

Tangimoana Community Committee Meeting

18 May 2026

7pm, Mc Kelvie Hall, Tangimoana

The meeting started at 7:00pm.

Present were Jennifer (Chair), Hilary, Annie, James (MDC Councilor), Sue (Treasurer) and Fraser (Secretary).

Apologies were received from Justin and Sam.

Jennifer thanked everyone for coming.

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

Matters arising included:

Hall Chairs

Hilary has moved the broken chairs out to the front of the hall. Some community appreciation for the ad hoc sculpture was noted. Remaining chairs will be removed soon.

Hall monitoring and maintenance

Annie has not discussed bookings and access with Sue yet.

Fraser noted that Rob Ratana (plumber) will be in the village on Thursday. If someone wanted to contact him about the Tap in the Men's toilet, this would be an appropriate time. Jennifer or Sam will arrange.

Annie has offered to paint the ladies toilet. Hilary offered to help. There may be paint on site. They will investigate after the meeting.

Reserve Paddock

Green by Nature have mowed the paddock. This is appreciated, but apparently there was a complaint made. James is not aware of this. The mowing is appropriately timed though, and another mowing is confirmed for August. Then the paddock will be left to grow.

Annie is keen to see the Green by Nature crew work on the area of blackberrys where Hilary informed the committee there were plans for a BMX track and there is a large quantity of tyres.

Dangerous Trees

Jennifer asked James if there was any progress or update on the dangerous trees along Beach Road, particularly the area closest to the village. James has raised it with council, but encouraged the committee to use Antenno to lodge any concerns.

Annie noted that the farmer across the road for the dangerous trees had some of their trees removed, and took the initiative to remove some of the dangerous ones that were marked for removal. This is further down the road though, and not the ones Jennifer was immediately concerned about.

Civil Defence

Jennifer has been in contact with Hannah at MDC and a new assurance for the community will be provided for the next newsletter, with a detailed mail drop happening soon also. Jennifer will contact Kirk with regards to the next newsletter.

Scotts Ferry Road

Annie asked James if there was any progress on the speeding and dust issues with the road. James indicated that there was no progress.

Sue mentioned that the Te Tiriti monument has not been maintained or mowed any time recently and this should be raised with MDC / Green by Nature.

James was surprised as there is an event happening there on Thursday. The event is to acknowledge the publication of a new resource – Te Ōhaki Hoki a ō Tātou Tipuna Matua arā, Te Tiriti o Waitangi by Grant Huwyler.

There was discussion around the lack of invitation for the community to attend, and the embarrassing nature of a poorly maintained monument being the site of the event. Fraser suggested that this is the responsibility of MDC, and they should be accountable if there are complaints.

General consensus was to utilise Antenno to raise the issue, and follow up with the Parks team at MDC.

Green Waste

Sue and Jennifer have witnessed the new green waste area fence being constructed and are disappointed that it is not being constructed as planned. It is a simple deer fence – like construction and will not dissuade fly tipping, and may buckle or break as green waste piles up.

Correspondence was received from Manawatū Libraries, and this was followed by a meeting where increased access to the Tangimoana library is being suggested (The Open Access Plan). A new entrance to the library (restricting access to other parts of the hall) with security and swipe card entry is planned, along with starlink installation and new ramps. This is exciting for the community and will hopefully raise patronage numbers.

James noted that Rongotea and Kimbolton have already implemented the new access plan with success.

Whilst not confirmed, things are looking positive for the project to go ahead.

Hilary suggested that if there is to be a new ramp, there should be a deck too to decrease the steepness of any ramp. Also there are some roof repairs required in that area that may fall under the scope of a new entrance.

Jennifer has been corresponding with Andrew Quarrie (MDC Councillor) regarding an RSA memorial in Tangimoana. Tangimoana and Stratford are the only two places in Aotearoa that have only one fallen soldier. In Tangimoana this is James Webby. Andrew has previously given a presentation at the Boating Club and is keen to follow up on a memorial. Jennifer has suggested West Square as the location for the monument or plaque and the committee was in general agreement, with some discussion on specific orientation.

James will pass on the committee's enthusiasm for the idea, and schedule a walk around West Square with Jennifer to clarify on the steps required to achieve the monument.

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

The opening balance (following the March meeting) was \$5,288.37.

The school and the Arts and Crafts fair have paid their hall hireage fees.

Power bills have been paid.

The Closing balance is \$5,310.23.

Hilary asked if there was spare money for paint for the ladies toilet if required. Sue confirmed that was possible.

Sue noted that the power bills are quite expensive, but there are few cheaper options, if any.

Annie suggested turning off the fridge freezer when not required. The committee was in agreement as long as the door remains ajar when off, and it is turned on again in ample time for any hireage.

Sue noted that a potential hirer of the hall in December has asked for any particular rules of the hall other than leaving the place as it is found. Fraser suggested that any other rules would fall under existing council by laws such as noise restrictions. Jennifer will have a look for any documents we might have regarding such matters.

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

James is attending an event through Tangimoana school this Thursday as discussed previously.

The Council is still responding to the council amalgamation talks with central government. MDC does not believe it is being suitable consulted on the matter, and James and the Mayor have been in Wellington seeking more information and support. MDC believe "Local decisions should be made locally."

James noted that two funding pools are currently open. One for up to \$3,000 towards community committee projects (a closed round) and a contestable round for more substantial projects and ideas.

Sue noted that Janine Hawthorn is no longer available for advise following her departure from MDC.

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

Hall repairs

Tom Walker volunteered to fix the piping to the water tank, and it has been completed. He is keen to help with other items if required.

Green by Nature hope to have a date for the exterior weatherboarding repairs by the end of the month.

Hilary has noted that there are some roof repairs required on the hall. Jennifer will contact Jason Brown.

Tea towels

The hall supply of tea towels cannot be found. We need more. Annie suggested a laundry basket for dirty teatowels so hirer's know where to put them, and not take them away.

Dirty signage

Annie noted that Green by Nature have cleaned the park benches and is appreciative. There is a nearby walkway sign that could use the same treatment. She will lodge on Antenno.

Funding Ideas

Brief discussion around what to apply for. Suggestion included paint for the hall, signage on Beach road asking visitors to park and behave kindly, development of the area outside the hall with the bench and the sharing shed, door hardware for the hall to comply with WOF requirements, a new roundabout in the playground, and a new ramp for the hall as the current one is too steep.

The deadline for applications is the 30th of June. The community will be canvassed via the Lions Community sign asking for suggestions to the community committee email address, and ideas confirmed at our June meeting.

Speed limit consultation

Jennifer asked James if there was any progress on the speed limit change proposal for Beach Road. James said there was not, but it is going to be a long process.

Fire season

Annie reminded the committee that we are in a green zone currently, and there is no requirement for a permit for fires. The community is still encouraged to visit www.checkitsalright.co.nz for safety tips prior to any outdoor fire.

Hall chairs

Hilary was thanked for her efforts in getting rid of the broken chairs from the hall.

There being no other business, the **meeting concluded** at 8:09pm.

The **Next meeting** will be held at 7pm on 15 June at the McKelvie Hall, Tangimoana. All welcome.