

Minutes

Himatangi Beach Community Committee Meeting

7pm 23rd May 2024

Himatangi Beach Community Hall

No.	Item		Action (who)
1	Procedural Matters	Meeting will be recorded for accurate minuting.	
1.1	Welcome	From Judy Howatson, (Chairperson) Would like to formally thank the organisations involved in recent events: Himatangi Beach and Foxton Beach fire brigades for their efforts during the flooding event, Cossie Club for their Anzac Day dawn service, and the Trust for their Volunteers Appreciation Dinner.	
1.2	Present/ Apologies	Present: Judy Howatson, John Hodder, Kevin Kelliher, Marty O'Fee, Alice Ebrey In Attendance: MDC: Andrew McQuarrie, Janine Hawthorn Bob Robertson, Nigel Barker (HB Trust - 1914hrs) Apologies: Te Awatea Ward, Helen Falkner, Dave Jack (CP), Trish Sanders	
1.3	Confirmation of Previous minutes	No previous minutes as no meetings since February	
1.4	Correspondence	Inwards: Emails: Janine Hawthorn (MDC): Trustee vacancies (forwarded to mailing list). Reply received Chris Rosvall. Janine Hawthorn (MDC): Annual Joint Chairs and Secretaries Community Committee Forum agenda Janine Hawthorn (MDC): Requesting council LTP presentation at upcoming meeting. Lorraine Thompson: Neighbourhood Support News (x2, April and May) MDC: Reminder about LTP Consultation open (x2) Lorraine Thompson: Neighbourhood Support Crime Alert Janine Hawthorn (MDC): Chairs and Secretaries satisfaction survey Alice Ebrey (Trust): Requesting Volunteers Dinner RSVP's Janine Hawthorn (MDC): Updated Community Committees Policy	

		<p>Sarah Deveau Welcoming Communities (MDC): Requesting referrals re positive immigrant stories (Judy replied suggesting HBVFB)</p> <p>Sarah Deveau Welcoming Communities (MDC): Forwarding police request for in re body found.</p> <p>Deb Bell (MDC) – sent direct to Judy, contamination of bottle recycling with general rubbish thrown in.</p> <p>Outwards: Emails: Janine Hawthorn/Andrew Quarrie (MDC): Judy emailed requesting info and updates around stormwater management planning and expenditure. Nick Galpin (MDC Emergency Management Officer): Requesting feedback around the lack of response to calls made to the after-hours number during the flooding event (sent by HBVFB CFO and Committee Chair)</p> <p>Feedback received via Community email (hbccfeedback@outlook.com): Nil</p>	
1.5	Matters Arising from Previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey- Reuben happy to send this out when wording is confirmed. Helen will help with this. Asked if anyone else was free to volunteer with this, negative. Asking community to choose between 3 things from the Community Plan for the committee to spend funds on. Alice and Reuben to approach James: funding for Peter Shaw memorial seat in the park. To be carried on as a community project via Parks & Property. Carl Johnstone has moved on from MDC 	<p>Helen</p> <p>Alice</p>
2		Items for Approval/Information	
2.1	Finances	MDC Community Project Funding Balance \$5955.37	
2.2	Community Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To move through the 3 items to be taken to the community for approval (mentioned in 1.5) Facebook survey and a notice in the shop window. Talk to others to see what people think. Can send thoughts and ideas to the feedback email address hbccfeedback@outlook.com To continue to build stronger ties with the Trust around community event collaborations. Community Hall fundraiser Matariki OpShop Ball June 29th. BYO. Supper provided. Nigel Barker providing the live music. Prizes for best dressed. 100% of ticket sales go to support the running of the hall. 	Judy
2.3	Community Projects	Progress on projects (what's been completed, what's been planned, timeline, issues, action). No current projects being actioned atm.	

