

Tangimoana Community Committee Meeting

17 December 2025

6:45pm, Tangimoana Boat Club, Tangimoana

The meeting started at 6:46pm.

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

Apologies were received from Alison (MDC Councilor), Kirk, Heather and Ken.

Jennifer welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year, and was grateful for the attendance. It is a little different to have the meeting at the boat club, but she hoped attendees would partake in the 'koha kai' after the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting (November 17, 2025) require the addition of Annie's apologies. With that amendment, the minutes can be taken as a true and accurate record. Motion moved by James, seconded by Sam.

Matters arising included:

Generator wiring funding

Jennifer has been talking to Janine around options for the c. \$3000 we have at our disposal.

Janine raised awareness of council funding through the EECA which can be tapped into as an Emergency Management Authority. By improving energy efficiency, we are attractive to funders. The school already has solar power, but not batteries. Therefore, we should apply for the batteries as the solar installation to date meets the need for 25% of the funding to already be sourced. There is funding already tagged for the district.

Janine has already met the Chair of the Central Energy Trust and they would look very favourably on any application.

A generator would be less favourably looked upon for efficiency and environmental reasons.

Jennifer has spoken to Trudy at the school, and she is thrilled at the prospect.

Hilary asked how long the batteries will last. Janine noted that a robust schedule of maintenance and charging will help them last a long time.

Janine said that the original \$3000 could be directed towards the work required on the hall. Jennifer has been in touch with a builder who will be looking round

tomorrow. Hilary reminded the committee that there are willing volunteers for a working bee, should that help lower the quote. Jennifer has told the builder this.

Christmas Letterbox competition

Jennifer advised that there have been 20 entries to date. People are proud and excited. The competition will be judged at the weekend. Annie and James expressed interest in being judges, along side Jennifer.

Sam suggested the judges remain anonymous.

James intends to come to the village and look at the entries on Sunday.

Jennifer suggested a letterbox decoration competition for Matariki next.

Correspondence was discussed in the form of an email from Angela Dobie from Environment Network Manawatū. Hilary has looked at the email but is unclear what to do about it. There appears to be funding (a small grant up to \$1,000, or a large grant up to \$15,000) that could be used for works on the reserve, perhaps an information pavillion. The committee was generally enthused by the idea, but it has not been discussed with other interested parties in the community.

Jennifer noted that the funding application window is open until March 2026.

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

The opening balance was \$5701.90.

Money in totaled \$1,220.00

Money out totaled \$710.10

The closing balance was \$6211.80.

A local person wants to hire the hall from March 26-28 (Thu – Sat) to include set up and tidy up. Sue wonders what should be charged.

Jennifer noted the day rate is \$100.

The committee discussed potentially charging more, but the usual day rate was agreed upon.

Also, the school invoice is due to go out. The committee confirmed to charge the same as last year, \$150.

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

The council are flat out discussing and implementing central government reform, deciding how MDC will respond and what submissions they will make with regards to rates capping and regional council reform.

James was in Wellington recently at the Road Controllers Association forum and heard Minister Bishop talk. The government is very open to discussion around the suggested changes and reforms.

Annie asked James about rates increases and property valuations. James encouraged the community not to panic, rates are considered proportionally, and MDC is trying to minimise any increases. For example, the Feilding airstrip is not getting any money.

In General Business:

Hall lighting incident

Jen explained that the circuit breaker for the Halls emergency exit lighting is at waist height and uncovered. Someone has turned it off (by accident it is assumed) and so the batteries have gone flat and need replacing. An electrician has been and quoted \$1065 for all new lights. This does not address the batteries or the original concerning placement of the breaker. We have authority to find someone to simply replace the batteries, but this will not happen until the new year.

Annie suggested a label or a box to cover the switch so this does not happen again. Jennifer agreed to investigate.

Idea from Justin

Justin would like MDC to consider bulk emptying of septic systems at reduced rates for the community. This would improve community resilience during floods.

Sam said that if this truly increases resilience, then this should be aligned with the Deep South project.

The Graham Whanau arrived at 7:16pm.

Meeting Reminders

Jennifer reminded the committee that there will be no January meeting, and the February meeting (16 February) will be the Tri-annual meeting that will include elections. James McKelvie will chair.

Community Plan

Janine reminded those present that the community plan needs to be reviewed, and she encouraged the committee to consider a time when more people are around. The process should include reviewing the accuracy and relevance of the Vision and the Actions. Tick off what has occurred, review the remaining, add new ones and consider whether actions are attainable. A new resilience section

is also required. The plan should also link to the activation plan and response plan.

Hilary noted that the last meeting at the school was well attended. Perhaps we can emulate that again.

Fire ban

Annie reminded everyone that there is a total fire ban this week due to the current weather conditions.

Sue asked why this ban has an end date, but usually they don't. It's tricky to work out if a ban has been lifted.

Annie informed the committee that FENZ handle the dates centrally, so the Tangimoana crews don't know.

Sam noted that the current system is not reliable (using social media and papers is not good enough coverage for a community like Tangimoana).

There was general discussion around the potential of a fire ban status board for the community, but it is likely something arranged through FENZ.

Scotts Ferry Road speeds

Eileen Graham has noticed excessive speeds on Scotts Ferry road, and wonders if there should be signage.

Sam pointed out that speed signage is a continual issue in Tangimoana. Waka Kotahi are in charge of such matters, and they are disinterested in changing any limits in the village.

Hilary asked if we should start a process of request for changes anyway, even if they are not inclined to help and it may take years. James was asked to see if MDC had any avenues to explore.

Customary Whitebaiting update

Eileen Graham presented the committee with a copy of the data and information from her whitebaiting sessions, through the Māori customary rights programme of works and relations with DoC. The document includes all her findings pertaining to such matters as Waterflow, temperatures, sediment, catch yield, tides and currents.

Eileen also presented the committee with some whitebait, and let the committee know that if there is ever a need to fundraise to let her know as they may be able to help with similar catches.

The committee expressed its gratitude for the document and the whitebait gift.

Hilary requested that discussion be directed to Water and Signs at the February meeting.

There being no other business, the **meeting concluded**. The secretary did not note the time. Apologies.

The **Next meeting** will be held at 7pm on 16 February at the McKelvie Hall, Tangimoana. All welcome.