

Apiti Community Committee

Location: Apiti Community Hall

Meeting Date:	17 th June 2026
Meeting Time:	7pm
Present: Colbie Lequesne, Alex McIntosh, Aaron Cameron, Andrea Morling, Sonya Dearlove, Janine Hawthorn, Councillor Sam Hill, Councillor Alison Short, Ross Bielski,	
Apologies: Sonya Dearlove,	
Absent: Kev Chauval, Christine Chauval, Adrian Waugh, Kalebh Macann, June Barrett, Russell Knight,	

Agenda Items	
1	Minutes of Previous Meeting Motion put forward to confirm meeting minutes of 18/03/2026 as a true and accurate record of said meeting. Aaron 2 nd Colbie, Motion Passed
2	Matters arising from previous meeting No matters arose.
3	Correspondence Inward: - Multiple Emails from Janine Hawthorn made available to members - Emails from Councillor Sam Hill made available to members - Mercury energy bills for March, April and May 2026 Outward: - Reply Emails to council on receipt of correspondence
4	Financial Report Not for profit organisation account currently sits at \$1,659.18. Aaron has written a letter which was signed by current chairman, secretary and treasurer and previous chairman. This will allow him to have access to the account. No movement on accounts as unable to access at this stage.
5	MDC Report Councillor Sam Hill explained the pothole on Oroua valley road before the bridge has been filled. However went to say that to be repaired permanently is a major requiring road to be removed and re-laid which at this stage the is no money in the budget for. Councillor Sam Hill explained the governments district reform act in great detail and the need immediate involvement from the community to ensure rural committee decisions stay in district rural council hands. The government has two people coordinating this project with unclear decisions from both parties. There is the possibility that if unposed the government will make final decisions itself without our involvement. It is important to get online and submit your opinion on what should happen and who potentially we should amalgamate with if pressured to do so. Please discuss this with as many local people as possible and feel free to contact an member of the committee to discuss this with further. There was also the reminder of the road closures in the area during December for the silver fern rally. Information for these will be available closer to the time. Please keep an eye out for this information at the Tavern and Local newsboard for this information. Sam also mentioned the importance of downloading and utilising the Antenio app for notifying immediately of issues the council needs to attend too. This has proven to be a valuable resource for the community and has ensured issues such as tree maintenance has been rectified in a timely manner.

	The work trimming up all the trees in the area was also mentioned and applauded by the committee as the arborists have done an amazing job with only a few trees left requiring Power co intervention and Traffic management to complete them. This is greatly appreciated by the community and an very impressed committee conveyed our gratitude.	
6	General Business Discussions around the recent D.O.C. meeting held in the Hall and how it was very productive with the Department now understanding the shortfalls and potential ideas to improve the current issues provided for them from the community. Notification of the upcoming three waters meeting to be held at the Apiti Hall on 29th of June at 10am. This is a revisit for a large works programme to ensure water for stock is readily available over a large area, including Apiti. There is an initial outlay from each individual farmer wishing to be involved however would guarantee water for stock during the harsh summer months. This is future planning to ensure services are available to us so is definitely worth the small amount of time to hear this plan out. Jock met with Grant Stevenson around the Piri Piri Bridge water and flooding issues. It was a great onsite meeting where ideas and information was given and it is going to be a large-scale issue that the MDC is well aware of and a plan is in place, however due to the large expense of this project the funding required will take a while to accumulate. Jock also mentioned the recent closure of the Apiti golf club after 90 years. As part of this the local committee have been offered the clubs table and chairs as a gift from the club to bolster our numbers. This was agreed by the committee and will be dropped off in due course. There was a request that a trophy case and honours board etc be put into the Hall and filled with the clubs rich historical items for years to come. A potential site was suggested by the committee and further discussions with the club will determine its actual local. Motion put forward to locate an area to display and install the Apiti golf clubs' historical items into the Hall was put forward by Jock 2nd Aaron Motion passed.	
	Meeting closed at 8:21pm	

Apiti Community Committee MEETING ACTIONS

Actions	Who	Date	Status
Arborist required for the pruning and maintenance of all trees on MDC areas within Apiti.	Janine Hawthorn	Next Meeting	Completed
Local signage around Apiti to be investigated to its accuracy and the cost of updating it.	Ross Bielski	Next Meeting	Completed All within reason
D.O.C. to be contacted for information within our area and potential involvement with A.C.C. moving forward	Ross Bielski	Next Meeting	Completed
Ross Patching of C.E.D.A. to be contacted to ensure collaboration moving forward	Aaron Cameron	Next Meeting	In Progress
The Creation of an open Facebook page to promote Apiti and area as a destination	Aaron Cameron	ASAP	In Progress discussions with Locals.
The creation and running of a community working bee at the museum to achieve its objectives	Aaron Cameron	Better weather	On hold until Spring
Weekly updating of community notice board	Aaron Cameron Alex McIntosh	Weekly on going	On going
Treasurer to organise with Chairman to remove old signatories and become signatories themselves	Aaron Cameron Colbie Lequesne	ASAP	Complete
Mercury accounts needing payment	Sonya Dearlove	ASAP	Completed
Investigation of the Piri Piri Bridge issue and potential resolution	Councillor Sam Hill	Next Meeting	Completed
Report the Oroua Valley Road pothole issue by the bridge	Councillor Sam Hill	ASAP	Completed for now
Historical items in Apiti Community Hall needing to be logged and stored. Working Bee for museum possible solution	Aaron Cameron	ASAP	On going In Progress
The removal of the old heaters in the Apiti Community Hall. Electrical quote required	Colbie Lequesne	Next Meeting	In Progress
The creation of a new subcommittee for the day-to-day management of the Apiti Community Hall	Andrea Morling	ASAP	Completed
All Members to notify all residents in regard to the potential amalgamation of the MDC and to ensure everyone has their say in this via the MDC website.	All Members	Before 30 th June	In progress
Road closures in December for the Silver fern rally. Please keep an eye out for this information that will be displayed at the Tavern and public noticeboard.	Everyone	Before December	In progress
Reminder to download and utilise the Antenio app which informs the MDC immediately of any issues requiring their attention.	Everyone	ongoing	In progress
Notify upcoming meeting in regard to water supply for stock large scale project. This meeting will be held at the Apiti Hall on the 29 th of June at 10am.	Everyone	29 th June	In progress