



*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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 7pm at the HALCOMBE TAVERN**

**PRESENT:** Maureen Lambert, Mel Henderson, Richard Bain, Barbara Davis, Alex Short, Vicky Powell, Cr Shane Casey, Mayor Helen Worboys, Darryl Thomas

**1.1 APOLOGIES:** Janine Hawthorn (MDC), Janette Henderson, George Kereama, Peter Beck

### **1.2 CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS/OUTWARDS:**

#### **IN:**

- Rach read out an update from 'Well Communities' project – Mid Central Health, Kelly Isles. A number of priority areas have been identified including:
  - Focus on farmers (rural mental health support)
  - Addiction support
  - Easy and timely access to Healthcare when needed
  - Elderly care
  - Active communities
  - Improved communication and connection in a more modern relevant way
  - Housing and Transport
- Paul Stein (MDC)
  - April 2018, council Draft Long-term Plan consultation to begin.
  - Long-term plan presentations at each community committee, no public presentations, for example Feilding, Kimbolton and Rongotea. Each community committee will have the Mayor and Liaison Councilor present to present the LTP.
  - 2nd of April 2018 clashes with Rongotea, HCDG suggested 10th April 2018 - Rach to confirm
- David McMillan (MDC) – Halcombe Mobile Recycling Centre (MRC)
  - Signs are up regarding "camera maybe in operation", fly tipping has slowed
  - New Fence has been installed – Who has paid for the fence? The HCDG specifically requested that they be kept in the loop re: any additional ratepayer money being spent on noise mitigation at the MRC – no communication was received.
  - Cr Shane to follow up regarding the costs and construction of the fence
  - Could Halcombe School Paint the fence-mural?
- Carl Johnstone (MDC) – Halcombe Hall
  - Trev's Plumbing is booked to check out chimney/fireplace compliance, mens toilet and flooding behind hall.
- Glen Young (MDC)
  - Reply to HCDG Action sheet questions (see Action list at end). Note that due to the time it took for a response to come back from MDC, the HCDG already had the answers to its questions. Glen Young had also passed the questions on to the SHRWS Committee who also spent time in providing answers, however this was totally unnecessary. Rachel has spoken to the SHRWS committee Vice-Chairperson. All questions about water from the HCDG will

now be directed through to the SHRWS Committee not MDC to allow for timely and accurate communication.

- Janine Hawthorn (MDC)
  - Requesting HCDG budget split for \$2,700 by the 2nd March 2018
  - \$12k for CDB and Cenotaph redevelopment still being held for HCDG.
- Allie Dunn (MDC)
  - Review of council representation and calling for submissions-closes in March – Rach Lane to send out with minutes. Members of the community are welcome to make a submission. The HCDG will not at this stage be making a formal submission.
- Cr Alison Short sent through further supporting information regarding Maori Wards - Rach Lane to send out with minutes.

#### OUT:

- Lyn McCurdy – Asking for clarity on Himatangi Beach Capital connections for water being “paid off” via rates after a “No” for this to be able to be done for Halcombe Waste Water CC fees was received via the Action Sheet
- HCDC phone request to MDC to clear the glass bottle bins at the MRC.
- Emailed Carl Johnstone regarding headstones that have been over grown – understand that this has been cleared.

#### 1.2.1 MINUTES of Last Meeting 6 November 2017:

Approved

## 2. Items for Approval/Information

### 2.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Mel presented the HCDG financials for Dec 2017 and Jan 2018

- The Hall and Sports Ground account is currently holding \$4000.00 on behalf of the Halcombe Community Trust (HCT) until the HCT has a bank account set up. Reimbursements of HCT costs to date were made transfer to the Halcombe Development Trust from the Halcombe hall and sports ground account

All accounts are now transferred to spreadsheet-based accounting. Spreadsheets now report back to July 2015. Rach to send to Janine.

