

Minutes of the Triennial General Meeting

Tuesday March 24th 2026 in the Glen Oroua Hall

Present: Christine Finnigan, Phil Lightbourne, Ellise Lightbourne, Raewyn Persson, Jocelyn McTavish, Tina de Bes, Sandi Pearson, Adam Naylor, Zachery Naylor, Lyndon Craw, Francie Carroll, Philippa Love, Ian Cooper, Trevor Smith, Andrew Pedley, Tim Hehir, Chris Hehir.

Visitors: Helen King (MDC) , Manawatu District Liaison Councillor Shelley Dew -Hopkins.

Apologies: Wendy Burne.

Chair Christine welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were circulated and taken as read. Confirmed. Ian/ Tina Carried.

Chair Christine read the **terms of reference** for our community committee.

Councillor Shelley then organised the election of officers from that point. Shelley thanked out going officers Chair Christine & Secretary Phil for their effort and contributions to the community committee for the past three years.

Cr. Shelley called for nominations for CC Chair and CC Secretary.

Chairperson: Raewyn. Nominated by Christine, seconded by Sandi. As there was only one nomination for chair, nominations closed and Raewyn was appointed as Chairperson for the Glen Oroua -Taikorea Community Committee.

Secretary: Phillipa. Nominated by Tina, seconded by Ellise. As there was only one nomination for secretary, nominations were closed and Phillipa was appointed as Secretary for the Glen Oroua-Taikorea Community Committee.

The following nominations were received from the floor to form the Glen Oroua -Taikorea Community Committee: Ian, Tina, Jocelyn, Ellise, Adam, Tim, Chris, Francie, Lyndon, Trevor, Sandi, Andrew, Phil, Christine. The above nominations were accepted with all nominees agreeing to be appointed to the Glen Oroua-Taikorea Community Committee.

Outgoing Chair Christine delivered her triennial report. Moved that it be accepted Ian. Seconded Sandi. Carried.

Liaison Councillor Shelley delivered her report to the committee. Shelley explained her background and experience and talked about her new role on the council and what she has experienced on council since being voted in. She is looking forward to working with our Community Committee.

New Chairperson Raewyn stepped forward to run the meeting from that point on.

General Business.

- 1. Archiving / storage of local history-** Christine spoke about the archive at the Coach House museum in Feilding. It was suggested we invite someone with expertise to talk to us about archiving. It could include someone from the Coach House museum, the Feilding library or Palmerston North library (archive department), maybe to run a workshop about saving/preserving photos. Christine has offered to investigate the options. Tim and Chris talked about the Taikorea records. Helen

suggested this topic could be raised at the Community Committee forum next week, to find out what other districts are doing about preserving their histories.

2. Proposed events and projects.

- **A sum of \$300 has been set aside for a display of historical photos in the hall.** This needs to be used by June 30th. There was general agreement that this might be phased process over a few years, with frames purchased or photos printed this year and more done in future years. It was suggested that photos of the old buildings in the district feature in the first phase- post office, school, dairy factory, church. There was some debate as to where in the hall they should be displayed= the supper room or main hall with some reservations expressed about them being in the hall. Ian suggested he may have some suitable frames available. A sub-committee was set up to carry out this project: Jocelyn, Tina, Lyndon, Trevor S, Raewyn as well as some younger locals. It was moved & seconded that this sub-committee be given the go-ahead to use the \$300 to get this project started. Raewyn/Adam. Carried

- We have a balance of funds to use before the end of the June. **A Matariki event** of some kind to be planned for June 20th Ian offered to give a talk about the Matariki cluster. A planning sub-committee was formed- Tina, Raewyn, Philippa, Adam, Ian. To report to the next meeting

- An event in a weekend (Sunday 3rd May proposed) to hold some form **of community get-together**, maybe a shared afternoon tea. Event planning budget to be accessed. A sub-committee of Tina, Jocelyn, Raewyn & Sandi to explore some options and plan an event. There was a discussion about future events included the idea to have a kids/family movie in the hall. The suggestion was made that **maybe a ticketed event** of some kind could be held later in the year. Suggestions were requested.

3. Hall to school pathway maintenance- a reimbursement for pathway spraying of \$350 was approved for payment to Christine. Moved Raewyn. Seconded Tina. Carried. It was agreed the Community Committee should look after the pathway- A roster for maintenance was put forward. Trevor S, Ian, Andrew to co-ordinate this roster.

4. Helen reminded the committee of the **Community Committee forum** to be held on Wednesday 1st April at the MDC. Raewyn and Philippa to attend.

6. Secondary School Bus problems- Christine wondered if our Community Committee could have a role in supporting initiatives around cancellation of some high school buses There are local concerns about this matter and it was agreed that any initiatives to call on the Ministry of Education to reinstate a daily service be achieved. This may include supporting any initiatives put forward by Federated farmers as well as local 'action groups' protesting about the reduced bus service. Philippa read out reported Ministry of Education responses to correspondence from parents of high school students protesting about the reduced service. Christine urged all Community Committee members to contact the local Member of Parliament expressing dissatisfaction about the reduced service.

The next meeting is planned for Tuesday May 19th.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm