

Glen Oroua-Taikorea Community Committee Meeting Minutes



DATE 21st July 2026

TIME 7:00PM

LOCATION Glen Oroua Hall

MEETING OPENED 7:00PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Raewyn Persson	Trevor Smith	Christine Finnigan	Adam Naylor	Phil Lightbourne
Philippa Love	Tina de Bes	Andrew Pedley	David Aupapa	Ellise Lightbourne
Shelley Dew Hopkins	Ian Cooper	Jocelyn McTavish	Chris Hehir	

APOLOGIES

Sandi Pearson

ABSENT

Francie Carroll
Lyndon Craw

WELCOME

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

Christine/Phil/Carried

Last meeting minutes from 19th May 2026 were accepted

Adam/Tina/Carried

MATTERS ARISING

Civil Defence Training – Raewyn contacted **Hannah Tokona, Emergency Management officer**. She passed on her apologies that she hasn't been in touch and would like to schedule a new date. Raewyn will advise of the

next meeting date where Hannah will have first space on the agenda. Hannah has said that she will bring the new draft of **the 2026-2030 Community Response & Recovery Plan** ready for the committee to review.

Action: Raewyn to contact Hannah and confirm next meeting & add to the agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

An email from Adie Johansen received on 13 July 2026, was received thanking the Community Committees for submitting their annual funding applications and advising of the appointment of **Stacey McLaughlin** as the new Community and Youth Coordinator. Council advised that annual Community Committee funding applications are currently being processed, with approvals expected by **31 July** and funding available from **3 August**. Contestable Fund applications will be assessed separately, with decisions expected by the **end of August**. Council is also developing a new resource for Community Committees, including updated contacts, approval processes, and a new online reimbursement system to simplify expense claims.

Community Honors awards close on the 31 July 2026. There is a quite a substantial amount of work required to submit an application. The Committee was advised to think of anyone that could be nominated and to begin this process early in the new year. More information here <https://www.mdc.govt.nz/council/awards-and-ceremonies/community-honours> as well as a list of those that have had this award in previous years.

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE ADDED

David – Ukulele event

Storm Damage clean up query from a resident

LIAISON COUNCILLOR REPORT – SHELLEY DEW-HOPKINS

Council Update – Amalgamation

Since May, the Government's amalgamation recommendations have been a key focus for Council. There is strong support for the district to continue independently, although Council is also considering other options. The winding up of the Regional Council's responsibilities will require Council to consider how these services will continue to be delivered in the future.

Key concerns raised include the short consultation timeframes and the proposed rates caps. Residents were encouraged to stay informed about developments and to provide feedback during consultation periods.

Mayor Michael, has been working closely with neighbouring councils to ensure the best possible outcome for the district. It was also noted that the district's rates currently include water services, whereas many other councils charge separately for water.

The *Feilding First* newspaper was recommended as a good source of information on these matters. Although it is not delivered to all households, it is available digitally and shared on Facebook. Philippa advised that she will regularly share the digital edition on the Community Committee Facebook page. It is supported by advertising so if you can advertise it will support the paper going forward.

Shelley advised that she has suggested to Mayor Michael that his regular updates also be shared in the Rongotea Times to help ensure they reach a wider audience across the district.

Members were reminded that the Te Āhuru Mōwai (Feilding Library, MCHL) offers an Open Plus service which provides extended after-hours access, with a trial currently underway allowing access from 6.00 am, making the library more accessible for those who work standard business hours.

A reminder was also given to use the Antenno app to report non-urgent issues to Manawātū District Council, such as potholes, damaged signs, overgrown vegetation, or other maintenance concerns. The app allows users to submit reports with photos and location details, provides a reference number for tracking, and enables Council to respond directly through the app. Urgent issues should still be reported by telephoning the Council.
<https://www.mdc.govt.nz/contact-us/antenno>

RANGIOTU ROAD - MAIN DRAIN ROAD INTERSECTION

Discussion was held around significant safety concerns at this intersection. It was concluded that Philippa will compile a letter on behalf of the committee to Hamish Waugh at Manawātū District Council outlining the committee's concerns. Committee members were asked to submit any points they wished to have included to Philippa as soon as possible. Ian also offered to prepare a potential solution to the issues, which will accompany the committee's letter.

Action: Philippa to compile a letter to Hamish Waugh, MDC

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference, as distributed with the agenda, were updated and agreed to. They will be distributed to committee members and submitted to Manawātū District Council.

