

MINUTES OF THE KIMBOLTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 10th August 2025 AT 7.00PM

AT KIMBOLTON HALL

PRESENT: Janine Adsett (Chairperson), Sarah Denley (Treasurer), Heidi Morton (Secretary), MDC Councillor Colin McFadzean, Helen King (MDC liaison), Neil Charlton, Ian Bagley, Graeme Jensen.

APOLOGIES Tony Waugh, Maryann McCready.

Janine welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 8th June 2025 had been circulated via email and were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

PROP Janine Adsett SEC Neil Charlton

KIMBOLTON LIBRARY

The library opening event registered 40 new access cards on the day. Access cards are now available through the Feilding Library should anyone require one. Book requests are also available for the Kimbolton Library. Thank you to Ash, Lindsay, Adie and Kirsty from MDC and the Feilding Library for managing and running this event, allowing us to bring the Kimbolton Library into the 21st Century.

KIMBOLTON ROAD GARDENS

Neil Charlton reported on the progress and maintenance work that has been completed in the Kimbolton Road gardens. MDC have donated 8 plants which have been planted in the garden outside Hansen's Cafe. The Edwards Street intersection garden has had the flax plants split, reduced and replanted. The split plants have been transferred to the garden housing the wooden statues, near the petrol pumps. Tony Waugh has requested that the committee purchase 8 more plants at a cost of \$8 each, to top up the garden closest to the petrol bowsers.

Neil moves that 8 plants be purchased with the receipt being presented for reimbursement.

PROP Neil Charlton SEC Graeme Jensen

CIVIL DEFENCE TRAINING

The Civil Defence team from the Manawatu District Council has scheduled a Community Training Evening for Tuesday 9th September, 7-8pm, in the Kimbolton Hall. Janine will share the advertising flyer to the *We Are Kimbolton* facebook page when she receives it.

KIMBOLTON NOTICEBOARD

There has been a minor hold up with the design quality of the document containing the David Henshaw print for the noticeboard background. A high resolution copy is required. Janine will follow up on this as Nick at Beauchamps Signs will prioritise the job once the better print quality is acquired. Ian Bagley offered his wife, Katie, as back up for design work.

MDC FUNDING

Janine compiled and submitted a request in May for \$3000 from the contestable fund at MDC. Helen noted that this request has been approved, however notification is yet to be distributed. Janine mentioned that the potential breakdown of this funding could be \$1200 towards the switchboard upgrade, \$200 for ANZAC Day and \$1600 to be used for replacement banner replacement/event sign on main road

Community Planning and Implementation Fund for Hawhiti Reserve enhancement and Main Road garden upgrade/safety – still awaiting confirmation of this approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sarah presented and circulated the financial report at the meeting. Expenses included the recent hall usage electricity bill of \$220. Sarah reminded everyone to share the Hall Hire advert on their facebook pages. At present, Sarah is receiving approximately 3 enquiries each month, however most of them do not eventuate.

Sarah moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

PROP Sarah Denley SEC Janine Adsett

SPEAKER SYSTEM

Ian and Katie Bagley have donated 2 speakers on stands to the Kimbolton Hall. The Kimbolton Community Committee thanks Blanchetts Furniture for their generous and kind donation. The donation is appreciated as it will be a great asset for the Kimbolton Hall.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

We have received an email from Fiona, the secretary of the Rangiwhia Community Committee proposing Kimbolton organises and runs an evening to meet nominees for this year's council elections. Janine asked for interest and ideas around this. Heidi offered to organise the evening. Voting papers will be mailed out commencing on 9th September, with closing date being 11th October. Heidi will communicate with Ash at MDC to coordinate a date (either late August or the first week of September), then liaise with our surrounding areas to advertise the evening. Janine offered to set the tables up in the hall prior to the event.

Councillor Colin informed the committee that Michael Ford will be elected as Mayor, being uncontested, Bridget Bell will also be elected as the Maori Ward councillor, also uncontested. Council seat nominations include 7 candidates for 5 rural seats, and 10 candidates for 5 urban seats.

KIMBOLTON PLAYGROUND

The new playground installation is scheduled for October once the weather improves. Erica from Parks and Reserves will coordinate details with Janine once they are sorted. The opening day could include cutting the ribbon, a publication report being published in the district news and an invitation shared with our local community.

MANAWATU DISTRICT COUNCIL - Councillors Report - Colin McFadzean

The following key points were made:

- With the loss of the Feilding Herald publication, Feilding Promotions are working to establish a new concept where news will be published and be able to be accessed at local businesses. Two tenders have been received for this work.
- 3 waters - there is a current push from national government with structures around national standards. Local Waters Done Well delivery model from each district council is due in September.
- Colin shared MDCs plans to implement a waste water transfer from Kimbolton into Feilding.
- Food waste bins are in the process of being distributed to Feilding rate payers in an attempt to reduce methane gas emissions while reducing landfill waste.
- Janine enquired about camera installation. Colin will check with Feilding Promotions and report back around legislation. Colin addressed the necessity of being cautious around potential camera locations. The Oroua Rugby Club camera will not be replaced.
- MDC is working on an open letter to Government regarding how the rates spend is compared with other regions.
- Following the council elections, candidates will be sworn in in February 2026. Current councillors duties will continue until this date.

HELEN KING - MDC LIASION

- Helen shared council activity with the Inaugural Funding Forum being held on Wednesday 19th August from 3-7pm. Scheduled seminars are also being held over the next fortnight.
- The speed signs for the southern end of the village have been approved and will be installed shortly.
- The latest edition of this month's **District News** can be accessed at the link here:
<https://mailchi.mp/8ce7fafd2531/district-news-august>
- **NZ Clean Up Week** is coming up from 19-25 September and council has a webpage up for community groups, businesses, schools etc to register if they would like to take part and pick up litter in an area of their choice in the district, with free disposal at the Resource Recovery Centre on the day of their event. [NZ Clean Up Week | Manawatū District Council](#)
- 3. The **Creative Communities Scheme** closes for applications on Sunday 31st of August, and the Event Fund on Monday 15th of September. You can find out more and apply here. [Community Funding & Grants | Manawatū District Council](#)
- A reminder of the value of **Antenno** for reporting things directly to Council. You can find out more and download the app at this link: [Introducing Antenno - the app to help you be in the know | Manawatū District Council](#)

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Community Committee elections also take place following the February date of the voted in councillors being sworn in. Helen will email out guidance around this process.
- Janine thanked Colin on behalf of the Kimbolton Community Committee. We wish Colin well for the next election.

The meeting closed at 8:07pm.

Next Meeting - 13th October 2025