

Tangimoana Community Committee Meeting

17 November 2025

7pm, McKelvie Hall, Tangimoana

Amended following the December 2025 meeting

The meeting started at 7pm.

Present were Jennifer, Ken, Motorcamp Ken, Sam, Kirk, Andrew Watt (Horizons), Heather, Bruce Glavovic (Massey University), Alison Short (MDC), James McKelvie (MDC) and Fraser.

Apologies were received from Annie, Aaron, Sue and Trudy.

Jennifer welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially James, Bruce and Andrew. Kirk was thanked for the biscuits.

The minutes of the last meeting (October 20, 2025) were accepted as a true and accurate record. *Ken and Motorcamp Ken.*

Matters arising were moved to after the Resilience Group discussion.

Bruce and Andrew spoke to the preliminary adaptation plan (2026 – 2035) that was presented to the committee for initial feedback.

Bruce spoke to the origins of the plan, where the Manawatū-Whanganui Climate Action Joint Committee identified Tangimoana and Pūtiki as communities facing severe climate-compounded risk. A statement of intent was co-signed by Horizons, MDC and the Tangimoana Community Committee to work together. The Preliminary Adaptation Plan results from that agreement, supported by Deep South Reports and additional findings from the Tangimoana Resilience Group and a Risk Assessment Report.

Bruce highlighted the need for a robust shared vision amongst Tangimoana residents for a thriving and resilient community.

Bruce enjoyed the engagement with the school and associated whanau as children were encouraged to convey what they liked about Tangimoana and how Climate change and natural hazards might impact. He thanked Trudy, the Principal of the school for her support and enthusiasm.

There are limited courses of action to prepare for natural hazards and disaster, so the community needs to consider carefully what they present to the various councils and bodies as their preferred action. Cost is always a factor too.

The work has been complex, impeded by a difficult policy environment. Regardless, the community needs an adaptation plan, despite not having all the answers.

(At this point in the meeting, Miriam Graham, Eileen Graham and Telesia Graham joined the meeting. The Secretary apologises for any misspelling of names).

Bruce continued by saying policy and legislation will be changing next year, but likely won't go far enough.

It was also noted that Scott's Ferry are in a similar position in terms of risk.

Andrew joined in and noted that Pūtiki are already through a lot of the process. Tangimoana could be there in a year or two.

Further investigations would not come at a cost to residents. And any cost for actual action may have other support avenues available to it.

Andrew noted that the current emergency plan for Tangimoana is very generic. A tailored plan is needed.

Bruce noted that the 2017 community plan is out of date and should be revisited to accurately reflect the shared vision of the community.

Eileen Graham asked if the necessary people were on alert for any action that could be taken up river, for example at the Moawhango Dam.

Alison clarified that as part of their consent, the Dam has to advertise when they are going to open up the dam, whether in emergency or as part of their maintenance "flush" to minimize biological matter build up.

Alison also noted that with no community paper anymore, alternate avenues of advertising are required for such things.

Bruce noted that the council are cooperating much better now in this space, and they are also sharing information with mana whenua who are interested, but not desiring to be actively involved.

Andrew noted that the Horizons Iwi liaison team are reaching out, and Rangitāne are interested in being involved to a degree.

Bruce encouraged the community to read the Preliminary Adaptation Plan Executive Summary, and provide feedback, with the intention to present the report to the relevant councils and request action.

Andrew pointed out that time was of the essence. Council budgets and timelines can be complex, so feedback in a matter of weeks is desirable.

Alison confirmed that MDC is already looking at the annual plan, but this project could form part of the Long Term Plan next year.

Andrew noted that whilst both Horizons and MDC will be involved, they will have conflicting priorities.

Alison encouraged the committee to present – in person – to councils, rather than just submit the documentation. There will be far more impact that way.

Bruce expressed a need to try and continue to get community engagement and educate and inform the community about the whole process. He appreciated that this would likely be after Christmas.

Andrew suggested the committee have the material ready to present to the councils in February. They then have 12 months to respond. And whatever is presented must be formally endorsed by the Community Committee.

