



Sanson Community Committee Meeting Minutes
Del Parker's House.
 8th May 2025

Opening	1908
Present	Committee: Grant McGaughey (Chairperson), Alicea Brosnan (Secretary) Chris Smith (Treasurer), Steve Smith, Jen Berquist, Del Parker, Pam Workman. Manawatu District Council: Alison Short, Helen king Public: Grayson Marsh (Principal Sanson School).
Apologies	N/A
Previous Minutes	8 April 2025 Minutes; Moved: Alicea Brosnan Seconded: Del Parker Read and confirmed as correct. Share with communitycommittees@mdc.govt.nz []
Matters Arising	Processing Trees at school - Trev Hendra - (wants to put in planting between Cemeteries) suggests that when the tanks go in at the back of the school, use the dirt to bury the logs and shape as a natural landmark. Grayson to confirm he is happy with that idea and instruct his contractor to do that. Planting between the Cemeteries -Trev will design (pathways and planting plans) with James from Council; yet to catchup with James. School will help plant under the Enviro-schools programme (involvement of school kids/parents). SCC to try to encourage community input too. When Grant caught up with James about hall seating - asked about potholes in the car park - James has a plan to fill them in.
Correspondence In	Email - Helen King - Community Committee Bulletin 11/4 Email - Helen King - Bus shelters 15/4 Email - MDC - District News April Email - Theresa Price - Invoice Fauldings Sound 28/4 \$161 Email - Grant - Inspirnet checking quality of connection.

	<p>Texts Jen - approval to purchase cleaners</p> <p>Texts Jen - approval to purchase stationery</p> <p>Email - Chris - Thankyou to see the two boys that read at ANZAC when presenting their gift cards.</p>
Correspondence Out	
Agenda	<p>*Purchasing - group Email, two approvals then purchase. Any koha/payment to committee members needs to be set up and approved by the "other two" our three bankers are Chris, Jen and Grant.</p> <p>*Bus shelter Storm Blue Matt (9155248M).</p> <p>*Ratification of paid invoice for Fauldings sound - Chris paid, seconded Grant, Del</p> <p>*Asked that Ohaea themed rubbish bins contacts be found (Pete Shaw). Parks and Reserves. To Use information for beautification of the village eg bin at bus shelter (Council to confirm that a village is allowed a min number of bins to be serviced - 9?).</p> <p>*Hall Men's urinals - replaced with modern individual models for ease of cleaning etc. Request Council/James come out and decide. Also LEDs and score board to be repaired (Jen to take to Auldspark) The electrician says it's on the waitlist but we will also inquire about replacing it.</p> <p>*Grant to buy paver and glue for Coronation Tree plaque - pre-approval granted, approximate cost: Paver 17-22 and glue approx \$10. Receipt to Chris, approved by Jen.</p> <p>New Community Funding ideas:</p> <p>Generator - SCC Obtain from Central Energy Trust.</p> <p>Civil Defense Community Response & recovery plan - Check with Council one is lodged and completed Helen check with Hannah, current Civil Defense Officer)</p> <p>the issue has been distribution - eg Tangimoana - download, go to a shop/school and get a physical copy. We could post on our Web Page, have copies available at the markets etc.</p> <p>Acknowledge Bryn - community champions - The Breeze.</p>
General Business	<p>Grayson - Nets out on the court encouraging kids to play and stay. Is there a possibility for the space to be upgraded into an all weather turf play space. To improve safety - fencing (MoE approval) converted into safety approved style all by end of year. Turfed area proposal - whole court approximately \$38K. Further, might need solar flood lights.</p> <p>Impacts/Threats to SCC - parking for Hall clients impacted for four major events and counting, concerns for safety afterhours and drawing folk into the immediate hall area - graffiti, damage/break-ins, spins in the car-park etc. Area will require a high cage type fence to prevent balls smashing Hall windows.</p> <p>History for school roll : last year 11, now 23 with new entrants.</p> <p>Historical account of school - confidential but if you know anyone who can connect the dots get them to get in touch with Grayson. Particularly booking for the old school bell which was used at the Scotts Ferry point.</p>

