



*Halcombe will be a safe, supportive and progressive community.  
It will be attractive, valued by all and well connected to the wider district.*

## Minutes OF THE HALCOMBE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Jeanette Henderson, Maureen Lambert, Barbara Davies, Peter Beck, Faye & Richard Bain, Vicki Powell, Chloe Dodunski

1.1 **Apologies:** Colin McFadzean, Negin Nema

(Moved: Jeannette Seconded: Chloe

### 1.2 Correspondence

#### IN

- Lamb processing invoice from Vaughan Munn - payment approved
- MDC – Shape the future of our community
- Hall expenditure and paint prices
- MDC What Matters workshop
- MDC roading meeting Kimbolton
- Bike Manawatu – Novice Tour

#### OUT

- Civil Defence – Get Ready meeting
- MDC – Shape of the Future
- MDC Roding
- Bike Manawatu Novice Tour dates

(Moved: Maureen Seconded: Faye

### 1.3 Confirmation of previous minutes:

*That the minutes from the previous meeting held on 3 July 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record.*

(Moved: Vicki Seconded: Pete

### 1.4 Matters Arising:

- Rec Services have erected a retaining wall on the Walkway to deal with the erosion problem. Many thanks
- Drain away has been dug on the Walkway to deal with flow of water from the pipe. – Many thanks

## 2.0 FINANCIAL BUSINESS

### 2.1 Financial Report

*That the Financial Report showing an overall total balance of **\$16,514.68** as at 31 July 2023 be accepted.*

See attached financial reports for July 2023

(Moved: Faye Seconded: Chloe

### 2.2 Invoices Approved for Payment

- Grant Joule \$50 – Hall Operating (approved last month, payment overlooked)
- Lamb Processing \$154.72 – General (approved by committee online)
- Maureen Lambert \$446.12 – Hall Operating
- Jeannette Henderson \$ 110.68 - Lantern Festival

(Moved: Barb Seconded: Richard – All agreed

## 3.0 COUNCIL BUSINESS

**Council Report:** Councillor Colin McFadzean – emailed report

- Council in recess for 3 weeks.
- 2 x Stop to paper roads in Halcombe approved.

## 4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 4.1 Focus #1 – Walkway and Domain

- Rec Services have erected a retaining wall on the walkway where the erosion was happening. Thank you

#### 4.2 Focus #2 – Hall (Maureen)

##### Discussion/Activity

##### Community use no charge

Monday 3 HDCG Meeting

Mondays: Aged Concern Kai and Korero 10.0am – 2pm

Tuesdays: Yoga 6.30 -7.30

Thursdays: Dance Fit 6.15 – 7.15

Monday & Thursday 6.00 – 6.45am Boot Camp

Lantern Festival: workshops 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> daytime

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Lantern Festival

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Unmounted Pony Club (Rachel koha)

Sunday 23 MDC Community Engagement

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> MDC Community movie night

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Halcombe Winter Market (Play Centre)

##### Paid use

Saturday 8 Eris child b'day \$75.00

Friday 14 Michelle Currie family party \$100.00

Saturday 22 Moa Harriers \$100.00 + \$50 cleaning

##### August Bookings

Regular Community use - as above

7<sup>th</sup> HCDG

12<sup>th</sup> Brigade Awards Night

##### Paid use

4<sup>th</sup> pm, 5 & 6<sup>th</sup> all day - Bike Manawatu \$250.00 (they supply their own toilet paper etc)

##### Activity

11 July Fire Brigade came as part of their training night and unstuck all the windows (some haven't been opening for years). Huge thanks to them.

Indicative price for mould remover, sealant and paint for supper room and hall from Resene was sent to Committee for OK.

**Mould remediation and painting of ceiling panels** This needed to be done before the floor resurfacing. Colin McFadzean very generously made time for us to use his scaffolding (arranged hurriedly at Sunday's meeting as he had a window in his busy calendar). He delivered and picked the scaffolding up. Richard and Peter did this job over a week. It looks awesome.

**Gardens** Vicki has replanted and mulched the gardens. Looks very smart.

**Light bulb over main entrance** has been smashed. Richard is looking into possibilities for a proper glass covering. Background – has been broken for some years. A replacement light fitting, looked at a few years ago, was too expensive and didn't really fit the look of the hall. We are now more financial.

**Resurfacing Hall and Supper Room Floor** This is scheduled to begin on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Nic has been and started the filling of the hearth.

The hall will be shut from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>. Yoga, Dance Fit and Kai and Korero are able to use it on the week of the 21<sup>st</sup>, but with no shoes and entry through the kitchen.

A 'No Entry' sign will be put on the supper room door.

**Organisation:** While the hall is out of action, we are going to paint the storeroom as it has an outside door. Therefore, everything has to be removed from the hall and the storeroom. We can use the bar, kitchen and stage as storage areas. Play Centre have put the trestles and dividers they used on the stage. The Brigade will also be asked to do this for what they use in the weekend. Help will be needed with this.

##### Discussion

The hall is being used for a wide variety of community activities, which is great.

