

## **Tangimoana Community Committee Meeting**

20 October 2025

7pm, McKelvie Hall, Tangimoana

**The meeting started** at 7pm.

**Present** were Jennifer, Kirk, Motor Camp Ken, Hilary, Ken, Cr. Alison Short, Aaron, Nardiene and Fraser (scribe).

**Apologies** were received from Helen King, Sue and Sam.

Jennifer welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Aaron and Nardiene, new residents in the village.

A brief round of introductions was made.

**The minutes of the last meeting** (September 15, 2025) were accepted as a true and accurate record. *Kirk and Ken.*

As **matters arising:**

### Weatherboarding of the hall

Jennifer updated on progress. Materials all acquired. But a builder and working bee need organised. Darren is not available. Ken suggested Ronnie Chatham. Jennifer will investigate. She asked if we were paying the builder? The committee agreed we would, but try and get a charitable / generous rate, on the basis of a community working bee assisting.

### Resilience Group

Jennifer let the committee know that the resilience group will be attending and reporting to the next meeting.

### Kirks idea for waste minimisation

Jennifer asked for ideas to progress ideas such as removing jars from waste for those interested in preserving etc. Kirk will make a sign for the lowest shelf of the sharing shed as an interim test. If successful, something more permanent could be investigated for the recycling station at the boat ramp. There could be funding though MDC for this. Alison agreed, noting that the Ministry for the Environment 'reward' councils for waste redirection.

### Generator

Jennifer has made an application to MDC's Community Committee Project fund for generator wiring to be installed at the school. Thanks to Ken for arranging a quote so swiftly. There is a shortfall in the application of \$571 that the committee may have to meet if successful. Alison suggested an application to the Central Energy fund too. Margaret Kovalis is involved in the CET committee, so there would be someone that understands our community's needs.

Ken queried why Civil Defense are not funding this type of project. They do in Dannevirke.

Alison noted that Powerco may be interested in hearing more about our situation as they are investing in similar communities (Cheltenham and Apiti have benefited from funding and assistance to the tune of tens of thousands of dollars in previous years).

Alison also reminded the committee that it is not just about the funding and initial expense. There are maintenance and running costs to factor in.

#### Christmas Letterbox competition

Jennifer informed the committee that the competition is now publicised and getting good feedback. Notably from Rongotea residents!

#### Hall update

Hilary reported that the spring market was yesterday. Very nice, but not a very big crowd. That is the last one until the market and exhibition in February. Hilary reminded people that they can exhibit complete – or incomplete – works and discuss them at that event.

There was no **Correspondence** tabled.

In the treasurer's absence, Jennifer delivered the **Treasurer's Report**.

The opening balance was \$5300.15.

Income was \$510.00.

Outgoings (Power) were \$108.15.

The closing balance was \$5701.90.

Generally, a good month, but there is a big bill on the way for the hall WOF.

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

The election results are confirmed.

7 out of the 12 councillors are new faces.

The Māori ward was lost. (Palmerston North and Horizons have retained theirs).  
Bridget will remain a councillor for the full term.

The Mayor elect was unopposed, demonstrating confidence and consistency.

There will be a workshop meeting on Thursday, likely resulting in Alison no longer being our liaison councillor as the mayor is keen to get the new faces out into the community.

Council days will change to Wednesdays.

Roadworks season is starting to kick in.

Alison reminded those in attendance to make good use of the Antenno app.

Alison also encouraged people to make use of the new community paper 'Feilding First'. There will be rural deliveries.

The new council will have their two day induction in Himiritangi, with the work conducted in the Surf Life Saving premises.

### **In General Business:**

#### Bollards

Alison noted that the bollard project by the toilets was completed.

#### School Role

Alison asked if anyone had heard about the assessment of the school role. Noone had heard anything. This led to discussion and general distaste for the government's decision to cancel the rural school bus service.

Alison noted that whilst the Rangitikei MP was not particularly informed or aware of the issue, the Palmerston North MP was very involved in the matter. It is a matter of equity and equality to get kids to school. Alison is generally unimpressed with the lack of government consultation with communities prior to the decision being made.

Rongotea is very active in their protest of the cancellation. We should keep this issue on our radar.

#### Reserve Update

Hilary visited the reserve with Kirk. James is busy but there are things needing done, including a visit from an arborist. A couple of Macrocarpa trees need felling to improve the reserves connection with the village. 1 or 2 trees felled seems manageable.

Kirk noted the pond needs attention. Hilary wants a community event where people wade in the pond to get the weeds out, and then be hosed off by the community when they exit and get a sausage sizzle or similar.

Alison suggested getting the fire brigade involved with their decontamination equipment.

Kirk reiterated that the pond is being overtaken by the weeds. This needs to happen soon or it may be lost. Hilary agreed. Ideally, this should be every year. Also, some trees planted to create shade over the pond would help slowing the weeds.

#### Next year's focus

Jennifer asked those present what the focus next year should be.

Hilary would like another live music event in the reserve. Jennifer noted that would have to be for 2027 as there isn't enough time to organise something now.

Jennifer suggested fixing the green waste and recycling areas as they are in a bad state and are being misused.

Jennifer also suggested attending MDC meetings regularly. Alison outlined the process for this.

There being no other business, the **meeting concluded** at 7:45pm, with a thank you to Ripa dairy for the chocolate biscuits which were unanimously agreed to be better than last month.

The **Next meeting** will be held at 7pm on 17 November at the McKelvie Hall, Tangimoana. All welcome. (Aaron's advance apology is noted).