

Minutes

Himatangi Beach Community Committee Meeting

7pm 22nd August 2024

Himatangi Beach Community Hall

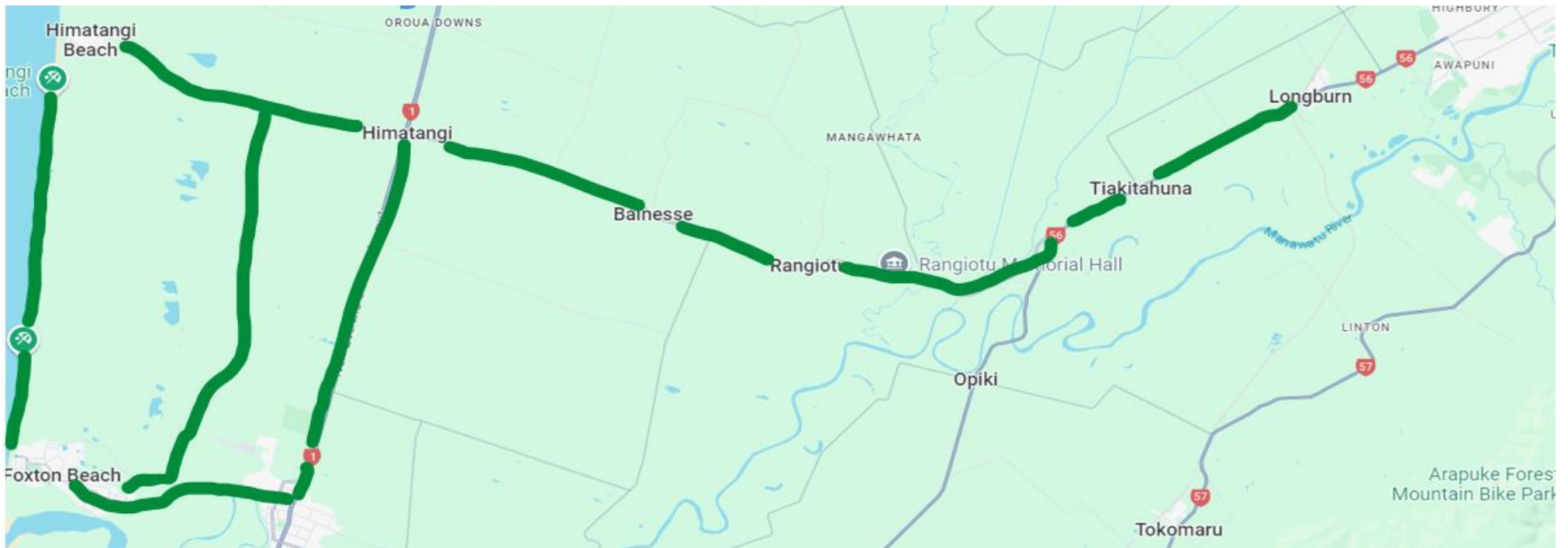
No.	Item		Action (who)
1	Procedural Matters	Requesting permission to record the meeting	
1.1	Welcome	From Judy Howatson, (Chairperson)	
1.2	Present/ Apologies	<p>Present: Judy Howatson, Kevin Kelliher, Te Awatea Ward, Alec McKay, John Hodder, Helen Faulkner, Dave Jack, Marty O’Fee</p> <p>In Attendance: Trisha Sanders, Graham and Dawn McKenzie, Alice Williamson (Guest speaker)</p> <p>MDC: Councillor Andrew Quarrie</p> <p>Apologies: Alice Ebrey (HBCC), Nigel Barker (HBCT)</p>	
	Guest Speaker	<p>- Guest speaker Alice Williamson Chair of the Trust building the City to Sea Rail Trail- Manawatu spoke first to the meeting.</p> <p>Key points were – trail starts at Longburn and follows the old railway line. 2 destinations- Himatangi Beach and Foxton. Will be funded by NZTA from Longburn to Opiki, fundraising including; Council LTP submissions, grants and sponsorship for the rest. Approx 2 years to complete using the existing trail that the old railway ran on.</p> <p>Submission into NZTA for an underpass to go under State Highway 1 south of major intersection, yet to be confirmed as accepted.</p> <p>Idea is to allow for a loop for riders to come down to Himatangi Beach then go either via the beach or Wiley Road to then connect back to the main trail in Foxton.</p> <p>29-32kms, approx. 2hrs via bike or a 6hr walk. Grade 1-2 track as it is flat which allows for more and varied access e.g. full day/ half day/ opportunities to stay in either village.</p> <p>Trail will have planting, stories, art, sculptures with a link online to tell both European and Māori settlers to the area including information about the Rangiotu military camp. Trail will be safe as is fully off-road.</p> <p>Anticipated use by NZMHA, tourists, commuters, recreational users, school attendees etc in the nature of a bridal trail to be shared with walkers, dog owners, and cyclists.</p>	

