

# Pohangina Valley Community Committee Minutes

Pohangina Community Committee Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 at 7.30pm  
County Fayre - Pohangina

**Present:** Julie-Ann Bolton, Liz Besley, Daniel O'Regan, Simon Parker, Cr Phil Marsh, Yvonne Forlong, Mary Nettle, Steve Edwards, Martin Pratt, Kim Archibald, Adrian Walcroft (8.45pm)

<b>1</b>		<b>Procedural Matters</b>	<b>Carried/Action</b>
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	Janine Hawthorn	<b>D.O'Regan/M. Nettle Carried</b>
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	2 October Trish Balmer Neighbourhood Support. See 2.2  7 Oct/30 Nov Steve Bielski re junction on PVEast Road near Highland Home	<b>JA.Bolton/ M.Nettle Carried</b>
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Confirmation Previous Minutes</b>	That the minutes from the previous meeting held on 7th May 2020 be accepted as a true and correct record.  Amendment to minutes. Removal of David Roberts as attendee.	<b>M.Nettle/ Y.Forlong Carried</b>
<b>1.4</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>	Covered with Agenda	
<b>2</b>		<b>Items for Approval/Information</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Finances</b>	Kicker fence \$1253.60. 1 Oct. Exp-  Yard base: \$2852 and trees: \$660. (Janine updated at meeting that total= \$3,512 excl GST.  Therefore, GST of \$526.8 added to balance below)  (Have \$500 post covid fund available until end of Feb)  A. Community Committee Project Funding Signage \$2,000 Bus Shelter \$3,680 Fence \$700 Public Meetings \$200 Website Development \$400 Wetlands Carpark Development \$2400 Balance \$9,380 2020/21 Domain Development \$2,900 Balance A \$12,280	<b>J.Bolton/ Y.Forlong Carried</b>

		<p>B. Community Planning Fund  Pohangina Domain Development Project \$2,604.40 2020/21 \$5,000  Balance B \$7,604.4  Combined Balance A and B \$19,884.4  C. Pohangina Valley Community Trust Funds  PVC Newsletter Sponsorship \$200  AED Maintenance Fund from 2020/21 allocation \$100</p>	
2.2	<b>Emergency Management</b>	<p>Email from Trish Balmer attached examples of info that could be collected for our Rural Group List (excel spreadsheet) and also info from main Points of Contact (MPC). Discuss and propose subcommittee to make recommendations and act on them.</p> <p>Yvonne to construct notice to community regarding update to information held for Emergency Management.  Will add this to PVCC article for newsletter</p> <p>Cr.P Marsh confirmed that the \$100 set aside annually will cover the cost of the 5 year maintenance cost.</p>	<b>Action/Y.Forlor</b>
2.3	<b>PVCC</b>	<p>Discussion around using the funding from MDC for Perfect Day or a separate event. Consensus was that it should be a separate event. Suggested alternative is community day for the Pohangina Catchment Care group in March. Accepted.  Liz to confirm it will be acceptable to the Council to hold funding till March.</p>	<b>Action/Y.Forlor</b>  <b>Action/L.Besley</b>
2.4	<b>River Access – Culling Walkway</b>	<p>MDC continue to mow the walkway. Keys to the main gate on Pohangina Road are held by MDC, Gary and Judy Martin.</p>	
2.5	<b>Raumai Reserve Rubbish Bins</b>	<p>After our request for another rubbish bin, the MDC have stated they would prefer that the rubbish bins are removed completely. This suggestion met with considerable resistance and it was concluded that an email would be sent in which we are unwilling to relinquish the current rubbish bin request and would like to proceed with a second one and we would view this as an experiment for/against total rubbish bin reduction with the stance that we will review the rubbish bin status in the near future.</p>	<b>Action/Y.Forlor</b>
2.6	<b>Pohangina Recreation Reserve</b>	<p>Second Working Bee update- 10 Lions, 7 locals. Kickers built; fence removed.</p> <p>Spouting on the pavilion has been replaced and tank will be installed to collect water.</p> <p>Sponsors Board- erected by Michael &amp; Yvonne Forlong. See report for updated sponsorship details.</p> <p>Yard posts thumped- Marty Pratt, Michael Forlong, Brent Besley</p>	

