

**Rangiwahia Hall: 12 February 2025, 7.30pm**

**COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES, RANGIWAHIA HALL - 12 February 2025**

**PRESENT:** Doug Brodie, Fiona Morton, Lucy Daikin, Neville Batchelor, Shelley Dew-Hopkins, Grant Hadfield, Paul Quarrie, Hash McDonald, Bree McDonald, Sarah Martin, Helen King, Ben Flintoff, Steve Bielski, Mary Bielski, Lorna Day, Natalie Masters, Melissa Blanchard

**APOLOGIES:**

Kate Gee Taylor, Greg Clifton, Marcia Gresham, Rose Brodie

**PREVIOUS MINUTES 27 November 2024**

Taken as read.

**M/S:** SDH/NB

**MATTERS ARISING**

1. Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**2. Correspondence**

**In (via email)**

- Invoice Gas
- Correspondence regarding break in
- Helen King - MDC Action points
- Hannah Tokona - CRRPlan

**Out (via email)**

- Thank you card Sue Sweet

**M/S:** FM/LD

**FINANCIALS**

**3. Financials as at February 2025**

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Go Account | \$ 231  |
| OnCall     | \$ 8526 |

That the Financial Report be accepted.

**M/S:** MB/SDH

Community Committee funding balance is \$4,707

**BUSINESS**

**4. Hall Security Upgrades**

Mary briefed those present on the recent hall break ins. She detailed what had been taken (\$\$) and damage caused (camera and NVR unit). Advised that the NVR unit has been replaced and secured. Camera replaced. Alarm system installed. Security increased and is now fully operational. Praise for APB Electrical for their response time and competitive pricing. DNA samples are still being processed. Discussions were had regarding funding options for hall security, and potential repurposing of MDC Community funding previously allocated to the BBQ/Outdoor area for this.

**Motion 1: That the \$4707 MDC Community Funding be used to improve hall security**

Alarm: \$1,574.49 (GST excl)

NVR: \$1,489.00 (GST excl)

Total: \$3,063.49 (GST excl)

**M/S: MB/NM**

All in favor (**Carried**)

Noted that the remaining MDC Community funding money can be used for the camera/security matters. In particular, the replacement camera and installation at the backdoor entrance still needs to be paid for.

**5. Scenic Reserve**

Steve provided an update on the Scenic Reserve (2). Advised that there are 'flocks of wood pigeons, but generally bird life is a bit quieter over summer months. Bird count numbers are increasing. Positive comments in the visitor book.

**6. Dress Circle Toilet**

Ongoing. Helen King (MDC) to touch base with James regarding this. Note that we would like to have a toilet available over the summer months each year and could this be put in the Council diaries now?.

**Action:** MDC to continue discussions

**7. Tennis Court**

Still in progress. Doug and Steve to sort redicrete install for posts. Rex will do his part following this. Redicrete will be completed before the May meeting.

**Action:** Steve to organise install date

**8. Kitchen Refresh**

Largely completed. Few tidy ups to occur. No funding left for BBQ. Decided to ensure hall security sorted before BBQ moved.

**9. Civil Defence**

The Community Response and Recovery Plan (CRRP) was distributed to mailboxes. CD training will be offered in 2025 (Hannah Tokona).

## **10. Otara Road Bridge 'Bumps'**

Discussion was had regarding the severity of the Otara Road Rangitikei River Bridge bumps. While we understand the purpose behind these, the Community feels these are too severe and should be softened (made less acute). The bridge speed limit is 10km. Those present all agreed that Council needs to address these bumps. There are cameras in place at the bridge. We just ask that the bumps are just softened a little bit.

## **11. Traffic/Police Report**

Ben Flintoff noted that the Rangiwahia Hall break in cases remain active. Moving to cashless as much as possible will reduce risk of what can be taken. Noted that KIWITEA/KIMBOLTON also experienced a break in the same weekend.

He is getting out around the district and meeting people. His No. 1 priority is being 'visible' as well as discouraging unsafe road behaviour and being active around schools/school buses.

