

## **COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES, RANGIWAHIA HALL - 27 May 2026**

**PRESENT:** Greg Clifton, Grant Hadfield, Nat Masters, Michael Ford, Lorna Day, Angus Brodie, Rose Brodie, Helen McDonald, Ben Flintoff, Paul Quarrie, Steve and Mary Bielski

### **APOLOGIES:**

Fiona Morton, Hannah Tokona (CD), Shelley Dew Hopkins, Fraser Martin

**M/S:** Steve Bielski/Paul Quarrie

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES - 25 February 2026**

Accepted and true and correct.

**M/S:** Greg Clifton/Paul Quarrie

### **MATTERS ARISING**

1. Cleaning cupboard light not working
2. Action points from previous minutes for MDC need to remain (bollards etc)

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **3. Correspondence**

##### **In (via email)**

- Invoices (Mary covered)
- MDC Community Bulletins (Matariki Winter Festival)
- MDC Vested Assets Policy
- MDC Community Committee Funding
- Rabobank Good Deeds Response (declined)
- Correspondence regarding break- in

##### **Out (via email)**

- February Minutes
- Rabobank Good Deeds Application
- Circulating emails above

**M/S:** NM/GC

### **FINANCIALS**

#### **4. Financials as at February 2026**

Go Account     \$    310.73

On Call                 \$ 8,609.80

Total income for the period was generated from the motorhome/cyclist site, the shower block, and hall hire.

Hamish McDonald has been paid for work on the memorabilia room.

Fiona Morton has been reimbursed for ANZAC wreath. Other payments made to Rex Newton (padlock), Rock gas and Sign fusion.

Project 3 - BBQ lockup - underway. Fraser Martin is working with Terry, who has visited the hall, to undertake this project.

Work has been completed on the memorabilia room. Absolutely amazing. Thank you, Hamish. Project team to be put together to organise display of items.

Paper copies of the finances were made available for inspection at the meeting.

That the Financial Report be accepted.

**M/S:** Mary Bielski/Greg Clifton

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **5. Secretary Hut**

Fraser Martin asked if he could remove the old secretary hunt from the Domain.

**All present agreed.**

### **6. Memorabilia Room**

This area looks amazing. Shelving and getting the memorabilia into the room is the next step. Suggestions on how to do this were discussed. Notice to go into the newsletter to let people bring things down on a certain day/time. Needs to be clear that this is not a storage facility. The items are to be donated to the Community. Date and time for donation day to be organised. Items not suitable will not be accepted. Sub-committee to be formed, perhaps at the August meeting.

### **7. Hall Camping/Motorhome**

A new cashless pay system for motorhomes/cyclists will bypass the need for cash or internet banking - this is operational now at the hall - [ezepark.nz](http://ezepark.nz)

### **8. Back of Hall and Hall surrounds**

Hamish and a crew of 18 from his men's group organised a working bee at Hall, overseen by Mary, Kate and Fiona. Good cleanout and tidy up occurred. Flag pole repainted. The interior hall door from the men's toilet was repaired. Fascia boards repainted. Thank you to Hamish for this work. Very much appreciated.

### **9. Shower**

Peter Christie of Electronic Timers has submitted a proposal to install an electronic timer system for the shower facilities that would no longer require cash payments. Under the proposed system, the shower door would only open once payment had been made by credit card. Access to the toilet facilities would also require entry via a small card payment, even if the shower was not being used. Peter visited Rangiwhia Thursday 28th. This visit will assess cellphone coverage at site, investigate options for improving it, and answer any questions regarding the system. Committee members have been invited to attend.

### **10. Scenic Reserves - Kaikawaka Reserve**

Steve has installed the sign to the entrance to the Kaikawaka Reserve. This was organised by the team at ManawatuNZ, who said the original sign was too small for all the information being displayed.

**11. Scenic Reserve - Rangiwhia Scenic Reserve**

MB and SB were successful in securing a \$1,000 grant for the Rangiwhia Scenic Reserve from EMN Environmental Initiative Fund Small grants program. Mary has thanked EMN Trust. As part of the grant requirements, a monitoring plan has to be put in place using the TrapNZ app.

Professor Barry Scott generously donated \$500 towards an additional AT220 trap. SB and MB were invited to speak about their work in the reserves to members of the Nga Tamariki A Tane Trust, who manage Siixtus Lodge. Following that presentation, Hazel Nash and Liz Somerville proposed a further \$500 to be donated towards another trap. A further \$100 was donated by G Jamieson of the PN Tramping Club. Total of four traps - 3 in Scenic Reserve and 1 in Kaikawaka Reserve.

