

Himatangi Beach Community Meeting 26 February 2020

Apologies

Alec Mackay, Silvia Kavanagh

Present

Reuben Ebrey (minute taker), Sue Smith, Jason Kennerly, Rene and Renee Van de Weert, Brian Pinker, Penny Harrington, Judy Howatson, Debs Edwards, Graham Moore, Judy Douglas, Chris and Brian Rosvall, Alison Scott, Jan Lee, Lance Berry (Rongotea CC Chairman). Jon Hodder.

In attendance from Council:

Councillor Stewart Campbell (Liaison Councillor), Councillor Andrew Quarry (MDC), Michael Ford (Deputy Mayor), Matthew Mackay (Principal Policy Planner for MDC,) Kirk Lightbody (MDC Planning Team), Janine Hawthorn (MDC Community Development Advisor), Rebecca Bell (MDC Strategy Manager),

Presentation about Plan Change 65 by Matthew Mackay

The community has been asked to provide feedback about plan change 65 by the 6th of March.

Interested in the future of our coastline? Council has a proposal to recognise this as an Outstanding Natural Landscape.

Link 1: <https://www.mdc.govt.nz/Contact-Us/Have-Your-Say/Plan-Change-65-Outstanding-Natural-Features-Landscapes>

Link 2: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/52ba602401fd41bfb4f0ca42b5afabda>

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People can find out about upcoming District Plan Changes on this website page: <https://www.mdc.govt.nz/Services/Planning/District-Plan/Plan-Changes>

Matthew told us about his role at the council and the work he does in Future planning. Looking at the big picture of how the Manawatu wants to evolve.

We as a community need to give our input towards this planning so we can express how we want the community to grow into the future.

Feedback is required about the coastal link in regards to the areas highlighted of significance.

Other things to consider are, where we want future subdivisions to go around the village, rural succession, sewerage.

With this new planning it was expressed by Michael Ford that we can start with a “clean slate” and make future plans that better reflect what the community wants. We just need to tell them what we want.

There was feedback brought up by Lance Berry from Rongotea that there is a subdivision being planned in the district that is not expected to join the current sewerage scheme and locals are not happy about the possibility of effluent discharging into the groundwater.

There was an explanation made about the class 1 and 2 soils and how that may affect land use in the district.

Other feedback from residents were about the water quality and infrastructure for any urban growth around Himatangi beach.

There was discussion about the sand dunes with the following points raised

The council will be investing \$100,000 towards dune stabilization

The fences along the dunes are there to discourage people and vehicles in the dunes.

The acacia is building the sand dunes increasingly higher.

Appointment of Community Committee

The community was then asked to put forward nominations and volunteers for the community committee.

The following people have volunteered for the committee:

Sue Smith, John Hodder, Reuben Ebrey, Jason Kennerly, Penny Harrington, Brian Pinker, Judy Howatson.

The Committee will nominate officers at the March meeting. Meetings shall be held on the 3rd Thursday of each Month.

Council Update.

There have been only minor changes to the long term plan over the last 2 years so the council will not be going out to consultation on the 2020/21 Annual Plan.

Storm water upgrades have been planned for Himatangi beach.

City to sea cycleway has been endorsed by the council but they will not be putting any money towards it.

Money has been put aside towards the resealing of the tennis court at Himatangi Beach.

There could be challenges ahead for infrastructure with subdivisions in the district.

The council is requesting that the community provides feedback, with any ideas or requests for the next long-term plan.

Ideas that were suggested at the meeting were:

Increasing the amount of land available for commercial use in the village.

Repair work to Barling Street.

Widen the roads around the village.

Upgrade the vehicle access to the beach so that it is easier to be maintained.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19th at 7pm in the Community Hall.