

-KIWITEA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Meeting Location: Kiwitea Hall, Kiwitea

Date: 28 April 2026

Time: 7.00pm (NZST)

1. Present:

Laura Brown, Jo Terry, Glen Terry, Steph Strahan, Desiree Silk, Vicki Stack, Ben Flintoff , Amy Weston, Hannah Tokana, Gayna Brown

Apologies

Kate Ellery Mavor, Paula Scott, Vicki Doyle

2. Minutes from the last meeting

Moved: Laura
Seconded: Jo T

The minutes were read from the previous meeting on 20 February and approved as being correct.

3. Civil Defence – Hannah Tokana

Hannah spoke about her role at the council and a bit about Civil defence within the council works. She went through our civil defence bag which is held in the hub at the school.

Ben Flintoff commented that it would be good if the community could communicate weather events better, the only way some people knew about what was happening was by him physically driving up peoples driveways. He also commented that communication between him and the council could be better as they were doubling up on communications in some instances.

Hannah mentioned that Horizons do a river watch which people can register for on their phone. It automatically advises people when the river reaches a certain level.

Neighbourhood support keep a register of skills and equipment. Hannah will invite the lady to one of our meetings. It was discussed perhaps having small meetings with her with groups of people in the community, for example, Beaconsfield residents, Te Awa / Ridge residents etc, where she can update the register and locals can swap details with their neighbours.

The community / council may look to put a PowerPoint in the hall to run a generator if people became displaced and needed to stay there.

Vicki Stack volunteered to be the Kwiwitea Civil Defence liason person. Hannah will catch up with Vicki to discuss this further.

4. Correspondence

- MDC sent an email advising of the resignation of Janine As the Community Committee Liason officer. Adie Johansen is filling the role until a replacement has been found.
- Samantha Kett organised a conditions assessment of the hall. A report hasn't been sent through yet.
- MDC emailed and asked the committee to present our Community plan to the council meeting in early March. Des attended the council meeting and presented this on behalf of the committee.

- MDC invited the Chairperson, Secretary and treasurer to the annual Community committees forum on the 1st of April. Laura and Des attended this forum, there was an interesting presentation from the Halcombe committee about their history boards, it was mentioned Paula could be interested in talking to them as she has been doing a bit of work already in tis space.
- Des emailed James Adamson and asked if the council had plans to paint the external walls of the hall, or should we as a committee be doing organising this. James replied that approx. \$80,000 has been put aside in 2028-2029 for hall painting and repairs, what repairs are highlighted in the assessment report, but if we wanted to apply our \$3,000 annual council grant towards painting the bathrooms he would see if he could make that happen. It was moved unanimously for Vicki Doyle to apply to council for our \$3,000 funding to go towards panting the hall bathrooms and the external doors.

5. Finance

Vicki Doyle was not a the meeting but had emailed through her Finance report.

TREASURERS REPORT

Current Bank Balance as at 28 April \$18877.40

Income

Hall Hire – one – payment was made to Kiwitea School, we are awaiting the payment.

Credit Interest - No credit interest is paid anymore

Expenses

None

Banking Signing authority to be changed.

6. Council Update

Andrew Quarrie was not at the meeting as it had been postponed from last Monday due to civil defence emergency / weather, and he had not been advised of the change of date. Apologies to Andrew for this lack of communication. It was mentioned we should add him to the committee messenger group so he is aware of changes in the future.

7. General

Ben Flintoff gave his report.

People have been stealing the copper telephoine wires. Chrous are going to remove them as tey are becoming obsolete anyway.

An arrest has been made for the break ins at the Rangiwahia Hall.

Fuel thefts are happeneing around the regions, more larger volumes than small lots.

Farm workers vehicles have been targeted, mainly during early hours in the dark.

This is mainly from people in town coming out.

Ben advised people to remove keys from vehicles and bikes and to shut gates.

It was moved to removed Paula Scott as a signatory on the Westpac Kiwitewa Community Committee account and add Laura Brown.

Moved: Laura Brown

Seconded: Amy Weston

Des has asked everyone to have a read of the community plan before the next meeting and we can discuss an action plan to ensure we work our way the action points on the plan. We will add this to the agenda every meeting to ensure we are following the plan.

The next annual Kiwitea Community Quiz is Saturday 25 July 7pm. Similar format to last year. \$20 per person, teams of 4-6. \$25 per platter, Steph S will look after platters. Paula will be quiz master and Des and Jo judges / markers. If everyone can ask around for raffle prizes / winner

prizes and let everyone know on the group chat what they have got so we ensure we don't double up, but also ensure we are getting prizes.

8. Next meeting date will be Monday 20 July at 7.pm.

The meeting closed at 8.31 pm

Signed _____
(Chair)