



Matakana Community Group – Minutes

Date: Monday 2 February 2026
Time: 7.00pm
Location: Matakana Community Hall, Meeting Room

Simon Barclay (chair), Meg Eriksen (secretary)

Apologies

Robyn Barclay, Liz Sharek, Andrew Clearwater

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Previous minutes were reviewed and accepted as a true and accurate record.
Moved, Simon, Seconded, Trish. All in favour.

Financials

Simon acknowledged and thanked Dobbyn Builders for their outstanding contribution to the Pump Track project. Special thanks were extended to Bevan Morrison (Project Manager) for managing the project over several months and coordinating with local businesses.

The original project budget totalled \$498,000 (incl. GST). The final cost came in at \$386,000 (incl. GST), resulting in a saving of \$112,000 under budget.

The group now has approximately \$150,000 remaining. Of this:

- \$18,000 is allocated to the Community Garden
- \$2,000 is allocated to the Neville's project.
- The remaining funds are available for future community projects

Simon also acknowledged Empire of Dirt for their work and noted the respectful behaviour and positive interaction observed across all age groups at the Pump Track.

School Carpark

It was noted that the landowner has confirmed that charging for parking is not permitted.

Advertising signage on the fence currently includes Wharehine and a few others who have paid with a fee of \$500.

Action: Alex to organise appropriate signage to be installed on the fence and follow up with relevant parties.

Jubilee Park Update

An email was received from Alex Stansfield regarding landowner approvals, noting that signage installed at Jubilee Park is not permitted under current approvals.

Simon is meeting with Ivan to discuss this matter further.

Following a site meeting with Naomi and Chris Moyn, it was noted that bollards have been removed and signage relocated. There is increased use of the area by children scootering along Matakana Road and crossing at Jubilee Park.

The group agreed to investigate installing a concrete pathway to the edge of the park where the fence line runs, allowing for a separate double gate access for the Pony Club.

There is strong interest in forming a new Jubilee Park Development Group to focus on:

- Landscape design
- Seating using donated wood
- Picnic tables and BBQ facilities
- Shade solutions (with an offer from Christian to provide a shade sail)

It was agreed that a clear plan is required to guide this development.

A message has been sent via WhatsApp to recruit volunteers.

Mike Peters and Todd at Rochford were identified as potential contacts worth approaching.

Matt Woodside (Auckland Council Parks, Rodney) is preparing a proposal regarding the installation of toilets.

Richards Bridge: Richard's bridge continues to present challenges, as one end is located on council land and the other on private land.

FOAM Update (Jackie)

It was proposed that the Matakana Community Group become a member of FOAM.

Moved: Simon Barclay

Seconded: Trish Allen

Carried: Agreed

Jackie outlined FOAM's upcoming Integrated Catchment Management Plan, with three engagement events planned in March:

- Primary sector (farmers and orchardists)
- Business and environmental impacts
- Public community forum at the Matakana Community Hall

The group was asked to help promote these events through its database.

Action: Jackie to provide wording and details for distribution.

Opportunities were highlighted for young people with an interest in environmental science to participate in water testing and citizen science initiatives. Details are available on the FOAM website, with Jackie as the contact.

Civil Defence Update (Andrew Clearwater)

Report provided. Attached.

Andrew Clearwater advised he is currently overcommitted. Hugh has agreed to take over the Civil Defence role.

Community Resilience / Civil Defence Update Report:

Prior to Christmas, Mark Atkinson (Chair, Laly Haddon Residents Association) and Chris Morgan (FOAM) alongside Kym Burke (contracted to Rodney Local Board) and Ben Gorden (Auckland Emergency Management, Auckland Council).

In broad terms, Council and AEM are working with community groups to support the development of local resilience plans, strengthen connections between groups, and provide access to relevant resources.

It was noted that communities are encouraged to determine their own priorities and structure. Council is willing to support this process by facilitating workshops and assisting with the development of a community resilience plan.

The group discussed the potential location of a local emergency centre. It was recommended that the Matakana Community Hall be considered rather than the school, as schools can present challenges due to Department of Education requirements and differing priorities.

Several initial steps were outlined:

- Convene a small group of relevant community representatives to determine local priorities. Suggested representation (not exhaustive) includes:
 - Chairs of local residents' associations
 - Representation from the Matakana township
 - A representative from Matakana School
 - A representative from the Community Hall Committee
 - A representative from Rainbows End involved in resilience planning
 - Matakana Fire Brigade
- This group would hold a preliminary meeting to develop a broad outline of community priorities, followed by a facilitated workshop with Council to help shape the plan and identify available resources.
- At a later stage, Council could facilitate a wider community workshop and assist in building ongoing relationships with surrounding community groups.

Sustainability and Solar Opportunities

Trish has submitted an application to the Meridian Decarbonisation Fund. It was noted that additional funding opportunities may be available.

The building roof is well positioned for solar. An indicative cost of \$60,000 was discussed for solar panels and a large battery system.

Elisha and Mark, who operate a solar panel business, were suggested as potential contacts for further discussion.

Zero Waste Update

The Zero Waste shop is performing well and is currently breaking even with support from council funding.

Community Garden Update (Trish Allen)

The Community Garden continues to thrive, with enthusiastic volunteers attending every Monday. Summer crops are abundant and progressing well.

Any Other Business

Cristina introduced herself as a skater and new community member. She shared information about her new business focused on art for under-16s, including hoodie and T-shirt design with a skating theme.

It was suggested that Cristina could potentially host a "Learn to Skate Safely" session. Website reference: flow-88.com

Next Meeting

June 8th June - AGM