

Pohangina Valley Community Committee Minutes

Pohangina Community Committee Meeting
29 August 2017 at 7.30pm
County Fayre, Finnis Road, Pohangina Village

Present: J Barnett,, K Hayes, S Edwards, M Pratt, G Martin, M Ellis, S Stevens, L Bowe,J Hawthorn and Cr S Bielski.

1		Procedural Matters	Action
1.1	Apologies	<i>That the following apologies be accepted.</i> J Hawthorn, H Wallboys and R Galyer.	<i>S Stevens/J Barnett</i> Carried
1.2	Correspondence	<p><u>Inward:</u></p> <p><i>That the following correspondence be accepted.</i></p> <p><u>Inward:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from MDC on 16 August re results of submission. • Further email updates from John Brock on 31 July responding to Kelly Hayes request to MDC, and 9 August re state of Branch Road walkway. • Email on 31 July from Gary Stoneley from Manawatu Neighbourhood Support re the introduction of a localised phone app to send out emergency notices. • Email on 13 July from Horizons re minutes of Totara Reserve Advisory Group meeting: June 28. • Emails from Brent Holmes, MDC Rooding Operations Team Leader, via Sonya Stevens updating road statuses after snow event on 28 July • Email from Janine Hawthorn on 19 July re grants workshops: Feilding 4 October and Ashhurst 2 November. • Email from Sonya Stevens on 26 June re PVC Emergency Management Statement of Work document. • Email on 24 August from Gordon Pione on Pohangina Wetlands Development. Refer to 2.61 and attachments. 	

		Outward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emails and/or phone calls of response to all of the above. 	<i>J Barnett/K Hayes</i> Carried
1.3	Confirmation Previous Minutes	<i>That the minutes from the previous meeting held on 27th August 2017 accepted as a true and correct record.</i>	<i>K Hayes/G Martin</i> Carried
1.4	Matters Arising	.	
2.1	Finances	<i>That the Financial Report showing a balance of \$22561.50 be received</i>	<i>L Besley/S Stevens</i> Carried
2.2	Emergency Management	Issues raised from the recent snow event included roads having road closure signs on them when they were open to traffic. Some roads had road closed sign at one end and not at the other. There is a need for better communication from MDC to utility companies as their insurance prevents their vehicles going past a road closed notice. S Bielski said the issue was to be discussed at an MDC meeting.	S Bielski
2.3	PVCC and Election Protocols	Written response finally received from MDC regarding PVCC submission on Annual Plan. Confirmed \$5000 allocated for development plan for Pohangina Recreation reserve. Disappointment expressed that no timeframe given for sealing of Kuku road	
2.4	River Access	G Martin reported increased usage of the pathway by public. Area appears to have been smoothed following recent cutting of trees.	
2.5	Pohangina Recreation Reserve	L Besley to proceed with preparing the development plan following MDC granting \$5000 to assist PVCC .	L Besley
2.6	Pohangina Wetlands	G Pilone is developing a succession plan for the wetlands which Gordon and Anne have built. L Besley reported on discussions she had with Gordon regarding future community involvement. The PVCC agreed it would be good for the community to take ownership of the Wetlands if that fitted in with the Pilon's plans. It would be essential to have MDC or Horizons involved in any community agreement with the Pilon's. L Besley to have further discussions with G Pilone.	<i>J Barnett/S Edwards</i> Carried L Besley
2.7	Totara Reserve	The Pohangina Community has two representatives on the Advisory Committee.	

	Advisory Committee	These are currently L Besley and K Hilliard. Since being appointed to the Advisory board Kerry has moved out of the Valley to Palmerston North. Kerry asked whether PVCC was happy for him to continue on the Advisory Board. While PVCC agreed that the Pohangina Community representative on the Advisory board should be a resident of the Valley there were currently no candidates to replace Kerry. Hence it as agreed that K Hilliard should remain on the Advisory Board for at least the next 12 months, if not longer.	<i>J Barnett/S Edwards</i>
2.8	Pohangina Hall	The Annual report has been completed and submitted to MDC. We need to get more people on to the committee . There are a number of people who are interested in organising events at the Hall but not wanting to be ‘fulltime’ committee members. We urgently need 3 or 4 ‘fulltime ’ committee members to carry out administrative roles . Usage of the Hall is increasing. There is a proposal to renovate the kitchen area. When the new committee is in place they need to develop a 10yr plan for the operation/maintenance and improvement for the Hall	
3.0	General Business		
3.1	MDC	Cr S Bielski reported on MDC activities including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paula Bennett opened the new Information centre at Feilding • MDC has started working on preparing its 10year LTP • The recent snow event had a devastating and costly effect on the roading system in the north MDC region 	
3.2	Ron and Nola Galyer’s Farewell	This was coordinated by Craig Knight and held at Pohangina Hall on Sunday 20 August with over 100 people attending.	
	Meeting Closed	9.25pm	
	Next Meeting	Tuesday 31 st October 2017 at 7.30pm	