

Himatangi Beach Community Committee Meeting

Thursday 27th March 2025 at 7:04 pm

Community Meeting Room

Present: Judy Howatson (Chair), Alice Ebrey, Helen Falkner, John Hodder, Kevin Kelliher, Marty O'Fee

In Attendance:

Apologies: Te Awatea Ward (Secretary), Nigel Barker (Community Trust Chair), Helen King (MDC), Andrew Quarrie (MDC)

No.	Item		Action (who)
1.	Procedural Matters	The meeting will be recorded. Alice will fill in for Te Awatea and take notes for Judy to be able to complete minutes.	
1.1	Welcome	Judy welcomed & thanked everyone for attending.	
1.2	Present/Apologies	Those present noted as above and apologies taken. Council are busy with the council Local Waters Done Well public meetings.	
1.3	Confirmation of previous Minutes	Minutes from January meeting confirmed as correct by all those present. There was no quorum at February meeting. Notes taken only.	
1.4	Correspondence	Inwards Emails <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helen King (MDC): Following up on actions from meeting Hannah Tokona (MDC): (to Judy) Offer of 1st aid course for Chairs (declined) Helen King (MDC): Community Committees Bulletin x2 Scott McCaskie (Capture Signs): Updated quote for sliders MDC: District Newsletter Helen Worboys (MDC): Local Waters Done Well Consultation (forwarded to Committee) Helen King (MDC): Action Points from last meeting Outwards Emails Feedback received via Community Email (hbccfeedback@outlook.com):	<i>Offer of first aid course – declined by committee</i> <i>Updated quote discussed</i>

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1.5	Matters arising from previous minutes	<p>Discussed the updated quote for the sliders</p> <p>Stormwater upgrade timeline – MDC still awaiting next steps from Horizons re: increasing the outflow pipe in the dunes</p> <p>Entrance/waharoa of dune walkway- funding opens 1st April- closes 31st August MDC Creative Communities. Look at providing three options for community to look at. Must be completed 12 months from funding granted. Looking at having an opening by Labour weekend.</p> <p>Discussion around interpretive signage- recognising Ted Barling as part of the sign boards project.</p>	<p><i>Marty to follow up with Te Awatea</i></p> <p><i>Te Awatea to look at options/ designs.</i></p> <p><i>Kevin to look into gather information for interpretive signage.</i></p>
2	Items for approval		
2.1	Finances	<p>MDC Community Project Funding Balance: \$8522 MDC Community Planning Implementation Fund: \$10,000 – tagged for dune viewing platform.</p> <p>Memorial plaque- email sent to Beauchamps but no response</p> <p>Viewing platform- confident it will be completed and paid by end of June – but need consent from Horizons and Iwi so may be delayed</p> <p>WiFi- question was asked of Feilding library, no budget available to supply WiFi to community libraries.</p>	

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2.2	Community Plan	<p>-To continue to collaborate with the Trust.</p> <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 platform project)</p>	

2.3	Community project	<p>Progress on projects (what's been completed, what's been planned, timeline, issues, action): (Rolled over from February)</p> <p>Dune sunset viewing platform. Track clearance has started. Further work will be included during dune restoration work. Platform building quote process begun. But project currently stalled, awaiting Horizons. Opening date set for Labour weekend (24/10/2025).</p> <p>Chairs and Secretary meeting at MDC on Wednesday 2nd April- Judy attending.</p>	
3.	General Business	<p>Meeting length, can we aim to finish the meetings by 2030hrs. If we have a guest speaker maybe we look at condensing or moving items to the next meeting. Council representatives come from afar.</p> <p>Local Water Done Well – Andrew discussed it last meeting. Submissions can be done online- they close April 11th. The last central government brought in Three waters. Current government are finding out what our districts would like to do. MDC have sent out three options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option one – status quo • Option two - join with PNCC (PNCC need to upgrade their water services) • Option three – a conglomeration of Horowhenua, Kapiti Coast, Palmerston North, and Manawatu. <p>Please encourage your friends and family in the area to complete submissions. There is a special meeting being held at Te Kawau Recreation Centre on Monday 31st March 7pm</p> <p>ANZAC day service- dawn service outside Cossie Club 6am, council will send a representative. Fire brigade and patrol will close the road.</p> <p>Reserve update, bamboo has been cut down, trees/ shrubs have been removed, waste has been mulched, but we haven't had an update on landscaping.</p>	<p><i>Facebook post done to the Hub to encourage community to put in submissions</i></p> <p><i>Marty to contact James (MDC)</i></p>
3.1	Surf Club Report	Not in attendance	
3.2	Fire Brigade Report	<p>Recruit firefighter currently on course.</p> <p>1 new recruit and 1 other interested person.</p> <p>Monday night- the fire brigade has checked every single fire hydrant in the village.</p> <p>The brigade has a target of 16 members and we are currently at that for numbers plus our recruit.</p> <p>Quiz night Easter weekend- Saturday, fundraiser for Skytower stair climb.</p>	

3.3	Community Patrol Report	Not in attendance	
3.4	Community Trust Report	<p>Discussions around a potential community shuttle service.</p> <p>The Trust endorsed and supported any organised group to establish a Hīmatangi-based community shuttle.</p> <p>Promotion of the Foxton Health Shuttle was also approved.</p> <p>Inspire's sponsorship offer deemed financially unviable, hardware is there if and when required.</p> <p>Events: Op Shop Ball confirmed Saturday 21 June; Cake Bake date pending; potential Arts Trail under review.</p> <p>Pop-up Eats: Further planning deferred to summer.</p> <p>Community Hall: New tables approved; plan to repaint the orange door; up to \$200 allocated for planter box materials.</p> <p>Health Clinic: Temporarily closed due to lack of a nurse. Recruitment ongoing; Foxton Beach Health Service promoted as an alternative.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Thursday 25 May, 3 pm</p>	
4	Council Matters and Councillor Report	<p>Not in attendance</p> <p>Committee discussed Local Waters Done Well</p> <p>Freedom camping bylaw submissions close March 28th</p>	
5	Other Business	<p>Bollards- many have broken ropes around the place</p> <p>Ways to log jobs, phone 06 323 000, email public@mdc.govt.nz or use the app Antenno</p>	<i>John to log a report</i>
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	Discussion Closed	Meeting closed 8:17	
	Next Meeting	Thursday 24 th April 7pm	Please remember to put in apologies early