



*Halcombe will be a safe, supportive and progressive community.
It will be attractive, valued by all and well connected to the wider district.*

MINUTES OF THE HALCOMBE COMMUNITY HELD Monday 2 October 2017 7pm at the HALCOMBE TAVERN

PRESENT: Rachel Lane, Mel Henderson, Vicki Powell, Alex Short, Shane Casey, Peter Beck, Richard Bain, George Kereama, Mayor Helen, Jeff Graham (Civil Defence) , Janine Hawthorn

1.1 APOLOGIES: Jeannette Henderson, Ben Henderson, Teresa Hancox.

1.2 CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS/OUTWARDS:

IN:

- Phone call from Peter Wood (Mid Central Health – Drinking Water Assessor) re: water legislation requirements.
- Ross Langford (Vodafone) re: cell phone coverage progress.
- Dave McMillian – Recycling Centre update.
- Message from a resident re: a suspicious car driving slowly late one night in July and how this was dealt with by 111.
- 47 replies to our online survey.
- Helen Worboys and Richard Templar re: Submission 30 response.

OUT:

- Phone call to Mid Central Health (Cheryl Kirikiri) re: water legislation requirements.
- Email to Massey University asking about chlorinated water impact on production stock.
- Email to Crown Fibre Holdings re: broken link to coverage information and request for information on if and hopefully when the signal around Halcombe will improve.
- Email to Vodafone and Spark customer services re: who to contact about cell phone sites.
- Email to Helen Worboys re: disappointment at AP sub letter.
- Reply to Richard Templar re: Submission 30 response.
- Ray Wilman – Horizons. Magpie attacking cyclists on Fergusson Road corner.
- Andrew Giesen – Horizons. Rangitawa Stream clearing out. Within the 50km zone MDC responsibility if it's classified as a "Scheme drain" or if not, it's the private land owners responsibility. Outside the 50km zone, if it's a "Scheme drain" then the property owner is charged a rate for it to be kept clear. There are no "Horizons Scheme drains" in Halcombe and this has been the case for at least the last 20 years.

1.3 MINUTES of Last Meeting 7 August 2017:

Approved

2. Items for Approval/Information

2.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Internet banking with Westpac worked for payments!

- Fire Brigade has paid us the Auction night money (Deposited into the Hall & Sportsground account)
- Mel has prepaid the power account so we are in credit with them to avoid missing payments and getting penalised.

Halcombe Community Development Group Account (Westpac):

Opening Balance as at 1/09/17	\$3,642.93
Deposits = \$3266.31	
Expenses = \$69.00	
Closing Balance as at 30/09/17	\$6,840.24
Unpresented cheques =	

Hall/Sports Ground Account (ANZ)

Opening Balance as at 01/09/17	\$13,653.74
Deposits = \$8,386.00	
Expenses = \$200.00	
Closing Balance as at 30/09/2017	\$21,839.74

See attached for details.

COUNCIL REPORT:

- Youth focus group has been formed bringing together all the different agencies that cater for / have activities for youth. A new Facebook page has been set up, Manawatu District Youth Events, which advertises events for youth of varying ages.
- Young Achievers Awards evening is coming up 30th October at the Civic Centre. The speaker will be Stephanie Slone who runs TeenAg/AgriKids. Halcombe School has nominated some students for awards.
- Synthetic Drugs information evening went well. Well attended (100+ people). It was solutions and ideas based. Rural communities are encouraged to hold similar evenings. Youth unemployment is high in the Manawatu and could be a contributing factor to the issue.

3. Other Business



3.1 Community

ANZAC Day – meeting that was supposed to be on the 5th Sept is yet to be rescheduled.

Neighbourhood support – Rachel attendee the Neighbourhood Support Manawatu AGM. Her report is as follows:

The aim of NS is to make homes, streets, neighbourhoods and communities safer and more caring places in which to live.