		<p>Tourists will be the bigger group to aim towards as they spend between \$300-\$800 per day which would benefit the community.</p> <p>The ask was: how would we like to be involved with this project as a community? Can we endorse this with MDC and PNC as well?</p> <p>Alice can be contacted through the Bainesse & District Community Development Trust at banddcctrust@gmail.com or 0273060469</p> <p>Appendix 1: Rail Trail visual map and information. Original flyer attached to email.</p>	
1.3	Confirmation of Previous minutes	<p>July meeting minutes</p> <p>Judy moved they be accepted Marty 2nd Carried</p>	
1.4	Correspondence	<p>Inwards: Emails: MDC: District Newsletter Alec Mackay: Foxton Futures (Foxton and Beach Community Plan) Alec Mackay: Requesting City to Sea Rail Trail presentation (replied yes)</p> <p>Outwards: Emails: Mailing List: July Minutes</p> <p>Feedback received via Community Email (hbccfeedback@outlook.com): Nil</p>	
1.5	Matters Arising from Previous meeting	<p>Playground Memorial bench seat plaque (Judy/James)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - James from MDC will be out on Monday at skatepark, 10am to discuss memorial seat and sunset viewing platform <p>LTP Submissions- reply from Roding. Document in response to our LTP received late, with responses to our requests.</p> <p>Look at extending the driftwood bollards down towards the beach more- Contact with Horizons around this will be needed (Alec)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bollards- Health and Safety issue- easy to clear, clean and remove. Original plan was to have a raised walkway, and this was to be done in conjunction with that. Invite roading team to discuss how we can do this <p>Road counters (Councillor Quarrie to investigate) the purpose of the road counters installed before the village</p>	<p>Alec to contact John Roygard and Grant Cooper @ Horizons</p>

		Items for Approval/Information	
2.1	Finances	MDC Community Project Funding Balance: \$8955.37	
2.2	Community Plan	Memorial Bench Seat in Park: Parks and Property have offered to fund and place a bench, are HBCC happy to fund the plaque? Discussion ensued, will investigate the cost of a plaque and come back to the next meeting with a price, happy to look at \$200-\$300. Will send an invite to James Adamson to come out when available to discuss placement of seat, plaque suppliers, and also an initial discussion around dune platform. James will be out on Monday 10am	Judy to email James
2.3	Community Projects	Progress on projects (what's been completed, what's been planned, timeline, issues, action): - Dune sunset viewing platform and picture frame	
3	General Business	- September meeting postponed due to number of apologies, next HBCC meeting will be October 24 th . - Fulton Hogan doing an outstanding job in clearing drains, fire hydrants, footpaths. - Boiled water notice last September was lifted but some residents were not aware it had been lifted. MDC as a part of the LTP is looking into better ways to keep the water clean. - Water quality, heavy weather water issues and all other issues/ suggestions including the stream/ drain to be reported to MDC through Antenno phone app	
3.1	Surf Club report	- Going well atm with good numbers	
3.2	Fire Brigade report	- 38 callouts for the year. - 3 in the last month- MVC at junction, rubbish fire from teenagers setting plants alight on the flying fox platform in the view of safety camera, the other to support the Foxtton brigade - Car boot sale fundraiser for Labour Weekend	
3.3	Community Patrol report	- 12 cameras now in the community. Will need ongoing maintenance for them to extend their life from 5-7yrs - 14 active members and 2 going through vetting process	
3.4	Community Trust report	- Apologies from both Nigel and Alice. - Cake bake off competition this coming weekend - AGM September 29 th - looking for more Trustees to join them	

