

Hīmatangi Beach Community Committee Meeting

Thursday 28 May 2025 at 7.00pm

Upstairs, Surf Club

Present: Judy Howatson (Chair), Kevin Kelliher, Helen Falkner, Nigel Barker, Bob Robertson, Marty O'Fee, Jerry Pickford

In Attendance: Alec Mackay, Dave Jack

Apologies: John Hodder

No.	Item		Action (who)
1.	Procedural Matters	Meeting commenced 7.07pm	
1.1	Welcome	Judy welcomed everyone.	
1.2	Present/Apologies	Those present noted as above and apologies taken	
1.3	Confirmation of previous Minutes	Minutes of the April meeting confirmed. Judy moved. Marty seconded.	
1.4	Correspondence	Inwards: Emails: Jerry Pickford (Liaison Councillor): Storm Water/Flooding update from Utilities Manager on modelling timeframe. Adie Johansen (Community Services Manager): Manawatu's Matariki Winter Festival Manawatu District Council: District News Himatangi Beach Community Trust: Volunteers Dinner invitation Judy Howatson: Forwarding response from Emergency Management Officer we need to purchase own sandbags. Maybe we could approach farmers and use feed bags. Jerry Pickford (Liaison Councillor): Needs Analysis surveys on cultural and performing arts facilities (forwarded on to Committee and Mailing List).	

		Adie Johansen (Community Services Manager): Community Committee Funding Round and Vested Assets Policy Charles Harris: Request for information and photos of beach racing scene in the 1930s Helen King (Grants Connector): Community Committee Project Funding and Community Planning and Implementation Funding. Rishi Sharma (Bhartiya Samaj Lower North Island): Invitation to Manawatu's First Ethnic Safety Forum. Blueprint For Learning: Free mental health workshop returning to Palmerston North. Outwards: Emails: Himatangi Beach Community Trust: Forwarding emails of Committee members for invitations. James Adamson: Asking for timeline on maintenance on rope and bollards (reply received). Adie Johansen: Requesting copy of updated Community Plan (reply received). James Adamson: Asking for update on walkway and garden progress (reply received).	<i>Skatepark and hall bollards still not completed.</i>
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1.5	Matters arising from previous minutes	Bollard Replacements, Health Centre Carpark loose gravel still outstanding – Bollards, Health Centre Carpark. Bollards done. Water taps into reserve – Janine and Marty have emailed James to see if it's possible to get a secure tap connected to water the plants	<i>Marty to send Jerry photos of gravel on Health Centre Carpark.</i>
2	Items for approval		
2.1	Finances	Community Planning and Implementation Funding: \$7800 carried over from 2024/25 \$10,000 for 2025/26. Community Committee Project Funding: \$7126 carried over from 2024/25 for the sunset viewing Platform. \$3000 awarded for 2025/26 Funding. 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 \$1500 towards the tiles for the walkway garden wall Replacement polythene will be purchased.	
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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. Plan updated in March, awaiting amended plan from Council. Currently with graphics team.	
2.3	Community project	Progress on projects (what's been completed, what's been planned, timeline, issues, action): - Dune sunset viewing platform: Stage 1. Awaiting cultural impact assessment from iwi - Waharoa: Stage 2 under reconsideration and perhaps amendment to just an entranceway - Sign boards and artworks: Stage 3 – discussion required. Marty has been following up with the tiles. Consultant quoted \$4,000 - \$6,000 to outline for the children's painting. Will see if there is anyone local available.	
3.	General Business	Council amalgamations. Central Government has told Councils they must provide a plan of who they want to amalgamate with within the next few months. If nothing received, the decision will be made for them. Combining Councils within our region might work. How does water come into the equation when we have already decided Manawatu District Council to run alone (3 waters). No Council can stay by itself but must follow the wishes of its residents. Meeting 10 June at Rongotea 6.30pm – 8.30pm.	
3.1	Surf Club Report	Great working bee Saturday just been. Regional Award Dinner is 20 June. Good numbers for next year. Winter training happening. Junior programme for the first time in a few years. Under 14 year old kids can sign up. Would be good to get local kids. Surf Life Saving NZ going through a review of how the regional structure	

		works. There is a digital network now. Crews being sent out before storms to be available for search and rescue. Midwinter Swim 21 June 2026 – 11am. Bowl of soup at Surf Club afterwards. Hoping for a Flyby for Big Dig next year.	
3.2	Fire Brigade Report	3 callouts since last meeting – vegetation fire, car fire, private fire alarm. Four did the Sky Tower challenge. Great times. Over \$2.5 million raised to Blood Cancer NZ. Local fundraising was over \$8,000.	
3.3	Community Patrol Report	No change since last meeting. Still reduced area of patrol to around the village.	
3.4	Community Trust Report	HBCT Sunday 17 May 2026 meeting summary - Hall Strengthening work created water tightness issues. These have been rectified by the MDC. Improvements are being investigated to better utilise the area outside the stage fire exit, and to upgrade the hall toilets. Funding options are being pursued. The latest building warrant of fitness has identified some minor issues to be rectified to maintain compliance, which are being addressed in consultation with the MDC. Discussions were also held with MDC regarding the possibility of after-hours access for the community library. Trustees are currently reviewing the MDC Halls Management Policy - feedback due Friday 28 May 2026. Other Community Assets Discussions are ongoing with MDC regarding improvements to the tennis courts, and the potential of adding pickle ball courts. Finance The Trust has now moved all accounts to KiwiBank. The balance sheet is positive, allowing us to support infrastructure and other community projects. A received overpayment of \$3,594.00 is to be repaid to the Central Energy Trust.	

		Upcoming Events Bi-Annual Volunteers appreciation dinner will be on Saturday 20 June 2026 with a guest speaker and music. Invitations have been sent out. Funding support has been very positive, with strong community and MDC backing. Trustees noted the importance of recognising the many local volunteers who quietly contribute to Hīmatangi Beach across organisations such as emergency services, clubs, community groups, and support services, as well as individual volunteers who are doing what they do without being directly associated with a group or organisation. An option has also been added for non-volunteers to attend, at a cost of \$40.00 per head. Future Focus The Trust also discussed the potential future amalgamation of the Community Committee and the Trust structure, with the goal of creating a more streamlined approach to managing community projects, events, facilities, and finances in coming years. A sub-committee has been formed, with the desire to add other community members. Anyone willing to contribute to contact the Trust Chair. Next Meeting Sunday 19 July 2026 at 3.00pm at the HB Community Hall	
4	Council Matters and Councillor Report	7 Councillors appointed as marae liaison councillors. Report from Manfield – Year End deficit. \$80,000 damage done in last storm with \$50,000 excess. Feilding Civic Centre Trust presented. Awahuri Kitchiner Trust winding up. Resident Satisfaction Survey – MDC sits above the other Councils. St John Tenants Union and Feilding Community Patrol gave presentations.	
5	Other Business	City to Sea Rail Trail – making progress. Trying to get a lease for land from LINZ behind the railway line which is the old stock trail. Funding available for surfacing it. Letter sent to NZTA for discussion to engage planners for turnoff at Longburn	

		straights to Rangiotu Hall. Also include crossing at SH1. Trail can go to Foxton and Himatangi Beach. Bollards in the creek – investigation into moving them being included in the storm water drainage modelling. Storm water modelling report due by 20 June. Reserve planting – plants have been purchased, a date to be arranged for planting when Council is ready.	
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	Discussion Closed	Meeting closed 8.39pm.	
	Next Meeting	25 June 2026 – Upstairs at the Surf Club	