

## **Tangimoana Community Committee Meeting**

20 April 2026

7pm, Mc Kelvie Hall, Tangimoana

**The meeting started** at 7:00pm.

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

**Apologies** were received from Sue (Treasurer) and Sam.

There was a brief discussion about quorum numbers. The present contingent was sufficient.

Jennifer thanked everyone for coming.

**The minutes of the last meeting** (March 4, 2026) were accepted as a true and accurate record. Motion moved by Annie, seconded by Jennifer.

**Matters arising** included:

### School energy resilience

The ECCA funding for the school's batteries to compliment the solar panels is all approved. MDC will manage procurement and installation. Indications are that the work will be conducted this year.

### Fireban board

James has heard nothing since the last meeting. Annie was curious who James was dealing with. James could only confirm that there was a relationship between FENZ and MDC, and he was working through those channels.

### Scotts Ferry Road – Speeding

James confirmed that no further action has been taken.

### Reserve and Pond

Hilary says that if the pond is not weeded, it will turn into a bog. This is not necessarily a bad thing, but should be a considered action, not a result of uninformed lack of action.

Justin is keen to plant flax in multiple parts of the reserve, particularly around water ways and to fight the bamboo. This would be a multi-year project.

Jennifer noted that there was Horizons funding that could be suited to this as a project, but the funding round closes in May. We also need to be clear who owns what land before planting.

Justin confirmed that Conservation, DoC (separate entities given age of some agreements), Iwi and Mana Whenua all have land locally.

Justin will talk to Wiremu Te Aweawe or a suitable representative regarding these matters.

Hilary noted that kids want to use the reserve so action is required.

Justin noted that a “one-off” project will not suffice. What ever is planned needs to be annual.

Hilary also noted that there were many trees in the reserve that needed removed. There was funding allocated for this (\$5000 from memory) but that would only cater to 2 or 3 trees.

Justin suggests removing the vast majority of Macrocarpa from the reserve as it is unsuited to the terrain (the tree is heavy and the ground is wetland). Some are also close to power lines.

There is an agreement dating back to the creation of the reserve that the trees would regularly be felled when required and the wood made available to locals for firewood.

Justin suggested finding a wood merchant who would fell and remove the trees at no cost, assuming they can sell the firewood themselves.

There was also a note that Annie is doing some trimming that is technically the purview of Green by Nature.

James updated the committee on the mowing of the paddock. A council team has confirmed that flail mowing (a lesser service than that conducted on the berms) will happen once they have been notified that the bailing has occurred. Annie will organise the notification with Jennifer.

### Green Waste

Jennifer has talked more with Nicky Fields. A new fence should be in place by the end of June, completing the enclosure for the Green Waste.

The committee expressed general disappointment in how the Green Waste are fencing project has been conducted.

**Correspondence** was received advising the Janine Hawthorn (MDC) has resigned. The committee is very sorry to see her go. MDC has advertised the position and recruitment is actively underway.

In the absence of Sue, the **Treasurer's Report** was deferred to May.

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

The council continues to progress through their 1 year plan and other planning schedules.

Suze Redmayne is keen to discuss the School Bus situation further with the Prime Minister. For this she needs stories, case studies and general evidence of the challenges our community faces.

Annie provided a list of names of people that struggled and either left employment or left the village entirely as a result.

There was discussion around the MoE hypocrisy around relationships between school zones, antiquated bus route rules and general convenience.

James believes up to 15 children in Tangimoana alone are directly affected by the change.

Annie submitted a new **Hall report**.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of March Annie spent three hours cleaning the hall prior to the Art and Craft show. After the show she cleaned the oven and treated the hall with Ripcord.

She has noticed 3 key maintenance areas. The Tap in the men's toilet is faulty and sprays water on the wall. There are a number of broken chairs that need to be disposed of that are stored in the men's toilet. The paint in the Women's toilet needs redone.

Annie also requested Dishwashing liquid, Oven Cleaner and Clock batteries.

On behalf of the committee Jennifer expressed thanks for the thorough cleaning and assessment.

Annie requested a weeks' notice from Sue, who manages hall bookings, to prepare the hall. Annie will contact Sue directly about this.

In other hall news, Jennifer noted that all the emergency lights have now been replaced and the cladding work will be conducted by Green by Nature in the next 5 weeks.

Annie has identified an appliance that monitors power usage from an individual outlet (to accurately reflect what food trucks etc might be using at events).

Fraser suggested that billing individual stall holders may be administratively complex.

Should we just charge a fee for the hall that includes a set amount of power, and if this amount is exceeded, then the person or organisation that booked the hall is charged more. Then it is the organisers who are responsible.

Justin noted that Genesis energy do “Power Shouts”. This might also be useful.

### **In General Business:**

#### Jennifer and Justin presentation to Horizons

This delegation presented the Resilience Groups preliminary adaption plan to the council. The request was for support to assess the local stormwater and flooding mitigation infrastructure. The council voted in favour, were very interested and impressed, and the plan will be progressed.

Justin confirmed that – in future – the council will have to revisit Tangimoana’s storm water infrastructure, seeking central government support or funding if required. It cannot be ignored now.

#### Storm aftermath

Jennifer and Trudi (School Principal) met with Civil Defense and Powerco after the storm and discussed a lack of accurate information for this specific community, resulting in the dissemination of misinformation on social media and at gatherings.

Civil Defense assure that there are plans in place should they be required. Jennifer was adamant that the community need to know this information in some sort of detail.

Civil Defense agreed, and a handout / page in our resilience booklet will be developed between Hannah at Civil Defense and the Committee. This will be mailed to all letterboxes in the village, published in the resilience booklet, and potentially displayed in the school and other public places.

Justin pointed out that it is important that the information take into account local water characteristics, not just the water flow from upriver.

Jennifer, Justin and Annie will meet Hannah at Civil Defense.

#### Hung Trees

There are a number of trees that blew over in the storm but did not fall and are hung up in the woods on the right hand side as you approach the boat ramp turn off from the village. These are dangerous, especially as there is a public walkway through that area.

James has made a note and will consult the relevant team at MDC.

#### Budgeting Workshop

Manawatū Rural Support Service have approached the committee to assess the appetite for budgeting workshops. These are going to occur on Saturday 23 May and Wednesday 20 May at 10am for two hours. Refreshments are provided. The workshops are presented by Manchester House Budget Advisors.

#### Scotts Ferry Road

Justin is concerned that the road is not being maintained. Since the works on the Scotts Ferry Side of the river have been completed, the road on our side is starting to erode away, as is the old boat ramp. Council have been approached, but their response is that they will just keep moving the road further inland, encroaching on the land leased by Nigel Pedley.

It seems the Council's position is that the community do not care. We need to clarify to them that we do.

There being no other business, the **meeting concluded** at 8:00pm.

The **Next meeting** will be held at 7pm on 18 May at the McKelvie Hall, Tangimoana. All welcome.