They strive to do this by establishing “Neighbourhood Supports Groups”. These groups are made up of households within an area which form a communication link with each other so suspicious or concerning activity can be communicated quickly and easily. It also allows for an understanding of who is in your neighbourhood, which is very beneficial during Civil Defence emergencies. These groups aren’t another

regular meeting that you need to attend! They are usually just email and/or phone list of people within your neighbourhood. This list is usually is co-ordinated by a civilian co-ordinator and they make contact with new people who come into the neighbourhood. This list may also include any especially vulnerable people such as the elderly or unwell – an important thing to know if a disaster was to strike.

With the constraints Central Government is putting on Police, especially in the Rural areas, it's important to have a Neighbourhood Support network. The Police have a huge list of examples where the NS network has assisted them in solving crimes. Recent disasters such as the Chch and Kaikoura Earthquakes and even the July Storm that hit Manawatu, show the importance of knowing your neighbours and being able to access help if required.

After attending the AGM my thought is that we could strengthen the NS network within Halcombe and the surrounding areas. I'd like to propose that we identify who the current NS co-ordinators are within the area and identify where co-ordinators are needed? A mail box drop in those areas to seek a co-ordinator could be done and then of the co-ordinators, it would be great to have at least one be the liaison between the HCDG and NS Manawatu.

Police – The HCDG received a message from a resident who had reported a suspicious car in the village area, late one night in July. They had called 111 and were unhappy with the blasé attitude of the operator. This message has been passed on to the Feilding Police and from what they can see there were three Police Officers available in Feilding at that time. The call was not passed on to them. Contact is going to be made with the guys that were working that night just to double check. Mayor Helen asked that the details be passed on to her.

A note to all residents re: reporting crime: **To report anything that is not an emergency or in the midst of happening right then and there, ring 3236363. Obviously anything happening now or suspicious should be 111.** We need to be reporting all things as unfortunately to grow or even to maintain Police numbers, the stats have to build a story. If in doubt, report it.

Civil Defence – Welcome to Jeff Graham, the new CD Emergency Management Officer for Manawatu District Council and Horizons Regional Council. Jeff comes with a good background of experience, being involved in response management in the Christchurch Earthquakes. He has provided a Community Response Plan template for Halcombe/Stanway, which we need to complete.

Preparing ourselves individually is the best way to allow preparation as a community. We also need to identify who has key resources that may be of use in an emergency.

George questioned what our area is and felt it should be pre-defined by central Government to ensure no people are left “outside” any of the catchment areas. Jeff’s advice was for us to define it and feed it through to Civil Defence.

Signage – The Northern sign is now fixed. Richie will pick it up and get a hand to re-install it.



3.2 Environment

Walkway

- Working Bee – Scheduled for **SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2017 at 9am – 1pm**. No BBQ required (Rachel to let Rec Services know). Rachel has spoken to MDC Parks & Reserves re: the possibility of burning some of the rubbish/branches. We just need to let Mike Banner (Fire Chief) know beforehand. Vicki and Richard are leading this working bee.
- Rachel still to erect the new/corrected plaques and send a thank you plaque to RAL.



3.3 Village Heart

- Railway Gate – Rachel asked that someone else take over this. Richard said he would. Rachel to pass on the details.
- CBD – Rachel left a message with Brent Holmes re: sorting out the next step in this process.

Hall and Sports ground

- Cemetery land:
 - Docking done.
 - Gorse spraying still needs to be done.
 - Shearing of ewes to be Labour Weekend.
- Hall kitchen:
 - Rachel asked that someone else take over championing this. Mel said she would. Rachel to pass on details. Next step is to get quotes of design that we discussed last month.



