

Confirmed Minutes: Meeting of Hiwinui Community Committee



Name:	Hiwinui Community Committee
Date:	Tuesday 19th September, 2023
Time:	7:30 to 8:45pm
Location:	Hiwinui School Staff Room
Committee Members Present:	Blair Alabaster (Chairperson), Tracey Mouat (Secretary), Erin Wheeler (Principal), Duncan Baker (Hiwinui School BOT Chair), Sean Hurley, Phil Pirie, Richard Ramson, Rod Smillie
Manawatu District Council Representation:	Cr Fiona Underwood (Community Liaison Councillor)
Apologies:	Negin Nema (MDC Community Wellbeing Officer)
Guests:	Nil
Conflict of Interest:	Nil

Ser	Item	Responsibility
1.	Welcome	
1a.	Blair welcomed all to the meeting, and passed on his thanks to Phil for coordinating the mulch for the Melford Lane planting prep.	N/A
2.	Apologies	
2a.	See above	N/A
3.	Quorum (50% of eight members)	
3a.	Yes	N/A
4.	Additional items for the agenda	
4a.	The following will be added to General Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil 	N/A
5.	Minutes of the last meeting	
5a.	The minutes of the Hiwinui Community Committee held on 19th August 2023 having been circulated, were approved as a true and correct record of that meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Moved: Sean Hurley Seconded: Rod Smillie Carried</i> 	N/A
6.	Matters arising from the minutes	
6a.	Nil	N/A
7.	Correspondence	
7a.	A summary of correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence re: predator eradication prgm 	
8.	Financial Report	
8a.	Community Committee Project funding: \$8,602.33 Community Planning Projects (pathways): \$12,032.20	N/A
9.	School in the Community	
9a.	It's been a busy school term, in the last week of school. There is a Working Bee this	N/A

	weekend to coordinate the new playground, and the Envirogroup has a Melford Lane planting day this Thursday.	
10. MDC Report		
10a.	See attached submission from Cr Underwood (Annex B) Tracey to post a reminder of 'What Matters Manawatū' and 'Have Your Say' on the District Plan Review. Draft Plan March/April 2023.	N/A Tracey
11. Review of Hiwinui Community Plan Areas of Focus/Objectives.		
11a.	<u>A3: Engage with Council through submissions on the District Plan Review and the Long-Term Plan to communicate the community's vision and aspirations detailed in the Community Plan.</u> Blair received an email fm MDC on 22 Aug 23 acknowledging receipt of our letter.	N/A
11b.	<u>A4: investigate the feasibility of installing additional security cameras to those already in place at the school:</u> We are awaiting a scope/pricing/options from Datacomms.	Richard
11c.	<u>A5: Establish a predator eradication programme to promote birdlife in our community:</u> Tracey is submitting a grant request for \$1,000 on behalf of the school. There is an additional \$494.00 to pay for the wooden box materials, and \$150.00 towards traps above the \$1,000 grant. Motion: That the Hiwinui Community Committee will fund the balance of the traps if the grant is approved. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>Moved: Rod Smillie Seconded: Tracey Mouat Carried</i>	Rod Tracey
11d.	<u>B1: Reflect a safe walkable rural community by extending the current lime walking and cycleway pathway.</u> Richard is working with the contractor, who has agreed to continue to support the extension of our pathways. An estimate of \$15.50/m to build pathways is the planning figure (plus culverts/tree trimming as required). The priority was confirmed as: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To vicinity 304 Watershed Rd (approx 650m; \$10,075).2. To extend towards Ashhurst Rd to Sarah Stevens house;3. To extend down Reid Line East to vicinity 906 Reid Line East.	Richard R
11e.	<u>B3: Establish and maintain plantings in the Hiwinui Community:</u> The planting day will be this Thursday. Richard requires assistance at 11am on Thursday (to dig holes to prep for the students to plant). A planting day would be coordinated with school students to plant these before the end of the term.	Richard R/ Erin
11f.	<u>B7: Investigate recreation/walking tracks across private land to the Gorge Track and the Herb Farm:</u> Richard discussed with Shane (contractor doing our paths). There is some material that is excess from the highway construction that would be useful to support our pathways, that would benefit both parties (metal/pipes etc). Richard will continue to discuss options with Shane, and include Shane in our planning. Richard discussed with Karl (MDC) about linking the track with the Feilding/Bunnythorpe via Nannestad Line or Dixons Line. There needs to be a wider plan to link up to other tracks rather than terminating in Hiwinui. (linking to Feilding pathway). The three stages are: Stage 1: Watershed Rd to Grove Rd. Stage 2: Grove Rd to Ashhurst. Stage 3: Reid Line East to Bunnythorpe/Feilding via Nannestad/Dixons Line (TBC). To progress this, Phil will develop plans that support the above plans, and engage with remaining landowners once they are available (currently away), and then meet with the Te Ahu a Turanga team.	Richard R Phil

