

Tangimoana Community Committee Meeting

4 March 2026

7pm, Mc Kelvie Hall, Tangimoana

The meeting started at 7:07pm.

Present were Jennifer (Chair), Hilary, Janine (Community Connector - MDC), Annie, Sam, James (MDC Councilor), Sue (Treasurer) and Fraser (Secretary).

Apologies were received from Alison (MDC Councilor) and Trudi.

Jennifer welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year, noting the delay due to the recent storm. A reminder that this was the triennial meeting and there will be elections.

Jennifer handed over the role of chair to James so as to conduct the elections.

James thanked everyone for attending, and acknowledged the volunteer committee for its work over the past three years. He particularly enjoyed the letterbox competition over Christmas, and the preservation and maintenance of the hall.

All present wished to be part of the committee, plus a nomination for Justin.

Accepted: Unanimous.

For the role of Chairperson, Fraser nominated Jennifer. Annie seconded the nomination. Jennifer accepted the nomination.

Accepted: Unanimous.

For the role of Secretary, Annie nominated Fraser. Sam seconded the nomination. Fraser accepted the nomination.

Accepted: Unanimous.

For the role of Treasurer, Hilary nominated Sue. Sam seconded the nomination. Sue accepted the nomination.

Accepted: Unanimous.

James congratulated the new committee, and stepped down as chair, handing over to Jennifer.

The minutes of the last meeting (December 17, 2025) were accepted as a true and accurate record. Motion moved by Hilary, seconded by Annie.

Matters arising included:

School energy resilience

Jennifer informed the committee that the school is getting to a point where the school can be powered during an emergency, so as to be a hub.

They have passed several ECCA critiquing stages and a response is expected very soon. This will result in funding for batteries to compliment the solar panels.

Janine added that Pohangina, Rongotea and Manfield are being treated similarly.

Hall Emergency Exit Lighting

Due to an incident described previously, all lights have to be replaced due to battery degradation. 5 lights in total, at a cost of \$1380. MDC have come to our assistance for this, with full funding support. Without the work, the hall will not get its Warrant of Fitness. A local handyman (Robert/Jack) is going to make a cover for the switch, so the incident does not happen again.

Fireban board

Annie asked if there had been any progress in this matter. James has brought it up with MDC and FENZ and they both approved of the idea. A location has been identified, and the price is being confirmed. It looks like it will go ahead. They are colloquially referred to as “Grapefruit signs.”

Scotts Ferry Road – Speeding

James has followed up on this too. He has confirmed that the speed limit is 50km/h. The roading team at MDC have asked if the community would like a sign there. James has said yes.

Some discussion had around effectiveness of such a sign. Speed is an issue, but so is dust and debris. Annie asked if the council would consider sealing the portion of road over the hill. Sue pointed out that two cars have ended up in the paddock due to speeding in recent times. Annie also suggested a “No Exit” sign at the start of the road as there are frequently people trying to get to Scotts Ferry. Fraser suggested bollards or chicane to slow people down.

Discussion around community made signs. This has been tried before, but one was not on private land, so all were removed.

James also noted that Tangimoana Beach road is currently under a speed limit consultation process.

James will take the committees views back to the relevant people.

Reserve and Pond

Hilary noted that weeding and bull bush removal is required to preserve the pond. An event to encourage the community to participate might be effective.

Jennifer suggested this might fall within the purview of the MDC Parks and Reserves budget. There are health and safety concerns with community members wading in the pond. Hilary noted this is an important environmental matter as Bitterns nest there.

Correspondence was received from Nicky Field asking for feedback on the recycling centre. How is it working and are changes required?

Sam suggested replying with a view to noting the community has already been canvassed on the matter, and recommendations have been made that would minimise mess and fly tipping. Some discussion on the need to sort recycling when it all “get’s lumped together” and resorted at the refuse station. James noted that the MDC team responsible are very passionate, and there are good reasons for sorting on site in Tangimoana.

Confirmed that a local monitor (incentivised with free bin bags or similar) was suggested previously. We also briefly had CCTV which was very effective in minimising mess and fly tipping, but that has been removed. Moving the recycling station at a right angle to its current location would reduce the area available to hide waste, but apparently there are issues with the trucks picking up from the new proposed location, as they would block the road. Hilary suggested taking a little of the Green Waste space to accommodate the turned recycling bays, but the new fences for Green Waste have just gone up, so this is unlikely.

Sue delivered the **Treasurer’s Report**.

The opening balance was \$6211.80.

Money in totaled \$40.00

Money out totaled \$963.43

The closing balance was \$5288.37.

There is a rogue “\$147” deposit that needs to be identified.

The school have paid their \$150.00.

Cr. James McKelvie delivered the **MDC report**.