Jennifer encouraged all to send feedback to tangimoanarasilience@gmail.com by the end of the month.

Jennifer thanked Andrew and Bruce for their discussion.

Andrew and Bruce then left the meeting.

Returning to the agenda, **matters arising** from the minutes of the 20th of October included:

Weatherboarding of the hall

Jennifer apologised, as no progress has been made.

Kirks idea for waste minimisation

Jennifer thanked Kirk for the new sign on the sharing shed outlining the use of the bottom shelf for glass jars. It is being used, is a great success, and has not been vandalised.

Generator

The application was made to install the necessary wiring for a generator at the school, which is our civil defense centre during emergency. There's been a small hiccup in the application as the recipients of the application thought it was for an actual generator.

Christmas Letterbox competition

The Community Committee has received the funds from the Boat Club as part of the prize package.

There was no **Correspondence** tabled.

In the treasurer's absence, Jennifer delivered the **Treasurer's Report** in the form of balances only.

The opening balance was \$5701.90.

The closing balance was \$6111.39.

It was good to see the hall hired a few times. The committee should note that the WOF is still due though.

Cr. Alison Short delivered the **MDC report**.

The council has undertaken their two day training and induction at the Surf Life Saving Club in Himitangi.

Predominantly they are still in a position of allocating duties for the next term.

She introduced our new liaison councillor James McKelvie.

James spoke briefly, saying he is a freshly elected and newly minted councillor. He has spent a lot of time in the area (his family are Cameron and Angus McKelvie). He resides near Rongotea and is looking forward to attending more meetings.

Alson reminded the committee that the tri-annual meeting will be due by March, where the committee is elected.

In General Business:

Customary Whitebaiting

Eileen Graham spoke to her duties as a customary whitebaiter in the area. She will be carrying out this work until the 30th of November. She and her whanau are collating considerable amounts of data for DOC in the process.

She shared the necessary paperwork to confirm this, and noted that whilst she is entitled to run 10 nets, she only runs 3.

She works carefully within the regulations set by government and DOC.

Her work informs wider investigations into migrations, water quality, river health and more.

The committee were very impressed and interested in her work.

Eileen was saddened by an abusive encounter locally at the river, with a man who called himself Mark. He asked if she had paperwork and once presented with it, commenced an aggressive verbal attack.

Eileen said that Mark himself complained that the community were “giving him a hard time” regarding his whitebaiting practices. Eileen suggested leaving him alone if they knew who he was.

Eileen is proud of her personal and Iwi connections and whanau in the village, which made the encounter all the worse.

Sam expressed the committees interest in the work Eileen is doing, and that community education around what she is up to would be a positive move. Sam suggested Jen make a facebook post introducing people to what is happening. Eileen is happy to meet and discuss her work with people if they would like to.

Kirk pointed out that the abuse Eileen received is in no way reflective of the community at large.

Heather suggested Eileen put a sign on her car clarifying the customary whitebaiting work to perhaps dissuade approaches from others.

There was a brief part of the meeting where general river health and whitebaiting activity were discussed.

Tri-Annual Meeting

Jennifer suggested this happen in February to accommodate the elections before the council deadline.

Alison confirmed that James will run those elections, for a committee of between 4 and 10 people. Executive positions can be sorted within the committee after the election.

Also, the committee can pick their preferred meeting day and time, but working with other Community Committees to ensure an even spread of meetings is to be encouraged.

Janine and Helen are splitting up the committees for liaison. It is likely that Janine will be our rep.

December TCC meeting

Jennifer noted that the School Prize-Giving in December will be held on the normal meeting night for the Community Committee. To that end, the meeting date is moved to the 17th of December (Wednesday) at 7pm. Please bring a Christmas plate to share.

Kirk invited the Graham whanau to come to the next meeting if they would like to.

There being no other business, the **meeting concluded** at 8:08pm.

The **Next meeting** will be held at 7pm on 17 December at the McKelvie Hall, Tangimoana. All welcome.