



*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

**Tuesday 3rd April 2023 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Richard Bain, Faye Bain, Maureen Lambert, Barbara Davies, Jeannette Henderson, Colin McFadzean  
Council Rep, Negin Nema Community Liaison MDC, Mayor Helen

### 1.1 Apologies: Peter Beck, Chloe Dodunski

(Moved: Jeannette Seconded: Maureen)

### 1.2 Correspondence

#### IN

- Reimbursement notification from MDC re phone book printing
- Quote from Streamline for re-printing.
- Family Fun Day – Kowhai Park 19 March
- Manawatu Great Easter Hunt
- Around the Council Table – from Mayor Helen
- Volunteer recognition event
- MDC Joint Chair & Sec Community Committee Forum 5<sup>th</sup> April
- John Jones – Walkway to be included in 2024 – 27 New Footpaths by Waka Kotahi
- Sonjo Hoko – wanting information on family.
- Andrew Hansen – request to re start Halcombe Herald – Ray White to pay distribution.
- Rural Worker Expo 2023 in Apiti 18<sup>th</sup> May
- John & Judy Harrison – have sourced ceramic poppies.

#### OUT

- Vicki Wills re Civil Defence
- Baking for the Bay
- Community Civil Defence Focus meeting.
- Family Fun Day Kowhai Park
- Manawatu Great Easter Hunt – proved question on Halcombe.
- Rachel Lane chasing John Jones of MDC re Safe Routes to School crossing on Halcombe Road (attaching all correspondence from 24 Sept 2020)

(Moved: Faye Seconded: Maureen)

### 1.3 Confirmation of previous minutes:

*That the minutes from the previous meeting held on 7 February 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record.*

(Moved: Barbara Seconded: Jeannette)

### 1.4 Matters Arising:

## 2.0 FINANCIAL BUSINESS

### 2.1 Financial Report

*That the Financial Report showing an overall total balance of \$18,901.68 as at 31 March 2023 be accepted.*  
See attached financial reports of February and March 2023

- Resolution: To add Faye Bain as a signatory for BNZ accounts. Jeannette and Maureen to sign minutes as confirmation. Rachel Lane will remain as a signatory for the time being.

(Moved: Jeannette Seconded: Vikki) All present agreed.

## 2.2 Invoices and Expenses for approval:

- It was agreed that if approval for invoices/expenses is sought before the HCDG meeting, an agreement of 5 members of the Messenger Group must be received before payment is made.

(Moved: Maureen Seconded: Vikki)

## 2.3 Invoices Approved for Payment

- Marker Pens - \$14.99
- Flash Drive - \$12.00
- Replacement oasis - \$626.75
- Mike Winder Spraying - \$380.13

(Moved: Faye Seconded: Maureen)

## 3.0 COUNCIL BUSINESS

**Council Report:** Colin explained that all Council business to be discussed at the April 5 meeting.

### Allocation of Council Funds of \$3,000 as follows:

- \$500 to ANZAC committee
- \$1500 for Community Events
- \$1,000 for the Walkway
  
- Other projects: seat, flagpole, notice board. Funding to come from CBD fund of \$7,561.34.
- Remaining items for Hall renovations to be applied for in future funding allocations. (Check if we reallocate funds from the \$25,866.02 currently earmarked for the picnic area/CBD/Rec Area/Cenotaph – Jeannette to check with Rachel Lane. Could use this money to resurface hall floor?)

Colin McFadzean has also donated \$250 from his business to be distributed to HCDG as it sees fit.

## 4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 4.1 Focus #1 – Walkway and Domain

A huge thank you to all that attended the walkway working bee, we had a very productive morning and we achieved what we set out to do. Carpet, stones, and bark laid and spread around railway board, plaques cleaned and secured along with boarder boards, weeds pulled around trees etc. A big thanks to Neil for doing the heavy lifting by tractor. It saved time and our backs!

My wish list for the area ultimately is to completely clear the drain and trees around Levin Street area, the drain is growing trees and old trees a danger. The gorse along the creek side and railway bank is in desperate need of a spray. I would like to see some sort of steps alongside the grandstand as this path is eroding away as is the 'waterway' just past the Stanway end of the walkway. More bark would be nice too.

I will endeavour to organize regular working bees so people in the community for example last Sunday of every month you can come on down.

### 4.2 Focus #2 – Hall (Maureen)

#### Discussion/Activity

Renovations on the hall have been completed.  
Discussion with Trev Hendra, MDC Rec Services, re some residue damage from contractors, such as extensive black scuffing on supper room ceiling from scaffolding. He is checking on this.

