

Himatangi Beach Community Committee Meeting

Thursday 27th November 2025 at 7:01 pm

Community Hall

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

In Attendance: Nigel Barker, Tricia Sanders, Alec Mckay

Apologies: Andrew Quarrie

No.	Item		Action (who)
1.	Procedural Matters		
1.1	Welcome	Judy welcomed all those in attendance, welcome back to Janine and welcome to Jerry Te Awatea has resigned as secretary- thanks for all her work over the last few years. Hopefully she will continue to help with the waharoa project	
1.2	Present/Apologies	Those present noted as above and apologies taken	
1.3	Confirmation of previous Minutes	Minutes of the September meeting confirmed, October was an informal meeting.	
1.4	Correspondence	<p>Inwards: Emails: MDC: District News Helen King (MDC Community Services Coordinator): Community Committee Bulletin (replied) Helen King (MDC Community Services Coordinator): Confirming previous meeting minutes Michael Ford: (MDC Mayor): Appointment of Liaison Councillor Janine Hawthorn (MDC Community Connector): Forwarded MBIE recall advisory (coloured sand products)</p> <p>Outwards: Emails: Helen King (MDC Community Services Coordinator): Update on confirmed meeting minutes for MDC website</p> <p>Feedback received via Community Email (hbccfeedback@outlook.com):</p>	

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1.5	Matters arising from previous minutes	Stormwater issues – MDC Broken weir – MDC Bollards in the stream by Surf Club – MDC? Check with Alec/PNSLC	<i>Janine- A meeting has been requested with Wiremu & Hamish to discuss storm water, rising levels of the stream, broken weir</i>
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: \$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 - DONE \$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>	

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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) * Set a date for reviewing the Community Plan (see General Business)	
2.3	Community project	<p>Progress on projects (what's been completed, what's been planned, timeline, issues, action):</p> <p>- Kaikokopu Reserve, Keith and Wayne have finished at this stage. They will return at a later date. 10 year plan for a loop to be created.</p> <p>- Dune sunset viewing platform: Stage 1. Opening date of walkway confirmed for Labour weekend (24/10/2025) – Didn't happen! Query when this will occur. They were waiting on the resource consent from Horizons for the viewing platform.</p>	<i>Janine to get in touch with James</i>

		<p>- Waharoa: Stage 2 under reconsideration and perhaps amendments for now while working through iwi considerations.</p> <p>- Sign boards and artworks: Stage 3 – Met with James. Landscaping planning in place. Sign boards on hold while working through iwi considerations</p>	<p><i>Janine to get o touch with Wayne about the seat/chair for Petes memorial</i></p>
3.	General Business	<p>December meeting date – Judy moved that we bypass the December meeting, Alice seconded</p> <p>Public meeting for committee elections Thursday 22nd January 7pm. Helen Falkner has put in her apologies but is putting forward her name for re election.</p> <p>Date for reviewing the Community Plan February</p> <p>Kaikokopu Stream health- currently choked with weed- this is a health and safety risk as it almost looks like there is no water. Broken weir. This side of the bollards has been measured and the water is not flowing through.</p> <p>Whitebaiters said it's the worst season for yield, though plenty were spied after the season finished. Are Green by Nature coming back to continue to clear the weed phragmites across the creek?</p> <p>Waitangi Day Picnic in the Park (Kiwi Floss) Usually we try to keep the Dairy involved- Kiwi Floss has contacted Judy with an offer of 100 serves for \$100- Committee approved</p> <p>Getting summer ready Police- we had a chat with Gary and Logan about summer blitz- they are working closely with Community Patrol</p> <p>Parks and Reserves- Multiple jobs have been logged with Attenno due to minimal response from emails Bollard replacements, sand build up, footpath clearing, lupin overgrown, area in front of health centre, basketball court, street lights, culverts curb and channels.</p> <p>Beach clearing- needs to be done prior to Christmas, single lane and there will be a bottle neck with cars. Query if we need to get the stream straightened. Talk of moving the bollards out a 100meters.</p> <p>Waste Mgmt- Skip bin has been organised, and Deb from MDC will send through a schedule of rubbish emptying.</p> <p>City to Sea Rail Trail- There is work going on for a trail on the old railway land. For bikes, walkers, horses. The group have been working for the last 12 months to get it through Longburn, they have found an old stock</p>	<p><i>Janine to advertise the triennial elections</i></p> <p><i>Stream needs a maintenance schedule to keep it healthy, running, flowing</i></p> <p><i>Judy to contact Dairy owners to see if they have an offer</i></p> <p><i>Janine to follow up on culverts as no reply to email to public@mdc</i></p> <p><i>Judy to email Grant Alec email James</i></p>

