

Pohangina Valley Community Committee Meeting

Minutes from Wednesday October 8th 2025 7.00pm Pohangina Hall

Present for EM Training: Liz Besley, Yvonne Forlong, Simon Francis, Cr. Stuart Campbell, Raewyn Moar, Carol Luttrell, Mary Nettle, Diane and Julian Gorman, David Roberts, Claire Leamy, Stephanie Madgwick, Anne, Amie Melody – apologies - Lorraine Fairless, Joy Dick

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1		Procedural Matters	Action
1.	Apologies	Helen King, Julie Ann Bolton	Carried YF/LB
1.2	Correspondence	27/7 Helen King – CC Triennials info link.	Carried LB/YF
1.3	Confirmation Previous Minutes	Confirmed as correct Circulate October minutes to everyone for approval. With minutes from this meeting.	Carried LB/YF Action Yvonne
1.4	Matters Arising	AED discussion re the battery. Purchase as to a \$400 Philips battery or an after market for \$100. The current after market has only lasted 12months. David Roberts is researching the battery replacement. David is currently checking the battery in the AED. Discussion around how to monitor this if Dave is absent. The battery should be checked monthly accordingly to general information. Discussion was regarding the EM form that we had discussed sending out via the mailman. Carol Luttrell has been visiting door to door as the response has been 100% from her personal visits. It was decided that the form wouldn't be sent out. Discussion ensued on how to achieve personal visits on a timely manner as its a big job for one person.	
2		Items for Approval/Information	
2.1	Finances	Community Committee Project Fund Opening Balance 2,676.16 Oven- hall 2,000.00 Closing Balance 676.16 Community Planning Budget (Domain) Opening Balance 0000.00 Closing Balance 0000.00	Carried LB/YF

		<p>PVC Trust a/c</p> <p>Opening Balance 5,332.05</p> <p>Closing Balance 5,332.05</p>	
2.2	Emergency Management	<p>Welcome Hannah Tokona from MDC giving 1 hr Community Civil Defence training. This session will focus on how to enact your Community Response and Recovery Plan, and will include a hands-on role play of setting up and running your Community Activated Emergency Centre (CAEC). It's a practical and engaging way to explore the roles and responsibilities involved, and ensure your community is prepared to respond when official assistance may not be immediately available.</p> <p>Welcome also to Matt Clark, Fire Risk Management Officer, and Sam McConkie, both from Ashhurst Volunteer Fire Brigade who spoke on fire prevention.</p> <p>Discuss way forward here given that subcommittee has lost Barb and Lynda, with Travers leaving in the near future. Do we return to pre-Gabrielle situation where all Emergency Response matters are dealt with by the PVCC as a whole.</p> <p>Barb recommends sending out hard copies of the PER text contact tree authorisation forms in spring as to capture new people who have moved into the valley since the last lot were sent out. Decision was made to roll this over to the 8 October when meet with Hannah Tokona.</p> <p>Discussion was regarding the EM form that we had discussed sending out via the mailman. Carol Luttrell has been visiting door to door as the response has been 100% from her personal visits. It was decided that the form wouldn't be sent out. Discussion ensued on how to achieve personal visits on a timely manner as its a big job for one person.</p>	
2.3	PVCC Protocol	Welcome to Stephanie Madgwick who attended the meeting tonight.	
2.31	PVCC Community Funding	No report	
2.4	River Access	No update	
2.5	Raumai Reserve	No report	
2.6	Pohangina Recreation Reserve	Proposal by Marie Willis, MDC's Community Hub Programmes Leader, for a Story Walk. Marie is applying for funds for this project and will do a site visit with interested members of the community. There are currently four	