3.4 Development

- **Annual Plan submission** - Rachel read the response that Richard Templar sent re: Submission #30. A very disappointing response and for example it completely contradicted the submission request and the letter received by the Roding Team in March 2017. The HCDG feels very frustrated that it takes a lot of work to pull together a submission and they gave this very same feedback 2 years ago when a generic, zero-substance response letter was received.
- **Roding** – Further to the point above, the submission response contradicts information received from the Roding Team in March. Rachel to find out what is happening and Mayor Helen to follow up too.
- **Recycling** - Things are moving along with Halcombe MRC. Update letter from David McMillian outlining the following:
 - The new vehicle entrance has been completed and they are awaiting another contractor to scoop out the muck at rear of section and then he will put down some new metal.
 - One large sign will need to be installed on the top of the container after installation.
 - Once it's up and running a flyer drop will be done and possibly a presentation.

The letter unfortunately didn't actually outline where it is going to go! The assumption is that it is going in the rugby club car park (as a new entrance has gone in there). Rachel will confirm with Dave. The HCDG will also help get the word out once it's in place.

- **Cell phone coverage/ landline issues** – After Rachel’s enquiry emails to both Spark and Vodafone, she received a phone call from Ross Langford (Vodafone). He was incredibly helpful and provided the following update:
 - The Government has committed funds to rolling out the RBI2 (Rural Broadband Initiative) plan. This plan is 400 new cell tower sites within 3-years. RBI2 has a closer time frame than RBI1 (which has recently been completed as involved establishing 180 sites in 5 years).
 - RCG (Rural Connectivity Group) is being formed to implement it. RCG reports to CFH (Crown Fibre Holdings)
 - Included in these 400 sites is Halcombe (Rural Broadband and Mobile). The number of eligible end users is very high so should be targeted very early on.
 - The speed in which it happens depends on how willing land owners are to co-operate.

On a separate note, the response received from Spark was average at best.

- **Water** – Rachel contacted Mid Central Health to try and get a better understanding of the drinking water legislation. She was eventually put in touch with Peter Wood (Mid Central Health – Drinking Water Assessor), who was brilliant to speak to. A summary of the discussion, which has been passed on to the SHRWS committee is as follows:
 - The clause within the Act that defines Rural Ag. Drinking Water supply (75% of more used for Commercial Agricultural activities) is ambiguous (as how do you define commercial...what is lifestyle – commercial or non com?) and therefore not helpful.
 - It also categorises by population rather than for instance “trickle supply”. An example is Colyton (<50 permanent popn), UV filters are ok, Halcombe (101 – 500 permanent popn) they are saying UV filters not ok for within the village boundary.
 - The Act does however state that it must give consideration to being COST EFFECTIVE.
 - Note – This should have been done by 1st July 2015 (this is with a 3 year extension by the National Govt. so this should have been on the radar for a long time – not a rush now!)
 - QUESTION: Did MDC, together with other District Councils with similar rural/trickle feed schemes, ever challenge the definitions within the Act?
 - QUESTION: Why is MDC seeming to be ignoring the “COST EFFECTIVE” part of the Act? If a rule is in place but it doesn’t give consideration the type of the scheme we have nor take into consideration common sense and cost effectiveness, why can’t we proactively go to Central Government with a “Water Safety Plan*” that works better for us? This plan would address the most important goal of the scheme (potable water), but would ensure it is delivered as a cost effective, common sense solution, allowing for minimal disruption to the current system and minimal ongoing rate payer cost.
 - *NOTE: With regards to the Drinking-water Standards and Health Act, the Havelock North Inquiry states

“[122]The Drinking-water Standards and Health Act provide the primary protections for the remaining barriers. These protections are described in detail in Appendix 4. In summary, the Drinking-water Standards specify requirements for monitoring and testing for contaminants, and providing treatment or responding to transgressions where necessary. The Health Act specifies that suppliers must develop a Water Safety Plan, which is intended to provide management procedures that reduce the likelihood of contaminants entering supplies in the first place and detail how a supplier will respond in the event of contamination.”

- QUESTION: MDC is saying some part of the Act has been amended since the August 2016 Havelock North incident. Please can they clarify as it is our understanding (and that of Peter Wood) that NO PART OF THE ACT HAS BEEN AMMAENDED SINCE HAVELOCK NORTH? In a release published on www.beehive.govt.nz it states that on 28th March 2017 “Attorney-General Christopher Finlayson announced that the report-back date for the independent Inquiry into Havelock North Drinking-Water has been extended at the request of the Inquiry’s Panel.