#### DECEMBER SUMMARY:

##### **Halcombe Community Development Group Account (Westpac):**

Opening Balance as at 1/12/17	<b>\$6,079.11</b>
<b>Deposits =</b> \$0.31	
<b>Expenses =</b> \$341.25	
Closing Balance as at 31/12/17	<b>\$5,738.17</b>
<b>Unpresented cheques = Nil</b>	

##### **Hall/Sports Ground Account (ANZ)**

Opening Balance as at 01/12/17	<b>\$21,929.74</b>
<b>Deposits =</b> \$140.00	
<b>Expenses =</b> \$134.51	
Closing Balance as at 31/12/2017	<b>\$21,935.23</b>

#### JANUARY SUMMARY:

##### **Halcombe Community Development Group Account (Westpac):**

Opening Balance as at 01/01/18	<b>\$5,738.17</b>
<b>Deposits =</b> \$NIL	
<b>Expenses =</b> \$42.50	
Closing Balance as at 31/01/18	<b>\$5,695.67</b>
<b>Unpresented cheques =</b> Nil	

#### **Hall/Sports Ground Account (ANZ)**

Opening Balance as at 01/01/18	<b>\$21,935.23</b>
<b>Deposits =</b> \$NIL	
<b>Expenses =</b> \$NIL	
Closing Balance as at 31/01/2018	<b>\$21,935.23</b>

See attached financials for details.

#### **COUNCIL REPORT:**

- MDC submission to the Horizons LTP
  - Transport between Feilding and Palmerston North
  - East-west traffic flows (New Plymouth to Napier)
  - Continuing increase in heavy traffic using the Halcombe Rd into Feilding and beyond
- Inviting Brent Holmes out to discuss Halcombe roading issues and to hear what is happening around roading in the Manawatu District
- Stanway-Halcombe Water Scheme
  - Awaiting Ministry of Health direction regarding potential upgrades, council to continue looking at upgrade options, more to follow in the LTP
- Long Term Plan
  - Council will release the LTP for public consultation shortly, a number of workshops attended as Mayor and Councillors debate the draft long term plan
  - Points to note for community heads up
  - Waste water centralisation
  - Changes to the rating system
  - Storm water improvements including Halcombe and other rural villages
  - Can't comment any further, as this document has not been formally approved for public presentation/feedback and submissions
- Whanau Day is for the 4th of March 2018, with a bigger (hoped) turn out of community organisations and groups

### **3. Other Business**



#### **3.1 Halcombe Community Committee planning**

Rachel presented the proposed 2018 work plan (following Community Plan discussions in late 2017). It included 4 main topics with 12 sub-projects.

- i. Walkway & Domain
- ii. Hall Kitchen
- iii. 'CBD'/Cenotaph and recreation area
- iv. ANZAC Day
- v. Sub projects (in no particular order)
  1. Rangitikei River Access
  2. Road safety (Mt Biggs/Stanway Road/Halcombe Road intersection, Kimber St Seal)
  3. Phone/cell phone coverage update
  4. Power capacity within village
  5. Water – communication only as SHRWS Committee has this under control.
  6. Sewerage – Connection fee clarification
  7. Recycling
  8. Community get togethers/yoga-type groups (Bootcamp)
  9. Halcombe Road entrance signs areas
  10. Support of Civil Defence / Neighbourhood Support / Police
  11. Christmas lights
  12. Engaging with other groups in the community

Rachel highlighted ambitions vs reality, not getting distracted and keeping focused on what we have started vs new things e.g. the walkway maintenance and continuing working bees around community members work/family demands.

Rachel suggested the removal of “community, environment’ etc in our minutes and replacing with project based headings. The thinking behind this is to retain focus on the projects that really matter for HCDG – everyone agreed. From this there was general discussion from the group, providing feedback.

### 3.2 FOCUS #1: Walkway & Domain

- **Walkway**

- Look at the plants that have survived (harsh soil conditions as the land used for the walkway is ex railway land) and focus on planting these.
- Potentially investigate suitable exotics too.
- “Chuck it down” – split the walkway into areas and focus on establishing one area at a time.
- Discussion was had around mixing-it-up for working bees – evening ones, emailing those who have donated to the Leave-a-Legacy/Donate-a-Metre fundraisers to come and help out with the area around their “tree” or “metre”.
- Next walkway working bee 22nd March 2018 from 5pm, with a mail box drop to be done by HCDG members. Carpet (Mel) and trees (Rach, Barbara D, Maureen & Carl) to be organised.
- Drainage to be done before winter (Richard).
- Some topsoil has been donated to Levin Street “triangle area” – Thank you to Simpson Contracting.
- Friends of the Walkway – Have has a few people come forward. Vicki (via Rachel) to contact re: list of things that could be done.

