



Meeting Minutes.

DATE 19th May 2026

TIME 7:00PM

LOCATION Glen Oroua Hall

MEETING OPENED 7:00PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Raewyn Persson, Philippa Love, Jocelyn McTavish, Tina de Bes, David Aupapa, Adam Naylor, Andrew Pedley, Shelley Dew Hopkins, Christine Finnigan

APOLOGIES

Francie Carroll, Phil Lightbourne, Elise Lightbourne, Lyndon Crow

WELCOME

Raewyn opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.
Apologies were read out and accepted

Christine/Raewyn/Carried

Last meeting minutes from November 2025 were accepted

Tina/Andrew/Carried

LIASION COUNCILLOR REPORT - SHELLEY DEW-HOPKINS

Shelley outlined the MDC's view on the current amalgamation ultimatum, and the 90 days to submit responses. This is a very pressing issue for the council and the councillors are collectively concerned. MDC sees itself as ahead of other councils in terms of services while rates are 2nd lowest in the country. The council is starting to look at cuts while ensuring current services are not impacted. The council is doing a lot of work in this space. The council holds the position that want to push back while protecting the district. "MDC is not broken so we don't need fixing." When opportunities arise for community feedback to MDC please submit your feedback to ensure the community voice is heard.

AFTERNOON TEA REVIEW

Glen Oroua – Taikorea Community Afternoon tea with your neighbours was held on the 3rd of May 2026. It was seen as a great success with over 70 in attendance during the afternoon. Four inquiries to use the hall since the afternoon tea. Very positive feedback about the food. Some of the committee members thought the sandwiches were too bulky. It was agreed 2pm-4pm would be a better time than 2pm-5pm and 2 hours would suffice. David said that as a new person to the district the afternoon tea was a great opportunity for new people to meet people from the district and thanked the committee for hosting this event. Not many school families attended however it worked out to be the day before the senior camp. More savories would be good and a kids food table.

MATARIKI DINNER - PLANNING UPDATE

The Matariki Potluck dinner is to be held on the 20th of June 2026 at the Glen Oroua Hall. Soup & Main will be provided, and guests are to bring a dessert to share. BYO dinnerware. Ian Cooper is giving a 20-30min talk on “Why Matariki?”. It was noted the hall limit is 120. It has been advertised on the Facebook page through an event and in the Rongotea Times. The invitation requests RSVP’s so we can know attendance for catering. No RSVP’s have been submitted to date.

Tina is coordinating the food, and the current planned menu is as follows.

Soup -Pumpkin -Chicken noodle Mains - Lasagna -Chicken Chasseur -Roast vegetable Medley -mixed green salad - coleslaw - garlic bread

PHOTO DISPLAY

Currently no money has been spent on this to date. Ian donated some frames. Don’t have access to digital files of the photos. \$300 left to spend, there is a subcommittee for this, and a Facebook messenger chat has been started.

Motion: Raewyn to purchase up to \$300 of frames, screws and or printing for the Hall Photo Display.

Jocelyn/Christine/Carried

PATHWAY UPDATE

Andrew said the pathway has been recently sprayed but unsure by who. He is going to have a good look at the pathway and report back to the committee if any further work needs to happen. He would look at the gate that the children are having trouble with and fix it. Funds to fix this would be part of the next funding submission.

2025/26 PROJECT FUND - BALANCE TO BE SPENT

Discussion was held around the remaining funds from the \$3000 2025/2026 fund that is left to be spent.

Motion: For Raewyn to ensure that the remainder of the available funds is spent as per last year’s submission

Christine/Adam/Carried

2026/27 PROJECT FUND - \$3000 PER YEAR

Discussions were held around the types of events/projects the community committee could apply for. These included

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies Christmas Event

AOTNZ show at the Hall as a potential fundraiser for the hall renovations approx. \$1000 to book them. Show changes monthly. Waiting on the 2026/27 menu to be announced

Afternoon tea with the past – there are still local families left to ask

Matariki evening event approx. \$500

Pathway, fencing, gate fixing approx. \$250

Photo display \$200

Motion: Raewyn to apply to the MDC on behalf of the GOTCC for \$3000 based on the ideas discussed.

Andrew/Christine/Carried

PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION FUND - CONTESTABLE \$60,000 PER YEAR

It was discussed that the Community Committee could apply for funds towards the renovation project at the Glen Oroua Hall. The Glen Oroua Hall Committee is unable to apply themselves.

Motion: Raewyn to apply to the Planning & Implementation Contestable fund for \$20,000 towards the kitchen renovation project for the Glen Oroua Hall

Christine/Philippa/Carried

BUS UPDATE

The high school bus situation was discussed. The paid bus is no longer going to continue after the end of Term 2, 2026. Shelley advised that the council was continuing to push the message that there is a need for rural buses to get high school students to school. The committee agreed. It was discussed that a possible meeting could be held in the area and invite the local MP Suze Redmayne to hear parents concerns directly.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion had around Civil defence training that was meant to be held earlier this year but hasn't happened yet. Raewyn to make contact and follow this up.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 14th July, 7:00PM

MEETING CLOSED 8.45PM