		<p>Next project ideas to take to the community for feedback:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1: the walkway along the stream 2: local interpretive signage 3: dune sunset viewing platform and frame 	<p>Helen</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>General Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on stormwater investment - Still \$400k earmarked for this. Email from MDC Utilities manager, finding a solution is difficult due to the mixture of a high water table that rises with the high tide and no existing stormwater system. Options explored include soak pits, a gravity main, or increasing current pump capability, this option appeals most. Awaiting consent from Horizons regards upgrading pump and pipe, project to start in summer. Issues have been with the current contractor not keeping up with maintenance/sand clearing. How do we convey the importance of scheduled sand maintenance? Why are we still going around in this circle? We are again requesting a maintenance schedule and/or a scope of works that's been covered with the tender from Fulton Hogan. Stormwater will be Utilities but maintenance of the roading infrastructure comes under roading, an email to Wiremu copy Hamish should get a response with a copy of contracted works for us to be able to follow up whether it's being done. • Flooding Event/Council Response – Brigade CFO and Chair logged jobs with council, it was felt the after-hours call centre did not convey the emergency with any urgency in the passing of information. At least 6 calls made to council, 2 from FireCom, none passed along to Emergency Management Coordinator. The response was made that there wasn't sufficient alarm to trigger a response for it to flow through from the Palmerston North call centre. The question is, how do we get an escalated response? What's the criteria for escalation? If it's an emergency, what do we do? Councillor Quarrie is confident the lesson has been learned and moving forward there is a better response. The Committee and the community would like some assurances that the processes are being looked at so we can expect a response in future. • Update from Chair's and Secretary's Forum attended by Judy – Hamish Waugh spoke about infrastructure. Challenging relationship with Horizons. Fulton Hogan take over roading contract as of July 1st, for 3 years plus 3 plus 3. Will use local contractors. Adie Johansen gave an update on the the Community Hub Library which will open in July. First unstaffed after-hours library in the country with swipe card access for community groups. Parks, Halls and Property update from Carl Johnstone, Green by Nature is a larger conglomerate so they have a greater buying power, save ratepayers money by bulk-buying. Pest and fauna control, stream clearing and riparian planting starting soon. Stream will be cleared from Fire Lane through to Community Hall. Himatangi Beach Hall quake strengthening has been included in the Long Term Plan. There will be a review of the assessment with the new government now in power. District Plan Review Matthew Mackay, Manawatu Growth Strategies looking at how district villages are developed over the next 3-5 years, but also the next 30 years. Horizons Long Term Plan currently in consultation phase, MDC has to 	

		<p>work within Horizon’s plans on how village developments proceed. A large new development east of Feilding. Draft LTP update from David Gurney, feedback was overwhelmingly towards no cost-cutting of current services. Core infrastructure to be kept in place, and defer investing in the “nice-to-haves” and “want-to-haves”. Kerbside rubbish and recycling in Himatangi Beach has been put on hold due to rates impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A couple of queries regarding stream clearing, not upstream of Fire Lane? And will it be done in stages or in one hit. The assumption is all in one go. Decent rain upstream will help improve the water flow. Footpaths are again disappearing under sand. Jobs need to be logged with MDC. A job that’s been logged with council since 20th November 2023 still not completed (CCR 79710). Stormwater grate on Hunia Terrace with a very large gap close to the beach access walkway. The consequences if someone hits it at speed could be very extreme as the gap is large enough for a motorbike wheel or a person’s leg to fall through. • Meeting Frequency – After discussion around bi-monthly vs monthly, a majority committee vote was to continue to hold the meetings monthly. 	
3.1	Surf Club report	No report	
3.2	Fire Brigade report	29 Callouts so far year-to-date. Thanks from Logan for the support for his SkyTower Stair Challenge fundraising, Logan and George both made it to the top. Recruits have been training twice weekly, ready for their recruits course.	
3.3	Community Patrol report	<p>From the Coordinator Dave Jack: Over the last month three new members have joined the team bringing out total membership to 14.</p> <p>Limited numbers of COVID RATS test are still available.</p> <p>We have held meetings with the council Emergency Management Team regarding the CD radio installed in the patrol vehicle & the “singer” vehicle mounted warning system. Training on the use of the warning system is to be arranged.</p> <p>Nigel added another safety camera has recently been installed, covering the Himatangi PlayPark area. Also more signage is arriving, to advise visitors to the area that there are safety cameras in operation.</p>	
3.4	Community Trust report	Nothing to report, as meeting is still upcoming. Thanks passed along for the volunteers that helped with the dinner. Trust is asking for other volunteers that aren’t yet on a committee to get involved with events, so it’s not always the same people running events. A thanks to the Waitangi Day Picnic in the Park team of volunteers. A notice from Parks and Property to be displayed on the hall door regarding the earthquake strengthening assessment.	

4	Council Matters and Councillor Update	<p>Councillor Quarrie congratulated the community for a very successful Anzac Day turnout. He will be on leave the last two weeks of June, apologies for the June meeting.</p> <p>Council has been receiving submissions for LTP and assessing those submissions. Reports from Manfeild Park and Kitchener Park received. Representative grant recipients presented to council. CEDA 6 monthly report. Council on May 2nd debated whether it was worthwhile being a member of LGNZ. A bit of discontent around not enough representation or advocacy. Membership is \$50,000 and some councillors don't feel there is value for money in continuing membership. Kowhai Park aviaries were voted to be demolished and replaced with gardens, however the Bird Club may take over so further consultation is taking place. Feilding parking enforcement to be 75% general, 25% CBD. Parking behaviour has improved so enforcement may not need to be implemented.</p> <p>Janine Hawthorn in attendance, MDC will be recruiting for a replacement to fill the vacancy following Negin's resignation..</p>	Andrew
5	Any other business	<p>A question to Councillor Quarrie regarding consultation around Maori Wards. Council had to review and inform Government whether they were going to stay with a Maori Ward. Due to the narrow timeframe of the decision needed, no community consultation was undertaken and council debated the issue, the vote was divided but the majority vote was to retain the Maori Ward.</p>	
	Meeting closed:	8.40pm	
	Next Meeting	7pm 27 th June 2024	