

Pohangina Valley Community Committee Meeting

Minutes from Wednesday February 18th 2026 7.00pm Pohangina Hall

Present for PVCC Meeting: Liz Besley, Yvonne Forlong, Simon Francis, Cr. Bridget Bell, Julie Ann Bolton, Steph Madgwick, Senior Constable Ben Flintoff - exited 8.09pm, Janine Hawthorn, Murray Blackley, Julian Gorman, Diane Pearson, Mary Nettle, Graham and Lorraine Fairless, Amie Melody, Annette Lane, Sam Hill.

1		Procedural Matters	Action
1.	Apologies		Carried
1.2	Correspondence	2 Feb Janine Hawthorn- summary of PVCC current funds, as per 2.1 Save the date: Wed 1 April 5.00pm @ MDC Annual Community Committee Forum Janine Hawthorn gave a brief outline of the Forum.	Carried
1.3	Confirmation Previous Minutes	Confirmed as correct	Carried JAB AM
1.4	Matters Arising	Triennial Meeting Minutes Cr. Bridget Bell lead the meeting. Community Committee elections Bridget invited Liz Besley to give a brief outline of the Community Committee. Liz explained the usual election process and how the CC funding from council and Liz thanked Senior Constable Ben Flintoff for his attendance as after the storm its recognises he is very busy. Bridget thanks all volunteers and nominations were called. Nominations included - Wayne Cavanagh (Liz nominated) Liz Besley Yvonne Forlong Murray Blackley Kate Carter	

		Amie Melody Julie Ann Bolton – declined Julian Gorman Stephanie Madgwick Simon Francis Annette Lane Nominations for Chairperson Liz Besley Carried MN JAB Nominations for Secretary Yvonne Forlong Carried MN AM. Bridget passed the meeting over to the elected Chair Liz Besley.																									
2		Items for Approval/Information																									
2.1	Finances	We currently operate without a Treasurer and this role may be taken up by a new member if desired. There is no change from the December meeting so no confirmation required. <u>Community Committee Project Fund</u> <table><tr><td>Opening Balance</td><td>676.16</td></tr><tr><td>Oven corrected total 1,617.74, therefore add: 382.26 + 382.26</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Reinstate Domain Fund M Forlong’s works remaining</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>+ \$2,708.41</td></tr><tr><td>Revised Balance</td><td>\$3,766.83</td></tr><tr><td>Reimb D Roberts AED battery (incl GST)</td><td>- 94.74</td></tr><tr><td>Closing Balance</td><td>\$3,672.09</td></tr><tr><td>Discrepancy with Janine’s total</td><td>+ \$33.59</td></tr><tr><td>Correct Closing Balance</td><td>\$3,705.68</td></tr></table> <u>Community Planning Budget (Domain)</u> <table><tr><td>Opening Balance</td><td>0000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Reinstate Domain Fund M Forlong’s works remaining</td><td>\$3,798.33</td></tr><tr><td>Closing Balance</td><td>\$3,798.33</td></tr></table>	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	Opening Balance	0000.00	Reinstate Domain Fund M Forlong’s works remaining	\$3,798.33	Closing Balance	\$3,798.33	Carried
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		<u>PVC Trust a/c</u> Opening Balance \$5,332.05 Replacements for dead trees, Leafland 349.60 Reimb Besley tree squareguards, 20.96 Closing Balance \$4,961.49	
2.2	Emergency Management	Carol Luttrell has completed door to door visits for over half the valley and has had an enthusiastic response from residents regarding completing the authorisation forms for the PV Emergency Response contact list that is being updated. She is aiming at having this completed by the end of March. Carol took the opportunity to invite locals at the cricket match on Saturday to fill in a form. Huge congratulations to Carol and team for taking on such an important community project. Carol was the MDC contact point via cell phone during the recent weather event before the cell towers dropped off. Sam stationed the radio but there was no communication from MDC on the radio. Independantly locals were able to gather information via other routes to gather road informations for isolated tourists. Bridget to ask if the MDC radio was manned 24/7 once a Civil emergency was declared and what could we have done to establish communications. Passed action to Janine	
2.3	PVCC Protocol	Discuss how PVCC want to allocate \$3000 community funding for 2026/27. Decision at April meeting.	
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)	Liz Besley met up with Anthony Meads at MDC on 11 Feb. The online tree information and second instalment of Domain history, written by John Culling, will be uploaded next week. It will then be available online via the QR code. Info includes names of replacement trees for those that died, and names of new tree sponsors. Liz met up with James Adamson and Green By Nature team on site and finalized a plan for mowing and weed spraying. The blackberry will be targeted after fruiting. Thanks to the team for double mow before cricket match. All 3 Tawa Tower ornamental pears have been decimated by sheep. Liz will contact nurseryman to see whether any replacements are available.	

