

MINUTES OF THE KIMBOLTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 8th June 2025 AT 7.00PM

AT KIMBOLTON HALL

PRESENT: Janine Adsett (Chairperson), Sarah Denley (Treasurer), Heidi Morton (Secretary), MDC Councillor Colin McFadzean, Tony Waugh, Graeme Jensen, Ian Bagley, Karl Burgess.

Janine welcomed everyone to the meeting. Janine made a special mention and thank you to Colin as he heads towards Council Elections in September.

APOLOGIES Helen King (MDC Community Services Coordinator), Kelly Burgess, Sarah Burge, Neil Charlton, Mary-Ann McCready

PREVIOUS MINUTES

THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 14th April 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 Ian Bagley

MANAWATU DISTRICT COUNCIL - Community Engagement - Helen King

In Helen's absence, Janine shared the following key points::

- The tree that was overhanging the footpath along the Kimbolton Domain fence has been removed.
- Public Liability Insurance – Tony, taken on himself to email Helen Worboys and Janine Hawthorn questioning whether it was an option for MDC to take this insurance on, on behalf of all rural communities.
- Heidi has been reimbursed for the ANZAC wreath sponsored by MDC. Thank you to Colin for collecting the wreath and bringing it to the ANZAC service.
- Janine emailed the roading team, requesting an extra speed sign at the southern end of the village. An example is evident in Rongotea, where there is a sign stating that you are entering a 50km/h zone in 200m. Still awaiting their response.
- The Kimbolton transfer station will be looking for an alternative venue once the current site is sold.
- Feral cats are an issue at the transfer station. No decision was made on this, some felt cats were better than the rats.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sarah presented and circulated the financial report at the meeting. Expenses included the ANZAC wreath, two street banners and the electricity costs to the hall. Income included the annual fee from both the Kimbolton Bowling Club and Kimbolton School. Other income was from MDC.

Sarah expressed concern around the amount of booking inquiries received compared to actual bookings. There is interest out there, however very few are completed as many find other venues. Discussion was had around the proximity from town, the residential rules for noise and the facilities within the hall. Sarah will email all committee members seeking opinions and ideas regarding the venue hire cost. The venue hire is on par with other community halls nearby. Sarah also asked committee members to share the flyer she has created to advertise the venue using their personal and group Facebook groups.

Sarah moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

PROP Sarah Denley SEC Heidi Morton

MEET THE MAYOR

The Meet the Mayor meeting held at Hansen's Cafe was attended by 4 people. The feedback perceived was that we live in a happy and positive community.

MANAWATU DISTRICT COUNCIL - Councillors Report - Colin McFadzean

The following key points were made:

- MDC Elections are scheduled for September/October 2025. Nominations are due by 4th July.
- Colin mentioned that of the 10 current councillors, 6 are not seeking re-election.
- Local Waters Done Well - there were 500 submissions with the majority being part of the in-house business unit. The Water Plan Constitution will be in by September 2025. This will enable District Councils to benchmark against each other.
- Regional Councils are also headed for benchmarking.
- The Makino Pool has recently outsourced to external employment agencies for lifeguards.
- Areas of Feilding's CBD will now be metered for parking time limits. Zones include 30 mins and 1 hour parking limits. Revenue will go to central government.

KIMBOLTON NOTICEBOARD

- Janine has been working alongside James Adamson on a new noticeboard for the village. The high resolution noticeboard will be produced by Beauchamps Signs and will come with a lifespan guarantee of 20 years. Permission has been granted to use a David Henshaw print as the background. MDC will pay the installation costs of the sign.

Janine proposed that we apply for funding from the Lions to support this project as we really would prefer one on north and south sides of the village.

PROP Janine Adsett SEC Ian Bagley

KIMBOLTON LIBRARY

Janine thanked Ian and Katie Bagley for the cushions they have provided for the library.

The library system is currently being upgraded. Janine has spoken with Adie Johansen about the current status of the library and how its use can be promoted. The door lock replacement will have a scanner with card access, and the opening hours will be extended out to 9:00am - 7:00pm. A list to record book movements will operate. The Rangiwhia, Apiti and Kiwitea communities will be encouraged to use the service also. With extended hours being available, it was discussed as to who will cover the added electricity costs of the lights and scanner. As the Library is Council owned, the costs for installation of the scanner for entry, power, wifi costs are covered by the MDC. Other questions raised were around an alarm being installed to signal the door being left open, Ian Bagley offered to support this transition by checking the door each night.

COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

A new round of funding applications is now available, with a maximum request of \$3000. Ideas proposed include a second street sign (\$1300), renewal of more street banners (\$970 for two), some offering around the

organisation of ANZAC day (community wreath on behalf of residents of Kimbolton, and small amount for food purchase for the hall after function. Also looking for funding to go towards the switchboard upgrade.

KIMBOLTON DOMAIN PLAYGROUND

The playground items have been ordered by the MDC and they are also hoping to have a set of tables and chairs will be built and installed at the playground, to encourage more family outings/picnic's etc.

SPEAKER SYSTEM

Tony has received two quotes for the installation of large speakers which hall users can bluetooth their devices to. One quote is for \$3500 and the other is a staggering \$27000! It was agreed that we should apply to the Central Energy Trust for funding.

Janine moved that we look into this further to large difference in quote figures. More research needs to be done. Janine suggested that we fundraise towards this. Will follow this up at the August meeting.

PROP Janine Adsett SEC Tony Waugh

KIMBOLTON ROAD GARDENS

Three complaints have been received regarding the Kimbolton Road gardens. Tony will communicate with Neil Charlton and other helpers to rectify any issues, in particular the flax on the corner of Edwards Street. Cars are stating that they cannot see far enough out and down Kimbolton Road to safely pull out onto the main road.

The correct process for complaints re these gardens are to go to the Chairperson who will then address it with the gardening subcommittee leader Neil Charlton.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Emergency Preparedness - Hannah will run a 1 hour session in Kimbolton. The date is to be confirmed.
- A community fundraiser Quiz Night will be held in October. Kiwitea are hosting one in July.
- Ian Bagley raised the point that we have no New Zealand flag on the flagpole at the Domain. Tony commented that there had been in the past and that it had been stolen.

Ian moved a motion that he will donate a new flag.

PROP Ian Bagley SEC Sarah Denley

- Freedom Campers and anyone sleeping in tents are currently not allowed to stay overnight at the Domain. Self-contained units are fine, with a maximum occupancy of 5 days.
- There has been some vandalism in the village recently. Everyone needs to be vigilant with reporting any issues or observations. Reminded that we need to report it to NZ Police regardless how big or small the event is.
- The Sculpture Trust has purchased and installed Terry Hawkins moa at Fowlers Reserve. The moa has been set into a concrete base to ensure it is secure and safe.

The meeting closed at 8:05pm.

Next Meeting - 11th August 2025