

Hīmatangi Beach Community Committee Meeting

Thursday 26 March 2025 at 7.00pm

Church Hall

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

In Attendance: Karen Spurgeon, Brad Spurgeon, Alec MacKay, Dave Jack

Apologies: Marty O'Fee.

No.	Item		Action (who)
1.	Procedural Matters	Meeting commenced – 7.02pm	
1.1	Welcome	Judy welcomed and thanked Karen and Brad for the use of the hall. Terms of reference – Following views from the Committee Judy suggested the terms updated to reference it is alongside the MDC Community Committee policy.	Helen to amend ToR.
1.2	Present/Apologies	Those present noted as above and apologies taken	
1.3	Confirmation of previous Minutes	Minutes of the February meeting confirmed.	
1.4	Correspondence	<p>Inwards: Emails:</p> <p>MDC: District News Jerry Pickford (MDC Liaison Councillor): Link to survey from NZTA reducing speed limit at intersection SH1, Himatangi Beach Road, and Rangiotu Road. Janine Hawthorne (MDC Community Connector): Council news and updates. Dolly Kaur (President, Bhartiya Samaj Lower North Island): Invitation to Inaugural Manawatū Cultural Festival on 18 April, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM at Manchester Square, Manawatū. James Adamson (MDC): Meeting invitation for walkway and landscaping discussion (replied) Janine Hawthorne (MDC Community Connector): Finalised programme for the Annual Joint Forum Janine Hawthorne (MDC Community Connector): Responses to Action Requests for Council. Janine Hawthorne (MDC Community Connector): “Stretching the Oily Rag” Initiative from DIA and</p>	

		<p>Whatunga Tūao Volunteer Central focused on mapping community services across Horowhenua, Manawatū, Palmerston North and Tararua.</p> <p>Janine Hawthorne (MDC Community Connector): Various updates – School holiday programmes, requesting notification for ANZAC dawn services, advising leaving Council.</p> <p>Himatangi Beach Trust: Forwarding email from St John re change of location of AED from Cossie Club to Shop (acknowledged).</p> <p>Outwards: Emails:</p> <p>No feedback received via Community Email (hbccfeedback@outlook.com)</p>	<p><i>Helen to reply to St John confirming AED can move to shop.</i></p>
1.5	Matters arising from previous minutes	<p>Bollard Replacements, Health Centre Carpark loose gravel still outstanding – Bollards, Health Centre Carpark. Ropes and bollards are scheduled to be fixed in April. Freedom camping signage to be installed by end of March. Calls to be logged with Council by Community for non-compliance. It was raised the bollards are hard to see at night – should they be painted? Would need a community working bee to be painted.</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. Still waiting on response from infrastructure team.</p> <p>Walkways – Far end walkway will no longer be maintained will be up to volunteers. End of Te Kiri St walkway will be continued to be maintained.</p> <p>Council confirmed burnt out property is up to the owners and nothing council can do.</p> <p>Stormwater modelling due in May.</p> <p>Stream – MDC working with Horizons about quality</p>	<p><i>Survey to be put out to Community for views on painting bollards.</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. \$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</p> <p><i>Moved: Helen</i> <i>Seconded: John</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>	
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"> - 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 – Meeting with James and Keith – blocklayer needs to be arranged. Sign boards on hold while working through iwi considerations (rolled over into 2026). May need to go ahead on non-cultural information. <p>Summary of meeting with James, Keith and Wayne – Accessible timber ramp to be installed up side of Community Garden area. Vegetation to be tidied up. End of garden by the back of the shop to be levelled and fenced off. Wall to be made of something other than blocks – possibly villa board. School kids to paint tiles – Splatter has offered to help with the tiles at a small cost per tile. Platform and waharoa still in talks with iwi. Garden area to go ahead regardless and progress can start on that now.</p> <p>Pricing for information boards is required.</p>	<p><i>Judy to follow up James for drawing of platform and walkway.</i></p> <p><i>Judy and Helen to enquire prices of information boards with other Community Committees.</i></p>
3.	General Business	<p>ANZAC Day 2027 – Cossie Club have approached the Trust and Committee to ask for Community help to plan the event in future. Dawn parade outside Cossie 6am for 2026.</p>	

3.1	Surf Club Report	Prizegiving last Friday. Winter maintenance time. Good numbers for year. Surf Lifesaving NZ going through restructure.	
3.2	Fire Brigade Report	Restricted fire season – fire by permit only. Five callouts this month. Quiz night fundraiser over Easter weekend at Cossie Club for Skytower Challenge. Firewood still available as a fundraiser with community patrol.	
3.3	Community Patrol Report	Review at next meeting amount of patrols due to price of fuel. Maybe a limit the area being patrolled. A meeting is to be held with Fire Brigade as to what equipment they have (for new members) and how they can work together.	
3.4	Community Trust Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earthquake strengthening work in the hall is on-going. • More use of the hall - a recent wedding donated 2 tables. • An international musician has booked the hall on 8 August for ticket sales - Daniel Champagne. • Some bait stations have disappeared from the hall, purchasing more. • Investigating options to better utilise the area outside the fire exit by the stage. • Nurse Jess is back to normal hours at the clinic - Tues & Thurs • Massage therapist is going well, with regular repeat clients. • An approach has been received to run a yoga clinic from the hall. A trial period will gauge community interest. • Kids Karate club has stopped operating. • Trust agreed to fund the spare Buoy for the Surf Life Saving Club. • Agreed to combine the annual market day with the Big Dig, all profits from the day to go to the Surf Life Saving Club fundraising. • Bi-Annual Volunteers dinner will be on Saturday 20 June 2026, guest speaker and music organised. • A printer and lap top have been donated, so offered to the library - no response received from the library to-date. • A subcommittee is to be set up to move forward with the proposal to combine the Committee and the Trust. 	
4	Council Matters and Councillor Report	<p>Visitors presenting to Council – Manawatu Riding for Disabled, Sport Manawatu, Plant to Plate Aotearoa (in 7 schools in Manawatu Region), Himatangi Beach Community Patrol.</p> <p>Residence satisfaction survey more positive than previously.</p>	

		<p>Councillors will be attending ANZAC Day events.</p> <p>Feilding town centre refresh funds being confirmed at Council meeting next Wednesday.</p> <p>School bus not going from Himatangi Beach for PN buses – Government unlikely to change position.</p> <p>Reminder of NZTA request for submissions for reduction of speed and SH1 intersection.</p>	<p><i>Email going out to Committee members whether a submission from Committee to be submitted for speed reduction at SH1 intersection.</i></p>
5	Other Business	Library – Adie to be asked what is required in the role of running the library at Himatangi Beach.	
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	Discussion Closed	Meeting closed 7.53pm.	
	Next Meeting	23 April 2026, at the Hall	