		P.Shaw has offered 100 more natives – JA.Bolton to home these till planting occurs.	
2.61	<b>Pohangina Wetlands Project</b>	Update from Community representative Daniel O'Regan on Carpark proposal. Carpark to proceed. <u>Recommendation:</u> That \$2400 of community committee funds be used for this project.  Moved into Committee.	
2.62	<b>Pohangina Valley Community Trust</b>	Liz did Annual Return 9/11/2020	
2.7	<b>ANZAC 2021</b>	No report	
2.8	<b>PVCC Newsletter</b>	JA Bolton published another superb newsletter on 9 October. She is now collating articles for the December digital edition.	
2.9	<b>Community Action Plan</b>	Email from Alicia McLaughlin on 13 Oct with draft library submission. She gave an oral presentation with Len Osborne at MDC on 19 Nov. Thanks for the great team work.  10 September Ade Walcroft and Liz Besley spoke in support of PVCC's web-based funding submission through MDC's 10 Year Plan. Email update from MDC under 2.12.	
2.10	<b>Pohangina Village Kiosk and Shelter</b>	No further update	
2.11	<b>Pohangina Valley Signage Project.</b>	We are stilling waiting for RMA consent.	
2.12	<b>Annual 10yr plan</b>	From MDC Over the last few months, we have been introducing the community to some of the big issues facing the district. The issues we have been discussing have been <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• Earthquake prone buildings</li> <li>• Housing in the Manawatu District</li> <li>• Sealing our gravel roads</li> <li>• Community facilities</li> </ul> To find out more about each of these issues, the feedback we have already received about them, and where to from here, visit the <u><a href="#">10 Year Plan webpage</a></u> on the Council website. This page is your "go-to" for all things 10 Year Plan. The Budget Council is currently working on its budget for the 10 Year Plan. Wrangling infrastructure investment and maintenance, insurances, depreciation, increasing resourcing demands, a changing statutory	

		<p>environment, financial support for the community, economic uncertainty and at the same time keeping rates affordable is no easy feat. (Have you tried our <i><a href="#">budgeting game</a></i>? Give it a go and see if you can keep rates down!)</p> <p>Once Council has drafted the budget our focus will shift to the public consultation process. You can expect to hear from us about that in about March and April 2020.</p> <p>Community Funding Requests</p> <p>Thank you to those Community Committees who made funding requests. These requests are being considered as part of the budget process. Once Council has completed the budget and drafted the 10 Year Plan we will be in touch to let you know the status of your request. Successful requests will be incorporated into the draft plan. If you have been unsuccessful, you are welcome to make a submission to Council as part of the formal consultation in April. Final decisions on all aspects of the 10 Year Plan will be made in June.</p> <p>10 Year Plan 2021-31 Community Funding Request Feedback Form</p> <p>Earlier this year, Community Committees and community groups were invited to request funding from Council for their community initiatives. The application period closed on 1 September 2020. Council received a total of 34 requests which are currently being considered as part of Council's 10 year budgeting process. This was the first year we had an online request system. We would like your feedback on what worked and what didn't so that we can make improvements for next time.</p> <p>Please complete this short survey by 4pm 30 November 2020. Click <i><a href="#">here</a></i> to give us your comments.</p> <p>Finally if you have any queries, questions or feedback on the 10 Year Plan and progress so far please feel free to contact your Liaison Councillor or the Strategy Manager, Rebecca, at <i><a href="mailto:Rebecca.bell@mdc.govt.nz">Rebecca.bell@mdc.govt.nz</a></i></p>	
2.13	Valley Road Lookout	No update	
2.14	Pohangina Hall Committee	<p>Email from Mayor Helen 6 Oct: <i>I have passed onto our team that the Pohangina Hall is a key central point for the community and no way do you want to lose it. Also, that you have some new people keen to refresh the hall committee which is great news.</i></p> <p>Email from Jim Barnett 22 Oct with copy of Hall submission below.</p> <p>Thanks Jim.</p> <p>Submission by Pohangina Hall Committee on Draft MDC Community Facilities Strategy.</p> <p>We do not want to attend hearings to make submission in person We do not require contact details to be withheld</p> <p>The Pohangina Hall Committee is generally supportive of the Community Hall Strategy, but does have some concerns around the on-line booking system and implementation of the strategy.</p> <p>We support the redirection or disposal of underutilised Halls however believe the circumstances of each Hall should be considered on a case by case basis. The Pohangina Hall has been well maintained by the community and is currently in good condition. This is why we fully</p>	