- **Levin Street**

- Soil mound to be moved back
- Barrier fence constructed as per approval from the 2016/2017 annual plan
- History boards
- BBQ/picnic area

### 3.3 FOCUS #2: Hall

- **Hall Kitchen**
  - HCDG is awaiting both commercial and residential quotes for the hall from Wayne Winiata for the whole kitchen package.
  - Assistance for funding would be required from the Halcombe Community Trust especially for heating and appliances etc...
- **Other Hall matters**
  - HCDG will include in their LTP submission a request for roof replacement and painting of the exterior wall at the hall.
  - Hall sliding door requires attention (Rach to log job)

### **3.4 FOCUS #3: ANZAC Day**

There is yet to be a meeting this year for the next ANZAC day.

### **3.5 FOCUS #4: CBD/Cenotaph and recreation area**

- Rachel suggested that we revise our vision around this and look to simplify the design – all agreed. A revised proposal of how the allocated money could be used needs to be done for MDC first though.
- Richard to sort out stones for around Halcombe signs when he gets a moment.

### **3.6 SUBPROJECTS:**

#### **Cemetery Land**

- Gorse needs spraying – Mel to get Muzz to organise.
- Darryl requested funds to purchase some new ewes. All agreed for this to be done. Money from the last lot of lambs sold to be used.

#### **Community get-togethers**

- Auction night in partnership with the local Halcombe Fire Brigade
- Sport Manawatu-fitness boot camp

#### **Entrance signs**

- Richard to organise rocks being placed around signs.

#### **Road Safety**

- Intersection Stanway and Halcombe Rd, 'Truck crash corner' and Kimber Street Seal to be discussed with Brent Holmes when he visits.
- Trees over growing and encroaching on to the roads/streets causing visibility issues for drivers – Rachel to log jobs for Cassen Street and Hastings/Godley Streets.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch/Civil Defence/Police**

- We have not have not heard back from Gary Stonely regarding street/rural road coordinators
- Development of information packs for new residents to Halcombe, this packs include general community information and when the HCDG meets.

#### **Cell phone coverage**

- Proposed cell phone tower-site close to being finalised from a number of possible sites in the area.
- A fibre cable is being installed up Mt Biggs Rd to the Mountain Views subdivision. Rachel will contact InspireNet to discuss what needs to be done to extend the cables reach. There are also

local private companies offering wireless solutions for rural internet services (one on Mt Stewart/Halcombe Road).

### **Power capacity in village**

- Kimbolton village conducted a power review years ago as the promised levels of service were not being met by Powerco. This review enabled the village to receive an upgrade.
- Halcombe needs to conduct a similar audit. Are the current transformers actually meeting PowerCo's agreed level of service or does PowerCo actually need to upgrade them themselves? Is there an option to apply for funding to conduct an audit? There are people willing to build out at Halcombe but are put off by having to upgrade expensive power transformers.
- Are there off the grid options?

### **Christmas lights**

- Although this is on hold until the HCT is functioning, it is also dependant on the power situation. The HCDG investing in and putting up Christmas lights and/or lights on the cenotaph has the very real potential of causing a power outage in the village. Solar power could be a better option.

### **Rangitikei River access**

- Cars still getting stuck or parking on the track access.
- Signs to be developed explaining that the track to the river off Makino Rd is not a carpark – Alex to devise what signs are required.

### **Sewerage**

- Still awaiting response from MDC on whether capital connection fees for connection to Halcombe sewerage scheme could be added to rates and paid back over x number of years? The answer given in response to the action sheet question contradicts what was able to be done in Himatangi. Cr Casey has forwarded this to Shayne Harris.

### **Stormwater**

- The plan for Halcombe stormwater is apparently going to be included in the draft long term plan.

## **3.7 Budget allocation for 2018/2019 (\$2700)**

- Annual allocations need to be done for the \$2700.00 that MDC gives to the HCDG
- We don't need to purchase more spray.
- After consideration and discussion the following was agreed on:

ANZAC Day	\$1000.00
Signage	\$ 800.00
Walkway maintenance and development	\$ 900.00

## **4.0 General Business:**

- Bylaw compliance issues
  - Discussed relocated houses that are still unfinished years after placement and the impact to the values of other nearby properties.
  - House buses appearing.
- MDC community Development Strategy

- Janine Hawthorn has been reassigned to help develop MDC community strategy.
- Liaison Councillor will pick up the work load pertaining their community committee.
  