Only two enquiries from Community regarding AT220 traps. Mary passed on information.

**12. \$3,000 Expenditure**

The group discussed the \$3,000 allocation from Council. All agreed that the projects should be:

**Project 1 - BBQ unit.**

This will use the \$600 from the 2025/2026 year and the balance will be met from the 2026/2027 \$3,000 allocation. Fraser continues to work with Terry.

**Project 2 - Speaker and microphone.**

Discussion on getting a speaker and microphone. Quotes to be organised. Around \$1,200.

**Project 3 - Lighting and Camera.**

Outside light in veranda area, in the broom cupboard and reinstall camera that was removed but undamaged in either above men's entrance to toilets or in the main hall itself. Lights on timers. Quotes to be organised.

Further projects might involve shelving for the Memorabilia room.

Projects and quotes need to be submitted via the Smarty Grants portal by the **end of June**.

**13. Tennis Court**

Paul Quarrie raised that the lines on the tennis court require remarking.

**Action:** FM to organise.

**14. Rangiwhia School Sign**

K-GT discussed placement of the Rangiwahia School sign. Suggested that it could go on the Playground fence or in the playground itself. Move it into an easier location in the hall for people to view. Decision to be made at August meeting.

**15. RRCC Pest Workshop**

To be held at Hall 4th June. NM will send out email to ensure that everyone from the Community is invited. Very good speaker regarding pest trapping.

**16. Traffic/Police Report - Ben Flintoff**

Ben provides a monthly newsletter. If you want to receive a copy, organise directly with Ben. Success with catching the offender who broke in. Detective work, warrant and evidence. Remanded in custody at the moment. The biggest issue is copper wire stealing. Minimal fuel thefts, more large scale commercial type burglaries.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**17. Officer report**

Janine Hawthorn no longer works in this role. Adie Johansen is our first point of contact from MDC.

**18. Council Report - Cllr Hadfield**

Grant provided a written report (below) in advance of the meeting which he then talked to (below).

**March**

Representative Fund Presentations:

- Malaya Hinks – PACANZ (Performing Arts Competitors Assn NZ) National Young Performers Awards
- Aidan Dassler – 2025 Asia Pacific Canoe Polo Champs, China

Feilding Civic Centre Trust final statement of expectations 2026/2027

Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust statement of expectations 2026/2027

Manawatu Community Trust draft statement of intent 2026/2027 and six monthly report 2025/2026

Priority Service Contracts – Annual Reports:

- Plant to Plate Aotearoa
- Manawatu Historic Vehicle Trust
- Manawatu Riding for the Disabled
- Himatangi Beach Community Patrol

Fees and Charges: Proposed planning, environmental health and development contribution fees for 2026/2027

Finance and Performance (old Audit and Risk) terms of reference amendment -minor adjustment in delegated authority and appointment of Cr Rob Duindam to the Committee

Resident Satisfaction Survey, wave 2.

Presentation of Community Plans:

- Kiwitea
- Colyton
- Glen-Oroua Taikorea

Sport Manawatu 6 monthly report

Delegations manual – amendments and re-adoption

Manawatu Sewer Network Pipe Relining Programme 2026-2029 awarded

## **April**

Priority Service Contracts – Annual Reports:

Representative Fund Presentations:

- Charlotte Dunn-Hall – NZ U21 Junior Black Sticks Japan Tour 2025
- Oscar and George Skinner – World U19 Sprint Triathlon Age Group Champs

CEDA Six Monthly Report to Dec 2025

CEDA Draft Statement of Intent

Submissions Made on behalf of MDC:

- MBIE Insights Briefing – Productivity in a Changing World
- Consultation on amending the Second Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP2)
- Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules for Schemes 501 or more people
- Public consultation on proposed data collection approach and content for the census
- Land Transport (Revenue) Amendment Bill
- Building and Construction Sector (Strengthening Occupational Licensing Regimes) Amendment Bill.
- Building and Construction Sector (Self-Certification by Plumbers and Drainlayers) Amendment Bill.
- Public Works Amendment Bill
- Rates Target Model for New Zealand
- Emergency Management Bill
- Planning Bill
- Natural Environment Bill
- Earthquake Prone Buildings Amendment Bill
- Infrastructure Funding and Financing Amendment Bill
- Development Levies Consultation and Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill
- Simplifying Local Government
- Inquiry into the 2025 Local Elections

- Disestablishment of the Ministry for the Environment

Endorsement of the Triennial Agreement for the Manawatu-Wanganui Region 2025-2028

