Pohangina Valley Community Committee Meeting

Minutes from Wednesday April 8th 2026 7.00pm County Fayre

Present for PVCC Meeting: Liz Besley, Yvonne Forlong, Simon Francis, Cr. Bridget Bell (7.10pm), Julie Ann Bolton, Murray Blackley, Julian Gorman, Amie Melody, Sam Hill, Wayne Cavannagh, Joe Faisandier, Annette Lane, Kate Carter.

1		**Procedural Matters**	**Action**
1.	**Apologies**	Kahurangi Hapi-Tangaroa was to be with us this evening unfortunately due to family commitments he is unavailable. Steph Madgwick, Murray Blackley	Carried LB/YF
1.2	**Correspondence**	18 Mar Janine Hawthorn- Anzac Service confirmation request. Yvonne confirmed Peter Knight from the Ashhurst RSA will MC the service. Adie Johansen re recruiting new Community Support person. NB: details under 2.3 After 18 years Janine is leaving her role at MDC and taking up a position with the Manawatu Community Trust as Operations and Engagement lead. Congratulations and our very best wishes Janine. Wed 1 April 5.00pm @ MDC Annual Community Committee Forum will be Janine's last day in her current role.	Carried LB/YF
1.3	**Confirmation Previous Minutes**	Confirmed as correct with two alterations with wording. Liz proposed that to expediate minutes confirmation that after 5 days of no changes from committee members then minutes are considered confirmed.	Carried LB/JAB
1.4	**Matters Arising/Action follow up**	Janine Hawthorn re signage Bridget Bell re paper roads, Pohangina house and school buses	
2		Items for Approval/Information	
2.1	**Finances**	**<u>Community Committee Project Fund</u>** **Opening Balance 676.16** **Oven corrected total 1,617.74, therefore add: 382.26 + 382.26** **Reinstate Domain Fund M Forlong's works remaining + $2,708.41** **Revised Balance $3,766.83** **Reimb D Roberts AED battery (incl GST) - 94.74** **Closing Balance $3,672.09** **Discrepancy with Janine's total + $33.59** **Correct Closing Balance $3,705.68** **<u>Community Planning Budget (Domain)</u>**	Carried LB/YF

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2.2	**Emergency Management**	Email from Carol Luttrell on 23 Feb asking about a post storm debrief via a meeting or via newsletter. What does PVCC suggest given that there is no EM subcommittee as such. Liz has asked Carol Luttrell for her thoughts. Add Carols email report here. Bridget reported that MDC has had some feedback from locals regarding comms during the recent weather event. Kate reported that she had limited comms during the weather event and attempted to contact council re the Konewa Bridge which needed closing. She is unsure as to whether the message got through. She asked for clarification from Bridget. Bridget asked for ideas for Antenno so that there is clearer options in a SoE. Julian raised the idea that the current information being collected will only be useful if its accessible on a small local scale. We need to revisit how often the information is updated and do we need more information? Kate has tried to get help for a phone tree type system through Neighbourhood Support. It was decided that we need to reinstate the EM sub-committee. Carol would need to included in that committee as she has been undertaking this work all her own. Liz asked for interest in being on the sub-committee. Joe, Julian, Amie, Kate and Annette have offered to be on the subcommittee.	Action Bridget Action - Julian to coordinate.

2.3	**PVCC Protocol**	2026-27: Consider allocation of $3000 of CC Funding. Consider Toilet and Rest Area signage at Domain. Mary Nettle proposed that MDC should have Rest Area signage on approaches from both sides of the Domain. Liz Besley and Annette Lane attended the MDC- CC Forum on 1 Apr. A very well attended and informative evening was had along with a farewell tribute to Janine. An update will follow. PVC Action Plan is up for Review. Who in the CC would like to be part of a group to work on this (temporary subcommittee) and come back to committee with recommendations. Liz and Yve to review plan and JA suggested that a community consult day would be great. Liz and Yve to meet before 10 June meeting. They will do Terms of Reference at the same time. **Community Committee Processes 1 Apr 2026 Adie Johansen** With Janine finishing up, there will be a change to how Community Committees are supported while we work through the process of recruiting for her role. What this means in the meantime: **1. Meeting attendance and support** Community Committees will not have dedicated in-person staff support. Your liaison councillor will be your main point of contact at meetings. You may also see other Council staff attend occasionally where they are available, and they'll look forward to meeting you as and when they can. **2. Minutes and actions** Please email your minutes to me - adie.johansen@mdc.govt.nz - once approved, so I can get them published on the MDC website. If actions arise from meetings, the best way to ensure they are followed up is to log them through the appropriate channels below, rather than relying on them being picked up informally. **3. Requests and enquiries** To make sure things are tracked and responded to efficiently, please use: • Antenno for reporting issues (e.g. potholes, maintenance requests, notification of faults) • Public enquiries public@mdc.govt.nz for general requests or questions This helps ensure requests are logged, tracked, and can be actioned by the appropriate team. Please note the community committee email - communitycommittees@mdc.govt.nz - will only be checked periodically. **4. Funding** Community Committee funding will continue as normal this year: • Applications will open 15 May • Applications close 30 June Helen King, our Grants Connector, will send more information closer to when applications open. In the meantime, if you have any questions about funding, please feel free to contact her on helen.king@mdc.govt.nz We know this is a bit of a change, and we really appreciate your support and flexibility as we work through this transition and look to replace J. Our aim is to keep things running smoothly and make sure you still feel well supported, just in a slightly different way for now.	