11g.	<u>B8: Improve the visibility for drivers on the Watershed and Colyton Road intersection:</u> MoE still investigating the bus route. Tracey will remind the community about logging 'near miss' or accidents.	Tracey
11h.	<u>C4: Establish and maintain an Emergency Community Response Plan.</u> The Hiwinui Community Committee will submit a grant request to the Central Energy Trust in the 1 Nov 23 funding round for a generator. Progressing work with Simon Morris, with signoff by AlfDowns. Awaiting quotes to progress.	Richard R/ Tracey
12. General Business		
12a.	<u>Cabinet Painting.</u> Charlie Askin (local art student) will design this over the school holidays, with the intent of painting this over the summer holidays. Tracey will keep in touch with Charlie on design.	Tracey
12b.	<u>Kelvin Grove Road.</u> Phil raised the degradation of this road, with no plan to fix this. qThe committee will re-raise the letter that was sent several years ago, and request that if the timeframe for extensive refurbishment is not brought forward, that a maintenance programme is established for Kelvin Grove Road in order to re.	TBC
12c.	<u>Recent Storm Event.</u> In future we can be more proactive - put a post up that checks on the community to see if anyone needs any assistance (people can then comment on this)	All
13. MDC Action Points		
13a.	The Hiwinui Community Committee requested to have engagement (ie a Public Meeting) in Hiwinui) during the 'Review Feedback & Proposals' phase.	N/A
14. Meeting Closure		
14a.	The meeting was closed at 8:45pm.	N/A
14b.	The next meeting of the Hiwinui Community Committee will be held Tuesday 16th October 2023, 7:30pm at Hiwinui School Staff Room.	N/A

List of Appendices and Annexures

Appendix A:	Community Plan Areas of Focus and Objectives		
Annex A:	Action List Summary from Minutes		
Annex B:	MDC Report Summary		
Signed: (for chairperson)	<i>Tracey Mouat</i>	Date:	17 October 2023

Action List Summary		
Ref	Action Required	Responsibility
10a.	Promote 'what matters Manawatu' on facebook	Tracey
11b.	Contact Datacomms to get detail around installation of security camera	Richard
11c.	Once grant funding is confirmed, purchase additional requirements for predator eradication prgm.	Rod
11d.	Continue to develop pathway extension options (B1 on Community Plan)	Richard R
11e.	Coordinate planting day at Hiwinui School for Melford Lane (B3 on Community Plan)	Blair/Richard/Erin
11f.	Develop plans to support pathways, engage with remaining landowners once they are available (currently away), and then meet with the Te Ahu a Turanga team.	Phil/Richard
11g.	Follow up with MoE re: intersection and post a reminder on Facebook regarding reporting of accidents and near misses.	Tracey
11h.	Obtain quotes/submit grant in time for 1 Nov	Tracey/Richard
12a.	Maintain contact re: cabinet painting	Tracey
12b.	Communicate with PNCC re: KGR	TBC

Council Update September 2023

Council meetings lately have mostly involved routine matters such as Road Stoppings, acceptance of committee meeting minutes and the approval of road closures for the Daybreaker Rally that starts in Feilding on Friday 22 September 2023.