The council have been busy with submissions regarding the local government shakeup.

The storm was handled well, and the declaration of emergency was made early. The work of locals in clearing roads was noted and appreciated. It was also noted that power was out for a long time.

Trees are being cleared up now that they are all off the roads. For clarity, trees that fell from private property are the landowners responsibility to remove.

The Long Term Plan process has begun.

James has been lobbying and advocating in the School Bus route issue, and has worked with local champion Nikita, whilst also discussing with Suze Redmane etc. It should be noted that the issue has the attention of every District Councillor, and the Mayoral Forum are writing a joint letter to the Ministry of Education.

In General Business:

Hall Monitor

Jennifer noted that the hall needs someone to assess cleanliness and light maintenance issues (toilet paper stocks etc) prior to, and after, hireage. Hires are increasingly far apart, so some areas can get dusty and unkempt.

Annie volunteered for the position and will liaise with Sue who handles the bookings.

Hall Exterior repairs

Jennifer has had a quote from Green by Nature to do the repairs using the materials already purchased. This will cost \$7840. MDC have agreed to assist with funding the project. Committee requested time to try and find a cheaper quote from local tradies. Fraser pointed out that this was attempted last year, but no one wanted to do it, hence we are in this position. Sue will contact Drew and see if he wants to do it. If not, we will proceed with the Green by Nature quote.

Storm damage in the village / reserve

Hilary has conferred with council and Green by Nature, regarding some large limbs that are now dangerous. An arborist will be coming, but cones are required to mark out areas of particular danger / concern. No-one present knew where there might be cones, but it was suggested that a post on the community facebook page might be effective in finding some.

Jennifer noted that the purchase / acquisition of community cones is required as there was a need to mark fallen power lines during the storm also.

On the topic of power, Jennifer also noted that there was a meeting with Civil Defense and Powerco to discuss a power hub at the school. This would be a generator maintained and fuelled by Powerco. If the school is accepted as a viable candidate for such an installation, this would not be until 2028.

This will significantly boost the villages resilience in emergencies. Civil Defense are working on “Tangimoana specific” detail and information to be added to the blue CD booklet and put in letterboxes regarding things like river levels. Additional information already held but not readily available would be greatly appreciated by the community, and give a degree of reassurance.

Jennifer also informed the committee that there is work being done at government level to create buffer zones around power lines to minimise outages due to fallen trees, with additional attention for communities like Tangimoana where there is only one road.

Sue noted that over the period of the storm, over 50 community members congregated on the stop bank to monitor the river level and discuss the emergency.

They requested that Sue pass on that:

- They don't go to community meetings as they don't see the point. Nothing changes.
- There is a resilience group, but what do they do?
- We all look after ourselves. We normally do.
- What do council do? Pedleys and the community removed the trees. Council were too busy.
- Tangimoana people are resilient. We clear up, and lots have generators.
- All of this is occurring after the “Deep South B*** S***”

The committee acknowledged the community feedback, and committed to passing it on to council and Civil Defense.

Sam noted that the school being powered in emergencies, and being a CD Hub will be a very visible demonstration of the Community Committee and Resilience Groups work.

Jennifer noted that the storm didn't reach the dangerous levels it was predicted to, so a number of plans and contingencies weren't actually required at this event.

Hilary noted that there have been lots of attempts to engage with Civil Defense in the past.

It was also noted that elements of the community can be misinformed, and contribute to community unease regarding river levels etc.

Reserve – Paddock with Goal Posts

Green by Nature would like to add the paddock to their mowing / maintenance list outside of the growing / baleage periods that are used for fundraising.

As such, the paddock would be shut off from August – January where growing and baling can occur, but then it will be mowed the rest of the year to increase accessibility.

It was also requested that they add the areas by the monument to the mowing list as that is getting untidy.

It was also noted that Ash and Justin had agreed to move the goal posts to the school years ago, but this has not occurred.

Other reserve maintenance / planting matters were discussed, with Janine taking notes to pass to the relevant people at MDC.

Hall Power usage

Sam asked if there was any progress on Hall rates and the issue of power usage by food vendors outside in particular. Would separately metered power outlets outside be a consideration?

General consensus that a lot of power is used, particularly at the markets, and the hireage is probably insufficient to cover all costs.

It was suggested that meter readings are taken before and after hires to survey power usage. The new Hall Warden (Annie) will add that to her list.

Further investigations required around simple metering devices (Jaycar?) and outdoor sockets and wiring.

James noted that Rangiwahia have purpose built sockets for campers etc. with a donation / koha box.

There being no other business, the **meeting concluded** at 8:34pm.

The **Next meeting** will be held at 7pm on 20 April at the McKelvie Hall, Tangimoana. All welcome.