<p>The hall subcommittee have had many discussions re the free use of the hall and whether we should charge, have koha, or remain free.</p> <p>Private hireage covers ongoing costs at this stage. Local users pay less \$75.00 than non-local \$100.00 for a day time family party. Is this OK?</p> <p>Should the hall be making money?</p> <p>For instance, power for the last two months was \$170.10 &amp; 224.08. Income was \$200 &amp; \$270. Consumables also cost more.</p> <p>Also, we had enquiries for 5 private hires which had to be turned down because the community was using the hall (Friday night, weekend).</p> <p><b>Some discussion starters:</b> If the community activity is raising money or charging should they be asked for a set amount?</p> <p>Nothing is black and white – where does community well-being come into the mix? Should the Brigade pay (they are community and help us), should Play Centre pay when they have workshops for families, should St Johns pay????</p> <p>This doesn't have to have a resolution at this time, but it is something that we probably should have written down.</p> <p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 July to Nick Pine requesting quote for hall sanding for just hall and supper room and fixing hearth. Reply 5<sup>th</sup> \$9,375.00 +\$220.00 hearth (excl). Sent to HCDG, rec'd affirmation to proceed.</li> <li>• 4 July James Adamson (MDC) hall booking for MDC community engagement meeting 23 July</li> <li>• 18 July &amp; ongoing Kelly Cording (MDC) re Movie night planning</li> <li>• General correspondence re hall hire.</li> </ul>	
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<b>4.3 Focus #3 – Cenotaph &amp; Recreational Area</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report this month</li> </ul>	

#### 4.4 Subprojects

<b>Roading &amp; Recycling (Richard Bain)</b>	
<p><b>Roading</b> – Roading: gravel roads were done last week. Mangone Rd. between Monteith St. and Stanway Rd. after rain was a mess of mud. The grader driver does his best with what is there, however 'water tables', more the lack of them remains the major issue on most Streets and roads in the village.</p>	
<b>Community get-togethers</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lantern Festival: Saturday 15 July 6pm</li> <li>• MDC Movie night – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July</li> <li>• Playcentre Market Day – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All events were successful</li> </ul>
<b>Cemetery Land (Rachel)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lambing is underway. It feels like we have lost more lambs than previous years however it will be interesting to see what the final tally looks like. Grass cover with the new grass that we put in in Autumn hopefully means the lambs will do better.</li> </ul>	
<b>Entrance/Welcome signs</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All good in this section. Weed spraying has been done on eastern welcome sign, this needs some work still to be done tidying up/planting etc.</li> </ul>	
<b>Recycling</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bit of fly tipping this last week but other than that all has been well</li> </ul>	
<b>Communications (Maureen)</b>	
<b>Water Scheme (Colin)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No progress on water scheme. Still boil water.</li> </ul>	
<b>Halcombe Community Trust (HCT)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HCT is about to kick off a fundraising campaign to raise the balance needed for the tennis court project.</li> </ul>	

#### 4.5 Other General Business

- Halcombe Fire Brigade Awards Evening Members going: Jeanette, Craig, Richard & either Maureen or Pete
- **Planning for 23/24** – LTP application for project funding. Closing date 31 August
  - Vicki: Levin Street drain cleared, & trees removed. To make the area accessible to clear. To ask for an extension to walkway. Health & Safety issue.
  - Discussion on use of old fire station.
  - Car Park back of hall.
  - Historic 'Chair' / Lights in the trees at the domain
- Progress on Civil Defence
  - Jeanette reported on CD meeting at school hall. Neighbourhood Support & St Johns in attendance. Sue Simpson suggested a 'mock drill'.
- Village Beautification
  - Village beautification. Noticeboard & seat. Peter approached Weekend Craft. Peter to continue inquiries.
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  - HR Jones Noticeboard. To continue discussion.
  - Barb to enquire at Fldg High School.
- ANZAC Photos
  - Jeanette showed photos from Kimbolton Hall photos. Agreed to go with the photo frames
- Hall Charging
  - Charging for hall use. Maureen outlined costing options. Hire covering hall electricity.
  - Discussion on various organisations using the hall. Regular Hall users to pay quarterly rate of \$20 for hall usage.

#### 5.0 COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

- Lantern Festival
- MDC Long Term Plan engagement
- MDC Movie night
- Halcombe Playcentre Market
- Halcombe Fire Brigade Awards night

#### 6.0 OTHER ITEMS

##### ● Accident on Mt Biggs road

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 3.15pm, there was an incident on Mt Biggs road between Fergusson Road and James St involving a stock truck and trailer and the Halcombe School bus.

Fortunately, on this occasion, no one was injured in the accident only the poor sheep in the stock truck. However, this area of Mt Biggs road has had its fair share of accidents which have been well documented and submitted to Council to review. At this point, the committee felt that nothing would be done. Will it take a fatality to engage discussion? The size of the trucks on the rural roads, the speed they can travel at v's the width of rural roads, the deep culverts, and awkward bends. Local residents are mowing their berms to improve visibility; however, it is unsafe for local residents to walk/cycle around the district.

*Meeting closed at: 8.30pm*

##### **Actions Report:**

1. Potholes at the top end of Willoughby Road – need transaction number from Council

Please note: Any issues for Council should go through the proper channels.

Either call MDC on 06 323 0000 or email MDC at: [public@mdc.govt.nz](mailto:public@mdc.govt.nz)

Contacting the Council directly you will receive a CCR number which will help all parties track the status of the issue raised.