVA	
3.3	Community Patrol Report	Dave has spoken to MDC – we do not have a Civil Defence Radio as per advertised.	<i>Put a post up for donations</i>
3.4	Community Trust Report	Last meeting May 24th Horowhenua Community Camera Trust AGM – 19 August 4pm- will be held in the Community Hall. The MOU will be signed on the day, between the Patrol and the Horowhenua CCT. Hopefully MDC and the other community groups will be parties of the MOU. Invites have gone out to celebrate the success before heading into the AGM. Safety Cameras have appeared to have had a decrease in fly tipping, we all need to promote the safety cameras, records show they have had positive outcomes from the cameras since they have been placed.	

		How can council utilise the cameras, ie fly tipping we can log it with council and let them know that there are CCTV- they are only accessible to the police. Local Rural Bus- The Trust formed a subcommittee earlier in the year, we had many discussions with Foxton Health Shuttle and wanted to mirror their business model. The Trust decided it wasn't currently viable. Another group has since been formed Himatangi Beach Health Trust and are taking up idea- they will be presenting to the Trust on Sunday with their business plan. Trust is at minimum six members – new members encouraged. Next Meeting: Sunday 27 July, 3 pm	
4	Council Matters and Councillor Report	Apologies for missing last months meeting. Meeting today with Council Council introduced a vape free policy- same places that are currently smokefree Abandoned vehicles- current policy it needs to remain in place for 7 days before council can remove them, suggestion made that this should be decreased to 1 day – we can support this decrease by putting in a submission. Delegation manual and RMA amendments Submissions lodged on behalf of council- to central government 10 over the last three months. Targa Rally - 5 day event, they come through the district providing economic relief. Memorandum of arrangement with Cova-Lima (Timor-Leste) Looking at students coming to Feilding High, Providing work opportunities for RSE (Recognized Seasonal Employers). District planning has come to a stop- until the new RMA is released/ finalised. Growth framework will continue. Rates capping- Council don't think it will work. Infrastructure costs are sky rocketing. Rate increase average 5.9%. If we had to do a cap- we would have to put a stop to services, ie CEDA. We would have to provide a lower level of service. Council does not operate under the same inflation numbers as the community does. Bowling club fence- Work in progress, neighbour needing to pay for half of the fence replacement.	<i>This will open for public consultation soon</i>

		Candidate meetings- there will be one in Rongotea. Funding Forum is being hosted 20th August between 3pm-7pm. Being held in the HUB.	
5	Other Business	Rangitane Street build up of sand either side of the road. It becomes dangerous if oncoming vehicle as no where to pull over. Horizons were going to introduce wasp to stop Acacia reproducing, do we know if this every happened? Next meeting we wont have any business as Civil Defence are coming out for a CAEC training evening/ chat. Any thing that needs to be discussed Concerns that there is few vehicles coming down behind the fire station, younger people smoking marijuana, loitering, request for sensor light on back of surf club equipment shed.	<i>Ask fire brigade</i>
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	Discussion Closed	Meeting closed 8:28hrs	
	Next Meeting	August 28th 7pm (Civil Defence CAEC training evening)	