		Marie Williams has offered to update all the plant labels with laser printed labels which will mean they are permanently etched. Storywalk has not yet progressed to an onsite meeting with interested parties while MDC complete funding application. Mary Nettle proposed that MDC should have Rest Area signage on approaches from both sides of the Domain. This was discussed and was to become an action for the roading team but seems to have slipped through the system.	Action Janine Hawthorn
2.7	Pohangina Wetlands Project	No report	
2.8	Pohangina Valley Community Trust	No report	
2.9	ANZAC DAY	No discussion	
2.10	PVCC Newsletter and Website	Julie Ann will not planning to do a hard copy of the newsletter as was planned for February but a digital copy instead. County Fayre have expressed an interest in funding a hard copy in April. Julie Ann requested that she could relinquish the newsletter compilation within the next 3 years. SC.Ben Flintoff is planning a regular update on police matters this would be good for the newsletter.	
2.11	Community Action Plan	Liz gave a review of what the community plan involves and that it is generally reviewed by a subcommittee.	
2.12	Bus Shelter	Amie updated the new committee that a bus shelter had been planned for Highland Home but due to the bus route changes there is no longer a requirement for Highland Home. A primary bus shelter is planned for Komako Church where the primary bus turns. This will be privately funded. This issue is now complete.	
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 one woman play Prima Facie is coming – she has been putting up advertising. New shelves are required for the kitchen and also a mural has been suggested for the side wall of the Hall.	
2.17	Pohangina School and Pool and School Reserve	Simon reported the tennis court has had a new net with a cleanup and newly painted lines. Joe reported that management has been better due to leak repair. Old School bookings are good and it was booked for Christmas Day and they replaced the oven. Freedom campers are struggling for space now that it is a designated freedom camping site. Broken window at the school and still waiting for signage for Freedom campers. Mary Nettle has been set up at the Old school with drinks and food as a fundraiser	

		Gumboots and coffee have donated a replacement rose for outside the Old School	
2.18	County Fayre	Liz provided letter of support from PVCC to CF for funding application to Lotteries Commission towards upgrade of CF kitchen.	
2.19	Library	Julie Ann reported book exchange will be mid March.	
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.	Action Bridget
3.1	MDC report	Cr. Bridget bell reported Bridget has done some research around paper roads. Locals need to request access and then MDC will research how the paper road can be accessed by the public. Julie Ann to research which paper roads interest community and give to Bridget who will give to roading. School buses – Bridget was to meet with Suze Redmayne and Bridget has been told to work with James McKelvie re the bus issue. Bridget reported 3 days after McNalty spoke on Tiktok about the Pohangina Ashhurst bus issue. Update from council busy time around submissions Natural Bills Act and RMA nearly all councillors have completed CC Triennial meetings. The District tour with councillors visited the Domain. Bridget was impressed with what has been achieved.	
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	Liz reported	
3.7	Village road marking	No report	
3.8	Police Report	No report	
	Meeting Closed	Meeting closed at 9.15 pm	
	Next Meeting	Wednesday 8 th April – 7pm County Fayre	

