



*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

Tuesday 7th February 2023 7pm

PRESENT: Rachel Lane, Peter Beck, Richard Bain, Faye Bain, Maureen Lambert, Chloe Dodunski, Barbara Davies, Jeannette Henderson, Janine Hawthorne MDC, Colin McFadzean Council Rep.

1.1 Apologies: Vicki Powell, Negin Nema Community Wellbeing Officer at MDC

(Moved: Jeannette Seconded: Barbara)

1.2 Correspondence

IN

January

- Little Forest Cabins - Request to be included in next run of phone book
- Kirsten Otter - Happy to carry on with website updates
- Aly Thompson – Manawatu based artists project

December

- Introduction of Negin Nema, Community Wellbeing Officer at MDC
- Mid Central Newsletter
- St John AED training

November

- Heather Dick – Request for info on family

October

- Moana Sinclair – Request for info on family

OUT

January

- Invitation to Halcombe Community to join HCDG meeting on 7th February
- Request to Postie to deliver phone books to RD9

December

- Nativity Play details to Halcombe Community

November

- Reimbursements of MDC Community Committee Project Funding
- Rural Support details to Halcombe Community
- Notification of Halcombe Hall re-roof to Halcombe Community
- Approval of reimbursements incurred since Oct 2022
- Summer Event BBQ – details sent to Mark Penfold
- Te Ahu a Turanga Rec Path Fund – details to Halcombe Community Trust
- Sympathy card to Mayor Helen
- \$300 budget approved for Nativity play
- Weebly website payment

October

- Halcombe Happenings to Halcombe Community
- Details of Stanway-Halcombe Water Scheme AGM to Halcombe Community
- Details of Farewell to Mike Banner dinner to Halcombe Community

1.3 Confirmation of previous minutes:

That the minutes from the previous meeting held on 3 October 2022 be accepted as a true and correct record.

(Moved: Jeannette Seconded: Peter)

1.4 Matters Arising from 5 September 2022 minutes:

- Amend closing balance of August financials as reported from \$9,156.62 to \$18,309.62 – new financial report attached.

2.0 FINANCIAL BUSINESS

2.1 Financial Report

That the Financial Report showing an overall total balance of \$17,372.03 as at 31 January 2023 be accepted.

See attached financial reports of Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec 2022 and Jan 2023

(Moved: Maureen Seconded: Richard)

- \$21,000 from the Halcombe Community Fund has been transferred over to the HCT. \$72.15 remains in this account for the HCDG to use as they see fit. This account has been re-labelled "Spare Account".
- A large amount of costs associated with the Cemetery Land are being put forward for payment approval tonight: shearing ewes and lambs, fertiliser and fertiliser spreading, purchase of 10 ewes.
- The Nativity Play ended up costing less as most was funded through donations
- Faye Bain has been elected as Treasurer for the next 12 months. Rachel will get together with Faye to hand over the ropes.

2.2 Invoices and Expenses for approval

- Phone book delivery - \$39.90
- Nativity Play - \$94.17
- Shearing \$180, Fertiliser \$1,550, Purchase of Ewes \$1,800

Income

- \$595.44 cull ewes

(Moved: Maureen Seconded: Richard)

3.0 COUNCIL BUSINESS

Council Report: Welcome to Colin McFazean

- Group of councillors visited Halcombe: tennis court, Hall, water scheme.
- Colin outlined recent activity of water scheme regarding access. Council has plans in place to mitigate this. Long term Plan to bring Te Reu Reu Valley into scheme. Colin to liaise between MDC & Halcombe Scheme
- MDC under pressure to reduce rates & to communicate with communities

4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Focus #1 – Walkway and Domain

Walkway looking good, a bit overgrown in weeds at places but rec services have been down spraying recently so wait to see the results. They do a great job so not complaining.

The Levin Street carpark has been used quite a bit this summer by freedom campers which hasn't been a problem, no one overstaying and no mess.

Still a few irresponsible dog owners and their poo.

A long-term dream that may be put in action plan for future is to completely clear the trees and drains at Levin Street entrance and along to park and replant. Trees and vines a danger, branches snapping off etc, and drain getting blocked with self-sown trees and blackberry.

Working Bee required to spread the little pile of mulch and put metal around railway info board, and general tidy up of some broken wood.

- Working Bee Date:
Saturday 25th March at 9.30am
followed by morning tea.
Community to be notified

4.2 Focus #2 – Hall (Maureen)

Discussion/Activity

Everything on hold because of hall renovations.

Hall Renovations/restoration

This major work started early January.

Many thanks to MDC for having this work done.

Special thanks to Carl and Trev (Rec Services) for being so helpful and keeping me in the loop.

Also, thanks for supporting our community by giving contracts to local tradespeople where possible.