*A motion was proposed to accept the changes to the Terms of Reference as discussed.
Ian/Phil/Carried*

MATARIKI DINNER - REVIEW

The Matariki Potluck dinner was a great success. Lots of great feedback. Special thanks to Tina with the help of Rick for the food, it was amazing. Thanks to Ian for his talk, so much great feedback about your talk. Thanks to David for posting on Facebook after the event. This was an oversight and should be done next time to celebrate the success of the events we hold. The raffle was 100% sold and drawn on the night. All proceeds went as a donation to the Glen Oroua Hall Waterproofing Project and have been paid to the Glen Oroua Hall Society. \$750 was raised. \$140 overspend will go into 26/27 funding budget.

PHOTO DISPLAY - UPDATE

Raewyn shared two photos in frames with the committee. They will be displayed at the hall soon.

If anyone has more photos or access to photos, please let the Photo Subcommittee know.

A place on Tremaine Ave may be able to convert slides. Shelley will let us know.

PATHWAY UPDATE

Andrew advised that the pathway had been sprayed by the landowner, David Batchelar. \$450 of funding is available for the pathway. It appears children are sometimes not using the path when biking to/from school. Andrew to investigate and report back so the committee can gain a better understanding of how the pathway is being used.

Action: Andrew to investigate about the usage of the path, spend funds as allocated and report back to committee.

2025/26 PROJECT EXPENDITURE

The 2025/26 available fund has been spent. \$140 overspend to go into 2026/27 fund.

GLEN OROUA HALL SOCIETY FUNDRAISER - COUNTRY HALL SHINDIG

COUNTRY HALL SHINDIG - Friday 30th October, 7.00 pm–11.00 pm. This fundraiser for the Glen Oroua Hall is being hosted by the Glen Oroua Hall Society. Tickets are \$40 each, with Sandi Pearson as the key liaison. Flyers will be emailed to committee members to share. A number of Glen Oroua Taikorea Community Committee members are involved in planning and supporting this event. Due to the expected attendance, it will be held at Te Kawau Recreation Centre.

2026/27 - EVENTS PLANNING

Spring Potluck Dinner 5th September, Glen Oroua Hall. This will be a traditional potluck where everyone brings along a plate to share. Tina will arrange for some soups and we have approved a \$500 budget for this event. Just note this will not be mains provided as it was with the Matariki event. Further details to follow once finalised. The subcommittee for this event is Tina, Jocelyn, Philippa & Raewyn. Adam agreed to do the flyer.

Other events have been tentatively scheduled with dates TBC

- Christmas Event - to be discussed
- David's Ukulele workshop/fundraiser - 20/21 March 2027
- Afternoon Tea with the past - May 2nd 2027
- Matariki Dinner - 12th June 2027

DAVID'S UKULELE EVENT

David outlined plans to hold a ukulele workshop on 20–21 March 2027 as a fundraiser for the Glen Oroua Hall Weatherproofing Project. Further details will be provided closer to the event. The committee agreed to support the event in whatever way it can.

BUS UPDATE

Prime Minister Luxon & Suze Redmayne are holding a national meeting at the Civic Centre in Feilding on Thursday, 23 July. It is expected that the bus situation will be discussed.

The paid highschool bus from Tangimoana/Rongotea ceased operations at the end of Term 2.

TREES ON THE ROADSIDE POST STORM

A member of the community raised the issue of there still being a lot of fallen trees on the side of the road following the storm earlier this year. Shelley said that since the big windstorm there are still 559 outstanding jobs to tidy up around the Manawatu District. Council has been talking about this. There is a team working around the area to fix up these jobs. Some community-based solutions were discussed, and Shelley will follow

up with the council team. Report on **Antenno** is a great way to let the council know you have a concern. Include photos when possible.

COMMUNITY PLAN

This will be discussed at the next meeting. Please take the time to read through it and either submit feedback in advance or bring along your thoughts to the next meeting. It was noted that the community plan and a copy of all minutes are available at <https://www.mdc.govt.nz/council/committees-and-organisations/community-committees-and-plans/glen-oroua-taikorea-community-committee>

Action: Philippa to include a link to the Community Plan with the next meeting agenda.

SPRING POTLUCK

A subcommittee was formed to organise this event. It would be great if all the committee members could attend and encourage the community to come along.

Subcommittee: Tina, Jocelyn, Raewyn, Philippa

*Allow for subcommittee to spend up to \$500 for the Spring Potluck Event
Raewyn/Christine/Carried*

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 15th September, 7:00PM

MEETING CLOSED 9.00PM

ACTIONS

- Raewyn to contact Hannah and confirm the next meeting and add to the agenda.
- Philippa to compile a letter to Hamish Waugh, MDC.
- Ian to prepare a potential intersection solution to accompany the committee's letter.
- Andrew to investigate pathway usage, spend the allocated pathway funds as intended, and report back to the committee.
- Philippa to include a link to the Community Plan with the next meeting agenda.