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 4 August 2025 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Jeanette Henderson, Maureen Lambert, Barbara Davies**,** Peter Beck, Faye & Richard Bain, Vicki Powell, Colin McFadzean, Amber Moffitt, Alison Short

Guests: Mark Evans and Stephanie Walker – Feilding Moas and Colin Dyer (observer)

1.1 **Apologies:** Chloe Dodunski, Helen King, Kathy Smith

Moved: Maureen Lambert Seconded: Faye Bain

Correspondence Accepted as read.

In

- 10 July – C. Fredini asking about Tennis Court lights
- 15 July – Gems Mason of Ray White – Newsletter updates
- 22 July – Helen King MDC – Community Committee Update
- 24 July – Helen King MDC – Actions points from minutes to follow up
- 26 July – Mark Evans of Athletics NZ – Road relay through Halcombe 4th October
- 28 July – Helen King MDC – Follow up on ANZAC expenses
- 28 July – Helen King MDC – 2025 Local Elections

Out

- 18 July – Minutes and Financials of July meeting to Helen King
- 23 July – Winter Dinner Expenses to Helen King
- 23 July – Reimbursement Approval for R & F Bain to Committee
- 25 July – Photos of new road sign and new history board to Helen King
- 26 July – Reminder re ANZAC expenses to Helen King
- 26 July – Invitation to Mark Evans and Halcombe Community to attend next meeting

Moved: Vicki Powell Seconded: Richard Bain

1.2 Confirmation of previous minutes:

*That the minutes from the previous meeting held on **7 July 2025** be accepted as a true and correct record.*

Moved: Maureen Lambert Seconded: Faye Bain

1.3 Matters Arising – Street Light outside Playcentre & Gravel roads in the area

2.0 FINANCIAL BUSINESS

2.1 Financial Report

*That the Financial Report showing an overall total balance of **$26,529.89** as of 31 July 2025 be accepted.*

See attached financial report for July.

All funds from 2024-2025 MDC allocation have now been transferred to Halcombe.

Moved: Faye Bain Seconded: Barb Davies

Community Fund - Jeannette Henderson to write to HCT re available funds

2.2 Invoices & Reimbursements Approved for Payment May & June:

- $142.94 – J Henderson – Teddy Bears Picnic – General Account

Approved unanimously via email

3.0 COUNCIL BUSINESS

Council Report: Councillor Colin McFadzean

- Nominations for MDC are now closed.
- Local Water Done Well: MDCC has complied with all compliances.
- MDC one of the lowest rate increases in the country
- 2.5% on rates to pay for referendum on Māori Wards

4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Focus #1 – Walkway and Domain

- MDC's Ashley has made contact in preparation for repairing the broken sections of edging all along the walkway. When that is completed the crusher dust (which has been left in the Levin St. carpark) will be placed where needed to try and eliminate places where water is ponding following rain.

4.2 Focus #2 – Hall

Community Use

Mondays: 6-7am Boot Camp, 2nd 6.30 HCDG Meeting
Tuesdays: Kai and Korero for Seniors 10.30 – 2.00, Yoga, 6.30 - 7.30
Thursdays: 6.00 - 7.00am Boot Camp, 6.00 – 7.30pm Dance Fit
Monday 7th 6.30pm HCDG meeting
Saturday 19th Mid-Winter Dinner (booking Friday 18 – Sunday 20)

Paid Use

Saturday 5th Rangitikei Hunt Ball $200 (booking Sat am – Sun pm)
Friday 25th Sarah Rolsten 5-7pm
Sunday 27th Play Centre Market (booking 26 – 27) koha

August Bookings

August 1st – 3rd Novice Tour $250 + $50 cleaning
4th 6.30 HCDG
9th 11.00- 4.00 Birthday $75
23rd 9.00 -5.00 Moa Harriers $100 + $50 cleaning
30 – 31st 9.00am Brigade Awards Night (no charge)
31st Bike Manawatu 9.00-5.30 $100

Activity

Iron on kitchen roof extension has been replaced – thank you MDC
Parking area has been cleared – small stones being walked into hall
Hunt Ball – floor surface – cleaning/scratches. Maureen Lambert discussed this with Nic Pine (floor surfacer) who said we should expect wear and tear and should be putting aside money each month so we can resurface when needed (maybe every 5 years depending on the amount of use) To discuss next month.