		<p>examples in district: Storywalks Manawatū Community Hub Libraries</p> <p>Taranaki Plant breeder Ian Swan and his wife Wendy visited the Domain meeting up with Liz & Brent Besley to plant 3 Pyrus, named Tawa Tower, in the cricket oval. This variety was bred for its columnar characteristic which means it does not spread out and can be used in closer planting situations.</p> <p>Michael Forlong will continue to progress Domain works with track maintenance as the weather allows- \$8920 remain for job completion.</p> <p>Mary Nettle's proposal that MDC should have Rest Area signage on approaches from both sides to the Domain was discussed and became an action for Helen King to communicate to the roading team.</p>	Action Kling Helen
2.7	Pohangina Wetlands Project	No report	
2.8	Pohangina Valley Community Trust	No report	
2.9	ANZAC DAY	No report	
2.10	PVCC Newsletter and Website	Julie Ann has had an offer from County Fayre to pay for the production costs of a second hard copy newsletter. The thinking is that though this will be more work Julie Ann would like to take up the offer as she is sure it will increase readership, with February being the month.	
2.11	Community Action Plan	No report	
2.12	Bus Shelter	No update.	
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	<p>Julie Ann reported via email -</p> <p>We have 5 Arts on Tour events next year: Prima Facia Sunday, 8 March 2026 Sean Kelly and the Super 8's Friday, 8 May 2026 Social Animal Friday, 5 June 2026 Carnivorous plants society Thursday, 2 July 2026 Penny Ashton Tuesday, 3 November 2026</p> <p>Pilates going well. Will apply for another subsidy end of August from Sport Manawatu.</p> <p>Mindfulness is getting established. Used to be at old school. Started up again at the hall in error but everybody likes it there so it has stayed. It's warmer! Food truck very happy with numbers. They will keep coming once every 4 weeks until it is not worth while. People choosing to stay and eat at the hall hovers around 10 each time. Mostly from the village. Stage is now painted</p>	

		<p>Handrail at front of hall very wobbly. Fire safety people (Wormald) advised the council this was not safe in January and the council is going to organise this with Green by Nature. May have fallen off the radar?</p> <p><i>Julie Ann asked -</i> <i>Is a more up to date Hall Management Policy available? The one on the MDC website was reviewed in 2009 and has Peter Willoughby as the property officer. This is the most important question</i> <i>We would like to know who owns the hall. Who is on the title documents? We believe it is DOC but would like to have this confirmed</i></p> <p>This has not been reported back on yet.</p> <p>We would like to know the value the hall is insured for in the case of a fire or earthquake - both replacement value and indemnity value.</p>	Action Helen
2.17	Pohangina School and Pool and School Reserve	<p>Simon reported they still have regular bookings. The pool is gearing up for the season. Joe Faisandier is to remain as the pool technician.</p> <p>The question was raised around access for Freedom campers when they are camping and wanting to use the school pool. It was decided to leave the access as is with campers having access if there are already locals swimming.</p>	
2.18	County Fayre	<p>Jo Morris-Kynoch emailed report.</p> <p>County Fayre's reregistration as an incorporated Society has been completed.</p> <p>County Fayre is again a host for the Art Trail Manawatu, being held on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th October. We are expecting an amazing display of work from various artists around the region.</p> <p>Preparations continue for our annual fundraising event, the Pohangina Downhill Walk, for Saturday, 8th November 2025</p>	
2.19	Library		
3	Other business		
3.1	MDC report	<p>Cr. Stuart Campbell reported for the last time. Thank you to Stuart for his attendance and representation to the Valley.</p> <p>Stuart commented he really has enjoyed his community committee work and has represented several different ones over the years.</p>	
3.3	Branch Road Walkway	Down Hill Walk is the 8 th November.	

3.4	Village Signs	No update	
3.5	Konewa Shared Pathway	No update	
3.6	Totara Reserve Advisory Group	The Great Totara Reserve Whanau Challenge is to be held on 18 October 10.30 – 1.00pm. A fun day with spot prizes, teams of 4 awards, best photo. Promotion to start shortly. Next meeting 4 Sept. Liz has provided promotion info for Valley and School newsletters, Ashhurst Library and County Fayre	
3.7	Village road marking	No report	
3.8	Police Report	No report	
	Meeting Closed	Meeting closed at 9.30pm	
	Next Meeting	7.00pm Wednesday 10 th December 2025 County Fayre	