

Himatangi Beach Community Committee Meeting

Thursday 26 February 2026 at 7.00pm

Community Hall

Present: Judy Howatson (Chair), Kevin Kelliher, John Hodder, Helen Falkner, Nigel Barker, Bob Robertson, Janine Hawthorn (MDC), Jerry Pickford

In Attendance: Dave Jack, Alec McKay, Tricia Sanders, Alice Ebrey

Apologies: Marty O'Fee

No.	Item		Action (who)
1.	Procedural Matters	Triennial Election led by Councillor Jerry Pickford – New committee appointed- Judy reappointed as Chair. Helen has taken on the role as Secretary. Marty O'Fee. Bob Robertson. John Hodder. Kevin Kelliher. Nigel Barker.	
1.1	Welcome	Judy welcomed all those in attendance. Thanked the previous Committee members for their time and effort. It was agreed that the quorum moving forward will be 3 members, to ensure meeting minutes can be moved and seconded in a timely manner to be presented at Council meetings. Apologies are to be given to the Chair when known or at least midday before the meeting at the latest.	
1.2	Present/Apologies	Those present noted as above and apologies taken.	
1.3	Confirmation of previous Minutes	Minutes of the November meeting confirmed. December meeting was cancelled and January meeting was informal as there was no quorum. <i>Moved by Helen. Seconded by Alice (previous committee member who was in attendance).</i>	
1.4	Correspondence	Inwards: Emails: MDC: District News Janine Hawthorn (MDC Community Connector): Actions from meeting Janine Hawthorn (MDC Community Connector): Funding and council updates (forwarded to committee)	

	<p>Nikki Fields (MDC Waste Minimisation Officer): Recycling Centre Feedback</p> <p>Wiremu Greening (MDC Utilities Manager): Action points from onsite meeting (forwarded to committee)</p> <p>James Adamson (MDC Parks and Property): Onsite catchup with Wayne for installation of Peter Memorial seat and plaque</p> <p>Janine Hawthorn (MDC Community Connector): Council News Item</p> <p>MDC: Be in to Win – Antenno</p> <p>Nicky Birch: Neighbourhood Support Survey</p> <p>Hannah Tokona (MDC Emergency Management Officer): Checking in – Community Welfare Needs. Replied via phone call, received written update from Kate Jarvis (MDC People and Culture Manager): acknowledging points</p> <p>Outwards:</p> <p>Emails:</p> <p>Janine Hawthorn/Jerry Pickford (MDC): Photos of dune reserve clearance</p> <p>Charlotte Jeffrey (MDC Roading): Culvert clearing Koputara Rd</p> <p>Sue Graham: Hall bookings for community meeting dates</p> <p>Committee Members (from Judy): Project updates x3</p> <p>James Adamson & Chris Mcrae (MDC) (from Judy): Freedom campers (no reply)</p> <p>James Adamson cc Janine Hawthorn (MDC): Project funding for ropes and bollards (reply received from Janine)</p> <p>James Adamson (MDC): Landscaping by Shop To arrange site meeting with Keith and Wayne (no reply)</p> <p>Janine Hawthorn (MDC): Recovery phase after storm (Janine forwarded to recovery team)</p> <p>Janine Hawthorn (MDC): Invoice Picnic in the Park (replied)</p> <p>No feedback received via Community Email (hbccfeedback@outlook.com)</p>	<p><i>Judy to email Nikki feedback.</i></p> <p><i>Judy to forward emails to new committee members (Nigel and Bob) and Alec.</i></p>
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1.5	Matters arising from previous minutes	<p>Stormwater issues – MDC Broken weir – MDC Kaikokopu Stream health – Would like to see a maintenance schedule implemented to keep it flowing - MDC Bollards in the stream by Surf Club – MDC All covered off with site meeting</p> <p>Seat from Wayne for memorial plaque – In Place</p> <p>Triennial Elections - Date moved to February meeting due to a large amount of apologies already received for January</p> <p>Waitangi Day Picnic In the Park – Done</p> <p>Bollard Replacements, Health Centre Carpark loose gravel still outstanding – Bollards, Health Centre Carpark.</p> <p>City to Sea Rail Trail – to be incorporated into the Community Plan (March)</p> <p>Water taps into reserve – Janine has emailed James to see if it's possible to get a secure tap connected to water the plants</p>	<p><i>James to make contact with Peter's family</i></p> <p><i>Janine to manage with James.</i></p>
2	Items for approval		
2.1	Finances	<p>Community Planning and Implementation Funding: \$7800 carried over from 2024/25 \$10,000 for 2025/26.</p> <p>Community Committee Project Funding: \$7126 carried over from 2024/25 for the sunset viewing Platform. \$3149 awarded for 2025/26 Funding.</p> <p>2025-2026 Community Project Funding \$3000: \$782.25 Picnic in the Park (increased budget from last year to allow a koha for musicians and sound engineer) \$1000 towards the maintenance of the bollards and ropes to Parks and Property \$800 History sign boards for our dune walkway and waharoa project</p>	

