

## Pohangina Valley Community Committee Meeting

Minutes from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 7.00pm at County Fayre

**Present:** Liz Besley, Yvonne Forlong, Julie-Ann Bolton, Cr. Phil Marsh, Simon Francis, Kim Archibald, Marty Pratt, Martin Lee.

1		<b>Procedural Matters</b>	<b>Action/Carried</b>
1.	<b>Apologies</b>	Jo Morris-Kynoch, Mary Nettle, Janine Hawthorn, Mayor Helen Worboys, Ade Walcroft Cnst. Mark Dickins	Y Forlong/P Marsh Carried
1.2	<b>Correspondence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Email 18 Aug ex Lyn Daly, GM Community for MDC re Library Services Also Anton Carter PNCC. See 2.19</b></li> <li>• <b>Email 4 Aug ex Stacy Eagle re Community Funding applications.</b></li> <li>• <b>8, 28 Sept ex Bobbi Eades, CEDA's Marketing &amp; Comms Manager re Raumai Layby Map upgrade.</b></li> <li>• Note - Phil Marshs new email is pbmarsh2@gmail.com</li> </ul>	Marty Pratt/ Y.Forlong Carried
1.3	<b>Confirmation Previous Minutes</b>	That the minutes from the previous meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 be carried as a true and correct record	JA.Bolton/ Simon Francis Carried
1.4	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<p>Martin Lee attended meeting to address ongoing library access issues.</p> <p>Marty Pratt raised a dangerous road issue on Valley Road and non existent maintenance of Spur Road over the last 12 months</p> <p>Kim updated us regarding the No 4 Line Ottoseal trial for dust reduction</p>	
<b>2</b>		<b>Items for Approval/Information</b>	

2.1	Finances	<p><b>2022/23 Pohangina Valley Community Committee Funding as at 29 Sept 2022</b></p> <p><b>Community Committee Project Fund</b></p> <p><b>Opening Balance</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$7,241.42</b></span>  No change  <b>Closing Balance</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$7,241.42</b></span></p> <p><b>Community Planning Budget</b></p> <p><b>Opening Balance</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$24,894.48</b></span>  Cross Hills Labels for trees <span style="float: right;">\$94.78</span>  DL Trees – mulch <span style="float: right;">\$200.00</span>  <b>Closing Balance</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$24,599.70</b></span></p> <p><b>PVC Trust a/c</b></p> <p><b>Opening Balance</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$3,059.14</b></span>  No change  <b>Closing Balance</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>\$3,059.14</b></span></p> <p>The only change to the financial report is 2 accounts for payment of tree labels at \$94.78 and mulch at \$200.00</p>	JABolton /L Besley Carried
2.2	Emergency Management	<p>The Community Activated Emergency Centre Training Day was held on 27 August 1pm – 3 pm at County Fayre. Vicki Wills ran the session, in the absence of Jeff Graham, MDC’s Senior Emergency Adviser, on how to set the Centre up in an emergency going through the guide booklet. She also went through the supplied kit. As a result Sam and Sonya will be doing ongoing work regarding radio checks and handheld radios and connectivity for handhelds. They will report to Liz for next meeting. Full EM Training report available.</p> <p>Yvonne and Liz worked on Community Recovery &amp; Response Plan which was due for renewal and sent comments to Vicki Wills, MDC’s Community Response Manager.</p>	Liz Besley Action
2.3	PVCC Protocol	<p>The PVCC decided not to host a Meet the Candidates Evening and instead attend one of the meetings in a nearby community. This will reduce pressure and better manage the logistics for candidates. There was one on Monday 12 Sept 7.30pm Kimbolton, and one on Tues 13 Sept 7.30pm at Hiwinui, which Yvonne and CR Phil Marsh attended.</p> <p>On behalf of the Pohangina Community Committee we extend sincere thanks to Phil Marsh for his support as our liaison officer for the past three years. Your commitment, advice and sense of humour have been highly valued. Cr Marsh reported that voting is currently at 24% of eligible voters which is normal level. He commented that there will be 5 new councillors and it will take some time to get them up to speed so we need to be prompt with our funding requests. He noted that current MDC debt level sits at \$88million.</p>	
2.3.1	PVCC Community Funding	No report	