- Reminder to walkway users to pick up their dogs business (poo!) and to dispose of the waste in the bins provided.
  
- My Plumbing Feilding via Richard Bain is calling for helpers to assist in the annual stocktake, My Plumbing will make a donation to HCDG.
  
- The committee approved a permanent hall security system for users of the hall who are storing items over night or for long periods. Approved the following:
  - \$600 for the control panel to control the sensors already installed in the hall
  
- Road markings on corner Mt Biggs Road and Halcombe Road have disappeared due to the hot weather and increased traffic flow. Rachel to ring MDC and log a job.
  
- Card to be sent to Yvonne (Jeannette to do).

Meeting closed 2108 hrs.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 7pm @ Halcombe Tavern.

MDC Action point	Transaction #	MDC department	Minutes date	Status
<b>New fence by MRC</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why was the HCDGs request for communication on this ignored?</li> <li>2. Can this fence have a mural painted on it by Halcombe School?</li> </ol>		Infrastructure	Feb 2018	A response to #1 has been received between the Feb meeting and these minutes being printed.
<b>Levin Street Drain barrier fence</b> – MDC agreed in the Draft Annual Plan 2016/2017 to "have a barrier fence erected around the open drain on Levin Street". See File Ref: 2/0266 - Submission No. 35 Please can we have a date of when this is going to be done?		Parks/Roading	Feb 2018	
<b>Hall sliding door closest to bar</b> – This door is unable to open properly and is scraping/marking the floor	Job logged	Property	Feb 2018	
<b>Trees overhanging the road</b> – Cassen Street, Hastings and Godley Street, Mt Biggs Road.		Roading – email has been sent to Brent Holmes	Feb 2018	A response has been received between the Feb meeting and these minutes being printed.
<b>Road marking needs repainting – Mt Biggs Road / Halcombe Road intersection</b>	#44704		Feb 2018	
<b>By law compliance issues</b>		Compliance – email has been sent to Chris	Feb 2018	A response has been received between the Feb meeting and

		McRae		these minutes being printed.
<b>Fire Place in the Halcombe Hall:</b> Awaiting response from MDC. Is it safe / can it be used?		Property / Hall	June 2016 (emailed rather than in minutes)	Have organised Trevor Hendra from Trev's Plumbing to look into this early in the New Year
<b>Payment Option – Capital Connection Fees:</b> 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?		Infrastructure / Planning	Aug 2017	Capital connection fees to the Halcombe Sewerage Scheme cannot be added to the rates and paid back over x number of years. Feb 2018 – The HCDG disputes this and looks forward to receiving an updated answer from Shayne Harris.
<b>Water:</b> 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 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?		Infrastructure / Water	Oct 2017	1)No, MDC did not challenge the definitions within the Act.  2) MDC has an agreed works programme prepared by the SHRWS Committee which we both believe is cost effective.  3) Not sure whom in “MDC” they are referring to. I have advised the SHRWS Cmmt that we expect the DWSNZ will be amended post Havelock North. MDC as with all Councils' have received a directive from the Ministry in Dec 2017 (copy of directive was provided).  <b>HCDG RESPONSE:</b> Note that due to the time it took for a response to come back from MDC, the HCDG already had the answers to its questions. Our qns



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<b>Mowing – corner Hastings/Stewart Sts</b>	#43784	Parks Dept.	Dec 2017	
<b>Spraying Programme of Walkway</b> Please liaise with Vicki on this as we have now set up a 'Friends of the Walkway'		Rec Services	Dec 2017	Carl to speak with Dan
<b>Rain water run off behind hall</b> At present the rain runs under the hall. Can we put in a drain which links up with the underground overflow pipe from the water tank to take the rain to the street drain?		Halls	Dec 2017	Trev to look into this.
<b>Mens toilet overflow pipe</b> This is dripping down the outside wall of the hall		Halls	Dec 2017	Trev to look at

**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.