Ten further submissions made on behalf of Manawatu District Council were presented to Council covering the period 20 June to 11 August 2023, as listed below.

1. Second Emissions Reduction Plan
2. Conditions of contract for building and civil engineering construction
3. Water Services Entities Amendment Bill
4. Proposed changes to parking requirements
5. Consultation on proposed changes to the Resource Management (Stock Exclusion) Regulations 2020
6. One Plan water allocation framework
7. Let's Build a Better Consenting System Together
8. Strengthening the resilience of Aotearoa New Zealand's Critical Infrastructure System
9. Review of the NZ Emissions Trading Scheme
10. A permanent NZ Forest Category

(Full submissions can be viewed in the Council agenda for 17 August 2023 beginning on page 16).

Council appointed a new Commissioner to the District Licensing Committee and reappointed two existing members, for a five year term. Council adopted the Liability Management Policy, a policy that provides Council with appropriate parameters to prudently manage borrowing activities and external liabilities. (The policy can be viewed in the agenda for 7 September 2023, beginning at page 69).

Council adopted the Investment Policy, a policy that provides guidance on the approach Council will take when managing investments on behalf of the community. (The policy can be viewed in the agenda for 7 September 2023, beginning at page 80).

Go to www.feildinglibrary.co.nz and click on 'School Holiday Fun' to find out what daily activities are planned for the school holidays. The library now has a Play Trailer, which will make its debut on Friday 6 October at Rural Day.

Long-term Plan community early engagement events have come to an end but you can still have your say by going to the MDC website. Click on homepage banner What Matters Manawatu? Share your ideas and hopes for the district and view the timeline for setting of budgets, drafting of Long-term Plan and community consultation.

On the MDC website 'Have Your Say' tab, you can get information and provide feedback on the District Plan Review.

Hiwinui Community Plan

Our Community Vision: *Hiwinui is a safe, walkable, socially connected and environmentally conscious community where sustainable future growth and development reflect the character of our rural environment.*

Area of Focus: Rural Character

Hiwinui is a rural place and we want to maintain our unique rural character in the community and our school

ACTION / IDEA	WHO TO INVOLVE	FIRST ACTION	
A1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to advocate for a rural lifestyle zone taking into account the community's desire to maintain a minimum lot size to retain rural character, with consideration given to community infrastructure requirements for more intensive housing (eg septic tanks, stormwater and roading). 	MDC + Landowners in the rural lifestyle zone + Hiwinui Community Committee	MDC to consult with the Hiwinui Community Committee and the community Council to investigate where stormwater is going eg Bridge before Dixon's Line
A2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore opportunities for future development of facilities and land for the community's use 	MDC + Hiwinui School Board of Trustees (on behalf of the Ministry of Education) + Hiwinui Community	Hiwinui School Board of Trustees to continue communicating with the Hiwinui Community Committee
A3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hiwinui community continue to work together and engage with Council through submissions on the District Plan Review and the Long-Term Plan to communicate the community's vision and aspirations detailed in the Community Plan 	Hiwinui Community Committee	Hiwinui Community Committee to consult with MDC
A4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate the feasibility of installing additional security cameras to those already in place at the school 	Hiwinui Community Committee	Hiwinui Community Committee to investigate feasibility
A5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a predator eradication programme to promote birdlife in our community 	Hiwinui Community Committee and potential partners (Horizons, Trusts/Grants, Env't Network Manawatu)	Hiwinui Community Committee to consult with Horizons Regional Council and/or other agencies on pest control

Area of Focus: Safe Movement for Everyone

We want our community to be a place where movement is safe for everyone and we can safely drive, walk or cycle

