



## Community Committee Minutes

**Venue: Himatangi Beach Community Hall Date / Time: 16/07/2020 at 7pm**

**Present:**

Jason Kennerley, Chris Rosvell, Brian Pinker, Reuben Ebrey, Alec Mackay, Judy Howatson, John Hodder, Con Fraser.

Amendment to previous minutes: Janine Hawthorn was present.

**Apologies:**

That the following apologies be accepted:

Janine Hawthorn, Stuart Campbell, Sylvia Kavanagh

Moved : Jason Kennerley

Seconded: Reuben Ebrey

Carried: yes

**Correspondence:****Inward:**

- Email from Mike Vincent about waste water.
- Email from Chris Rosvall about previous minutes.
- Email from Chris Rosvall about water funding.
- Email from Rebecca Bell about LTP.
- Email from Stacey Eagle with an action report.
- Email from Sylvia Kavanagh resigning from the committee.

**Outward:**

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Moved: Jason Kennerley

Seconded: Reuben Ebrey

Carried: Yes

**Confirmation of Previous Minutes:**

That the minutes from the previous meeting held on 16th April be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Jason Kennerley

Seconded: Reuben Ebrey

Moved: yes

## **Matters Arising:**

### **Results from the Committee Survey :**

The committee did an internal survey about what projects the committee should focus on.

The bollards project was listed as the first to commence, followed by the skate park make safe, security cameras for the village, bollards between the surf club and hall, privacy screens for the public showers, improvements along the creek, upgrade to the walkway to the beach, upgrade to the tennis court.

### **Post covid community party update :**

The following is being organised by the Community Trust.

HIMATANGI COMMUNITY POST COVID THANK YOU

AFTERNOON TEA

50'S AFTERNOON GARDEN PARTY

- Open Hall for all the community and visitors!
- The community are welcome to pop in anytime.
- Himatangi Events Centre Hall
- 4pm-6pm – 3rd Oct 2020
- Theme – 50's Garden party
- Dress – tidy and if can dress up in 50's party dresses and dress pants.
- Plan – Soft Guitar music playing while people arrive (local musician)
- Nibbles will be supplied throughout the 2 hours.
- Venue and decorating – tables around the hall with tablecloths making it a nice space for people to also stand and chat. Fairy lights, lamps for lighting, flowers and petals – candles????
- Food – club sandwiches, asparagus rolls, mini pies, chippies with NZ classic dip, cheese and onion with toothpicks, and other 50's garden party finger food.
- Younger local children will be handing out the platters (so also being involved in a community event).
- Drinks – Tea and Coffee with pink lemonade

### **Meeting with James Adamson from MDC :**

The committee has a meeting with James to discuss what we might like to put into the LTP as well as other concerns that we might have. This meeting was very productive and the committee appreciates James coming out to meet with us.

### **Recycling centre :**

The committee discussed the recycling centre and possible options. The recycling centre is much cleaner now with community volunteers cleaning the area but the bottle bins are still too close to the road as the area was never designed to hold so much recycling equipment. As a group we thought the easiest solution to this would be to have the back fence of the area pushed back another 10 metres which would allow for all the bins to be housed within the recycling area.

### **PNCC option to discharge waste water into the ocean:**

A member of the community wanted to bring to the committees attention that one of the options for the waste water treatment for PNCC was discharging the waste water into the sea. The committee discussed this and we encourage members of the community to make a submission if they feel strongly about this.

### **Applying to the government to improve the village water supply:**

Chris Rosvall submitted the following to the committee:

One of the main functions of our local council is to provide fresh water to the residents within its area.