The Panel, which began proceedings in October 2016, will now report back to the Government in two stages.

Stage 1 will address matters relating directly to the Havelock North water contamination incident and the response to that incident. It will include findings of fact and fault. Following Cabinet approval, Stage 1 is now due to be reported back to the Attorney-General by 12 May 2017.

Stage 2 will address systemic issues and provide recommendations about managing water supply across New Zealand. It will examine the existing statutory and regulatory regimes involved in delivering drinking-water to see if improvements can be made. Stage 2 of the Inquiry is now due to be reported back to the Attorney-General by 8 December 2017.”

Please note the **SHRWS AGM is the 25th October 7pm @ Halcombe Memorial Hall**. We encourage all user of the scheme to attend.

- **Storm water** – Is the drain that runs through the 50km area within Halcombe, a MDC “Scheme Drain”?
- **Community Plan** – The first evening was held where the online survey results were looked at and a SWOT analysis was done. Thanks to all those who did the survey and attended the meeting. The next meeting to pull it all together more and is **Monday 16th October 7pm @ Halcombe Tavern**.

3.5 OTHER ITEMS:

- George raised the point that the stream that is often referred to as ‘Rangitawa’ is incorrect – it is in fact the Rangitaua Stream. He has tried unsuccessfully to get maps correctly updated. Can MDC help here?
- Questions have been asked whether the dairy is still open as it seems to be closed a lot of late??
- No transaction numbers have been received for the MDC Action points on the below table.
- The owners of the old Pacific Chenille Craft Co. Ltd building have done a fabulous job of restoring it and many have commented that it looks amazing with the new signage! A thank you card will be sent as we appreciate and want to celebrate beautification of our community 😊

MDC Action point	Transaction #	MDC department	Minutes date	Status
<p>Civil Defence strategy: Waiting for some form of communication back from Civil Defence re: the amended Civil Defence community plan Halcombe submitted over 3 years ago.</p>		Civil Defence	Feb 2014	WIP – The new CD Emergency Management Officer, Jeff Graham has been in touch and a strategy templated forwarded to HCDG.
<p>Fire Place in the Halcombe Hall: Awaiting response from MDC. Is it safe / can it be used?</p>		Property / Hall	June 2016 (emailed rather than in minutes)	****
<p>Payment Option – Capital Connection Fees: Awaiting response from MDC on whether capital connection fees for the likes of connection to Halcombe sewerage scheme could be added to rates and paid back over x number of years?</p>		Infrastructure / Planning	Aug 2017	
<p>Tarseal between the bottom of Knorp St and the start of Hastings Street: Please can a job be logged for this to be redone as the surface is uneven and dangerous.</p>		Roading	Sept 2017	
<p>Kimber and Knorp Street sealing: What is the status of this as a letter received in March 2017 said these 2 streets are on the list for the next 3 year programme funding block, yet the AP{ submission said they are not to be sealed?</p>		Roading	Oct 2017	
<p>Water:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did MDC, together with other District Councils with similar rural/trickle feed schemes, ever challenge the definitions within the Act? 2. Why is MDC seeming to be ignoring the “COST EFFECTIVE” part of the Act? If a rule is in place but it doesn’t give consideration the type of the scheme we have nor take into consideration common sense and cost effectiveness, why can’t we proactively go to Central Government with a “Water Safety Plan” that works better for us? 3. MDC is saying some part of 		Infrastructure / Water	Oct 2017	

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KEY:

****Greater than 12 months since point raised

***9 months since point raised

**6 months since point raised

*3 months since point raised

WIP – Work in progress

DONE – Completed and will be removed from table next month.

Next Meeting Date: Monday 6th November 2017 at 7pm in the Halcombe Tavern