4.3 Focus #3 – Cenotaph & Recreational Area	
• Nothing to report	

4.4 Subprojects	
Roading • No sign of action regarding new metal being put on sections of the village gravel roads. **Hall car park up upgrade** • Work is nearing completion with just edging to be inserted behind the kitchen and metal levelled up to it. The Stanway roadside of the hall is yet to have weed mat laid and roading chips placed on top. A new pipe was needed to replace the drain from the old fire station as the existing one was totally blocked with tree roots. • Extra work was needed over and above what was originally estimated by Paul Hughes Contracting and myself (more cartage, digger and tractor time including the drain replacement). Because of this I would like to make a request to the committee for an additional $1,000 to be found to go some way towards Paul Hughes not bearing the extra financial cost personally as he always gives so generously of his time and machinery whenever the community has a need. **Recycling** • This area is being respected and kept tidy	Unanimously agreed to give koha to Paul Hughes of $1,000 to cover his extra work.

Community get-togethers	
• Winter Dinner Saturday 19th July – Great night was had by all	
Cemetery Land	
• Stu has donated heaps of time and resources this year, along with Adrian and Tim who helped with shearing etc. Things are looking good. • Because of his practice of breeding replacements and using his good rams, costs have gone down. Stu thinks he will only need a float of about $7k. He hasn't had time to buy the troughs etc. yet	
Entrance/Welcome signs	
• The 'Welcome to Halcombe' signs have been redone but without the 'anti-graffiti' shield which was why the original signs deteriorated like they did. Colin Hirst still has it on his radar to do the repairs on the two 'Community Happenings' signs.	
Communications	
• Halcombe Happenings – Third edition has been circulated end June • Facebook page rules are being respected	
Water Scheme	
• Halcombe Water Scheme is not permitted to hold any funds.	
Halcombe Community Trust (HCT) • No report submitted	

4.5 Other General Business

- We welcomed our guests Mark Evans and Stephanie Walker and Colin Dyer a Feilding Ward candidate as an observer. Welcome also to residents of Halcombe & Districts.
- Mark Evans and Stephanie Walker presented on the up-and-coming Athletics NZ 67km road relay from Feilding to Halcombe. All residents on the affected roads will be informed. Expecting 1200 participants from across NZ with around 500 support people. Traffic Management and Health & Safety elements have been covered. Halcombe will be busy.
- Bike Manawatu 2 – 3 August – Sadly there was an incident which cut off the water supply to the hall and surrounding houses and businesses. Thankfully the Tavern have an emergency water supply which Jed was able to offer to Bike Manawatu for drinks and the use of his toilets. Thank you, Jed.
- Fire & Emergency contact. Peter Beck has submitted all required paperwork
- Winter Dinner was successful
- Hosting of a 'Meet the Candidate' event at Halcombe Hall – Halcombe would like to host this event on Wednesday 3rd Sept at 7pm. Jeannette to contact MDC Rural Ward candidates and Horizons Manawatu/Rangitikei candidates – 11 people in total.
- Funding Forum – this is a drop in event at the library to meet potential funders 3pm – 7pm Wed 20th August. Encourage attendance.
- Hall Floor – has sustained damage from stones on shoes in the entrance areas and from dancing in heels. Need to discuss a contingency fund for resurfacing in approx 5 years – Discussion differed. In the meantime, it was agreed to transfer Hall Operating funds into a Contingency Account and top up the Hall Operating Account by $2,000 from the Livestock Account.
- Hall Carpark – Paul Hughes and Richard Bain have done an exceptional job, although it turned into a bigger job than first quoted. It was agreed, unanimously, to give Paul Hughes a koha of $1,000 from the General Account to cover the extra costs incurred.
- Hall vulnerability – as reported above 'Bike Manawatu'. The hall came to a grinding halt when the water supply was cut. The committee felt that an emergency water supply, in the form of a water tank and pump, be installed. However, as the hall is set up for Low Water pressure, all water supply fitting would need to be upgraded. Richard Bain to draw out a plan of what would be required to upgrade the hall for the committee to better understand and to discuss with experts on how we go about this.
- The ZIP in the kitchen has failed and needs replacing. In the meantime, users of the hall will need to use the urns. The replacement ZIP will need to comply with high and low water pressure. Expert required.
- Streetlight – MDC are looking into this, we wanted to add that having this extra light not only helps with emergency evacuations, but also the light may be a deterrent from recent break ins and vandals.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

- See correspondence above

6.0 OTHER ITEMS

Meeting closed at: 8.15pm

Next meeting: Monday 1st September 2025 at 7.00pm in the hall

Actions Points:

- Gravel on rural roads
- Streetlight outside Playcentre
- Discuss emergency water supply and generator with MDC once all factors known

MDC Funds available to use before 30th June 2026:

- Not yet approved

Projects identified yet to be actioned by Halcombe & District Community Group

- Halcombe & Districts Re Branding – Replace signs once agreed
- Streetlight on Willoughby Street outside Playcentre - security
- Security cameras? – security issues
- Levin Street trees removal
- ANZAC WWI solder images to be erected in the hall