		<p>support the implementation of condition reviews and an active maintenance plan for the Halls. The Pohangina Hall will not meet the utilisation rates set out in the LTP. This is mainly due to smaller events that would otherwise have been held at the Hall in the past now being held at the Pohangina School Reserve and County Fayre. The Pohangina Hall remains the main public venue in the Pohangina Valley for events catering for 40 or more people.</p> <p>Centralised on line booking system</p> <p>This is not described in any detail in the strategy and we do not see how any system will reduce the work load of committee members. Most of the time associated with a booking is inspecting the Hall prior to and after an event. Our main concern is how the system will ensure inappropriate hireage of the Hall will not occur. The Pohangina Hall operated an online booking system for a very short period. Someone who booked through this system damaged the surface of the Hall floor. We were unable to recover the costs from these people or get funds from MDC to repair the surface. Since then we have gone to an email booking system. Once we get an enquiry for the Hall, we send them a hall hire agreement form and our terms of hire. The booking is not confirmed until the Hall hire agreement is returned and payment is made. While we lose a number of hire events as people do not return the Hall agreement form, we have had no further damage done to the hall. It should be noted the Pohangina Hall receives a large number of enquiries from people outside the Pohangina and the previous comment generally relates to these people.</p> <p>Hence the Pohangina Hall Committee would be reluctant to use a centralised on-line booking system unless the current safeguards are in place or the MDC as operator of the new booking system takes all responsibility for the booking of the Hall.</p> <p>Implementation</p> <p>There are a large number of actions to be undertaken by the Council (some in partnership with Hall committees) in the strategy. While an Annual Hall and Community meeting has some value for issues affecting all Halls, it would be of more value to the Pohangina Hall Committee to have an annual meeting with Council Officers to discuss issues relevant to the Pohangina Hall ie the Annual Report, maintenance plan and building condition report.</p>	
<p><b>2.15</b></p>	<p><b>Pohangina School and Pool</b></p>	<p>A.Walcroft report – The pool lining is holding. Leak still an issue, possibly the pipes. MDC to assess community pools during winter. Another working bee on a Sunday for painting of exterior of changing rooms.</p> <p>PSRC to pay for repairs but MDC will claim the GST and PRSC will pay the nett amount.</p> <p>MDC has set aside funds for school house repairs.</p> <p>Ade has assessed the school house and feels there is not a lot of urgent repairs required.</p> <p>Clarification required around if building work would be invoiced – Cr.P.Marsh felt that it would be chargeable – he will investigate whether it will.</p>	<p><i>Action/Cr.P.</i></p> <p><i>Marsh</i></p>

		<p>Council staff to meet and assess value of repairs.  As PRSC is fundraised money it was felt that multiple quotes should be sought for painting work.  Clarification required around whether the \$10,000 can be repurposed for this project.  Friday night BBQs to return.  Discussion around further utilization of land and suggestion made around getting camper hotpoints installed to raise further funds.  Cr.P Marsh suggested funding may be available as part of review of Action Plan. PVCC 5 year action plan due for review winter 2021.  The horse paddock is not used apart from periodic grazing and needs mowing-. S.Parker advised of vested interest in any change or progression of the old school reserve.  Cr.P.Marsh suggested stock management and discussion followed around logistics of this with no adjacent facilities and responsibility.  Should the horse paddock be part of the review?</p>	
<p><b>3.0</b></p>	<p><b>Other business</b></p>	<p>Beehive Creek Walkway - After ongoing communication between various parties it was realized that the Beehive Walkway was not part of the Treaty Settlement and as soon as Rangitāne realized the error they had the no access signs removed. A summary of the email trail appears below.</p> <p>4 June Email Janine Hawthorn recommending contacting Walking Access Commission for assistance</p> <p>4-10 June Emails from Lynda Edwardson, Operations manager Walking Access Commission</p> <p>Also, phone contact had with Kevin Ross Regional Field Adviser walking Access Commission</p> <p>9 June Email from Janine Hawthorn confirming that Beehive Creek Walkway was not part of the Rangitāne Treaty Settlement. It is the DOC reserve on the eastern side which is listed in the agreement.</p> <p>10 June Liz consulted with PVCC via emails and subsequently updated the community via email database and Facebook.</p> <p>From the outset Danielle Harris (CEO – Tānenui-ā-Rangi Manawatū Inc.) expressed a willingness to communicate with the Pōhāngina Valley Community Committee directly and so we can look forward to the beginning of a new partnership with Rangitāne at some point in the future.</p> <p>There were some interesting findings about Beehive Walkway when having discussions with the Walking Access Commission. The following I quote though the diagram is not included. “In response to your query re: Marginal Strips. The Beehive Creek Walkway is predominantly located on Legal Road reserve (shown purple in diagram below). The road reserve, although located along the margin of the Beehive Creek, is not a ‘Marginal strip managed by DOC’, it is ‘legal road reserve</p>	

		<p>(unformed legal road)' under the management of MDC"</p> <p>Village Signs: Mary Nettle- public toilet sign installed by MDC outside Old School. Still waiting for info regarding the layby sign.</p> <p>A sign was requested stating that parking for the Branch Road Walkway is located at the PRR.</p> <p>Branch Road Walkway: M. Nettle updated us with progress re the bridge relocation and advised all 'in good heart'.</p> <p>The layby fence at Raumai - Ceda to repair.</p> <p>Churchill Road/Pohangina Valley East Road Intersection. On the 30<sup>th</sup> November approval granted for change to intersection.</p>	<b>Action Y.Forlon</b>
<b>3.1</b>	<b>MDC Report</b>	Phils report to go here.	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Proposed Konewa Shared Pathway</b>	Update in near future with progress on Strategic Plan	
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Totara Reserve Advisory Board</b>	No update	
	<b>Meeting Closed</b>	Meeting closed at 10.15pm	
	<b>Next Meeting</b>	Next meeting will be held at County Fayre on 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm	