

Tangimoana Community Committee

7.00pm, 21st October 2024

Tonight's meeting held at Tangimoana School

Due to the Civil Defence presentation.

Present: Jennifer Moss, Hilary Oxley, Kirk Trownson, Ken Walker (Tangimoana Motor Camp), Cameron McDonald, Justin Booth, Heather McDonald, Annie Sowry, Sue Weld, Andrew Weld, Trudy Pankhurst (Tangimoana School Principal). Cr Alison Short

Guests: Manawatū District Council, Emergency Management staff: Nick Galpin, Hanna Tokona & Hamish Waugh.

Apologies: Ken McDonald, Sam Veale, Garry Brown.

Minutes: That the minutes of the 16th September 2024 meeting be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Andrew / Sue – moved

Matters arising – general business.

Correspondence – none

Financial report: Community committee fund \$6264.02, Boat Ramp a/c \$799.65

General business – quick round.

1. Recycling centre. Much tidier. Cameras seemed to work but they were only there for one month. Any volunteers for community custodian?
2. Bins for green waste. Has the council considered bins like at Foxton?
3. Tangimoana Rd. Roadside drains near the village need clearing.
4. Scotts Ferry Rd. Leasee (Pedley's) have offered to keep it graded.
5. Punga St footpath. Lime path from dairy to school? Some are not keen. Hamish (MDC) will look at any other options.
6. Hall working bee. Will be held on Saturday 30th November. Jobs include cleaning exterior walls, clearing guttering and fixing downpipes from roof to tank.

Civil Defence Emergency Management presentation – Hamish, Nick & Hannah

- They each explained their roles and responsibilities.
- At MDC 160 staff are trained in basic civil defence roles, and 40 staff are trained in advanced roles. In a state of emergency staff flip from their day jobs into these specialised positions.
- The updated Tangimoana Civil Defence, Community Response and Recovery Plan was presented. Jennifer and Justin had assisted with its development.

- The booklet was now available for distribution and could be collected from the dairy. Please keep it in a safe place.
- In an emergency, Tangimoana could be cut off and isolated as it was a one way in-and-out community. Road access and power could potentially be unavailable for some time.
- The local hazards that were identified for Tangimoana are: flooding, storms and storm surges, tsunami, rural fire and climate events.
- How will I find out if the event is declared an emergency? Official warnings come from local Civil Defence Emergency Management Groups eg. Manawatu District Council or Horizons Regional Council.
- An official declaration of an emergency must be made by the mayor (upon CD staff advice).
- How will I find out more information about what to do and whether I need to evacuate? Listen to your local radio station, follow either of the council's Facebook pages or you may be contacted by Police, Fire & Emergency or council staff. Residents near the river may be on the Horizons contact list of people to be notified if the river is likely to spill over or breach its stop banks.
- If it is a big event, you may get a phone alert on your cellphone.
- Where would I go if I needed to evacuate my home? If you self-evacuate by car to friends or whanau when the road is still open, please use the form in the back of the booklet. Fill this out saying what you are doing and where you will be going to. Include your cellphone number, then tape this form to an exterior door or window so that emergency services will know you have left.
- If you can't or don't want to leave the village and it has been deemed safe to stay, Tangimoana School is the Community Activated Emergency Centre and has a kit to set this up (stored at school).
- If the whole village is required to evacuate for safety reasons, the Te Kawau Recreation Centre in Rongotea will become a welfare centre.
- Tangimoana School now has a VHF radio linking to MDC and this is trialed each week and the senior students have been shown how to respond to their call up.
- As a result of the Deep South project, the community committee was currently looking into getting a generator for the school and accessing funding to do this. PowerCo is assisting with recommendations for what we need.
- Nick gave an overview of tsunami and how they are monitored in the Pacific Ocean. Most tsunami's would take at least 3 to 4 hours to reach our coastline from the tropics.
- If it was a locally generated tsunami, it would be the result of a very strong earthquake on the NZ ocean floor. The saying is "if an earthquake is long and strong – get gone"! It would be strong enough that you could not stand up and may be as long as one minute.
- The tsunami safety line is on Tangimoana Rd near Rosina Rd at McKelvie's woolshed. Getting past this line (blue road marking) gets you into the tsunami safety zone.

Meeting closed: 8.50pm

Next meeting: Monday 18th November, 7.00pm at hall. All welcome.