For a while now, the residents in the Himatangi Beach village have not been happy with the water we have here. Our Council is well aware of that fact. We depend on the water supplied for many things but mostly for drinking. We are all aware of the repercussions when problems occur – it was only just over 2 years ago when the Hastings, Havelock Nth area experienced a huge outbreak of sickness caused from drinking impure water. My sister was one of those effected - I went there to nurse her through it and believe me, it was nasty. Our council informs us when the water is tested, that it is safe to drink. But the water tests also show up the presence of silica – something that causes damage to our paint surfaces etc. It doesn't give the locals

much faith that our water is all that safe when we see the damage done to our property. Is it doing damage to the inside of our bodies? Who knows! The Councillors also have advised that it would cost \$2 million to fix the problem, and if we want it sorted, we the residents, would have to foot the bill. This was stated at the HBCC meeting held with Hamish Waugh and several other MDC representatives present on the 16th October 2019. There is no way the locals can afford this and we don't want to go down that path again – we are still counting the cost of joining the sewerage system that we all went into in good faith and then got walked all over – costs skyrocketed way above what was advised before we signed up, and have continued to rise ever since. Then, to cap it all off, our locals were included in the rate changes so had to pay towards the upgrade of the Feilding sewerage system which had problems – something we had previously been advised that we would not be charged as the Feilding residents had not paid towards our system costs. But there is a light on the horizon now -the Labour Government has announced (on 8th July) that they have \$761 million available to local councils towards sorting water problems. Applications need to be in to government by August and the work needs to be completed by July 2021. We need to get an application into our local council and a copy sent to the govt minister in charge ASAP. In the past when Govt made offers like these we (past HBCC members) moved to make the most of them. Results. Sewerage Upgrade Govt paid for half of the sewerage system costs Cell phone coverage We went straight to Govt – Amy Adams was the member we corresponded with – result was that we went to the “front of the queue” and got our new tower so we had cell phone coverage before other areas. This may be our only chance to get pure water again for our village, so lets go for it. If the Committee agree, I can set up a register so we can obtain signatures from our locals to support the application. An email could also go out to home owners on the CC list to get their support. The more support we have for this, the more likelihood that it may come to fruition.

Chris Rosvall

16th July 2020

### **Zoom Meetings:**

The committee has decided to continue having a physical meeting in the hall every second month with a zoom meeting in between. Any one that wants help with Zoom

can contact Reuben.

### **Abandoned Car:**

There is a car that has been abandoned outside the Cossy Club. The police are aware that the car was stolen and dumped. The car has been there for some time and no one wants to remove it. The committee proposes that the council assist in removing the car.

### **Action Report :**

Doggy Do Bins - Council is still assessing this and these will be implemented as required in due course.

Road Barriers - One of the projects that the committee is working on is the replacement of the white wooden corner barriers along the length of Koputara Rd. The committee is looking to have these replaced by recreational services. The current barriers are in poor repair at the moment and have needed to be repaired/replaced so the committee has asked if Stuart Campbell could approach "roading" to see if the cost to repair /replace the existing barriers could be put towards the upgrade to the bollards and ropes. Higgins have been asked to repair, but due to the confusing messages received, this work has been stopped pending a decision to provide funding for the community project to replace the sight rails with bollards and rope.

50kph temporary sign - There is a 50km/h temporary speed sign at the start of the village which has been a temporary 50kph for some time. Stuart has been asked to find out when this will be made 50kph permanently or be raised back to the previous speed. The posted speed will remain at 50 until the Programme Business Case to review and amend speed limits to our villages throughout the District is completed. A 60km/h some will probably be implemented 2022-23

### **LTP funding application**

Work will start this month on the LTP application.

### **Finances:**

Project fund:

6562.58

(tennis court redevelopment/entrance way)

Community Tagged Funding

\$3000 has been allocated for the Community patrol

\$3635 Stage 3 signage

\$3000 Stage 4 signage

\$10000 for tennis court redevelopment.

Moved : Reuben

Seconded:Jason

Carried: Yes

**Community Plan:**

Review of community Plan Projects ( whats been completed, whats been planned, timeline, issues, actions)

Bollards and hall signage have been approved by the committee to start.

Reuben will get both projects underway.

MDC Community Project funding

Balance: \$ 26197.58

**Surf Club Report:**

Mid winter swim on Sunday at 11am.

**Fire Brigade Report:**

The Fire Brigade is still recruiting if anyone would like to join come down on Monday nights at 7pm.

**Community Patrol Report:**

None

**Councillor Update:**

None

**Meeting Closed:**

Time - 7:47pm

**Next Meeting:**

20th August @ 7pm on Zoom