4	Council Matters and Councillor Update	<p>2 meetings in August.</p> <p>First early August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - presenters from U18 National Basketball in Auckland, one from U18 Hockey in Hawkes Bay. - 8 remits for LGNZ conference- Councillors needed to vote on them. - Adoption of the Renumeration and Reimbursement policy for external committee members. <p>August 15th meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Halcolme and Waituna schools presentation re: National Young Farmers of the Year competition where their students did well 18th out of 24th. - 2 presenters, one who had gone to Brazil with the U18 White Sox, one U18 Netball in Dunedin = a lass from Himatangi, Coralie Hadfield - pleased to see young people in district doing really well. - Presentation on vandalism in public conveniences. One's here not vandalised since cameras installed. - Māori Wards – vote on that again as last vote was deemed to be illegal, no change to outcome. Referendum next elections (October 2025). - Approved road closures- incl. Day Breaker Rally - Adoption of the Community Honours Policy- no nominations this year from Himatangi to be honoured - Adoption of the Community Development Policy - Adoption of the Community and Marae Committee Policy - Adoption of the Public notification of the Gambling Venues Policy - Honorariums for people involved with the Awahuri Kitchner Park Trust and Feilding Civic Centre Trust, thanks for the work they have done - Civic Centre upgrade presentation – stage upgrade, new expandable seating, and upgrade the foyer entrance - Will get to meet our new community contact person soon - More information on the Manawatu District Council website https://www.mdc.govt.nz/about-council/meetings-agendas-and-minutes 	
5	Any other business		
	Meeting closed:	8.50 pm	
	Next Meeting	7pm. October 24 th 2024	

Appendix 1:



The rail trial will have native plantings for beautification and to act as a buffer between the road and trail. While tilling the story of the flora that was originally in the area.

Information boards will be both educational and informative. Telling the story of Māori, settlers, and economic progress relevant to each section of the trail.

Karere Station will be resurrected. Sitting alongside its platform again.

Travels will have an under pass to safely navigate SH 1. They can then choose to either travel to Himatangi Beach or Foxton township.

This gives travels a loop which can include a beach ride. A unique option for a trail.

PN's shared pathway out to Longburn will link with the City to Sea Rail Trail via the preferred option of a pedestrian rail crossing next to the Longburn over bridge. Providing a safe and continues ride or walk for recreational users and tourists.

The City to Sea Rail Trail is a repurposed railway line. So, fittingly there will be a historical railway item at Bainesse.

The City to Sea Rail Trail is uniquely grade 1 – 2. Probably the only truly flat gradient trail in NZ. Providing a fully inclusive trail for all ages and abilities to enjoy the ½ day ride to either Himatangi Beach or Foxton. With the option of then returning or staying the night.

The trail is aimed at commuters, recreational walkers / cyclists, school children and tourist.

The entire trail will be off-road. Providing safe travel through the lower rural Manawatu.

The trail will include a range of facilities including parking, toilets, and picnic tables at rest areas.

The Rail Trail's offers the unique feature of cycling along the beach between Himatangi and Foxton.

Palmerston North has the unique tourism opportunity of operating as a HUB spike for the ½ day and full day rides within the wider region.

Complementing this with all related services.