		<p>trail- that they may be able to use (Reserve road). A wee bit of work is required to prove it is safe to use. We need to build awareness of the trail. Do we need as a community to look at forming a trail from the village out to SH1 so we are prepared, when it arrives. Maybe add it into long term plan. Start an initiative from the Beach. Someone has taken the time to measure down both sides of the road and there is a large amount of space along the majority of the road. If there is already a trail in place from the Beach, when they come to look at the intersection</p>	<p><i>Would be an idea to add it to the Community Plan</i></p>
3.1	Surf Club Report	<p>Patrols have started this last weekend</p> <p>Regional guard 15th December to end of January</p> <p>Wellington Anniversary Big Dig and Market Day, and the Surf Club will also have an evening function</p>	
3.2	Fire Brigade Report	<p>Labour weekend carboot sale- good success</p> <p>6 call outs, lines down, fires</p> <p>Thanks to the Rongotea Lions for our new sign showing call outs.</p> <p>Good luck to Dave (drivers course), Jordan and Ange (QFF)</p> <p>We are going to start working with the Surf Club- if they are requiring an IRB to be prepared for a rescue when they are not in the area. (We will be starting training next week)</p> <p>Firefighters football- December 28th</p>	
3.3	Community Patrol Report		
3.4	Community Trust Report	<p>We had our AGM 2 months ago, the Trust welcomed new members Ged, Marika, and Rohan, and heard from Denise, who attended to gather details about the community market. The Arts Trail saw fewer visitors this year, although those who came shopped well, and interest in hiring the Hall continues to grow. Planning for summer events is well underway, with the Wellington Anniversary Market taking shape- working with the Surf Club, Christmas Parade preparations almost complete December 13th, and Waitangi Day set with food, entertainment, and music.</p> <p>A real community Christmas tree will appear by the dairy, with locals encouraged to add their own decorations. Earthquake strengthening on the Hall is nearly finished, and the Trust agreed to start building a fund for a future toilet renovation, beginning with tagged fundraising from upcoming activities. The Health Clinic is now open twice weekly, with massage</p>	<p><i>Social media post reminding that there are cameras in the village that Police have access to.</i></p>

		<p>appointments available fortnightly, and new carpet is being priced for the meeting and waiting rooms.</p> <p>The Library has been offered a donated printer to improve community access to printing, and the Trust is exploring options for WiFi, ideally with help from a sponsor. If you are interested in sponsoring WiFi for the Hall and Library, please get in touch. The Trust is also investigating improvements for the tennis and basketball courts, including the possibility of introducing pickleball in the future.</p> <p>Nigel met with the Community Chair to discuss if it was possible to join together. Whether we could work together as one unit for bettering the community. There is a council policy that outlies what the community committees do.</p> <p>Safety Camera project- HCCT AGM held in our Hall, we are being used as an example. Trial in Horowhenua around allowing 3rd parties being able to request footage ie councils.</p> <p>Next meeting Sunday 25th January 3pm</p>	
4	Council Matters and Councillor Report	<p>Welcome to new liaison councillor Jerry Pickford. Act party member, father of three, new to council.</p> <p>Local jockey represented NZ</p> <p>Two young FAHS males playing Basketball and water polo, representing Manawatu and NZ</p> <p>Annual plan in discussion- funds around the water reservoir roof replacement</p> <p>Council out here for a retreat a couple of weeks ago, there was discussion around the sand.</p> <p>Next year council will be looking at long term plans.</p>	
5	Other Business	<p>Maintenance of the walkways to the beach</p> <p>Alec asked if there had been any feedback on the rescue buoy, none received</p>	
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	Discussion Closed	Meeting closed 8:33	
	Next Meeting	January 22 nd 2025 – Public meeting	