

## **COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES, RANGIWAHIA HALL - 27 AUGUST 2025**

**PRESENT:** Doug Brodie, Grant Hadfield, Michael Ford, Nat Masters, Steve & Mary Bielski, Shelley Dew-Hopkins, Fraser Martin, Ben Flintoff, Lorna Day, Jared Day, Greg Clifton, Paul Quarrie, Dave Corpe

### **APOLOGIES:**

Fiona Morton, Helen King (MDC), Mayor Helen Worboys, Hamish McDonald

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES 21 May 2025**

That the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record

**M/S:** MB/SDH

### **MATTERS ARISING**

1. The 'No Dogs' sign on the domain gate still needs to be installed.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **2. Correspondence**

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

- Community Committee Bulletin
- \$3,000 Community Committee fund approval
- Community Honours - Successful Nomination
- Invitation to Kimbolton - Meet the Candidates

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

- Smarty Grants Lodgement - Community Committee \$3,000 (approved)
- Smarty Grants Lodgement - Contestable Fund \$9,325.00 (TBD)
- Community Honours Nomination - Steve and Mary Bielski

**M/S:** MB/SDH

### **FINANCIALS**

#### **3. Financials as at August 2025**

Go Account   \$ 283.31

OnCall       \$ 6,811.76

MB discussed a number of small maintenance purchases and reimbursements (paper copies tabled), including:

- Swipe tags x two plus installation for Alarm System. - APB Electrical - \$145.82
- Access Point and Ethernet cable purchased to improve Wifi in supper room - \$115.86
- Patterson Electrical - three-point plug for Access Point installed. - \$253.12
- Broom cupboard – Mary requested a light in the cupboard. A battery powered-led light suggested.
- Vacuum cleaner replacement (old unit failed). BOS Cleaning Supplies - \$645.43
- Reilly Joinery - Hall contribution for kitchen cabinet unit with shelf - \$289.67.
- Mary posted thank-you card and \$100 petrol voucher to Anne Cresswell for cleaning public toilets & shower block

- Mary reimbursed for lightbulbs & two chopping boards - \$58.91 total
- Income recorded from coin/showers (ongoing) and hall hires.
- Fluorescent Lights. Dave from Patterson Electrical replaced & repaired lights in the hall. Mary believes these were damaged/removed in the hall break-in on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 - \$597.02
- MDC Power - Account emailed to MDC to reimburse half the power over past nine months.

Community Committee funding balance is \$3,000 and has been allocated to the projects applied for being:

Project 1 - Sensor lights

Project 2 - Hall door floor paint tidy up

Project 3 - BBQ lockup.

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

That the Financial Report be accepted.

**M/S:** MB/SDH

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **4. \$3,000 expenditure**

Project 1 - Outside lights. Mary to action as per quote from Carrol Electrical \$1,500.

Project 2 - Painting floor by doors. Mary to action as per quote from Perfection decorators - \$1,231

Project 3 - BBQ

Discussion on steel lock box and/or chain and padlock. The Community decided to do both.

Fiona to contact Rex and advise. Steve to assist with minor works. Note the total of project 1-3 will exceed \$3,000 allocation. Agreed to fund excess from the hall account.

**M/S:** DB/SDH

### **5. Rangiwahia Community Plan**

Update not available yet. Remains a work in progress

### **6. Community Donations / in-kind support**

Steve Bielski reported that he accompanied retired surveyor Bruce Stern, current surveyor Stephen Oldfield (Central District Survey), and Alasdair Bettles-Hall to re-survey the existing public track leading up to the Rangiwahia Trig, which offers stunning panoramic views. Stephen Oldfield generously donated his time and expertise for this work, free of charge. The five-meter access begins at the lower end of the laneway next to the reserve. Local farmer Murray Curtis has been informed about the survey. To help mark the access route, Steve purchased steel standards and yellow caps at a cost of \$84.90. As the access runs alongside private land, dogs are not permitted. Mary has requested permission to purchase a "An Information including No Dogs Allowed" sign to be placed on the fence at the start of the track.

It was agreed that Fiona, as secretary, with Mary's assistance, will send a thank-you card or letter to Stephen Oldfield, along with a \$100 petrol voucher, in appreciation of his generous contribution to the project. Thank you letter and \$100 voucher to be provided for survey work undertaken by Stephen Oldfield.

**Action:** Mary to purchase \$100 petrol voucher/write letter/email

Many thanks to Greg Clifton for organising the repaint of the little Karewarewa School house. Looks awesome. Much appreciated.

## **7. Rangiwahia Reserves**

Steve Bielski provided an update regarding both reserves. All tracks in reserves (Scenic and Kaikawaka) cleared and in good walking condition. Generally pretty good for pests at the moment.

Rangiwahia Scenic Reserve Give-a-Little - \$263.36

**Action:** Steve to be reimbursed \$84.90 for steel standards/yellow caps plus traps

## **8. Working Bee**

Agreed to focus on:

- Repaint toilet doors and Main entrance doors (interior/exterior faces as needed). Request paint from MDC.
- Paint around the former sink location. Request paint from MDC.
- Back room – clear out and tidy (shelving to help).

**Action:** Doug/Fiona to work together

## **9. Shower trap grill**

This is missing and requires replacing.

**Action:** Mary to contact Kyle Baird

## **10. Tennis Court**

Posts all cemented in. Net from the hall cupboard to be erected. Should be good to be used for Summer.

