

**Notes of a Meeting of the Colyton Community Committee  
Held in the St Andrew's Church, Colyton  
On Wednesday, 2 September 2020 at 7.00 pm**

**Present** : Graham Conlon, Jody Simpson, Jeff Dickins, Maurice Bromley, Stu Bradbury, Reuben Smith, Kay and Laurie Bradbury.

Also in attendance: Cr Michael Ford, Cr Phil Marsh, Janine Hawthorn (MDC), Jeff Graham (MDC), Trish Balmer and Tracey Cuff (Neighbourhood Support)

**Community Response and Recovery Plan and Community Contact List:**

**Jeff Graham – Emergency Management Officer**

**Trish Balmer and Tracey Cuff – Manawatū District Neighbourhood Support**

- A copy of a Community Response and Recovery Plan template was handed out to attending members.
- Area that is encompassed on the map is decided by the community committee. Hazards will be identified on map.
- Preparedness information – food and water for seven days in rural areas. Recovery priorities ie power and roading. Designated community gathering points.
- Rural community lists in google drive - name, address, skills and equipment – special needs of community members ie health issues, power needed for health requirements.
- Main contact to be decided, suggested two – allowed access to list with a link – keep tabs on who leaves district or arrives. Instructions on how to do google drive are provided.
- Password and link given only to those who's information included.
- Hardcopy of community list needs to be available if internet down.
- Police and other services can contact main contact to then refer to those in need.
- Contacts to attend one community meeting per year.
- Once network is made determine three community activated emergency centres. Agreed that one should be Colyton School.
- A kit will be provided to be kept in one place which would include an instruction booklet for setting up a community activated emergency centre.
- Community Committee is responsible for kit and to make sure all contents remain enclosed. If used in an emergency it will be topped up.
- Having a secure location is important. Safe at the church. Consensus we are happy to have kit stored at the church.
- There is a page in the Community Response and Recovery Plan which can be filled in and can be shown in house windows to confirm if people have self-evacuated.

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- Once Community Response and Recovery Plan has been confirmed then it can be distributed to every household – Jeff will provide the copies but committee would need to arrange delivery. Suggested to speak to rural posties to organise delivery.
- Once kit delivered there will be a two hour training session available running through various emergency scenarios. The training will also include the Red Cross psychosocial first aid training. Free for anyone wishing to attend. Date to be confirmed after plan is developed.

- Jeff noted that he has an alternate facility trailer which holds emergency requirements to be able to respond no matter what. The trailer could be used to open up large scale civil defence centre.
- Get a small group together to make a plan. Include reps from church; school and lions. Suggested names: Bryan Guy, Donna MacMillan, Bruce MacMillan and Stu Bradbury. Stu agreed to arrange a meeting and to lead this project.
- Offer for training to as many people who want to do it.
- Contact list to include name, address, mobile number, number in household, age bracket, whether vulnerable in an emergency, whether they have useful skill sets, generators and equipment which can be used in an emergency.
- Entire community can be collated with one main contact person. Request who wants to be included. Noted that Kimbolton sent a flyer out to register interest of who wants to be added. Each community can do it how they like. Lions newsletter was suggested.
- The community is responsible for updates of information. Key list of members to be put in the kit held in the church.

**Council Report:**

The following updates were provided:

- 10 Year Plan discussions and pre-engagement – one key subject is earthquake prone buildings – should we help building owners.
- Building the new Mangaweka Bridge is going ahead in summer.
- Culverts have been extended on Kung Fu Corner to help with cycleway.
- Stock Droving and Crossing Bylaw – good feedback now on hold.
- Community Facilities Review – halls, sportsgrounds.
- Two Turbo games planned for Manfeild Park.
- Rural Connectivity Group – installing five towers into Manawatū – more user friendly broadband width.
- Currently working on developing a Youth Action Plan, Seniors Action Plan and Housing Strategy.
- Manawatū Youth Council has been established.
- New Recycling Centre is under construction.

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- Tenders currently out for the first stage of the Wastewater Centralisation Project which is piping from Mt Stewart to Awahuri. Ohakea has signed a MOU to be part of the centralisation.
- \$5.2 million Central Government funding for the three waters review.

**Beautification Project:**

Planting across from Ginger Bird Cafe to Council land – what do we want to see – does it meet roading requirements – what do we build – how should it look.

Ideas included:

- Low growing planting
- Create neighbourhood ambience
- Planter box
- Sign saying “Colyton”

Graham asked for everyone to have a walk around the area and to take photos.

Cr Marsh noted that Himatangi Beach Community Committee had used Massey students to put forward designs.

Graham noted that the Kimbolton Sculpture Festival Trust was happy to add sculptures within this area.

Once ideas are all together we can pass on to Council to organise for the roading team to look and confirm if what is proposed would work.

Agreed that wording on the sign needs to be very big and bold.

**Community Committee Meetings:**

Graham asked members their thoughts on meetings. How often should the committee meet. He raised a suggestion of possibly holding alternative meetings via zoom. It was agreed that the next meeting would be in person where this could be discussed further.

Members were asked to get their ideas together and to bring to the next meeting which will be on:

Wednesday, 21 October at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm