



*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 DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Monday 7 February 2022 7pm

PRESENT: Jeanette Henderson (Chair), Peter Beck, Richard Bain, Maureen Lambert, Alex Short, Rachel Lane, Vicki Powell, Mahana Kimura, Cr Shane Casey, Cr Alison Short, Mike Banner, Paul Hughes

1.1 Apologies: Annie, Barbara Davies, Cr Stewart Campbell,
(Moved: Maureen Seconded: Jeannette)

1.2 Correspondence

- Mgmt of hall's under Traffic Light system
- Waste Mgmt & Mini Plan review April 2022 – kerbside/Green/Bonny Glen
- Midcentral recruitment
- Hall Painting
- Save our Trains
- Rural Communities /Online for Nine – cancelled
- MDC sent through simplified 'Terms of Hire' – Maureen to review

1.3 Confirmation of previous minutes:

That the minutes from the previous meeting held on 6 December 2021 be accepted as a true and correct record.

Vicki Powell / Peter Beck

1.4 Matters Arising from 8 December 2021 minutes:

- Phone book to complete in 2022

2.0 FINANCIAL BUSINESS

2.1 Financial Report

That the Financial Report showing an overall total balance of \$18,730.50 as at 31st January 2022 be accepted (via email as this was not sited at the meeting – Rachel to forward to committee)

Financial report for payments made and received in December and January to be emailed. (Moved – that this be ok: Rachel Seconded: Richie)

2.2 Invoices for approval:

- Vicki Powell reimbursement for walkway screws \$32.85. (Approved).

3.0 COUNCIL BUSINESS

Council Report: Cr Shane Casey gave update

- Council is now divided into 2 teams A and B in case of Covid outbreak in one of the teams
- MDC reception area is for general public – no vaccine pass required.
- No face-to-face meetings at present
- Alcohol Bylaws being reviewed

4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Focus #1 – Walkway and Domain (Vicki)

- Andre has fixed all the plaques – keeping the screws at home for ongoing repairs.

Vicki to submit invoice

4.2 Focus #2 – Hall (Maureen)	
Activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gospel Group / Yoga / Trust mtg • More community group activities in the pipeline • Could the hall have a fund top up Hall Maintenance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As hall roof need replacing, no maintenance to be done until fixed • Paint colours have been sent to Carl – Playcentre this year, Hall next year • Colours – Dark Grey roof/ Cement grey boards / Red detail 	

4.3 Focus #3 – Cenotaph & Recreational Area (Rachel/Maureen)	
Information Boards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maureen to organize zoom meeting with Kayla to discuss the draft board that was sent through. 	

4.3 Subprojects

<i>Roading (Richie)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knorp Street, Cassan Street signs down • '70' speed sign down by cafe • Roads in the area are not in good condition due to the 15th December downpour. • Paul Hughes has graded but needs re-gravelling and grading • Road works were approved by Council • Notification of Stanway/Halcombe Water Scheme not seen by everyone. 	•

<i>Community get-togethers</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Brigade will not be holding an Auction this year • Fire Brigade looking for new recruits especially for the day shift 	•
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANZAC Day 2022 - 26 addition crosses needing to be made in the New Year. Richard has made up a jig for the assembling. 	•

<i>Cemetery Land (Rachel)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lambs have been weaned (43). None were a good enough weight to go to the works. Thoughts were that due to lots having horns, they wouldn't have sold well in the store sale either so we bought them (weighed off and price devised by asking Stu Addenbrooke/Reece Staples). • Ewes have been shorn (we opted to do this when we shored our ewes so there is a cost involved with paying shearers/shed hands this time). • The ewes are ready for the ram to go out 14th Feb. At shearing there were only 28... originally there was 34 (pre lambing), 3 died over lambing + 1 after weaning (not sure why), so there should have been 30...2 have vanished! • 3 2-tooths have been organised to be bought as replacements. Rachel to confirm price at next meeting. • New ram is coming from Stu Addenbrooke – a huge thank you to him. 	•

<i>Entrance/Welcome signs (Richie)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Halcombe' road sign – Richie has taken this down to repair. Needs to buy materials. 	•

Phone books	
• To be completed in early 2022	• Complete 2022

4.5 Other General Business

Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs working bee to clean up in the bottom of the trees. • Set for Saturday 12th Feb 2022 at 8am • Does the fence line need to be surveyed by Council?
Facebook	The Facebook page is going well as a community communication outlet.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

6.0 OTHER ITEMS

So that members of the public did not have to stay for the whole meeting, 2 items were discussed at the top of the meeting.

School Bus:

Cr Shane Casey gave everyone a brief overview of the situation as he is chair of the BOT of Halcombe School.

- Bus was \$80 per term per student. This has now gone up to \$220 per term as the school has had to contract a bus.
- Halcombe school had 2 buses between Halcombe and Feilding an Express bus and a via Makino Road bus. The express has now been cancelled.
- MoE sent a letter 24 Jan informing school
- School had an emergency meeting with affected parents 26 Jan.
- Options:
 - Purchase a bus
 - Get other bus company quotes
 - PTA to give affected families a subsidy
 - Appeal to MoE on behalf of the BOT
 - Introduce Afterschool Care
- Payments for the bus have to be made in advance.
- Usabus did not quote to do the user-pays run due to being awarded the MOE 5-year contract.
- 33 kids – 20 families affected.
- MOE had no consultation with communities or the school. Impact has shattered our community.

Action: Letters of support to Halcombe school and Fielding High school from HDCG

Civil Defence:

- On 15th December flooding event Civil Defence was non-existent in Halcombe village.
- Firemen were stranded at home unable to get to fire station and stranded in the field unable to get home.
- There was access to the school hall until later.
- Needed road closures at bridge, Higgins no help and drove past.
- Rural Support Group were called.
- Civil Defence Household Instruction Booklet was not finalised.
- **Going Forward – How can we stop this from happening again?**
- MoE do not want School Hall used as evacuation centre as could interfere with school.
- Radio is at school.
- Involve Neighbourhood Support Groups / Rural Support Group / Facebook / any form of community communications.
- Get Booklet out to homes with information of what to do in a Civil Defence event in Halcombe.
- Make sure all know the numbers to call if in an emergency situation.

CBD of Halcombe

- All footpaths need spraying as there is lichen growing which, when wet, is very slippery.

- Get Rec Services to spray footpaths and tidy weeds from CBD area.

Other items discussed at the end of the meeting:

- Alison Short acknowledged the passing of Kipa Arapere of Pouatate Marae – he will be a huge loss to the community.
- The HCDG acknowledged the passing of Greg Lambert and offered Maureen all our support.
- Nativity Play – a big thank you from Rachel for all the help with the Nativity Play – a huge success.
- AED – Jeannette met with John Bongenaar for the siting of the AED unit. Agreed to put in Hall back porch. HCDG to construct a framework for the unit to be secured to.
- Save our Trains – the passenger network is under threat from Kiwi Rail, please sign the petition and offer your support.
- Anti-Mandate March came through Sanson earlier today. Plenty of support from communities along the way.
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Meeting closed 9.09 pm