## **11. Stock water reticulation**

Shelley discussed the stockwater reticulation project. Looking at an exploratory bore potentially on the old School site rather than Domain. Doug suggested a specific meeting to discuss this project. Those present considered the School to be a better site than Domain.

## **12. Community Updates**

Meeting congratulated Steve and Mary on their recent Community Honours award.

Steve Bielski is not standing in the 2025 elections. Shelley Dew-Hopkins advised that she would be running as a rural ward candidate.

## **13. Traffic/Police Report - Ben Flintoff**

Ongoing concerns are speeding and safety near hall approaches. Discussed better placement/rotation of speed-feedback signage, and getting fresh traffic count data to evidence requests.

Crime activity is minimal at the moment.

Mental health issues are taking up most of his time currently.

**Actions:** Request an updated traffic count from MDC.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **14. Officer report - Helen King (written report)**

Otara Road bridge 'bumps' are in progress. No timeframe given.

Village signage - all agreed that something needs to be done. This message needs to be continued to be relayed to Council.

Discussion on feral animal (deer) signage. Helen to raise this.

### **15. Michael Ford - Mayor for 2025-2028**

Michael introduced himself and spoke about working constructively with rural communities and community committees. He emphasised practical, cost-conscious fixes for small places, with a focus on keeping community facilities in good order and maintaining safe, reliable local roads and connections. He encouraged ongoing contact from the committee on Rangiwahia issues and thanked volunteers for the work they do

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

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

#### **June**

Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust Draft Statement of Intent 2025/26

Manawatu Community Trust Final Statement of Intent 2025/26

Feilding Civic Centre Trust Draft Statement of Intent 2025/26

Deliberations – Significance and Engagement Policy

Deliberations for the Freedom Camping Bylaw

Residents satisfaction survey quarter 3

Audit and Risk Committee – Quarterly Performance Report to 31 March 2025

Feilding & District Promotion 6 monthly report to 31 Dec 2024

CEDA Final Statement of Intent 2025/26

Decision on Freedom Camping bylaw – changes made after public consultation

Public Places Bylaw S155 Assessment

Adoption of the Annual Plan 2025/26 – Adopted.

Adoption of the Rates Resolution and Borrowing resolution 2025/26

Adoption of Planning, Health Act and Development Contribution Fees and Charges 2025/26

Adoption of Fees and Charges for 2025/26

Adoption of the Significance and Engagement Policy

#### **July 2025**

Adoption Smokefree and Vapefree Policy

Approval to Publicly notify consultation of the Public Places Bylaw

Submissions lodged on behalf of Council April to June:

1. Help Shape New Zealand's Wastewater System 22 April 2025
2. Local Electoral Reform draft position paper 28 April 2025
3. Horizons Consultation on the Long-term Plan amendment and Annual Plan 1 May 2025

4. Emergency Management Bill – Discussion document 22 May 2025
  5. Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Sales on Anzac Day Morning, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Christmas Day) Amendment Bill 22 May 2025
  6. Proposed amendments to the Waste Minimisation and Management Act and the Litter Act 15 May 2025
  7. Proposed product stewardship regulations for agrichemicals, their containers and farm plastics 5 May 2025
  8. Draft Building Product Specifications - MBIE 23 June 2025
  9. Regulatory Standards Bill 17 June 2025
  10. Building and Construction (Small Stand-Alone Dwellings) Amendment Bill 23 June 2025
- Targa Rally Road Closure Request  
Memorandum of Understanding with Cova-Lima, Timor-Leste

### **August 2025**

Representative fund presentations:

- Feilding Intermediate - Agrikids national competition
- Ephriam Yearbury – National U18 men's hockey tournament

Adoption of Growth Framework 2025

FDP Annual Report to 30 June 2025

Sport Manawatu Annual Report to 30 June 2025

Adoption of Water Services Delivery Plan

Representative Fund:

- Elan Hinkls – National U18 Hockey Tournament
- Jordie-Lee Kotuhi – Manawatu Netball U16s
- Sienna-Faye Kotuhi – Manawatu Basketball Regionals

This is the last Community Committee meeting for Rangiwahia this triennium, so essentially the last meeting for me.

### **17. Upcoming events:**

- "Meet the Candidates" (MDC Rural Ward), Kimbolton Hall (28 August 2025)
- Council Elections (9 September to 11 October 2025)
- Committee Elections - next meeting
- Christmas Party - TBA

**Meeting closed:** 9pm

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 26 November 2025

### **Meeting Outcomes/Actions**

1. Mary Bielski - Order/Install outside security lights
2. Fiona Morton - Confirm BBQ Security box with Rex
3. Mary Bielski - Shelving and broom cupboard light
4. Mary Bielski - Replace shower block grill
5. Fiona Morton - Hall and surrounds working bee
6. Mary Bielski - install 'No dog' sign on Domain gate/Bush Reserves

### **Manawatu District Council Actions**

7. Additional Bus and Speed signs required (outstanding November meeting).
8. Provide paint for Exterior door of hall toilets repainting.
9. Discussions re dress circle toilet (outstanding November meeting)

10. Otara Road Rangitikei River Bridge bumps require addressing (ongoing)
11. Feral animal (deer) signage

Signed

Doug Brodie

**Chair**

27 August 2025