

Tangimoana Community Committee Meeting

17 August 2026

7pm, McKelvie Hall, Tangimoana

The meeting started at 7:00pm.

Present were Jennifer (Chair), Fraser, Hilary, James (MDC), Justin, Sam, Sue.

No **Apologies** were received.

Jennifer thanked everyone for coming.

The minutes of the last meeting (July 20, 2026) were accepted as a true and accurate record. Motion moved by Justin, seconded by Sue.

Matters arising included:

UV lamp in Library

Fraser has replaced the UV lamp for the hall water system, situated in the library.

Hall accessibility

Sue has heard from her contact at the Easie Living centre in Palmerston North, but has not had time to read in detail. There are clear standards for accessibility ramps, and undoubtedly our current access does not meet these.

There was some discussion around the unknown nature of any consents the hall currently has.

The market organisers are keen for improved access, and the committee is keen to future proof.

Hilary has noted that some people in mobility scooters require assistance even with the current provisions.

Sam suggested that anyone instructed to quote on improvements will ensure compliance.

Sue will read the material from the Easie Living contact and report back.

Hall hireage rates

Sue has not sourced the necessary information. She will do so in time for the next meeting.

Correspondence was received from Stacey McLaughlin at MDC regarding Rural Month, running from 27 September to 31 October 2026. Feilding and Districts Promotions will be promoting the 16 country villages of the Manawatū District and is inviting Community Committees to provide information and photographs about their village. Information and photos are requested for a Rural Month booklet and online promotion.

Hilary suggested an aerial photo of the river, taken by Fran, and promoting the “sound of sea” which is a prominent feature of Tangimoana.

Other features included being “2 hours from Wellington” and the Welcome Sign.

Jennifer will draft the information and confirm what images will be submitted.

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

The opening balance was \$4866.69.

Power bills totalled \$110.06.

Water filter lamp was \$141.

The Closing balance is \$4615.63.

It was noted that the smart meter in the hall is not sending accurate readings to Genesis, who are sending estimate bills. It was suggested that the power company send someone to put the antennae for the meter outdoors for better reception.

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

MDC have finished their consultation of the Feilding town centre refresh. There has been interesting community dialogue around the proposed development, despite the funds being allocated for a number of years, and this not being “a new spend.”

He has made significant mention of the issues surrounding Scott’s Ferry Road at the last meeting, but Justin has not heard anything from MDC, although Fulton Hogan were witnessed visiting the area. James will raise this again.

There were items of **General Business**, including;

Hall upgrades

Funding has been confirmed for the new lighting in the library. The funders preference is to pay the tradespeople directly. Jennifer will action.

Hall cladding has been completed, but not painted. Pip and Sam have volunteered. Annie is also interested. There will need to be a purchase of brushes.

Newsletter

Jennifer put a call out for items for the next newsletter. Annie's article from social media would be appreciated.

Village history is a popular topic for inclusion. Jennifer has spoken to Doug, but nothing was forthcoming. Hilary suggested excerpts from older newsletters, of which she has copies.

Much discussion around interesting village history.

Christmas Letterbox competition

The committee is keen to see the competition again this year. Discussion around the possibility of a theme, but consensus was to keep it the same as last year.

Annie will connect with Ken at the motorcamp as he offered a prize contribution last year, and Jennifer will contact the Boating Club.

Everyone agreed the Feilding New World hampers were good prizes, and an approach should be made to them again.

Drainage / Stormwater survey

Justin asked if there had been any progress on this matter. Jennifer confirmed that it has progressed with an email received recently, but no tangible next step is currently actioned. There will be action in due course. It will be a long process.

Heaters

Sam noted that the new heaters in the hall were an excellent purchase.

Recent Bereavements

Fraser and Annie wished to note the sad passings of Becs Flanagan and Raewyn Iwikau (nee Slack). They will be missed, and their contributions to the community are remembered.

Annie visited Kagan (Becs fiancé) and he wished to thank the community for their support.

Hall accessibility

Fraser, Jennifer and Hilary met to discuss the various community efforts - spanning two decades - to improve accessibility, light and use of the hall, both indoors and out. Fraser is going to attempt to consolidate the information for the community committee's reference.

Hilary suggested that MDC be approached to ensure we have authority to build on their land to improve the hall.

Hall bookings

Annie asked what bookings were coming up so that she can conduct her checks.

Boookings are reserved for the 11th and 24th of October and 27th of December.

There being no other business, the **meeting concluded** at 7:43pm.

The **Next meeting** will be held at 7pm on 21 September at the McKelvie Hall, Tangimoana. All welcome.