

Himatangi Beach Community Committee Meeting

Thursday, 23 February 2023 at 7.06 pm

Himatangi Beach Hall

Present: Judy Howatson (Chair and Representative of HBVFB), Alice Ebrey (Secretary and Trustee of HBCT), Nigel Barker (Trustee of HBCT), Ursula Clarke, Reuben Ebrey, Helen Falkner, John Hodder, Sylvia Kavanagh, Laretta Wallace

In Attendance: Colin Wallace, Denise Bush, Stephen Laing, Philip Moore

In Attendance MDC: Councillor Andrew Quarrie,

Apologies: Janine Hawthorne (MDC), Negan Nema (MDC), Moush Bush (Community Trust Chair), Dave Jack (Community Patrol Chair)

No.	Item		Action (who)
1		Procedural Matters	
1.1	Welcome		
1.2	Present/Apologies	Those present noted as above and apologies taken	
1.3	Confirmation of Minutes from the Previous meeting	<p>January minutes read and confirmed correct, one amendment.</p> <p>Under the heading of Matters Arising</p> <p>Long Term Plan for Beach Access - Massey students (Engineering and Environmental Science) have indicated they would might be interested in researching solutions for the long term. Discussions on the long-term plan will occur at the March/April meetings.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Judy/ Reuben</p>	
1.4	Correspondence	<p>Inwards: Emails: Negin Nema- Kaimatarau Road (Southern Transfer Station) last day of operation Brenda Foster- Clarification of Cossie Club view in regard to traffic island <i>replied</i> Aly Thompson- Opportunity for Manawatu-based artists</p> <p>Outwards: Emails: James Adamson – seating follow up <i>no reply</i> Moush Bush- Hall Hirage for traffic feedback <i>replied-confirmed</i>.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Reuben/Alice</p>	Committee agreed that relevant correspondence is to continue being sent to the committee only.

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		<p>Explanation about how this proposal came about. That a previous committee had put a request into MDC via the long-term plan, for money from roading in regard to the Buoy- we tried to find out exactly what that committee had planned to spend the money on- to no avail. A vote was taken at a meeting to whether we spend it on investigating how to improve the CBD area and intersection or repurpose it. Majority was in favour to investigate. Before the investigation was done, we made it clear that we did not want the buoy removed. The result was the proposal council produced, with three options.</p> <p>Is it possible to just put in a submission into the long-term plan without choosing an option? It is possible but we are more likely to get funding if we have a clear direction. Roading budget is very stretched and in the past when a community has complained- their money was then allocated to another project in a different community.</p> <p>Discussion about a past debate around changing the beach entrance from where it is to the end of Hunia Terrace. Improving beach access mentioned to be put into the long-term plan. Resource consent from Horizons discussed regarding beach access and work involved.</p> <p>Committee member asked the question why don't we want our intersection/ CBD to look better? Why don't we want correct signage. Why don't we want the curbing to be fixed? It was then brought up by a community member that there has never been any accidents reported at the intersection.</p> <p>Clarification around the different council teams and their budgets given.</p> <p>Suggestion came that the next pop up should include specific ideas to be discussed, ie safety concerns</p> <p>Current posts through the Hub are being worded differently each time to reach a variety of people. Suggestion that we make our Hub posts so people can't comment on it but provide a survey monkey link where they can provide feedback anonymously. Agreement around this as people feel intimidated and do not want to comment.</p> <p>Committee member brought up that our meetings are our primary debating chamber- this is where people should come to chat and give feedback. Thanks given to those that have turned up from the community to chat.</p>	

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		<p>Bach owner of 19 years came and spoke about his experience, he came down to the village and used it as if it was his first time. He spent time standing outside the dairy and observed the activity and believes there is multiple safety concerns and issues in regard to the CBD/ intersection, including the area by the playground and recycling centre, he drove to the beach and then back onto the intersection and went to turn right and noted the view was obscured by the Buoy. Thanks given to his feedback.</p> <p>Submissions for the long term plans open July 1st and close September 2023</p> <p>Long Term Plan for Beach Access –briefly touched on in the above conversation.</p> <p>Christmas Lights- The contractors that put up the Christmas lights said it would be very expensive for them to fix them and it is not something they do normally and were not interested.</p> <p>They were fixed a couple of years ago by the Trust</p>	<p>Nigel to investigate to see if Jack Bowring would look at fixing Christmas Lights</p>
2		Items for Approval/Information	
2.1	Finances	Balance of the Himatangi Beach Community Committee Project Fund \$6000	
2.2	Community Plan	<p>Plan available on MDC website</p> <p>We have started with the events board</p>	
2.3	Community Projects	<p>Events Board – Ongoing</p> <p>Playground – Two tables have been put in place.</p> <p>Skatepark – Staining done, looks good.</p> <p>Security cameras - Awaiting pole for water tower camera.</p> <p>Question asked if there is a specific time and date required to look into offences- this is helpful, the more specific the better. Advice given in regard to who to contact in what situation.</p> <p>Bike rack – To start once Events Board completed.</p>	
3		General Business	
		Decision register- A committee member discussed the use of a decision register and how it could be beneficial to the committee, this was tabled, other members gave feedback. The committee member	Decision made that it was not needed.

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		<p>apologised for being unprepared as she was not aware she was going to be discussing it. The member stated "This came about when I received feedback from people who had lodged with myself and also back to MDC". Feedback was that the committee minutes were not as transparent as they could be. Specifically that the agenda needs to include the correspondence in and outs and that the minutes could be a bit more fulsome with full names and details of people. There is additional feedback that will be shared with just the committee.</p> <p>Committee member then said the feedback was due to the post on the round about issue.</p> <p>Chair suggested Council action register to be sent out with minutes.</p> <p>Beach access road – there is a big block of concrete on the left side as you go onto the beach posing a safety issue- it has sharp edges.</p>	<p>Negin can this be sent to the general public or just committee?</p> <p>John to ring Council</p>
3.1	Fire Brigade Report	No call outs for two months now.	
3.2	Community Patrol report	Community Patrol fundraiser of the mobile BBQ at the surfcasting comp was a great success, they will be doing the same thing for the Contiki fishing comp on 4 th and 5 th March- cash only.	
3.3	Community Trust	Nigel now a member of the Horowhenua Camera Trust	
4	Council Matters	<p>Couple of meetings one in regard to Feilding town parking, looking how to solve this dilemma</p> <p>Review of information technical support- currently working with MDC</p> <p>South Street another block of land has been sold</p> <p>Roading network strategy- they get funding every three years from NZTA</p> <p>Looking for trustees for Kitchener Park</p> <p>Rural land chain- in regards to class of soils</p> <p>Manfield Park- 6 monthly report given- Looking positive, usually booked out for 12 months in advance now looking at bookings 2 years in advance. Lots of capital work needed at Manfield Park</p> <p>Deliberating on health and safety- bylaws, closed a road for a certain time period.</p>	

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		Future for Local Government- reducing voting age.	
		Any Other Business	
	Meeting Closed	8.42pm	
	Next Meeting	March 23 2023	