

KIWITEA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE	
Meeting Location:	Kiwitea Hall, Kiwitea
Date:	20 July 2026
Time:	7.00pm (NZST)

1. Present:

Laura Brown, Jo Terry, Glen Terry, Steph Strahan, Desiree Silk, Vicki Stack, Amy Weston, Paula Scott, Vicki Doyle, Andrew Quarrie

Apologies

Kate Ellery Mavor, Ben Flintoff, Erana Cadwallar

2. Minutes from the last meeting

Moved: Laura

Seconded: Steph

The minutes were read from the previous meeting on 28 April and approved as being correct.

3. Correspondence

- Des received an email asking if any members of the community would like to work on election day at the Kiwitea polling booth. Vicki Doyle and Jo Terry are interested so Des to forward email to them.
- Email from Adie Johansen at council introducing Stacey McLaughlin as the new Community and Youth Coordinator. This is a new role within Council that brings together a number of community-focused functions, including supporting our Community Committees, Marae and Hapū Committees, the Welcoming Communities programme, and Council's youth services, including the Youth Council. The email also advised they are working through the approval process for the Community Committee project applications (the annual \$3k). The aim is to have all applications approved by Thursday 31 July, so that funding can begin to be accessed from Monday 3 August.

4. Finance

2nd quarter finances (April, May, June)

Opening balance: \$18,877.4

Income:

Hall hire \$500

Quiz income \$145

Expenditure: \$50.15 reimbursement to V Doyle for hall key cutting

3rd Quarter: (July)

Opening balance: \$19,472.25

Income:

Quiz income \$1370

Closing balance at 20/07/2026 - \$20,842.25

Vicki D Received some suggestions from the people who hired the hall. Blocking off the back porch so sheep cant access the concrete area.(Lots of poo).

The hall had to be cleaned, need to ensure hall is clean before we hire to groups. And installing a light at the back door.

5. Council Update

Andrew Quarrie gave his report of recent council meetings.

The council has struggled to get trustees for the Kitchener Park Trust and this has resulted in the disillusionment of the trust. The council will take over the role of looking after the park.

An independent services committee has been set up to look after the 3 waters (sewer, storm & drinking). Ian McFaydgen is chair of the committee and there are councillors on the committee also, this is under instruction from the government.

The council have appointed the maori liaison officers to the 9 maraes.

In May a resident satisfaction survey was completed. MDC rated at a similar level or above to other councils.

An adaptation plan has been agreed upon for Tangimoana due to it being so low lying and at such a serious flood risk.

The Silver fern rally is coming 1-2 December this year. Road closures have been published.

Smoke Free NZ attended a council meeting wanting to increase signage of nonsmoking and no vaping.

MDC recently gave the Feilding High XV funding to attend a rugby competition in Japan where they came 2nd.

The council rate increase has been set for the forthcoming year, council spending has increased by 4.9%.

The council accounts have been checked with the council securing a high credit rating which means they are approved for additional borrowing if needed.

The local government reform – 6 of the 7 local councils in the Horizons region are open to amalgamating in some form, whether fully or centralising some functions and retaining some independent functions. MDC want to govern alone as they don't want to subsidise other councils who haven't maintained infrastructure as well as MDC. The council received over 750 submissions regarding the issue.

The initial \$600k quote to cover one quadrant of the square has now risen to \$1.2mil. There is a link to the council Feilding refresh on the MDC website.

6. Kiwitea Community Plan

ACTION POINT 2: SAFE, request speed reviews and signage improvements around school and the hall, specially during school travel times has been actioned with a reduced speed limit to 60km per hour during school hours.

ACTION POINT 2: THRIVING . Promote shared use of community facilities and activate them for events.

1. The committee would like to ask Jodie Chubb to the next committee meeting to discuss the school gala to see how the committee can work with and help the school.

2. Amy W would like to open the Kiwitea Playgroup Christmas party to friends of playgroup.

3. Vicki S will draft up a Welcome to the Community pack for new residents.

7. General

Glen Terry has volunteered to spray the outside of the hall as its very mildewy. Daniel Stack to be asked if he can put some netting up at the end of the hall to stop birds getting in and pooing.

The committee, Playgroup, the school, the church and wider community would like to thank David Thompson for generously giving up his time frequently to mow the lawns in the community, he does an amazing job of keeping our community looking wonderful. The committee will chip in for a gift at the end of the year to thank him.

The quiz has sold out with 17 teams entered. Laura Brown will be the quiz master with Jo and Des and markers. Steph Strahan will be in charge of donations, thanks to Glen Terry, Paula Scott, Desiree Silk and Steph Strahan for getting donations of prizes .

Special thanks to the following sponsors of the event.

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8. Next meeting date will be Monday 5th October at 7.pm.

The meeting closed at 8.38 pm

Signed _____
(Chair)