		<p>Janine advised the smarty grant applications were open mid-may to June.</p> <p><i>Judy moved. Helen Seconded.</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>* Review the Community Plan during the March meeting</p> <p>The city to sea rail trail is to be incorporated in the plan.</p>	<p><i>Judy to email Community plan for it to be refreshed in March.</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"> - Kaikokopu Reserve stage 1 completed. A water tap has been requested for watering of the plants. - Dune sunset viewing platform: Stage 1. Awaiting cultural assessment from iwi - Waharoa: Stage 2 under reconsideration and perhaps amendment to just an entranceway. We are waiting on an onsite meeting to discuss the structure. - Sign boards and artworks: Stage 3 – Met with James. Landscape meeting to be organised. Need to organise a block layer after speaking with Wayne and Keith. Sign boards on hold while working through iwi considerations (rolled over into 2026). May need to go ahead on non-cultural information. <p>Judy gave a summary to the new members of the project and where things are at.</p> <p>It was agreed a subcommittee could be created to manage the project moving forward. This is to be Marty, Jerry, Helen and Rob Bigwood (through Alec).</p> <p>There was discussion around works done in the dune further up from where the platform is to be. Horizons is investigating and enforcement is</p>	<p><i>Email Janine and James to request drawings of the platform</i></p> <p><i>Janine to follow up with James on meeting.</i></p>

		<p>expected, and remediation required by the landowner. The impact on the consent for the platform is unknown at this stage.</p>	
3.	General Business	<p>Waitangi Day Picnic in the Park Summary The picnic was once again a success. Kiwifloss in particular, the owner offered to attend for free next year. It was agreed new polythene is required to be purchased for the waterslide.</p> <p>Storm damage and recovery. We had an orange warning for wind. The damage was partly due to south easterly winds which we don't usually encounter. The telecommunication battery currently only lasts for 8 hours which is why reception went down. This is to be raised on a national level (via Council). PowerCo overall did a good job getting power back to the village. There was discussions around the generator and why it isn't working for us. PowerCo need to check the lines inside the village for safety before it can be turned on. This was not done. In future the Church hall can be utilised for the public rather than the Fire Station which is required for operational needs. This includes the use of signage outside to update the community. We need to as a community check on each other.</p>	<p><i>A community post to be made to remind ourselves to look after our neighbours and community.</i></p>
3.1	Surf Club Report	<p>The end of season will be 7 March.</p> <p>The buoy has disappeared. AON who provided it are charging \$120 to replace it. They are a major sponsor of SLS so Alec is pushing back on the cost. If a second buoy is provided this will be \$350 for the whole unit. Nigel indicated the Trust may be able to help with funds.</p> <p>The beach had been closed due to water quality.</p> <p>The Big Dig was a success.</p> <p>A mid-winter swim is being planned for 15 June.</p>	<p><i>Judy to email Alec the stream email.</i></p>
3.2	Fire Brigade Report	<p>16 callouts so far this year, a lot from the storm. Burn offs from the storm then caused more callouts.</p> <p>There are 4 members doing the SkyTower Challenge this year.</p>	

3.3	Community Patrol Report	Currently sitting at 15 members. Were busy with the Big Dig and the storm. The CD radio was tested during the storm but there was no return so seems to be an issue.	
3.4	Community Trust Report	<p>Last meeting was held 26 January.</p> <p>There has been earthquake strengthening to the hall.</p> <p>A working bee was held to clean around the hall.</p> <p>Funds are being raised to upgrade the toilets.</p> <p>There is wifi in the hall, which has been provided by the Cossie Club.</p> <p>The nurse is now back at the clinic (Tues and Thurs) along with a therapeutic masseuse on the weekend. The carpet is being upgraded in the clinic.</p> <p>Nigel thanks Judy for organising Picnic in the Park and Craig for the music. There has been great feedback. In future maybe we could recognise the cultural importance of Waitangi Day more. There is DIA funding available.</p> <p>The tennis court may be changed to include pickle ball. Weeds need to be attended to.</p> <p>Next meeting is 23 March at 3pm.</p>	
4	Council Matters and Councillor Report	<p>There will be consultation on the speed limit at the Himatangi Beach Road and SH1 intersection being reduced to 60kph.</p> <p>Feilding District Promotions did a presentation. We are able to have events promoted through them.</p> <p>3 groups presented to council who have received funding grants.</p> <p>Manawatu Services Committee was set up (3 waters). Jerry is on the committee.</p>	
5	Other Business	<p>Maintenance on the walkways. Both overgrown.</p> <p>Council policy on derelict and burnt out houses was queried. Unless it's a health issue nothing can be done as its private property.</p> <p>It was asked whether MDC are inspecting the village for storm damage. Due to the amount of</p>	<i>Janine to talk to James.</i>

		<p>damage region wide, it is best to log jobs for any damage/issues through Antenno.</p> <p>Judy raised Mobile Recycling Centre feedback requested. Committee happy for her to reply and include overgrown weeds.</p>	
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	Discussion Closed	Meeting closed 9.12pm	
	Next Meeting	26 March 2026 at 7.00pm – in the Surf Club.	