

# Minutes

## Himatangi Beach Community Committee Meeting

Thursday, 28 October 2021 at 7.00 pm

### Himatangi Beach Community Hall

**Present:** Nigel Barker, Reuben Ebrey, Alice Ebrey, Debbie Edwards, Henry Stechron, Helen Falkner, Penny Harrington, Allan Cole, Julie Vowles, Theresa Williams, Laretta Wallace, Denise Wolfsbauer, Sylvia Kavanagh, Liz Doody, Marisa McGrath, Ursula Clark, Denise Bush, June Harris, Brian Pinker, Russell Neal, Renée van de Weert, René van de Weert, John Hodder, Judy Howatson

**Also in attendance:** Her Worship the Mayor, Helen Worboys, Councillor Stuart Campbell and Janine Hawthorn (Community Development Adviser, MDC).

No.	Item		Action (who)
1		<b>Procedural Matters</b>	
1.1	<b>Welcome</b>	<p>Her Worship the Mayor opened the meeting noting that the purpose of the meeting was to elect additional committee members.</p> <p>Her Worship the Mayor explained the role of the community committee noting that this was very different to a community board. She emphasised that Councillor Stuart Campbell and Janine Hawthorn were the committee's direct links to Council.</p> <p>Her Worship the Mayor explained the Community Committee Project Funding with an annual allocation of \$3,000 for the committee to spend on projects that would normally not be funded through Council's current operational budgets. There is an ability for the committee to roll over their funding from year to year towards a major project.</p> <p>Janine spoke about the Community Planning process which identifies short, medium and long term projects which links to the community's vision. There are currently 11 plans completed including Himatangi Beach Community Plan. With this plan now due for a review. It was suggested that this be done at the February Community Committee meeting.</p>	
1.2	<b>Nominations</b>	<p>Her Worship the Mayor called for nominations for the committee. The following nominations were received:</p> <p>Nigel Barker Judy Howatson John Hodder Sylvia Kavanagh Laretta Wallace Alice Ebrey Reuben Ebrey</p>	

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		<p>Kevin Kelliher Helen Falkner Ursula Clarke Liz Doody</p> <p>The above nominations were accepted and confirmed as members of the Himatangi Beach Community Committee.</p> <p>It was agreed that Office Holder positions would be confirmed at the next meeting.</p>	
1.2	<b>Confirmation of Minutes from the Previous meeting</b>	There were no minutes recorded for the previous Himatangi Beach Community Committee meeting held on 24 June 2021.	
1.3	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<p><b>Operational Expenditure vs Rates Collected</b></p> <p>A schedule of operational expenditure vs rates collected at Himatangi Beach had previously been requested and was tabled at the meeting on 24 June 2021. This schedule was tabled again for the information of those present. Her Worship the Mayor suggested that meeting attendees take the information away to digest and to come back to the next meeting with any questions.</p>	
2		<b>Items for Approval/Information</b>	
2.1	<b>Finances</b>	<p>Balance of the Himatangi Beach Community Committee Project Fund for 2021/22 is \$3,000.00.</p> <p>It was noted that \$10,000.00 had also been tagged from the Community Planning budget towards the upgrade of the tennis courts/skatepark.</p>	
2.2	<b>Community Plan</b>	To be reviewed at the February meeting.	
2.3	<b>Community Projects</b>	<p><b>Recycling Centre Update</b></p> <p>No update was available on the moving back of the recycling bins.</p> <p>It was noted that there was a problem over the long weekend with bins not being emptied prior to the weekend resulting in them overflowing. The contractors had come out during the week prior but as the bins were not full at that time they did not empty what was there.</p> <p><b>Tennis Court</b></p> <p>It was noted that contractors had been engaged to resurface the tennis court, depending on weather, this would occur in November. There will be a period of</p>	Council's Utilities Team

