

Pohangina Valley Community Committee Meeting

Minutes from Wednesday December 17th 2025 7.00pm County Fayre

Present for PVCC Meeting: Liz Besley, Yvonne Forlong, Simon Francis, Cr. Bridget Bell, Julie Ann, Steph Madgwick(exited at 8.36pm)

1		Procedural Matters	Action																						
1.	Apologies	Amie Melody, Janine Hawthorn	Carried YP LB																						
1.2	Correspondence	<p>14 Nov Mayor Michael Ford re confirmation Councillor Bridget Bell is our Liaison Officer</p> <p>4 Nov Helen King: new role "Grants Connector". Janine Hawthorn: Community Connector, our point of contact</p>	Carried LB JAB																						
1.3	Confirmation Previous Minutes	Confirmed as correct	Carried YF																						
1.4	Matters Arising	Julie Ann raised the paper roads in the Pohangina Village. There has been concerns raised by residents that the paper roads should be accessible to locals to use. This has been raised many years ago and it can be a contentious issue and Bridget will raise this within council to establish if there are any guidelines for usage.	Action/Bridget Bell																						
2		Items for Approval/Information																							
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		<p>Opening Balance 5,332.05</p> <p>Replacements for dead trees, Leafland 349.60</p> <p>Reimb Besley tree squareguards, 20.96</p> <p>Closing Balance 4,961.49</p>	
2.2	Emergency Management	<p>Thanks to Hannah Tokona for Civil Defence Training at our last meeting and to all the local valley attendees. 15 of us all up. Thanks also to Matt Clark and Stu McConaghy from Ashhurst Fire Brigade who shared valuable insights in to fire prevention. After discussion it was decided that we would not send out the authorisation form via rural delivery. Instead, it was agreed that a personal approach to residents inviting them to share their contact details with their coordinator, to be used in case of an emergency, was the best way forward.</p> <p>Thanks to Carol Luttrell who has initiated this and followed up with an email to all coordinators on 27 Oct 2025:</p> <p><i>Thankyou for your support of these endeavours and holding the Valleys welfare to heart. However, the txt tree has worked well for some and not so good for others and is also in need of updating.</i></p> <p><i>It is proposed to update the data base by providing each Pohangina Valley residence with a 'contact information authorisation form' in the first instance by door to door contact or secondly by letterbox delivery. These completed forms will be copied and three directories made to be kept with the civil defence radios. The three civil defence radios are at Highland Home Christian Camp, Awahou School, and the library at County Fayre. These directories will then be updated annually (or as needed).</i></p> <p><i>If you would like to assist in setting this up, please let me know. Regards, Carol Luttrell, txt 027 315 7032 email: luttrellswhitepine@gmail.com</i></p> <p>Thanks to Dave Roberts for organising the AED replacement battery, 25 Oct 2025</p>	
2.3	PVCC Protocol	<p>th</p> <p>17 February 2025 for Triennial Meeting, 7.00pm at the Pohangina Hall.</p> <p>Or Janine has informed that we can now revert to the original date of 18 February as MDC adjusted commitment date.</p>	
2.31	PVCC Community Funding	<p>Summary of Joint Community and MDC Domain Works- note the reinstatement of figures pertaining to Domain work yet to be completed by M Forlong.</p> <p>Parks & Reserves Funds of \$2,413.26 has been committed but does not feature in the above finance report.</p>	
2.4	River Access	No report	
2.5	Raumai Reserve	No report	
2.6	Pohangina Recreation Reserve	<p>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.</p> <p>This has not yet progressed to an onsite meeting with interested parties while MDC complete funding application.</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>	

		John Culling has completed Stage 2 of the Domain story. Liz raised the question around what should the timeframe be around updates with the QR codes at the Domain. Liz will contact Antony.	Action/Liz
2.7	Pohangina Wetlands Project	No report	
2.8	Pohangina Valley Community Trust	No report	
2.9	ANZAC DAY	Anzac Day for 2026 is Monday 27 th April. Yvonne to coordinate.	
2.10	PVCC Newsletter and Website	Julie Ann will coordinate the next newsletter and the decision will be made around whether this will be a hard copy issue once the level of content is known.	
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	Julie Ann reported the the the robot vacuum cleaner has been funded by Central Energy Trust. The oven was repaired under warranty. Shades of Shakti was touted as world class. Coming up in March is Prima Facie.	
2.17	Pohangina School and Pool and School Reserve	Simon reported that the committee had the AGM. They discussed the MDC decision to dedicate the area as a freedom camping site. Discussion ensued where the area could be located to minimise impact on neighbouring properties. Joe Faisandier has reported that the leak in the pool was repaired. Keys are now available for the summer season. Mary Nettle has re-sited her Te Araroa drinks station to the Old School as the walk comes down Finnis Road now. The committee discussed new items as a tennis net and basketball hoop. Bookings for the Old School have passed to Nina Brock who has established a website. The Old School is hosting the December Drinks and Nibbles this Friday.	
2.18	County Fayre	Jo Morris-Kynoch emailed report. The committee now meet on first Wednesday of month. County Fayre participated in the Manawatu Art Trail, held in October, where works	

		<p>displayed came from local artists in various media formats resulting in a very successful exhibition.</p> <p>Our major fundraiser, The Pohangina Downhill Walk, held in November, was again a profitable well run fun event, with positive feedback received from participants.</p> <p>The wooden clock, that has hung in County Fayre for numerous years, underwent some restoration and is back in place working again.</p> <p>The kitchen upgrade is progressing past the planning stage and is soon to commence. We anticipate this will be carried out during January and February.</p> <p>The County Fayre Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 4th February 2026, at 7:00pm at County Fayre.</p> <p>County Fayre will close for the festive season at the close of trade on Sunday 14th December 2026 and will reopen following completion of the Kitchen upgrade.</p> <p>On behalf of the committee I would like to thank PVCC and MDC for your help to County Fayre over the past year and wish you all a happy and restful Christmas and a prosperous New year.</p>	
2.19	Library	The book exchange happened yesterday and there is a lot of new books.	
3	Other business	No report	
3.1	MDC report	<p>Cr. Bridget Bell was welcomed to her first committee meeting and reported that Central Govt has stated there will be a rates band of 4%. This will restrict the spending of council and the services they provide.</p> <p>The regional shift for councils will happen by 2027. This will impact the rates band as well. The newly elected regional councillors roles will change.</p> <p>There is lots of RMA changes coming through so lots of working out ahead for council.</p> <p>The MDC water model has been accepted by Central Government. Lots of proposed options which MDC need to decide on their position by the end of January.</p> <p>The school bus changes were raised and Bridget will ask at MDC what we can do to address this issue as a community.</p> <p>Bridget has proposed that the quorum required for decisions be reduced from 7 to 3 as all CC's are struggling with numbers. There will be no decision on this proposal till next year.</p> <p>Liz proposed that we be flexible around what happens at the Triennial meeting depending on numbers attending.</p> <p>Elections on the night will be of elected members and offices will be elected at the April 8th meeting.</p>	
0.3	Branch Road Walkway	No report	

3.4	Village Signs	No update	
3.5	Konewa Shared Pathway	No update	
3.6	Totara Reserve Advisory Group	The Challenge was cancelled after two date changes due to bad weather.	
3.7	Village road marking	No report	
3.8	Police Report	No report	
	Meeting Closed	Meeting closed at 9.35pm	
	Next Meeting	Triennial Meeting to be held on the 18 th February 2026 at 7pm in the Pohangina Hall.	