#### Correspondence

- Plan attached

<p>31 Feb James Adamson MDC email requesting info on use of community funds for outstanding work on hall.</p> <p><b>Hall Renovations/restoration</b></p> <p>The hall reno went over budget so some things on the list need to wait until more money is available.</p> <p>Main things being sanding and coating the wooden floors, repainting the new stays in ceiling colour, and ceiling issues including black mould, water leak holes and a largish dent from a contractor foot. The ceiling needs remedial spraying and painting with an enamel paint.</p> <p>The storeroom needs sealing and painting.</p> <p>A plan is attached for forward planning and maintenance.</p>	
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<b>4.3 Focus #3 – Cenotaph &amp; Recreational Area</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report this month</li> </ul>	

#### 4.3 Subprojects

<b><i>Roading &amp; Recycling (Richard Bain)</i></b>	
<p><b>Roading</b></p> <p>A road sign on the Halcombe/Mt Biggs Rd is a hazard to heavy vehicles due to its proximity to the edge of the sealed surface. This sign is situated 1km up from Halcombe Rd (photo supplied). Is MDC able to relocate the position of this sign so that it is not a hazard?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See attached photo</li> </ul>
<b><i>Community get-togethers</i></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ANZAC Day:</li> <li>Lantern Festival: Saturday 15 July</li> <li>Breast Cancer Activities Request for use of cenotaph from May 1 granted.</li> <li>Afternoon Tea – early May?</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Cemetery Land (Rachel)</i></b>	
<p>Rams are out with ewes doing their thing.</p> <p>Jeff Lane has topped the Halcombe and Feilding paddocks, which are looking good.</p> <p>Sam Worboys has regrassed the back paddock.</p>	
<b><i>Entrance/Welcome signs</i></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richard Bain has weed-whacked the long grass around the edge of the stones (Feilding side) and requests weeds growing amongst the stones as well as around the edge to be sprayed to assist the mowing contractors.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Recycling</i></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richard outlined recent activities.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Communications (Maureen)</i></b>	
<p><b>Face Book</b> - The old page has been updated to a Face Book Group.</p> <p>Advantages are that anyone can view it – in the past only people with a Facebook account could see it.</p> <p>All Facebook users can post.</p> <p>Clear rules have been developed that posters and commenters must abide by.</p> <p>There are two administrators and three moderators who monitor any activity.</p> <p>Although still in its infancy it is going really well. It's being used sensibly and is responsive. For instance, lost dogs seem to be found in less than an hour.</p> <p>People do not have to join, so numbers can't really be compared to the old page.</p> <p>However, posts seem to have around 600 views and growing.</p> <p>The best thing is there is a really switched on team who know what they are doing, and Maureen no longer has her life dominated by having to check every couple of hours, and it is not attached to any person.</p>	
<b><i>Water Scheme (Colin)</i></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colin outlined recent issues facing the Water Scheme and how they have been resolved. Full access to the bore is now available. Constitution to be changed to accommodate iwi participation.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>texting via cell phone available to members.</li> </ul>	
<b>Halcombe Community Trust (HCT)</b>	
No report this month	

#### 4.5 Other General Business

- Civil Defence:** March meeting focussed on this. Sue Simpson has been appointed as communication person to liaise with MDC. Training will be given to co-ordinators. School to remain the CD centre. Richard asked Mayor Helen how the recent events in Hawkes Bay had impacted on MDC. Colin explained how the Marae will be involved.
- May meeting to focus on **Rebranding**. Jeannette to invite Janine from MDC and members of other local groups.

#### 5.0 COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

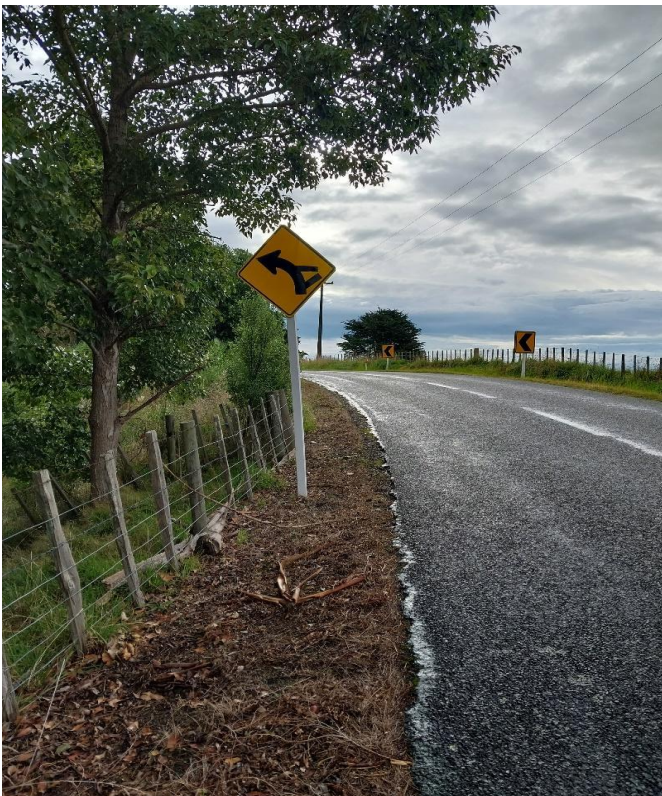
- Andrew Hansen has requested to resurrect the 'Halcombe Herald'. Everyone thought that this was a great idea as there are members of Halcombe that do not have cell phones or computers. Andrew to discuss previous template with Rachel Lane. Ray White have offered to pay for distribution.

#### 6.0 OTHER ITEMS - none

*Meeting closed at: 8.30 pm*

#### Actions Report:

1. Move sign away from road edge to a place where trucks do not hit the sign with their mirrors – see photo



2. Rec services has installed a pipe under the walkway, however, the water is not able to flow away.
3. Parks & Property to write to owners of flax growing over Mt Biggs road.
4. Potholes at the top end of Willoughby Road still an issue.