

Glen Oroua – Taikorea Community Committee Meeting

August 19th 2025

Minutes.

Welcome: Chairperson Christine welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: Raewyn Persson, Christine Finnigan, Tina de Bes, Cr. Grant Hadfield, Ellise Lightbourne, Sandi Pearson, Ian Cooper, Andrew Pedley, Chris Hehir, Phil Lightbourne, Wendy Burne, Mayor-elect Michael Ford, Mayor Helen Worboys, Tim Hehir, Francie Carroll

Apologies: Helen King, Ash Hazlitt, Lyndon Craw, Jocelyn McTavish.

Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and taken as read. Moved they be accepted.

Phil/Raewyn. Carried

Matters arising: to be discussed in general business.

Correspondence: as listed in the agenda. Moved the correspondence be accepted. Christine/Sandi. . Carried.

Cr. Grant Hadfield's report. It was circulated with the agenda.

Grant spoke to a few items in his report-

- Water services delivery plan-this is to be adopted by Council at the next council meeting August 21st. Then it will be sent to the Dept Internal Affairs for approval by the deadline September 3rd. Grant explained the benefits of the MDC going alone with this project.
- The MDC has actively put submissions on a variety of issues into central government as it is best to have some influence on central government if the council is able to. Central government needs to be reminded that one size doesn't fit all councils and that local knowledge is best when making important decisions.
- This is technically Grant's final meeting with our Community Committee, after 3 years. Elections are being held in October. He has enjoyed working with us and he was thanked by Chair Christine for his involvement in our meetings and keeping us "in the loop" with decisions the MDC have been discussing over time.
- **Mayor-elect Michael** spoke about the on-going partnership the MDC has had with the administration in Cova Lima, Timor -Leste. The relationship will focus on education, farming, industry etc.. Representatives from Timor Leste have visited Feilding.
- Michael then spoke about his up coming term as Mayor of the Manawatu district. His is the only nomination for mayor. Michael suggested there has been lots of change for district councils over time, mainly from central government. He feels the MDC has prioritised the "must haves" rather than the "nice to haves" and that the MDC is in good shape. He is excited about his term as mayor. He believes the Community Committee structure is very successful, especially in rural communities.

General Business.

- **GO Hall façade renovation-** work on this project is completed. We are awaiting the invoice to be sent to the MDC for payment. \$3000 has been received from the Contestable Community Implementation Fund and is to be used for weatherproofing of the GO Hall.

- **Our Community Committee plan** is still with the council media committee with just the finishing touches to be completed.
- **Mid-Winter social gathering**- this event was well-supported considering the season and an All Black rugby test match. There was a good age range represented, with some new community people attending- that was positive. Advertising of these events needs to be early and on-going. A possible 2026 event could be linked to Matariki in 2026, tentatively July 3rd. To be confirmed. Funding of up to \$100 to cover costs for reimbursement of this year's event was approved. Moved Christine/ Sec. Ian. Passed. A Summer event in February 2026 is also planned, to be discussed at our next CC meeting in November.
- **Civil Defence Training**- Co-ordinator Hannah Tokona is to be contacted to confirm a new date for this training. A Tuesday evening in October has been suggested- maybe the 14th or 21st October.
- **Memorandum of Understanding** between the CC and Glen Oroua School is a work in progress.
- **Water testing** of the hall water- to be carried out soon.
- **Community Committee election**- this will need to be completed after the District Council elections after the results are published on 18th October. The CC positions for Chair and Secretary are available and Chair Christine asked everyone to consider standing for these positions.
- **Ian** is soon to collect a new temporary **Events** sign to be placed just before the rise by Raewyn's house at 500 Milner Rd, to be put out by Ian when he is advised of a function in the hall, so that traffic coming down Milner Rd is urged to slow down when passing the parked cars outside the hall. It will be costed under budget.
- **Craft Market**- this is planned to be held in the **GO Hall on Sunday 19th October** as a fundraiser for the GO Hall. Prospective crafts people will be able to "buy" a table to set up their displays / sales items. Event to be advertised in local publications as well as the radio (free for voluntary organisations) and maybe at the Sanson Market. Tina is the chief organiser. If it is successful, 2 or 3 similar events could be held throughout the year.
- **Francie** has suggested some sort of structure (where local rubbish bags are put for collection by Envirowaste) be installed so that the bags are not so obvious and are protected from dogs etc.. This might be considered over time.
- **Chair Christine** thanked Mayor Helen Worboys (who is standing down from the mayoralty of our district) for all her work guiding the council and for promoting the work of all the community committees in the district. Helen stated that is important to empower local communities to achieve their goals and plans

Next meeting -November 4th

Meeting closed at 8.20pm