2.4	<b>River Access</b>	No report	
2.5	<b>Raumai Reserve</b>	No report	
2.6	<b>Pohangina Recreation Reserve</b>	<p>The tree planting working bee was attended by approximately 40 people and went very well. ADP design have donated a wooden seat, that will be installed by the Lions at a future date. ADP Design needs to be added to the sponsor board which is full so Yvonne will organise extension for the board via Brushstrokes signmakers.</p> <p>It was noted there is still a very wet patch in the corner of the cricket ground and more drainage work needs to be investigated to rectify this. See full report for further details. The Pullars donated the emguards which are placed around trees for rabbit protection. The next phase is further pathway construction.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that Cam Bird has done a fabulous job of the fencing. Janine Hawthorn is following up RAPID numbers for the yards and pavilion. There was some discussion around fencing near the yards which Marty will investigate and report back. Full Reserve report available.</p>	<p>Yvonne Forlong Action</p> <p>Janine Hawthorn Action</p> <p>Marty Pratt Action</p>
2.7	<b>Pohangina Wetlands Project</b>	Wetlands Trustees generously sponsored 5 trees for the Domain and attended the working bee helping with planting	
2.8	<b>Pohangina Valley Community Trust</b>	No update	
2.9	<b>ANZAC DAY</b>	No update	
2.10	<b>PVCC Newsletter and Website</b>	Thanks Julie Ann for your continued work gathering and collating content for the newsletters. The community are hugely appreciative of the hours you put in- the product is top notch with each edition seeming to surpass the previous one. This is also on the website: <a href="https://pohanginavalley.nz/">https://pohanginavalley.nz/</a> Julie Ann sent out the last newsletter on 11 August and is in the process of gathering news for the October digital edition. Julie Ann has had feedback regarding the hardcopy which people seem to enjoy having and so is considering printing a reduced number of hardcopies for distribution. She is investigating other printers for a better deal.	<p>JA Bolton Action</p>
2.11	<b>Community Action Plan</b>	No update	
2.12	<b>Bus Shelter</b>	Yvonne to follow up with Cristine again re the artwork for the bus shelter	<p>Yvonne Forlong Action</p>
2.13	<b>Signage Project</b>	No update	
2.14	<b>Annual 10 yr plan</b>	No update	
2.15	<b>Valley Road Lookout</b>	No update	
2.16	<b>Pohangina Hall Committee</b>	<p>Emails from Carrie Naylor-Williams and Elisha Cousins 9 Aug. Acknowledged \$1000 from PVCC. There is a new hall committee consisting of Mike and Sam Etheridge, Julie Ann Bolton, Craig. The old committee members have stated they are still happy to help at events.</p> <p>There is several events planned for next year and upgrades of heating and general maintenance. Applications have been made to MDC and Central Energy Trust for hot water upgrade and heat pumps.</p>	

2.17	<b>Pohangina School and Pool</b>	Old School usage over last 4 months was 17 bookings. A number of maintenance issues have been raised and a working bee will be held soon to deal with them. The pool will be drained, cleaned and refilled early November ready for a beginning of December opening.	
2.18	<b>County Fayre</b>	<p>Kim reported on behalf of CF. The heat pumps have been installed. Central Energy Trust has paid 75% of this cost. The lighting in the gallery has been upgraded.</p> <p>Fathers Day was well attended and a Reader/Writer Mini festival was attended by 23 people. There were 6 speakers and practical sessions.</p> <p>The Manawatu Art Trail is mid October and Down Hill Walk early November. The committee have decided on family pass for the walk for 2 adults and up to 6 children.</p> <p>Third Friday of the month Drinks and Nibbles wont be held in October as is Labour weekend. The Old School will be hosting Novembers and December Drinks and nibbles events.</p>	
2.19	<b>Library</b>	<p>Email sent to Lyn Daly about her interpretation of the PVCC meeting outcome regarding the library. Liz's response, sent on 28 August, clarified the PVCC's understanding which was in line with the minutes. A further response from Lyn on 5 Sept noted there will be a follow up from the MDC library team to look at ways of enhancing the current service. On 18 Sept Liz emailed Lyn with data on Ashhurst library usage by Pohangina residents which Julie Ann had attained following discussions with the librarian. With 191 active borrowers (35 children, 82 country members pay-per-item, 5 full country member subscribers, 12 non-resident rate payers and 43 young adults) it was suggested that the numbers warranted further discussion with PNCC. Lyn acknowledged the email and will respond again after meeting with her PNCC counterpart the first week in Oct. Kim Archibald has looked at County Fayre library usage figures with 20 books over the last 6 months amongst 7 individuals. Cr Phil Marsh gave some history of the long running library debate regarding usage of Ashhurst and PN libraries by MDC ratepayers. A lot of valley residents still feel that Ashhurst is their hub library.</p> <p>Phil to forward Martin Lees email to Lyn.</p> <p>Martin commented that during his time in the Canterbury Library system all the remote libraries were closed due to running challenges. Julie Ann commented that the library is an important part of this community and used to be used more and the reduced usage is due to lack of books. A book exchange was due for August and hasn't occurred and we were told that other books from Feilding Library would be brought to the Pohangina Library while the upgrade was happening to the Feilding Library. This also has not occurred.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the discussion, it was decided that a subcommittee of JA Bolton, Martin Lee, Kim Archibald, Phil Marsh (and Jo Morris Kynoch) will consider next action required. Kim Archibald to email group to commence planning.</p>	<p>Phil Marsh Action</p> <p>Kim Archibald Action</p>
2.20	<b>New resident packs</b>	25 Aug email from Janine Hawthorn re new resident information packs followed by email from Halcombe CC on how they are producing a local phone book. After discussion it was decided that Kim and Yvonne would find	