2.31	**PVCC Community Funding**	Summary of Joint Community and MDC Domain Works- note the reinstatement of figures pertaining to Domain work yet to be completed by M Forlong. Parks & Reserves Funds of $2,413.26 has been committed but does not feature in the above report. Total remaining for Domain works is $8,920	
2.4	**River Access**	No report	
2.5	**Raumai Reserve**	No report	
2.6	**Pohangina Recreation Reserve (Domain)**	Anthony Meads, GIS Officer at MDC, created a shortened link for accessing the Domain story map: Pohangina Domain StoryMap . This now includes John Culling's second instalment summarising the history of the Domain over the period 1919-1980. Liz will suggest to Julie Ann that this link permanently features in the newsletter. An onsite meeting will be held on 13 April. It has been decided that the chosen story will be Pekapeka, a beautiful story about the Longtailed Bat. Zoe Stone, from Horizons, who is doing the bat monitoring at Totara Reserve will attend the meeting. She has offered to set up monitoring stations at the Domain and/or other sites in the valley.	
2.7	**Pohangina Wetlands Project**	No report	
2.8	**Pohangina Valley Community Trust**	No report	
2.9	**ANZAC DAY**	Protocol sheet will be passed on to Julian as a coordinator. Roger Black is unable to lead the service and before the meeting there was no replacement. Councillor Bridget Bell has been informed about the situation and is aware that we may not have a service this year. However Yvonne has asked Peter Knight from the Ashhurst RSA, who has offered to MC the service and the army and sound team are organised already. Other committee members will need to coordinate flags crosses and sheets for handing out on the day. Julian to coordinate chairs for service.	Action Yve
2.10	**PVCC Newsletter and Website**	Julie Ann is keen for any articles or photos for the April newsletter. Julie Ann has investigated putting the agenda and minutes on Facebook events. She says we can put minutes on as unconfirmed and change label when confirmed. An invitation can also be issued to contact Liz to add additions to the updated. JA reported that it was worthwhile setting up the Facebook event and has a great response and feedback. CF to pay for newsletter hard copy for June. Maybe we will confirm this.	Action Yve
2.11	**Community Action Plan**	No report	
2.12	**Bus Shelter**	Completed	
2.13	**Signage Project**	Completed	
2.14	**Annual 10 yr plan**	No report	

2.15	**Valley Road Lookout**	No report	
2.16	**Pohangina Hall Committee**	To boost the library childrens use, a holiday program was suggested and to use the Hall. 32 children attended the kite making session today. Thanks to Feilding Library team for sending a staff member to run the event. Book exchange occurred in March. 69 attended Prima Facie and it was well received. Quote for cupboards is over $6300. Next show is Irish musc show and tickets are half sold already.	
2.17	**Pohangina School and Pool and School Reserve**	The fencing around the pool has been replaced and the pool is now closed. Big tidyup of trees and bonfire. Window has been fixed. The tennis court has been water blasted and the lines painted. Big thanks to Joe for being the 'pool guy' for the swimming season.	
2.18	**County Fayre**	County Fayre celebrated the opening of their newly rebuilt kitchen with an afternoon tea on Saturday 28th March 2026, after many years of saving and planning, assisted by Manawatu District Council and Central Energy Trust. Special thanks to our local builder Guy Rowden, his team of tradies and Villa Joinery, for a sterling job done. The opening address was made by County Fayre President Jo Morris-Kynoch, the ribbon was cut by Claire Brock, a founding member and John Culling, a prominent local identity who was instrumental in getting County Fayre established in 1989 after the Pohangina County Council amalgamated and moved to Feilding. County Fayre and volunteers are ready and able to provide morning tea following the ANZAC Service at Pohangina.	
2.19	**Library**	Included in Hall report.	
3	**Other business**	Discuss options for vacated MDC owned house in block near CF/Honey shed/recycling. Suggestion as a community run BandB. Bridget said there has been no comment at Council re the house yet. The tenure may not have been relinquished yet. Bridget suggested a meeting with MDC regarding its future. It has been suggested that a copy of the Minutes of the PVCC be placed at County Fayre for Public Reference. Annette Lane to complete this task. Also suggested that there be a link to the Minutes as well as Meeting dates for the year in the newsletter. Discuss options for vacated MDC owned house in block near CF. Update from Julie Ann that unofficial word is MDC intend to remove the house.	Action Bridget
3.1	**MDC report**	Bridget had covered aspects for discussion throughout the meeting. She has advised that Suze Redmayne may attend our June meeting.	
0.3	**Branch Road Walkway**	No report	
0.4	**Village Signs**	No update	
3.5	**Konewa Shared Pathway**	No update	
3.6	**Totara Reserve**	A 100 year seat is planned for TR. Camp Rangi woods will not fall under Regional council as they have declined the offer to take over the facility.	

	Advisory Group		
3.7	**Village road marking**	No report	
3.8	**Police Report**	No report	
	Meeting Closed **Next Meeting**	Meeting closed at 9.05 pm 10th June County Fayre 7.00pm	