# Sanson Community Committee Meeting Minutes

Sanson Hall | 10 September 2026

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| **Opening** | 1905 |
| **Present** | Committee: Steve Gill(Chairperson), Alicea (Secretary), Bryn, Jen (Treasurer) , Ross, Shane, Tuku,<br>Manawatu District Council: Alison Short<br>Associates/Public: Pam |
| **Apologies** | Trevor |
| **Previous Minutes** | Recall: Aug meeting cancelled - No quorum<br>Moved: Alicea<br>Seconded: Bryn & Ross<br>Read and confirmed as correct.<br>Share with communitycommittees@mdc.govt.nz [ ☑ ] |
| **Correspondence In** | MDC Public Notices.<br>Alison Short Council Liaison Report<br>Westpac NZ - statements<br>Inland Revenue, MyIR - New Email verification. |
| **Correspondence Out** | |
| **Chairperson's report** | Defib training - Event including the Community<br>Bank Account - up and running, authorising working.<br>Old bench seats (keep 6) Steve to dispose of by advertising $20 each<br>Ross and Shane immediate orders.<br>Project - Emergency Generator Corporate Funding<br>Tuku to obtain written quotes<br>25KVA<br>12KVA $8K+GST, ~$2K+GST wiring |
| **Matters arising** | St Johns have moved the Defib to the door.<br>MDC missives to be shared to all going forward.<br>Noticed in Emails that SCS receives SCC and vv - correct sender.<br>Bryn will pick up scoreboard |
| **Councillor's report** | • The 2026/27 Annual Plan has been adopted with an average district wide rates increase of 4.9% plus growth. This is lower than budgeted for in the Long Term Plan as we worked hard to keep it slick and efficient. The Sanson Cemetery fencing and planting project is in and staged over two years.<br>• In August MDC voted unanimously NOT to submit a Head Start proposal for amalgamation. We were guided by the 753 public submissions, of which 86% asked us not to participate. This means we have until May 2027 to submit to the government an alternative proposal. In the meantime, we are working closely with Horizons, Rangitīkei, Tararua, Whanganui and Ruapehu for a different solution that will better suit our communities. We were disappointed that Palmerston North named Manawatū in their Head Start amalgamation proposal without discussing it with us or seeking our co-operation. MDC has written to Simon Watts, Minister of Local Government expressing this disappointment. |

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| | • Manawatū Water Services. MDC adopted an in-house 3 Waters service delivery model and are required to stand this up on the 1st July 2027. This committee has and independent, suitably qualified chair and a number of councillors. It has been meeting monthly and we are well on track for the July deadline.<br>• The contract for the next stage of the Halcombe – Mt Stewart wastewater centralisation pipeline has been let and work should commence in October (weather permitting). There will be traffic management on the Halcombe – Mt Stewart Road over that time.<br>• Every six years we are required to look at the system of voting. There are two options: First Past the Post or Single Transferable Vote. We can not predict yet what our council will look like in October 2028 after the local government reforms but decided to stick with FPP as that works well for our community.<br>• Sports Manawatū gave us a comprehensive 12-month report. We fund them $110,000 per annum. They work right across our district in schools, sports clubs and out in the community. I noted they had done a Bike Wise programme at Sanson School teaching kids to ride and learn traffic safety rules.<br>• The Young Achievers Awards are coming up shortly and all schools have been invited to participate, hopefully we will see Sanson represented there.<br>• Youth Council. We are about to go out for recruitment for new youth councillors. If you know any high school aged youth up to 24yr olds who may be interested, please encourage them to apply.<br>• The School Swimming Pool fund is currently open. Schools can get a $300 grant towards chemicals if they are open to the public. Sanson usually applies.<br>• Sanson CC project fund. After purchasing your chairs, you have $802 remaining. Perhaps you can start discussing what you would like to apply to use that funding for.<br>• Finally, This past couple of years has seen huge legislative changes facing local governments. Parliament winds up by the end of September and some bills are still coming forward. One thing is for certain and that is - nothing is certain. Councils across the country are watching parliament with a strong eye. No matter what the government looks like in 2027 onwards it is likely we will see more legislation at pace. One thing is certain though and that is Manawatū is a great place to live, work, play and enjoy a good quality of life. |
| **Agenda** | Not engaged with prior to meeting. |
| **General business** | Do we hold a candidates evening? - No, booked already, more central.<br>Basketball hirers - TV to project timer - Bryn to cost and report Oct<br>Fridges - Classifieds free to good home, Jen to open Hall - agreed<br>Blocks opposite Superette on lane - Shane to Antenno - removal<br>Calendar planning date - Shared supper<br>Steve no longer with Neighbourhood Support<br>They still want to hold an event - perhaps alongside Defib training?<br>Sanson Classifieds - to advertise event - firm up dates and organisation for Oct meeting. |
| **Hall / Financial** | SG: Hall expenses above $500 to be approved by quorum of committee (4) which can be obtained online.<br>Quorum defined as 4 because committee numbers dropped.<br>Petty cash will be balanced next month<br>Financial report read at the meeting. |
| **Meeting closed** | 2010 |
| **Next meeting** | 8 October 20206 7pm Sanson Hall |
| **Actions** | Bryn costing of TV/Timer and protective cover.<br>Committee shared supper arrangements. |
| **Next agenda notes** | |