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		<p>approximately two weeks where the courts will not be able to be used. There will also be some associated fencing work done.</p> <p><b>Barling Street</b></p> <p>The original issue was the state of Barling Street particularly with it being narrow which causes safety issues with cars speeding and not being enough room to pass oncoming traffic safely without needing to go on the verge. It was also causing issues when the school bus came through each day.</p> <p>Speed cushions was suggested as an alternative by the Roading Team. A location map of where these speed cushions would be located was tabled.</p> <p>It was also noted that the state of the Himatangi Beach Road needed to be addressed. It had been recently patched but the water is pooling. The sides of the road need debris to be scrapped as well as the overgrown grass.</p> <p><b>Beach Access</b></p> <p>Her Worship the Mayor gave an update on the work which had been done in the last couple of days. It was noted that the “No Stopping” signs were missing and need to be replaced to avoid cars parking along this area which makes it difficult for emergency vehicles to get access as they are being blocked by cars.</p> <p>It was asked if Council could clear the sand more regularly than what it was doing to keep the access clear and safe. It was requested that a plan for clearing be put in place by Council by summer.</p> <p><b>Bollards</b></p> <p>The question of safety with the bollards had been raised as they are hard to see in the dark. Her Worship the Mayor confirmed that Council’s Contractors had been asked to put reflectors on the bollards.</p> <p><b>Public Toilets</b></p> <p>Her Worship the Mayor reported that the public toilets are due for an upgrade with painting, new doors and shower partitions. It was requested if the committee could be consulted on the colour scheme.</p> <p><b>Skate Park</b></p> <p>Her Worship the Mayor reported that Council’s Parks and Property Team were working with an experienced</p>	<p>Council’s Roading Team</p> <p>Council’s Parks and Property Team</p> <p>Council’s Parks and Property Team</p>

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		<p>contractor in skate park design and construction to upgrade the current skatepark with installing additional modules which will be transferred from the Feilding South Street skatepark which is expected to commence in late November.</p> <p><b>Security Cameras</b></p> <p>It was suggested that the community committee approach the Himatangi Beach Community Trust to apply to Central Energy Trust on its behalf for funding towards the cost of installing security cameras. Her Worship the Mayor confirmed that she would do a letter of support for an application. Applications to CET close the first Friday of May and November each year.</p>	Committee
<b>3</b>		<b>Group Updates</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Group Reports</b>	<p><b>Community Patrol</b></p> <p>René noted that they were now putting their updates on Facebook as well as in the Beach Press.</p> <p><b>Fire Brigade</b></p> <p>Judy thanked Council for removing the temporary speed signs on Himatangi Beach Road. The Brigade was currently recruiting for volunteers. It is currently Open Fire Season so anyone wishing to light a fire needs to call first before lighting it.</p> <p><b>Surf Club</b></p> <p>No update</p>	
<b>4</b>		<b>Council Matters</b>	
		<p>Her Worship the Mayor and Cr Campbell gave an update on the following:</p> <p>Three Waters – Council hasn't given up. The matter has got very political. They are disappointed in the Government's decision renegeing on the opting out option. The proposed Bill however will be going through a Select Committee so there is still time with 75% of Councils coming together in protest.</p> <p>Two new General Managers have been appointed. One for Community and one for Regulatory. The Chief Executive has made some sweeping changes to improve the flow of work internally.</p> <p>Covid Preparedness – continuing with messaging through social media to encourage those residents in</p>	

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		the district who are not yet vaccinated to get vaccinated.	
5		<b>Other Business</b>	
		<p>Allan Cole asked Her Worship the Mayor what has happened since the onsite meeting and tour of the town was done in April where issues of concern had been raised. He noted that some grading of part of the footpath had been done but nothing else. He expressed his disappointment that Himatangi Beach is not being maintained and is being neglected by Council.</p> <p>Brian Pinker raised the issue of the continuing flooding occurring on Hunia Crescent and Te Kiri Street whenever it rains. He noted that residents in this area were currently pulling together a petition to Council. Damage is being caused to vehicles that are being caught up in the flooded areas. Residents believe that enough is not being done to get stormwater away quickly, sumps are not being regularly cleaned and are constantly blocked. Flooding issues have been ongoing for at least 16 years. What was put in place for stormwater to go out to the beach hasn't worked causing water to backup. The pump hasn't been working for a couple of years. Residents have had enough and want action.</p> <p>Her Worship the Mayor gave an undertaking that she would take the above matters back to Council and will bring back a response for the next meeting.</p> <p>Julie Vowles asked what was happening with the Palmerston North City Council's option for the city's wastewater to be discharged to the beach. Her Worship the Mayor noted that the preferred option for the Palmerston North City Council was for a discharge to land and river. There is still quite a lengthy process to go through in order to get Resource Consent which more often than not it ends up going to the Environment Court.</p> <p>Penny Harrington enquired about the new Ohakea Water Supply and connecting the beach to this supply. Her Worship the Mayor confirmed that connecting up the Himatangi Beach water supply to the Ohakea supply was the most cost effective option but that this would be reliant on what happens with Three Waters.</p> <p>Her Worship the Mayor thanked everyone for attending the meeting and confirmed that answers to matters raised at tonight's meeting would be brought back to the next meeting.</p>	HWTM

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	<b>Meeting Closed</b>	8.36 pm	
	<b>Next Meeting</b>	25 November 2021 at 7.00 pm	