

Tangimoana Community Committee Meeting

20 July 2026

7pm, McKelvie Hall, Tangimoana

The meeting started at 6:58pm.

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

Apologies were received from Annie and Andrew Quarrie.

Jennifer thanked everyone for coming.

The minutes of the last meeting (May 18, 2026) were accepted as a true and accurate record. Motion moved by Hilary, seconded by Jennifer.

Matters arising included:

Faulty tap

Following the last meeting the faulty tap was inspected and found to be in acceptable working order. No further action was taken.

Fallen trees

Hilary and Jennifer have both been in contact with DOC. They have responded, saying:

- An assessor visited the site on 9 June.
- It was noted that there are several mature pine trees that appear to have been storm damaged, including four trees that are currently lodged in standing trees. The assessment concluded that these trees appear to be securely lodged and present a low risk of continuing to fall.
- It was also noted that while there are no assets within the reserve that would be considered targets for falling trees, there is potential for further wind exposure following previous tree falls, and that Beach Road lies within reach of some perimeter trees. The presence of power lines between the reserve and the road was also identified.
- They concluded that the trees could be felled for firewood or potentially timber. With that in mind, if there is someone within the local community who holds the appropriate qualifications, experience, and insurance, and is able to provide evidence of those credentials, they would be open to considering a proposal for the trees to be removed and utilised as community firewood.

Justin noted that DOC and MDC co-own the land. James was unaware of such an arrangement but would investigate.

Justin said he would explore the matter further and arrange something.

Civil Defense Information

Jennifer noted that the initial information had been included in the most recent newsletter. Fraser has observed positive feedback on the information. A more detailed letterbox drop is coming soon.

Library accessibility

Jennifer confirmed that the project will be going head, with alterations to the library entrance. No timeline has been created yet.

Correspondence was received from Aide Johanson, Community Services Manager at MDC. It reads:

“We're taking this opportunity to develop a new resource for Community Committees that will make it easier for us all to work together. It will include information on key contacts, the systems we use, approval processes, and a new online reimbursement process that should make claiming expenses much simpler and quicker.”

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

The opening balance was \$5,048.67.

Power bills totalled \$121.

\$60 went towards the Welcome Packs.

The Closing balance is \$4866.69.

There was one hall enquiry from the Girl Guides but rules dictate that sleeping in the hall or its grounds are prohibited. The board suggested the campground as an alternative if they make contact again.

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

The Prime Minister is visiting Feilding on the 23rd of July. James will be asking about School Buses.

Council has been on hiatus as per usual for the winter, but the first meeting is scheduled for the 22nd of July.

There has been community consultation on simplifying local government and amalgamation. Rate payers are generally against amalgamation it seems, but if it had to happen, amalgamating with Rangitikei is the least unpalatable option.

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

Hall water filtration

Jennifer noted the alarm on the water filtration system when visiting last week. Fraser came down to reset the timer on the ballast, and a new UV bulb is required. Fraser also noted that this would be a good time to change the filters too.

Hall Cladding

Work is starting on the 27th of July, with an apology from the contractors for the delay. Scaffolding will be going up soon, which should be noted if any enquiries about hall hireage are received.

Tea Towels

Hilary was thanked for the new system to collect tea towels in the hall.

The Hall turns 100 years old

Hilary suggested that the Hall turning 100 years old on the 26th of December 2027 should be celebrated in some way.

Fraser suggested an “old school” community pot luck / bring a plate style event. Perhaps people could wear typical 1920’s attire. An opportunity to share Tangimoana history could be explored, canvassing the villages longer term residents.

Jennifer will talk to Doug Bennett, and if an event goes ahead, the participants and attendees of the Village centennial would be invited.

Cones

The Community Committee has been gifted 13 cones from the Manawatu Events Equipment Trust.

Funding application

Having received no ideas or alternatives for the c. \$300 budget we could apply for, Jennifer applied for improved lighting in the Library.

Newsletter

Jennifer is working on another newsletter, and welcomes any items for inclusion.

Events Board

Fraser noted some community dissatisfaction around publicising events. Can we promote a way to get information on the event board. Fraser cannot put up event information if he doesn't know about it. Sam suggested promoting the hello.tangimoana@gmail.com address. Jennifer will explore.

Disability Access Ramp

Sue enquired as to progress on this project. We basically need to get a quote and apply for funding. The issue is that the committee is not eligible for funding through a lot of bodies as we are not incorporated.

Fraser asked James if MDC would act as fundholders for the committee. James will explore.

There may be complications with the library access improvements and a new disabled access front entrance. Planners should be mindful of the other projects happening / being considered.

Fraser suggested a temporary / mobile option such as a removable steel ramp. It was suggested that the Easie Living store, or the contractors for the library access project be consulted for more information and possible solutions. Sue will speak to them.

Hall renovations

Hilary noted that there were long term plans spanning over a decade, discussing improving the outdoor usage of areas of the hall, particularly with decking, and some internal modifications. She was concerned that the library access project and the disability access improvements may clash with these plans, and be costly in the long term.

Whilst there was general disagreement on the nature of any clash, there was broad support and enthusiasm for wider modifications and improved usage and function of the hall.

Fraser and Hilary (and any other interested parties) will meet to look into the combination of projects, and draft a summary document to present to the committee in the future.

Reserve Help

Hilary noted that more help is required to maintain the reserve. Committee members asked if a weekend day could be earmarked for reserve work as Mondays are tricky for a lot of people. Hilary thought this would be possible.

Storm Water modelling

Justin asked if there had been any further response following the presentation Justin and Jennifer made to Horizons on behalf of the resilience group. Jennifer has received an email from Andrew Watt, Climate Action Coordinator saying:

“The investigation work into stormwater modelling and solutions has been paid for, so I'm assuming it's completed.

The Climate Change Amendment Act has also gone for its first reading at Parliament that includes compulsory adaptation plans for priority locations. As Tangimoana was identified as one of the most at-risk communities through the regional flood vulnerability assessment, assuming that bill passes in close to its current form will be relevant for Tangimoana and the investigation work will be very useful for next steps along with the preliminary adaptation plan.”

Scotts Ferry Road

Justin raised serious concerns about the road. In particular MDC's irregular and ineffectual efforts to maintain the road without addressing the serious effects of river erosion of the bank. There are serious overhangs and water undermining causing dangerous areas that will likely result in serious injury or death. It is the councils responsibility to maintain the road. The river erosion has been remedied on the other side of the river, but not the Tangimoana side.

James will raise this with council and report back. Justin offered to give the council a tour of the area if required.

There being no other business, the **meeting concluded** at 8:18pm.

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