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 1 June 2026 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Maureen Lambert, Faye & Richard Bain, Vicki Powell, Rachel Mikaera, Kevin King, Peter Beck, Barbara Davies**,** Jeannette Henderson, Councillor Jerry Pickford

Guest: Andrew Hansen

1.1 **Apologies:** Kathy Smith, Martin & Manu San Roman

Moved: Maureen Lambert Seconded: Faye Bain

Correspondence and Reports Accepted as read.

In

- 13 May – Jerry Pickford MDC – Surveys on Cultural & Performing Arts facilities
- 14 May – Adie Johansen MDC – Community Committee Funding & Vested Asset Policy
- 14 May – Letter circulated re Mural in Halcombe
- 18 May – Helen King MDC – Project Funding & Planning Funding applications now open. Close 30 June
- 20 May – Jerry Pickford MDC – Minutes of SHRWS
- 20 May – Adie Johansen MDC – PO# for P Hughes and Bunnings
- 28 May – MDC- Announcement of Public Meeting
- 29 May – MDC – District News May
- 29 May – Jerry Pickford MDC – Council Notes for May

Out

- 19 May – MDC Vested Asset Policy sent to HCT
- 29 May – MDC Public Meeting announcement to Halcombe

Moved: Maureen Lambert Seconded: Faye Bain

1.2 Confirmation of previous minutes:

*That the minutes from the previous meeting held on **4 May 2026** be accepted as a true and correct record.*

Moved: Maureen Lambert Seconded: Peter Beck

2.0 FINANCIAL BUSINESS

2.1 Financial Report

*That the Financial Reports showing an overall total balance for May 2026 of **$24,247.47** be accepted.*

See attached financial report for May.

Moved: Faye Bain Seconded: Jeannette Henderson

2.2 Invoices & Reimbursements Approved for Payment:

- Reimbursement R & F Bain –$18.98 for Calendar & Pens – General Account

Moved: Jeannette Henderson Seconded: Vicki Powell

Unanimously approved

3.0 COUNCIL BUSINESS

Council Report: Jerry Pickford

- 8 Marae liaison councillors appointed
- 9-month reports received from Mansfield Park, Awahuri Kitchener Park, Feilding Civic Centre
- Manawatu Water Services Committee adopted Terms of Reference
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4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Focus #1 – Walkway and Domain

Thank you to Richie and Pete for finally planting the commemorate oak tree. A start has been made on cutting back flax and trees planted around history board area. There was an attempt to steal Cynthia's seat - thanks to Kevie and Richie for securing the seat down. A police report has been made. The brass plaque was taken; we will investigate replacing the plaque with a stainless steel one. Walkway tools have been purchased and await engraving and storage, thanks Faye and Richie for picking these up. Thank you to Pete for agreeing to engrave them.

Working Bee's have been scheduled in for the Walkway on **Sunday 28 June** 12 – 3pm and **Sunday 19 July** 12 – 3.

4.2 Focus #2 – Hall

May

Community Use

Monday 4th HDCG meeting
Mondays: Kai and Korero for Seniors 10.30 – 2.00
Tuesdays: Yoga, 6.30 - 7.30

Paid use

9th Birthday party 11.30 – 4.00
30-31st Birthday party
31st 8.30-11.30 Bike Manawatu club day

June Bookings

Community use

Monday 1st HDCG meeting
Mondays: Kai and Korero for Seniors 10.30 – 2.00
Tuesdays: Yoga, 6.30 - 7.30
12th Line dancing Working Equitation 5 -7pm
23 -24th TWoRaukawa Heke Poutuarongo Reo
28th 11.30 – 4.00 Childs birthday
28th 8.30-11.30 Bike Manawatu club day

Activity

Security lights and wiring completed

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

4.4 Subprojects	
Roading • MDC have been asked via Antenno to remove encroaching and overhanging trees in Cassan St. but to-date nothing has been done with this request. • The request for the line-of-sight obstruction (trees) on Tokorangi Rd/Godley St corner (looking west) for heavy vehicles/tractors etc. has yet not been attended to. **Recycling** • Nothing to report. **Hall Water** • Nothing to report	
Community get-togethers	
• Agreed to organise a Family Summer event and a kids event in 2026/2027	
Cemetery Land	
• Council have moved the fence line back on the right side to allow for more burial space. • Gorse needs spraying – Jeannette to contact Michael Watson for costings. • The purchase of fertilizer after spraying completed.	
Entrance/Welcome signs	
• The framework for the Event Signs is still to be cleaned down and repainted. Any volunteers to do this?	
Communications	
• Facebook page rules are being respected.	
Water Scheme	
• 9% reduction in Water Rates proposed	

Halcombe Community Trust (HCT) • Proposed Walkway around Halcombe Village ongoing. • Taken over ownership of the Rugby Club rooms.	

4.5 Other General Business

- **Andrew Hansen** – We welcomed Andrew to our meeting to talk about Security and security cameras in the village. There have been a few incidents in the village over the past couple of months. We wanted to be advised as to how to combat these. Andrew explained that cameras may not be the best solution as there are quite a few issues – cost, privacy & monitoring. The more effective crime prevention is through lighting, signage and neighbourhood support. We agreed that securing items to the best of our abilities to prevent theft in the first place was the best option, but if someone is determined to steal something, they will find a way.
- **Sharing Shelves –** Signs have been completed**.**
- **MDC Community Funds**: Balance of 2025/26 funds have now been clarified. We now agree that there is $0.00 remaining. The 2026/2027 Project funds need to be applied for by 30 June. Jeannette to submit. There is also a contested Planning Fund of $60,000 for larger projects.
- **Calendar of Community Events 2026/2027** – Agreed to start a Calendar of Events.
- **Mural** – A process must be followed before proceeding.
- **Teapot for the Hall** – unanimously agreed to purchase after research completed.
- **Vested Assets Policy** – discussed that any project that involves MDC taking over control, must be approved by MDC first.
- **Halcombe Hall** – MDC requires us to submit an annual report (Maureen does this monthly) and a financial report (this is done monthly through our financial statements to MDC). As Maureen does the day-to-day running and bookings of the hall, she gave us a verbal report on what this involves. She also has a Hall Team of Richard Bain, Vicki Powell and Kathy Smith.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

- See correspondence above

6.0 OTHER ITEMS

*Meeting closed at: 8.30*pm

Next meeting: Monday 6th July 2026 at 7.00pm in the hall

Actions Points:

MDC Funds available to use before 30th June 2026: Balance is **$0.00**

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

- Halcombe Open Drains – written to MDC & Horizons
- Halcombe & Districts Re Branding – Replace signs once agreed
- Levin Street trees removal
- ANZAC WWI soldier images to be erected in the hall