	<p>Hall money management - booking money can be used for repairs/maintenance but still needs consultation with James. Permanent chattels need to be applied for to be paid for by Council. Always check with James on ANYTHING to do with Hall. Otherwise SCC income is for community projects and improvements.</p> <p>Chris will generate Terms of Reference for Markets and forward a copy for records.</p> <p>Email will be changed to GMail, all contacts will be deferred to new address.</p> <p>Appliance (drier?) dumped at the Tar Pot - needs removal.</p> <p>Joseph's (Grants son) efforts in setting up and packing up for ANZAC acknowledged. Jen and Alicea suggest a Koha, Del suggests \$105.95 on a Prezzy card out of the Hall account which Jen will buy. Unanimously agreed (Grant abstained).</p> <p>Ohakea online to book for ANZAC in Feb. Alicea will contact neighbour to get contact details etc.</p> <p>Chris requested that the Market signs to be amended to read 0700 opening. Grant working through it.</p>
Market & Hall Reports	<p>Reports presented to the meeting for all present; not made public.</p> <p>Move: Chris</p> <p>Seconded: Grant</p> <p>Hall Move: Jen</p> <p>Seconded: Grant</p>
Council Reports	<p>Planting initiative of Trevor Hendra's - Alison spoke to James, he will meet onsite and discuss - image of Council land boundary at Cemetery provided (and shared) - all on Council land so shouldn't be complicated at all because only one lease holder.</p> <p>Alison short:</p> <p>*</p> <p>Mayor Helen has announced this week that she will not seek re-election in the upcoming local government elections in October. She has been mayor for nine years and with her previous role at Feilding Promotions has served our community for 30 years.</p> <p>*</p> <p>Local Water Done Well.</p> <p>We received 505 written submissions. 96% of people agreed that MDC remaining a stand alone in-house 3 waters service provider was the best long-term option for our council. We have heard those submitters who wanted to speak and will adopt our final decision at the May 15th council meeting.</p> <p>*</p>

	<p>Freedom Camping Bylaw review. We received 17 submissions for this. Some from individuals and some from organisations like NZMCA (New Zealand Motor Home Association). Many submitters asked questions and raised issues that need further investigation, so we have pushed out the date for deliberating and adopting this by a further month.</p> <p>*</p> <p>Significance and Engagement policy review. This existing policy on how MDC engages with the community has had a significant update and has also been out for consultation. Submissions close this week.</p> <p>*</p> <p>Homelessness. There has been a noticeable increase in people living in council parks or rough sleeping in our district, particularly Timona Park in Feilding. Council has regulatory officers who call in on these people and assess their situation. They always take a welfare approach and will link them to MSD or social services if needed. Sadly, this is on the increase all over New Zealand. Freedom camping or sleeping rough is not of itself a crime. This is a social problem largely driven by the high cost of living. With winter coming many churches and social services are increasing their support in this space. If you have concerns about someone living in a public park, please contact council.</p> <p>Elections this year - Evenings on what's involved will be involved, nominations July, campaigning then elections Maori ward until 2028, 5 rural councilors, 5 urban, Mayor.</p> <p>14 ANZAC services in the Manawatu</p> <p>Helen King:</p> <p>Community Funding spending - keep on track for 30th June.</p> <p>Get quotes for printing and installation and timeline must be firm</p> <p>Will send out links of next round of community funding - secretaries, includes times you can work with Helen to get it all sorted including signing up for Smarty grants etc.</p>
Actions:	<p>Chris/Jen/Grant -</p> <p>all set up to make/approve payments</p> <p>Market Terms of Reference distributed to Committee.</p> <p>Jen -</p> <p>Buy Joseph's Prezzy Card for helping ta ANZAC.</p> <p>Helen -</p> <p>Details of Ohakea themed rubbish bins to order more, costings etc.</p> <p>Hall repairs - Install LED lighting, repair/replace Basketball scoreboard, Urinals, Ceiling repairs, repaint.</p> <p>Check we have a full Civil Defense Plan lodged with Council.</p> <p>Ask Council to remove appliance dumped at Tar Pot.</p> <p>Grant -</p> <p>Purchase glue and paver to install Coronation Tree plaque.</p> <p>Fix Market sign - 0700 not 0730.</p> <p>Alicea -</p> <p>Contact The Breeze to acknowledge Bryn/Spinning Plannet.</p> <p>Change Email to GMail - advise all contacts of change of Email address.</p> <p>All correspondence in to be addressed to the Secretary and distributed to the committee before meetings.</p> <p>Contact Neighbour regarding Ohakea Head of Comms to ensure</p>

	presence at future ANZAC ceremonies.
Next Meeting details	12 June 7pm Del's House Supper: Alicea
Meeting Closed	2112
Next Agenda	<p>Meetings at the Hall discussion:</p> <p>September - Meet the Candidates - invite the public, venue at hall, food/drink,</p> <p>February - AGM elections - venue = hall, food/drink.</p> <p>For the time being we have elected to hold monthly meetings at Del's house so she can attend.</p> <p>Del - Boards on People of note eg Williams - 1st teacher, landowner (Cemetery Road)</p> <p>Alicea - suggestion that the bottle shop start a tradition of donating a bottle of rum to the service men on ANZAC day ceremony. (Win:Win, where shop gets good raport in community for looking after the old boys, folk more inclined to go to his shop in support).</p> <p>Alicea - upon School realising a roll of 100 - SCC apply for Community Event grant to really Celebrate at the Hall.</p> <p>Alicea - Save or grant for soloar powered spot lights on roof of Hall to make carpark safe at night. Ask Auldspark about appropriate models and quantities for quote.</p> <p>Another History Board - off walkkng path, looking at water tower in paddock - talk about water and sewage schemes.</p> <p>QR - Original farmers group.</p>