4.3 Focus #3 – Cenotaph & Recreational Area

- No report this month

4.3 Subprojects

Roading & Recycling (Richard Bain)

Roading

- The work done by MDC to help mitigate the dust issue on Kimber Street has been limited in its success. Some patches have shown positive results.
 - Mt. Biggs road, from Hastings Street up the hill, still has the flax bushes encroaching into the road edge causing vehicles to move closer to the centre line of the road to avoid them.
 - There are also several road signs that are very close to the edge of the sealed surface which have been hit by rear vision mirrors of trucks and tractors.
- Can council have these flaxes removed.
 - offending signs moved further off the road

Community get-togethers

- ANZAC Day: The group will be meeting this month

Cemetery Land (Rachel)

- Lambs were weaned and due to the market tanking, the call to hold the lambs was made in the hope to get them to good weights to send to the works but in hindsight this was the wrong call. Next year we will send them all to the store market regardless of the market. The spring-like summer, fertiliser and the clean-up grazing done by the Wilson's cattle earlier in the year has slightly improved the pastures, the lambs are currently grazing at the Cemetery. Having kept the lambs, we have incurred higher costs as we have had to shear them.
- Ewes and the lambs have all been shorn. Baa-Zillions did the ewes and Stu & Adrian did the lambs.
- The back paddock is rife with kelly thistles and has been sprayed out by Mike Winder. Sam Worboys will direct drill in some annual ryegrass in a few weeks' time.
- The trough has been fitted in the back paddock.
- There are quite a few expenses to be paid for this month from the Cemetery account, but this is expected as the plan is to invest into the land to ensure we can continue to make a reasonable amount off it each year.

Entrance/Welcome signs

- Finally, the stones have been placed around the base of the eastern sign thanks to Paul Hughes and Graeme Bird's help. Spraying has been done around the edge by Vicky or Council. Grasses to be planted.

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| Phone books | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Done! A huge thank you to all involved in getting this off the ground. We have discovered a few things we could have done better; this will be rectified with the next reprint. ● A big thank you to the advertisers for their support and patience. ● Phone book distribution to RD5 people (or those not on the RD9 run) – a note needs to go out to let these people know how they can get a copy. RD9 post run is over 600 ● Those that missed getting their name in the book – should a FB post and email go out asking if they want their details in the next one? That way the list could be kept more up to date and it is not such a huge mission to do the next reprint (The HCDG would need a champion for this who is proficient at Microsoft Excel). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phone book champion required Excel proficient. ● Not enough phone books printed. Jeannette to contact Postie re how many more the route needs. ● Cost of another print run with 50 extra? Jeannette to investigate |
| Recycling | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Since the new 'load handling system' containers have been in use the area has been kept reasonably clean with just dropped items meant for the container not being picked up when dropped on the ground. | |
| Halcombe Community Trust (HCT) | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The HCT has been successful in receiving \$33,229 from CET to go towards new lights for the Tennis Court upgrade project. ● The HCT currently has applications in with ECCT for \$50,00 and NZCT for \$140,000 for the Tennis court upgrade project. ● Community fundraising is about to commence for this project so please keep an ear out or let the HCT know if you have any fundraising ideas. | |

4.5 Other General Business

- Thank you to Rachel Lane who is stepping down from HCDG after 10 years, her contribution has been awesome. She will still look after the Cemetery land. Thanks to those standing down from our previous committee: Alex Short, Annie O'Fee and Paul Hughes. Thanks to Stuart Campbell our outgoing Council liaison.
- Welcome to the new committee: Maureen, Barbara, Richard, Vicki, Faye, Peter, Chloe, Jeannette
- Facebook - Maureen explained various options. An Open Group seemed the best solution. Maureen to liaise with people offering to help administer Facebook.
- Mike Banner gift discussed. Barb suggested up to \$250 be spent on a gift. Option to present at a gathering.
- Rachel explained funding for upgrade of tennis courts is with HCT. Bex Lintott to champion fund raising.
- Projects not completed: Safe routes to school, Civil Defence, Rebranding HCDG, Culvert pipe under walkway.
- Safe crossing of Halcombe Road with HCT/MDC. HCT to pursue with MDC.
- Maureen suggested a focus discussion for every other month & to invite people interested to take part. e.g. Neighbourhood Support / Roving / Communications / Civil Defence – ask community for other ideas.
- Civil Defence: Janine explained the role of MDC. Jeannette to contact Vicki Wills of MDC. Need to talk to School/Fire Brigade/HCDG/MDC/Maraes/any other relevant parties.
- To identify the Charities operating in our area and support them more.
- Suggested paying someone as minute Secretary for the HCDG – discuss next month

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

- Discussion around an emergency texting system for both SHWS and Civil Defence

6.0 OTHER ITEMS - none

Meeting closed 20.31