His message is to report suspicious behaviour that is actively occurring to 111 and then to himself (provided business cards). Behaviour that has occurred should be reported to 105.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **12. Council Report - Cllr Hadfield**

#### **Council update since last meeting**

#### **November 2024**

- Manawatu Community Trust Annual Report 2023/24
- Annual Dog Control Report 2023/24
- Adoption of waste levy grants allocation policy
- Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust annual report 2023/24
- Sport Manawatu – Horizons Region Spaces and Places plan for sport and recreation
- Adoption of Gambling Venues Policy
- Annual Plan initiatives

#### **December 2024**

- Representative Grant Presentations:
  - Neko Blythe, Manawatu 14 premier basketball team event
  - Bailey Jeffery, Taekwon-Do world cup, Argentina
  - Riley Cooley, Central Football Talent Centre U12 Academy/Tournament Oct/Nov
- Green by Nature – Annual update
- FDP KPI's and Annual Report
- Provision of Information Services, Events, Town Centre Activation, Network Support and District

- Promotion
- Update from Audit and Risk Meeting
- Community Development Assessment Panel, Report on Outcomes of Priority Services applications
- 2025-28
- Finding Assessment for the Freedom Camping Bylaw
- Time limited parking adjustments
- Submissions lodged on behalf of Council 25 August to 9 December:
  - MOT – Travel demand in NZ 2050
  - Smokefree Environments & Regulated Products Amendment Bill (No 2)
  - Tolling of the Manawatu Tararua Highway
  - Taumata Arawai proposed changes rules for small to medium drinking water supplies
  - MBIE - Work Health & Safety regulatory system
  - Freedom Camping – Review of transitional period for privately owned vehicles
  - Building (Overseas building products, standards & certification schemes) Amendment Bill
  - Increasing the use of remote inspections in the building consent process
- Local Water Done Well:
  - In order of cheapest to most expensive (in terms of future tariffs for ratepayers), the recommended options are:
    1. Single in-house model
    2. Four-councils option (Manawatū, Palmerston North, Horowhenua, Kāpiti Coast)
    3. Single-Council CCO
    4. Manawatū and Palmerston North
- The following resolutions were passed:

**RESOLVED:** That Council publicly consult on an in-house, stand-alone model (the status quo) for the delivery of water services in the Manawatu district.

**RESOLVED:** That Council does not publicly consult on a Manawatu District Council owned, single council Water Services Council Controlled Organisation for the delivery of water services in the Manawatu district.

**RESOLVED:** That Council publicly consult on a multi-council Water Services Council Controlled Organisation jointly between Manawatu District Council and Palmerston North City Council for the delivery of water services in the Manawatu district.

**RESOLVED:** That Council publicly consult on a multi-council Water Services Council Controlled Organisation jointly between Manawatu District Council, Palmerston North City Council, Horowhenua District Council and Kapiti Coast District Council for the delivery of water services in the Manawatu district.

**RESOLVED:** That in addition to the selected option(s) that Council has chosen to publicly consult on in resolutions 1 - 4 above, Council indicates its preferred option as option 1 (in-house, stand-alone model).

### **February 2025**

- Representative Fund Recipients:
  - Kai Alcock – Canoe Polo World Champs
  - Amy Perrett – Ironman 70.3 World Champs in Taupo, Dec 2024
- Kayla Williamson spoke to Council on her research project on the potential revitalisation of the heritage precinct covering the Courthouse, Little Theatre and Community Learning Centre Buildings.
- Annual Plan Update
- Temporary Closure of Pararorangi Road
- Election 2025 – Order of Candidate names on voting papers – random order, by surname.
- Working Group for the Review of the CEDA appointment of Directors Policy

### **13. Upcoming events:**

- 15 Feb - Community Cricket
- 23 Feb - Apiti Show
- 23 Feb - Manawatu Hunt Club trek
- 5 April - Sculpture Festival
- 5 April - Apiti Woodchopping

**Meeting closed:** 8.45 pm

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 22nd May 2025

### **Meeting Outcomes/Actions**

1. ITEM 7: Complete redicrete at tennis courts

### **Manawatu District Council Actions**

1. Additional Bus and Speed signs required (outstanding November meeting).
2. Hoggs Rd sign to be replaced (outstanding November meeting). Logged on Antenno App.
3. Discussions re dress circle toilet (outstanding November meeting)
4. ITEM 10: Otara Road Rangitikei River Bridge bumps require addressing

Signed

Doug Brodie  
**Chair**

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