



Sanson Community Committee Meeting Minutes

14 May 2026 Sanson Hall

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Opening	1904
Present	Committee: Steve G, Shane, Brynn, Tuku, Grant, Caroline, Jen, Trevor Manawatu District Council: Alison Short, Public: Sherry Brown, Craig Berquist.
Apologies	Ross P
Previous Minutes	<date>Minutes;Moved: Steve Seconded: Online approval - Jen, Shane, Bryn, Ross. Read and confirmed as correct. Sent to MDC
Correspondence In	ANZ - SG & JB regarding account progress and ID/Proof of residence required of all committee members. MDC - Community Committee Funding Round and Vested Assets Policy
Correspondence Out	
Matters Arising	NA
Chairman's Report	*Awareness of internal conflict during transition phase, SG would like to facilitate gatherings by offering everyone a voice towards decisions, then if needing to make a vote - if a majority is reached, everyone will support it moving forward. *Feedback from bank - discussion in General business. *Verbal feedback from ANZAC - really good, positive, including Ohakea, was noticeable there were a lot of Bulls folk in attendance which was very pleasing. Already expressions of interest for next year from Wellington. Photos from Sansons event on National NZ Defence website. *Catering feedback - lots of compliments, budget worked out with good amount of Kai for all. *Council funding applications approaching - dates - application. *SG wants to seek corporate fundraising - purchase of emergency generator with electrician to install plug for receiving the power source. AS: Central Energy Trust is a good source (up to 10%) will pay direct to a Community Committee. ECCA survey of best type and do provide funding to Community Committees. No objections. Hall seating - assistance from Council/funders for audiences or hiring clients.Eastern Central (grass roots section up to 50%),AB: Office Max (\$5K). No objections.
Councillor's Report	Alison Short: My report: ANZAC Day. Well done to Sanson. Another great commemoration. There were many well attended services held across the district.

	• Council recently had update reports from Manfeild Park, the Feilding Civic Centre and Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park. • The Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust has made a request to council to formally wind up as their work is largely done. They were tasked with restoring the forest after several destructive floods and to seek third party funding to achieve this. The biodiversity of the park is much healthier now and can return to a maintenance and enhancement phase. The council has agreed to dissolve the Trust. The annual operational grant will remain the same and the contract with Green By Nature continues. • Turners Rd. We recently approved the final stage of this roading project in the Feilding Kawakawa industrial area and once complete you will be able to drive from Kawakawa Rd through to Aorangi Rd (SH54) and come out by the stock truck depot near the Aorangi Bridge. This will also give access to the privately owned industrial land and it can then be developed over time. • The big news this month is the Governments announcement on giving all councils across the country just three months to find regional solutions to simplify local government, which includes the disestablishment of the governance teams of regional councils. We have to put up a regional solution for the Horizons area by 9th August. If we can't put forward a considered proposal, central government will decide on our behalf. Decisions will be finalised in 2027 and then the current regional council arrangements will cease at the 2028 local government elections. While we were aware that government was considering this, it was a surprise that we only have three months to come up with a local proposal. Discussions with all the councils in the Horizons region have already begun. Things to consider are: do we have a board of mayors, amalgamate with neighbours, form a unitary authority (functions as both district and regional council), or stand-alone but increase shared services in the regional council function space. The urgency is probably due to the general election being in November. I will keep you updated as we know more. I am hoping we will have time to put this out to public consultation. • Community Honours. Nominations are now open. And close the 31st July. The nomination form can be found on the MDC website. Please reach out to me for guidance if you need to. Regards – Alison S
Agenda	Agenda 14th May 2026 1/ SG would like to pursue some corporate sponsorship for the purchase of an emergency generator to have in our hall during extended power outages etc. Enough to have lightning and heat etc for the community to come and have company over a hot drink. 2/ SG mentioned at our last meeting that I'd like to seek council assistance to replace seating in the hall. 3/ SG Discussion about applying for the next council funding due soon. What to utilize this for?

	SG QI would like to have some discussion about how to keep conflict separated between the committee and the society. I don't think this needs to be written or recorded in minutes because we don't need everyone reading them later. Just an adult discussion among the few of us that attend.
General Business	*Bank (ANZ Feilding) - All Committee members to appear with ID and proof of residency. Letter from bank Emailed by Jen. *Security around Sanson - burglaries, Hall and School damaged etc Ring 105 and report it - need to do this to get community constable support for extra patrols etc. Neighbourhood support is encouraged to receive information on whats going on in the area, part of linking in and supporting vulnerable people - also serves as a register in emergency. Village incidents include - keypads off the gate, taken cameras, always Wednesday or Thursday night. Reporting done but will distribute Neighbourhood Support materials (if anyone wants information contact Steve Gill: steveandlynn@inspire.net.nz). Fuel thefts at businesses and farms, driveoffs at garages - look out for damages - could be prep work and the offenders will be coming back. *Night flights - desperately short of flight crews presently, to maintain a pilots license must takeoff/fly all the time for training, search and rescue and international routes etc. There is a ban on all unessential flying in NZ. Any night time flyovers are deemed necessary, please be patient. *Dogs roaming around Phillips Street area. *Defibrillator - managed by St Johns. SG Follow up. *Decision about allocation of funding - submit indication of use eg community events, physical things for Hall/community etc.
Hall Financial Reports	Reports presented to the meeting for all present; not made public. Move: SG - present next meeting when accounts are set up Seconded: - Shane Copy of April statement from WestPac to Jen AB: Copies of all invoices and sundry payments need to be taken to Finance at MDC while Hall funds are being held in Council holding account. Receipts from those who have paid the bills need to be presented with account numbers for reimbursement.
Meeting Closed	2010
Next Meeting is on	11 June 1900 Sanson Hall
Actions:	SG: Investigate funding for Generator and Hall seating. Committee to Take ID and proof of residence to ANZ - contact Verena as per Email from SG. SG: Follow up with St Johns regarding defib. Whole committee - have a think and talk to folk about thoughts for how to allocate the MDC Community Committee Grant of approx \$2000. Submissions to Committee members or secretary please. SCC Board members to visit ANZ with ID and Proof of Address to verify identity for new SCC bank account.
Next Agenda	Progress on funding investigations St Johns - update wrt Defib Allocation of MDC funding discussion.