Glen Oroua-Taikorea Community Committee

MEETING MINUTES

DATE	17 November 2026	**MEETING OPENED**	7.00 pm
LOCATION	Glen Oroua Hall	**SECRETARY**	Philippa Love
COMMITTEE CHAIR	Raewyn Persson	**MEETING CHAIR**	Raewyn Persson

IN ATTENDANCE

Raewyn Persson, Philippa Love, Ellise Lightbourne, Phil Lightbourne, Tina de Bes, Jocelyn McTavish, Ian Cooper, Chris Hehir, Shelley Dew-Hopkins (late), Adam Naylor, Sandi Pearson

APOLOGIES / ABSENT

Apologies: Francie Carroll, Christine Finnigan, Andrew Pedley

Apologies accepted

Ellise/Adam Carried

WELCOME

Raewyn opened the meeting with the whakataukī Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini (*"My strength is not that of an individual, but that of many"*) and welcomed those present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Glen Oroua–Taikorea Community Committee meeting held on 15 September 2026 were presented for confirmation as a true and correct record.

Ian/Tina Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM 15 SEPTEMBER 2026 MINUTES

Rangiotu Road / Main Drain Road intersection

No further update had been received before the meeting.

Pathway

No update

Roadside trees / storm debris

The outstanding work was reported as completed. The committee thanked the landowner for attending to the matter.

Emergency Management

Hannah was unable to attend this evening's meeting. The draft Community Response & Recovery Plan is expected shortly and will be discussed at the next meeting after it is received.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inward correspondence included MDC updates on project funding, reimbursements, the revised $8,000 hall project, youth opportunities and committee administration; the Mayor's October update; and confirmation that Glen Oroua School would share the Christmas market opportunity with senior students.

Outward correspondence included circulation of the September minutes, Council updates and November agenda; funding enquiries to MDC; and Christmas event planning and promotion.

Shelley joined the meeting at this point.

LIAISON COUNCILLOR REPORT - SHELLEY DEW-HOPKINS

Cr Shelley Dew-Hopkins provided an update on the following matters.

Long Term Plan. The update covered rates capping, operating cost pressures and the Council's review of spending priorities, including bridge renewals and the upkeep of community facilities such as the library and pool.

Manawatū Water. Cr Dew-Hopkins reported on progress with the transfer of water assets and noted an upcoming visit to water facilities.

Legislative changes. The update covered changes affecting earthquake-prone buildings and reform of the Resource Management Act.

Country Hall Shindig. Cr Dew-Hopkins congratulated the organisers and noted positive feedback on the event.

Matters raised and follow-up

Rongotea Road and Leen Road rubbish collection point. The Committee raised concerns about rubbish being left at the site outside the weekly collection. Cr Dew-Hopkins agreed to follow up with Council officers.

Rangiotu Road and Main Drain Road intersection. The Committee advised that it had received no further update. Cr Dew-Hopkins offered to seek an update from Council officers.

EVENTS PLANNING

Christmas Afternoon Tea & Craft Market - 29 November 2026

The committee outlined arrangements for the Christmas Afternoon Tea & Craft Market at Glen Oroua Hall on Sunday 29 November, 3.00–5.00 pm. The community celebration will include free afternoon tea, local craft stalls, a shared children's stall with adult oversight, children's artwork and crafts, and a Christmas scavenger hunt with a free Mr Kool ice cream for participants.

The committee agreed to purchase slices, top up tea and coffee supplies, and pay for Mr Kool within the approved budget. A total of 320 flyers had been printed.

Raewyn and Ellise offered to assist the Christmas event subcommittee with the afternoon tea, while Ian offered to help with the scavenger hunt. Philippa highlighted the need for volunteers to welcome attendees and explain the activities taking place. It was suggested that Christine be approached to assist with welcoming, with Raewyn also offering to help with this alongside the afternoon tea. Tina would assist with welcoming visitors from her stall inside the hall.

Jocelyn would organise the scavenger hunt instructions for the children. Philippa would supervise the children's area at the stage end of the hall, including the art exhibition. The subcommittee noted that additional assistance from outside the committee would be needed to run the event and would approach potential volunteers. Discussions with Francie regarding use of the school for the children's scavenger hunt were noted. Chris offered to speak with his sister about the possibility of an outdoor plant stall at the event.

Resolution: That the Glen Oroua–Taikorea Community Committee approve expenditure of up to $600.00 from the Community Events funding allocation for the Christmas Afternoon Tea & Craft Market on 29 November 2026.

Tina/Jocelyn/Carried

FUNDING

Community Committee Project Funding 2026/27

MDC provided the following funding allocations and recorded financial position as at 17 November 2026:

Budget category	**Allocation**
Community events	$2,200
Pathway repairs and maintenance	$450
Historic photo display	$240
Meeting venue costs	$110
Unallocated funding	$152
Total	**$3,152**
Financial position	**Amount**
Annual allocation	$3,152.00
Expenditure paid to date	$167.83
Balance after paid expenditure	$2,984.17
Committed, not yet paid	$308.50
Available after commitments	**$2,675.67**

The figures above reflect MDC's records as at 17 November 2026. The committee noted that some expenditure and outstanding commitments require clarification. These will be followed up with MDC, with an updated financial position to be provided at the next meeting.

Community Planning Implementation Fund - Glen Oroua Hall weatherproofing

MDC approved $8,000 toward Glen Oroua Hall weatherproofing and subsequently approved the revised scope to replace the full roof. The full $8,000 remained available as of 17 November 2026. The project completion deadline is 30 June 2027.

HISTORICAL PHOTOS

Raewyn reported that some historical photographs lose quality when enlarged. The display project remains ongoing.

COMMUNITY PLAN

The committee continued discussing the People section of the Community Plan, noting good progress through regular community events, heritage activities and positive connections between Glen Oroua, Taikorea and the school.

Communication through the Rongotea Times and community Facebook page/group was working well, although increasing the community email list and finding practical ways to welcome new residents were identified as areas for further development. Adam agreed to share the welcome pack they received on moving into the district as he says it was useful.

Shelley advised that Mayor Michael Ford was planning to attend community committee meetings. The committee discussed widely promoting his future GOTCC visit as a public meeting. Neighbourhood Support remains an action within the Community Plan.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Meeting dates and upcoming events

The committee agreed to the following meeting dates for the remainder of the 2026/27 financial year, meeting the minimum requirement of five meetings:

- 16 February 2027
- 20 April 2027
- 8 June 2027 (brought forward by one week to precede the Matariki Dinner).

Other upcoming community events notified:

- Ukulele fundraiser (20–21 March 2027): David's event, independent of the committee; no update.
- Afternoon Tea with the Past (2 May 2027): to be discussed at the February or April meeting.
- Matariki Dinner (12 June 2027): to be discussed at the April meeting.

Philippa will advise Stacey at MDC of the agreed dates.

NEXT MEETING: 16 February 2027

MEETING CLOSED: 8.45 pm

ACTIONS ARISING

• Shelley to follow up with MDC on rubbish collection at Rongotea Road / Leen Road and the outstanding Rangiotu Road / Main Drain Road intersection safety submission.

• Philippa to update members on Christmas Afternoon Tea & Craft Market arrangements.

• Philippa to advise Stacey at MDC of the agreed 2027 meeting dates.