Minutes of Committee Meeting

Saturday 14 February 2026 8.30am

Held at Onemana Surf Club

Present:

Rob, Leticia, Annabelle, Anna, Earl, Bruce, Neville, Ruhi, Carol, Jennie, Craig.

Attended on Teams – Annabelle, Anna & Earl

Apologies:

Christine Moore.

Welcome & Update by Chair:

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. A special welcome to Earl's first meeting and to Craig for coming along to see how the committee runs.

Approved/Amended minutes of 14/12/25

Moved and approved

Moved Annabelle

Seconded Bruce

Action points from 14/12/25 meeting:

- Changes to signatures at BNZ done.

- Jennie has access to IRD dashboard

- Disappointment Market Day was cancelled

- Date for start of Basketball court - 26/27 February 2026

Correspondence In/Out

Jennie 146 Paid Memberships

Les Flemming re replacement camera for dotterel's (approved at Dec meeting)

Harry Kay re fire break

Other correspondence read by committee.

Treasurers Report

Refunded $1,400 to Market Day stall holders. Majority want to carry over to next year.

2 Stalls donated total amount Carol to send a thank you.

Donated $500 to Pool complex and $500 to surf club.

Accounts read and approved

Moved Ruhi

Seconded Neville.

Events:

21 people attended the January morning tea. A few new people which was good to see.

So far not a good response to the volunteer dinner. Ruhi to send a reminder email.

Next morning tea 26th February.

Environment & Maintenance

Les reported a total of 315 predator kills for the year of 2025.

Bruce discussed the big clean up after the storm in January. (More under Emergency response post storm) Sandbags were located at the fire station which ORCA does not have a key. This has now been rectified as John Freer has a key and will have it in a lock box; (Place of lockbox to be advised).

Weed busters – Kathryn and some others did a weeding day along Arthurs Pass and continuing planting and weeding around the village.

Community board meetings:

N/A

New Members approved

Defer till next month Jennie will update next meeting.

General Business:

*Basketball court – Rob had a call from Grant Thomson, start date 26th-27th February, Excavation to start 2nd March. Committee looked through Site Management Plan. Ruhi contacted the 3 local iwi regarding dates. Craig Solomon from Ngāti Maru responded and will be at site for blessing. Ruhi stated the other iwi received the email. Rob & Ruhi to send site plan & notice of commencement of work to TCDC. Opening of Basketball date to be confirmed. Send invites to local schools.

*Security Camera – Has been put up by the fire station. Rob will email Elieen from council, to see if it is up and running and who has access to the recordings.

*4WD Vehicles Whitipirorua Road update – Rocks have been moved on the first forestry Rd. access on the left Rob will let Rob from the forestry know. Less vehicles have been seen using the tracks.

*Calander of events - till next month as it is a large document. Jennie will print an A3 copy and bring it next meeting. Earl added that Carol singers need to be added to the calendar on 23rd December 2026.

* Committee member responsibilities – These were gone though and ticked off. Instead of Family Fun Day this year we will have opening of the Basketball Court.

*Incorporated Society Registration/Constitution/Charities Commission – Bruce will send the new Constitution to the Department of Internal Affairs.

*Emergency Response Post Storm – Bruce organised a meeting with Rob, John Freer and Jo Adams (Fire). They discussed an action response plan to be more proactive. Such as regularly de-silting the lake, clearing the lake grates and drains around areas prone to flooding. List of vulnerable residents is in the emergency plan.

* John Freer discussed the councils plans to keep rate increase down and how the New Council are trying to make this achievable. The importance of having a greater relationship with community boards. As a community we need to think about what we want to see in our long term plan * eg roading. In Whangamata They have established 3 groups to work alongside community boards Restoration – Harbour- Flood management. Rob asked who to contact re road signs for 'warning - cyclists ahead' as there are more on Whitipirorua Rd John said Council do them.

*Other General Business – Café owner looking at demolishing the café. A Temporary café will be put up for Rahul until the new development goes ahead with a new Café, function room and accommodation upstairs.

- We believe Next year the policy for Freedom Campers in Onemana comes up for renewal, Committee to start thinking about what this should look like moving forward, Perhaps another community vote to see what people think.

- Long term plan also needs to be done next year. Committee to have a meeting to brain storm ideas. Date to be advised.*

- Discussion around the cost of making a concrete path from top carpark to viewing platform at Surf Club and bench seat for easier access. Rob brought up the blue plastic path in Whangamata. This is done by the group Toes in the Water. Letica to talk to one of the members to see what the cost of this is, compared to concrete.

- Nevile asked if the defibrillator at the cafe is easy to use as he said he asked Rahul who said he has no idea. Perhaps some training for a few people to be competent in using it.

- Ruhi asked if she could have permission to access the data base of residents. The pool complex needs more staff to manage the pools. All committee agreed she could.

- This year Ruhi hasn't had a message from Beach hop committee regarding needing people for car parking Carol will contact Nick from the surf Club to see if he has been contacted and if the Surf Club will be holding a barbeque on the day.

- This year at the volunteer's dinner a special Thank you and gift for Sandra Andrews for all her hard work with events, and for Kim Mashlan for her service to the committee for the past four years. All agreed on a dinner gift voucher each valued at $100 from Rassasy in Whangamata.

- Also a thankyou event for the committee; come with thoughts at March Meeting.

Meeting closed at 10:16