ACTION / IDEA	WHO TO INVOLVE	FIRST ACTION	
B1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the MDC, landowners and the community to improve Watershed Road and Reid Line East to reflect a safe walkable rural community by extending the current lime walking and cycleway pathway. 	MDC + Landowners in the rural lifestyle zone + Hiwinui Community	MDC to meet with Hiwinui Community Committee to discuss options
B2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to review the speed limits for Hiwinui with a view to having variable speed limits from 60 to 40 past the school and a reduction of the current 100 to 80 from the corners of Watershed Road including painting the 80 on the road at both ends 	MDC + Hiwinui Community Committee	MDC to continue with the review of speed limit appropriateness for Hiwinui
B3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and maintain plantings in the Hiwinui Community 	MDC + Hiwinui Community Committee	Arrange plants from MDC and organise a working bee to plant them
B4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate options to improve school entry by installing a pedestrian crossing and supporting Hiwinui School parking needs 	MDC, MOE + Hiwinui Community Committee + Hiwinui School Board of Trustees	MDC, Hiwinui Community Committee to meet Min. of Ed and identify process to review school pedestrian and parking needs
B5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To work with Hiwinui School, as required, to ensure the health and safety of children moving to and from school, in particular wearing hi-vis and how this can be reinforced with students and parents. 	MDC + Hiwinui School Board of Trustees (on behalf of the Ministry of Education) + Hiwinui Community	Hiwinui School Board of Trustees to continue communicating with the Hiwinui Community Committee
B6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify safe locations along walking paths for viewing the landscape and consider locating seating and history boards here 	MDC + interested land owners	Hiwinui Community Committee to meet MDC to progress
B7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate recreation/walking tracks across private land to the Gorge Track and the Herb Farm 	MDC + Hiwinui Community Committee	Hiwinui Community Committee to arrange meeting with rural landowners to consider informal path network interest
B8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the visibility for drivers on the Watershed and Colyton Road intersection 	MDC + Hiwinui Community Committee	Hiwinui Community Committee to advocate to Council for improvements by submitting to each Annual Plan and Long Term Plan
B9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to advocate for roading improvements along Kelvin Grove Road with the Palmerston North City Council 	PNCC + Hiwinui Community Committee	Hiwinui Community Committee to advocate to Council for improvements by submitted to each Annual Plan and Long Term Plan

Area of Focus: Community Connectedness

The school is our social hub and we should build on this to make it a place for the whole community

ACTION / IDEA	WHO TO INVOLVE	FIRST ACTION
C1 • Work with the community to establish the best method to maintain a network of communications	Hiwinui Community Committee + Hiwinui School	Committee to maintain database for emailing, facebook, and letter drops, or texting as well as develop a welcome pack for new residents
C2 • Work with Hiwinui School and the Hiwinui Community Committee to develop an annual programme of events for the Hiwinui community - this should connect with all people, not just the school community. It can also identify any interest groups that might meet more regularly. This could include regular community get togethers eg pot luck dinners, intercommunity events eg cricket match against Colyton community, letterbox decorating competition at Christmas, a Food Drive, Quiz Night, and promotion of other interest group meetings in the area	Hiwinui Community Committee + Hiwinui School	Committee to meet and develop a programme of events
C3 • Investigate options for having a community space / spaces that may include a green space, hall or community centre that can be connected with the school	Hiwinui Community Committee	Committee to discuss options that could be investigated further
C4 • Establish and maintain a Emergency Community Response Plan	MDC + Hiwinui Community Committee	Work with MDC Emergency Management Team on training and keeping the plan up to date
C5 • Investigate the feasibility of installing a "book box" for the community's use in sharing books	Hiwinui Community Committee	Survey the residents to see whether there is an interest in installing a "book box"
C6 • Advocate for an improved cell phone coverage for the community	MDC + Hiwinui Community Committee	Advocate to Chorus for improved cell phone coverage
C7 • Explore enhanced recycling and/or education of recycling options for Hiwinui Community. This may include collection of unwanted/expired chemicals at a set event, enhanced recycling options for the community, and/or working with council on education around waste minimisation.	Hiwinui Community Committee + School + MDC	Refine options