Fees and Charges 2026/27 – Adoption

Manawatu District Population Projections

Contract Awarded for Turners Road Extension

## **May**

Representative Fund Presentations:

- Olivia and Isla Nagel – Regional U14 basketball championship
- Te Koha Cooper Burton - Regional U14 basketball championship

Manfeild Park Trust nine month report period ending 31 March 2026

Feilding Civic Centre Trust nine month report period ending 31 March 2026

Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park (AFKP) nine month report period ending 31 March 2026

Council accepted the decision of the AFKP Trust to dissolve the Trust and transition the management to Council as of 1 July 2026

Adoption of the Remuneration and Reimbursement for external committee members Policy

Manawatu Water Services Committee – adoption of the terms of reference, membership and meeting dates. First meeting held on May 13<sup>th</sup> 2026.

Resident Satisfaction Survey – Wave 3

Appointment of Marae Liaison Councillors:

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| - Aorangi         | Cr Rob Duindam         |
| - Parewahawaha    | Cr Alison Short        |
| - Poupatatē       | Cr James McKelvie      |
| - Taumata o te Rā | Cr Colin Dyer          |
| - Te Hiiri        | Cr Sam Hill            |
| - Te Tikanga      | Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins |
| - Ngāti Te Au     | Cr Grant Hadfield      |

Priority Service Contracts – Annual Reports:

- St Johns Feilding Area Committee
- Feilding Community Patrol

**Head Start Pathway:** Councillors discussed the Head Start pathway (local government amalgamation) process recently announced by the Government.

Recent media articles:

[Manawātū mayor hits out at Government's 'heavy-handed' reforms | RNZ News](#)

[News: May 2026 - Mayor Andy Watson: Rangitīkei must have a say on simplifying local government: Rangitikei District Council](#)

[Tararua District Mayor Scott Gilmore discusses possible amalgamation options at Dannevirke meeting - NZ Herald](#)

## **19. Mayor Ford**

Government simplifying local government. Unitary type council. Govern city, District and Regional by one. Would lose rural/provincial voice in a big group.

### **Headstart process**

Details regarding the head start process are available on MDC website. Council needs to 'marry' another Council by 9 August.

### **Backstop process**

No details on this yet, or ideas by ministers. Get merged or arrange to merge to another Council. Currency MDC engaging with Community.

Mayor Ford - one does not fit all. Decisions made close to those who it affects. Need to ensure Localism is not lost. Minister Watts and Bishop are the ones pushing this. MDC is uncomfortable with compulsory amalgamation and that other Council can force you to join them. The headstart pathway of 3 months (actually 2 ½) is too short. Councils must apply for this. Urban Councils are keen on it. Rural and provincial areas are not as keen. MDC wants to choose what is right for our ratepayers. Moving very fast. We need community feedback very quickly. Majority of mayors asking for backstop details. MDC would like to design a process that ticks their boxes and returns us to local decisions. Regional Councils will only operate until 2028. Functions will be carved out by District Councils.

### **Government ideal:**

- Unitary Council
- Govern City, District and Regional by one
- Concern that the rural provincial voice would be lost.

### **MDC**

- Concerns with process
  - Seeking feedback from Community
1. Opposing compulsory amalgamation

2. Propose an alternative option
3. Play part with other councils in regards to planning etc.
4. Work on plan B, C and D also.
  - Can join another “marriage” later on so won’t rush in the headway route.
  - Have a few models of interest.
  - Federation systems like Greater Manchester in the UK use.
  - Looking at metro + provincial unity.
  - FORM to come out to communities via committees, paper and online.

**ACTION:** Community consultation/feedback process to be circulated.

**20. Upcoming events:**

- Joy McKean Bantam Day out - 8 November 2026. Friends of St Barnabas will take the lead on this. Morning tea and Lunch, tea and coffee.

**Meeting closed:** 9.15 pm

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 26 August 2026

**Meeting Outcomes/Actions**

1. Mary Bielski - Quotes for electrical work on Project 3
2. Mary/Steve Bielski - Quotes for microphone and speaker
3. Fiona Morton - Tennis Court lines

**Manawatu District Council Actions - some ongoing**

4. Additional Bus and Speed signs required (outstanding November 24 meeting
5. Install lockable removable bollards to prevent close access at the rear of the hall. Contact Mary Bielski (ongoing)
6. Otara Road Rangitikei River Bridge bumps require addressing (ongoing) (and now they are on both sides (approaches) of the bridge...
7. Feral animal (deer) signage

Signed

Greg Clifton

**Chair**

27 May 2026