



*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 4 December 2017 7pm at the HALCOMBE TAVERN**

PRESENT: Rachel Lane, Mel Henderson, Richard Bain, Alison Short, Vicki Powell, Alex Short, Shane Casey, Peter Beck, George Kereama, Jeannette Henderson.

Guests: Gary Stoneley

1.1 APOLOGIES: Mayor Helen, Teresa Hancox, Wayne Short, Janine Hawthorne, Ben Henderson,

1.2 CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS/OUTWARDS:

IN:

- Email from Ray at Horizons – the magpie attacking cyclists has been caught
- Letter from Teresa Hancox resigning from the HCDG
- Reimbursement from MDC for the build of fence between tennis court and toilets.
- Invoice from Chorus re: identifying cables for fence between tennis court and toilet
- Alison Short’s summary of the HCDG river walk
- Reply from Doug Tate – Parks & Reserves, our ideas from the river walk should be included in our Long-Term Plan
- Message from Sarah Rolston re: Maori Wards

OUT:

- Letter to Editor of Feilding Herald re: misreporting of Mobile Recycling Centre
- Halcombe Herald sent out today

1.2.1 MINUTES of Last Meeting 6 November 2017: Approved

2. Items for Approval/Information

2.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Halcombe Community Development Group Account (Westpac):

Opening Balance as at 1/11/17	\$6,115.60
Deposits = \$546.25	
Expenses = \$583.05	
Closing Balance as at 30/11/17	\$6,079.11
Unpresented cheques = Nil	

Hall/Sports Ground Account (ANZ)

Opening Balance as at 01/11/17	\$21,839.74
Deposits = \$90.00	
Expenses = \$Nil	

See attached financials for details.

COUNCIL REPORT:

- Councillors voted to establish one or more Maori Wards in the district to enable Maori the capacity to contribute to decisions made in the district
- Brent Holmes – Roading Update 1. Kimber street no funds so no seal, but keep submitting 2. Change to road markings at Halcombe school.

3. Other Business



3.1 Community

- **ANZAC Day** – meeting to be rescheduled
- **Neighbourhood support** – Gary Stoneley addressed HCDG. We need to help promote Neighbourhood support with perhaps a HCDG liaise champion to liaise with local coordinators. The booklet has good information, these need to be circulated to all residents with a follow up face-to-face meeting even a street BBQ. Gary will send more information to HCDG.
- **Whanau Day** – this was a successful day and will be repeated on the 1st Sunday in March 2018 as a Children's Day event.
- **Waitangi Day 6th February 2018** – consider a Halcombe event in Feb 2019
- **Have Your Say** – 'Parks & Reserves' leaflets handed out. Closing date 15th December 2017. The community is encouraged to submit. Alex Short will include feedback from HCDG (signage and river access) in her response.
- **Christmas Carols** – 6pm Saturday 16th December 2017. HCDG will purchase the sausages for this event at a cost of \$50 – all in agreement



3.2 Environment

Walkway

- Friends of the Walkway – this has been set up and has 2 members so far. This allows those who cannot make Working Bees to be involved on the walkway. Pulling & spraying weeds – Vicki will champion a 'What's to do' list and her and Rachel will communicate it to the FotW group through txt & email.
- Richie and Paul sprayed on Sunday, Parks sprayed on Monday – Parks need to coordinate with Vicki their spray programme*



3.3 Village Heart

- Railway Gate – Richie to organise getting this picked up.
- A big thanks for those involved in putting up the Halcombe Christmas lights

Hall and Sports ground

- Hall kitchen – Rachel is yet to hand over the plan to Mel.



3.4 Development

- **Recycling** – New signs have been installed
 - Thank you to community for reporting issues
 - Dave (MDC) is working on noise reduction solutions for glass bins
 - All feedback to the HCDG has been positive. It has even served to bring the community together more as people are meeting neighbours at the MRC!
- **Cell phone coverage/ landline issues** – Wireless broadband and improved cellphone coverage is still on the cards for the Halcombe area. This will be via the Rural Connectivity Group, which is currently being set up as a joint venture between Vodafone, Spark and 2 Degrees. The expectation is that it could however take up to 2 years...
The Fibre-broadband roll out, which is being implemented by Chorus, will NOT be benefitting the Halcombe area as Halcombe was left off the list of black-spots that needed addressing, that MDC submitted to Central Government (despite the HCDG asking MDC to include us). InspireNet are however installing fibre to the Mountain Views subdivision, which the developer is fully paying for.

3.5 OTHER ITEMS:

Maori Wards – There was discussion on the introduction of Maori Wards prior to it being voted on by Council. Legislation has been in place to create Maori Wards since 2001 and every six years Councils across New Zealand are required to undertake a review. After discussion with local iwi, Council voted yes to recommending Maori Wards for the Manawatu region. Candidates for nomination must be on the Maori electoral role.

Action list - MDC have not responded with Transaction numbers to any of the items on the Aaction list below. Jeannette to contact Janine on these and add a couple more.

- Council not mowed corner of Hastings St/Stewart St – tall grass.
- Level of service from Roding and Mowing services has dropped.
- Rec Services need to coordinate with Vicki on their spray programmes.
- Water behind the Memorial Hall – we need to know where this goes. Can it be directed into the water tank overflow?
- Men's toilet overflow is flowing down the outside of the hall.

Dates for your Christmas diary

- 10th December – 2pm Feilding Christmas Parade
- 10th December – 6pm Stanway Christmas Carols

- 16th December – 6pm Halcombe Christmas Carols
- 17th December – Play Centre and Fire Brigade Christmas Parties
- 19th December – Scrub headstones at Stanway – 6pm bring a bucket of water
- 23rd December – 11am Stanway Christmas Party

Play Centre – changing to 3 days per week in 2018

MDC Action point	Transaction #	MDC department	Minutes date	Status
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.		Civil Defence	Feb 2014	CD Emergency Management Officer, Jeff Graham will work with Sue Simpson (and other relevant parties) to devise an emergency strategy for this area.
Fire Place in the Halcombe Hall: 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
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?		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.
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.		Roading	Sept 2017	Seal patching was undertaken on Halcombe Road in October/November with reseal done earlier this month.
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?		Roading	Oct 2017	Council has not committed any funding in the short-term for seal extensions or unsubsidised footpaths. Until such time as funding becomes available there will be no seal extensions or unsubsidised footpaths programmed. Suggest including this in next LTP
Water: 1. Did MDC, together with other District Councils with similar		Infrastructure / Water	Oct 2017	Janine getting update on this section.

<p>rural/trickle feed schemes, ever challenge the definitions within the Act?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>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?</p>				
Mowing – corner Hastings/Stewart Sts	#43784	Parks Dept.	Dec 2017	
Spraying Programme of Walkway 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
Rain water run off behind hall 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.
Mens toilet overflow pipe 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.

Merry Christmas to all and a job well done

Next Meeting Date: Monday 5th February 2018 at 7pm in the Halcombe Tavern