



Sanson Community Committee Meeting Minutes

Sanson Hall

9 July 2026

Opening	19:04
Present	Committee: Steve Gill(Chairperson), Alicea (Secretary) Trevor, Bryn, Shane, Jen (Treasurer) , Ross, Caroline Manawatu District Council: Alison Short Associates/Public: Craig, Jin
Apologies	Grayson Marsh, Grant, Steve M
Previous Minutes	Moved: Bryn Seconded: Jen Read and confirmed as correct. Share with communitycommittees@mdc.govt.nz []
Correspondence In	No notification from others
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Chairman's report	Bank account up and running \$100 petty cash set up by Steve G Bills paid Balance from MDC holding account received. Hall chairs Original model gone off special, search continues. St John Defib Co-ordinator will get chased up next week. Hall scoreboard - back, in pieces, some equipment obsolete
Matters Arising	No further burglaries/suspicious behaviour
Councillor's Report	Council on break 17/6 Annual plan adopted, Hendra projects passed. Mean rate rise 4.9% across the whole district: no consultation. Government review of local Government structure 86% no amalgamation Possibly shared services model "Federation" Must be in by 1st Aug or Parliament in recess September for election.
Current discussions	Recycling: Bulls Transfer Station - Free Day? Feilding Transfer Station - Karakara Road

	Trevor Hendra Project at the Cemetery Planting gully behind the Cemetery with fencing boundary Enviroschools - Sanson, Tangimoana Local nursery, need another \$20K, labour costs. Walk track with a bridge and flagstaff (raise on ANZAC). Playground Airplane - modernise information and model inaccuracy MDC - Parks and Reserves/Grant regarding initial installation and updates Youth space (Hall) Skate Park, Basketball for teens eg Sanson vs Bulls, Blocarts evening: Wed \$20/session Ideas to committee, A4 flyers onto Noticeboards as well as Social Media. Feilding First Volunteers for articles Deliverers: Thursday pickup and bundle at Z or Fish'n'chip. Basketball Hoops - quote sourcing still in process. In committee discussion - non agenda item.
Agenda	Distributed ahead.
General Business Historical notes on the Hendra Project:	Trevor Hendra - Cemetery/Hastings Lease block - Parks will fence off the area (6.5acres) restoration of plants 300 years ago - planting list historical ~ 6500 plants. School assists with planting and plants (with Horizons). Linton Prison will also supply plants, Manawatu too according to specialist plants they propagate. Nil financial requirement (grants being applied for, SCC and the school as referees), help required alongside Ohakea staff doing a community work day. Council plot planting, preparation of ground etc. Motion - support the project in principle and we will hear to ratify any further proposals: Passed. Send letter to Trevor Hendra..  Next steps: Step 1. Parks arrange fencing Also working to have the drain covered for future parking. Flagpole in the Cemetery applied and denied- will try again. Feilding RSA to release, Sanson RSA keen to support, Beachamps will do plaques, Lest We Forget sign and seat being sought grants for. *Cemetery - common practice of folk spreading ashes - need to address this perhaps with a sign so they don't dump them and kill the plants. Alison/Council Infrastructure Team - planting open drains in Hedges St etc Chris to be supplied with letter head for making a flyer about networking for Hendra and Hall projects. subcontractors)
Market & Hall Financial Reports	Report presented to the meeting for all present; not made public. Hall - accounts just opened - report next month for last few months.
Meeting Closed	21:05
Next Meeting is on	13th August 2026
Actions:	Bryn will consult with a friend about components for the score board.