		out further information and put together a draft of what could be included in the packs.	Kim Archibald Yvonne Forlong Action
3	<b>Other Business</b>	Ashhurst Health Centre is now up and running. The official opening was postponed. Yvonne to find out when this might be.	Yvonne Forlong Action
3.1	<b>MDC Report</b>	Report from Councillor Phil Marsh – Phil has had his final council meeting. He suggested any submissions for the annual plan be done expeditiously.	
3.2	<b>School Reserve</b>	No update	
3.3	<b>Branch Road Walkway</b>	There is some track maintenance required with fallen pine trees on the track. Cam and Steve Bird to attend to this.	
3.4	<b>Village Signs</b>	Bobbi Eades at CEDA reports that the newly updated signage at Raumai was installed on 29 September. The large map and information board has been updated for the first time since 2013. The state of the fence surround will be addressed. Sincere thanks to Mary Nettle for all the research she did into updating and providing feedback to CEDA, for keeping the brochure holder occupied and initiating the writing of the newsletter article. From now on Angy Bakker who owns the adjacent property will restock the new brochures as required. A Library sign was requested and Kim will raise with CF committee and utilise with CF Open sign potentially.	Kim Archibald Action
3.5	<b>Konewa Shared Pathway</b>	No report	
3.6	<b>Totara Reserve Advisory Group</b>	Meeting held via zoom on 18 August 9.00-11.00am. The draft Spatial Plan has been reviewed and feedback sent to Boffa Miskell to finalise.	
3.7	<b>Village road marking</b>	No update	
3.8	<b>Police Report</b>	No report	
3.9	<b>No 4 Line update</b>	Update from Kim Archibald.  <i>06/05/22.</i> Helen Hill, Martin Lee and Kim Archibald attend “Meet the Mayor” at Feilding Library to discuss the dust and maintenance issue on No 4 Line, request a roadside meeting so as to physically look at the situation.  <i>15/06/22.</i> Roadside meeting with Helen Worboys, Hamish Waugh and 14 Residents. Discuss health aspect of airborne dust, poor maintenance for the past 10+ years and water table/drainage problems. Request water testing and cost analysis in regard to tarseal option or continue with always needing maintenance and/or a dust suppressant. Health and safety concerns were raised.  <i>05/08/22.</i> Email from Helen Worboys, with Hamish Waugh Ccd in, advising No 4 Line residents that MDC intend trialing the Otta Seal on No 4 line in October, if the treatment is successful MDC shall use the same treatment on other roads in the district.  <i>07/08/22.</i> Residents meet to discuss the outcome of the meeting with MDC and all present happy to be the road that trials this roading system, however general concern was the water table and drainage issues be	

		<p>addressed prior to this work, water testing take place now to know what the baseline is now and confirmation as to what chemicals are in the product. Actions to happen immediately was to get water testing done, email all residents to advise of pending work to happen in October, attach the 51 page Otta Seal document so that all residents understood the product and process.</p> <p>12/08/22. 8am Higgins utes, rollers, tanks with hot mix and Traffic Management vehicles arrived on site and proceeded to place cones and signs from the top of Awahou South Road to the top of No 4 Line. Alarm bells were ringing... I, personally approach a Higgins driver to ask why they were here now, questioning the fact that no prep had been done to the road surface and the water table/drainage issues had not been addressed. I advised him of our current communication with Helen Worboys and Hamish Waugh and that the time frame was October and the need to address residents' concerns. Also asked why weren't given notification that the road was going to be on a Stop/Go for the day...answer to that question is that "It's just a gravel road and we do not have to notify residents of our work."</p> <p>Attempts were made to find someone from MDC to assure us that this work was indeed meant to be happening now, however no one was available due to the roading management team being in a Three Waters meeting. Eventually, at 11am, Joe Botha arrived onsite and a discussion was had between, Joe, Martin, Helen (via a phone call) and myself, "yes they intend doing the Otta Seal on this day". Preparing the road or the water/drainage issues was not required. The water table and drainage will be addressed asap. After much anguish and frustration, with Joe Botha admitting to all present, including workers, that MDC has not communicated well and he accepted full responsibility for the situation. We admitted defeat and left the site.</p> <p>As residents we feel that MDC have handled this so wrong, it is a "Trial"! It is, however, potentially set to fail due to the lack of preparation to the road and the water problems. You would have thought a pretrial water sample test would have been important to set a baseline, as would addressing the water table and drainage problems and more importantly the road base, which was marginal at best. This Otta Trial Seal could be a cost-effective alternative seal for many gravel roads in the district, however Higgins have not given it the best chance to be successful.</p> <p>To date: MDC/Contractors have not returned to address the water problems, with the massive amount of rain we have had it will be interesting to see what effect it has had to the seal. We wait and see what happens next.</p>	
4.0	<b>Roading issues</b>	<p>Marty Pratt raised the issue of the dangerous corner just south of the Valley Road lookout. This corner needs some fluoro yellow arrows as there has been several accidents there in the last while.</p> <p>Marty also raised the lack of maintenance on the gravel part of Spur Road</p> <p>Cr Phil Marsh to raise both issues with roading team.</p>	Cr. Phil Marsh Action
	<b>Meeting Closed</b>	Meeting closed at 9.20pm	
	<b>Next Meeting</b>	7.00pm Thursday 2nd <sup>th</sup> June 2022 at County Fayre in Library.	

