

Agenda for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee to be held at the Meremere Hall, 21 Heather Green Avenue, Meremere on **THURSDAY, 20 March 2025** commencing at **7.00pm**.

**1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**2. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA**

**3. PUBLIC FORUM**

**4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

The register of interests is no longer included on agendas; however, members still have a duty to disclose any interests under this item.

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CL Hobbs

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

## MEETING MINUTES

### MEREMERE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

<b>Date:</b>	13 February 2025
<b>Time:</b>	7pm
<b>Place:</b>	Meremere Hall
<b>Present:</b>	Committee - J Katu (Chair), B Brown, L Wiseman, C Heta, Cr Raumati WDC Staff – C Hobbs (WDC CE), K Glasgow-Palmer, R Goddard (via Teams), S Flay (Comms), D Thurlow, K Wellington Guests – B Peters, S Katu
<b>Apologies:</b>	J Calvert

<b>1</b>	<b>Confirmation of Agenda</b> <b>Moved</b> C Heta <b>Seconded</b> B Brown		
<b>2</b>	<b>Discretionary Fund</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The committee is proud of the healthy balance.</li> <li>- All legitimate requests will be reviewed and accepted, even if it is seed money, it will then be put forward to council.</li> <li>- Has funded children's programs in the past.</li> </ul> <b>Moved</b> L Wiseman <b>Seconded</b> B Brown	<b>Action:</b> Confirmation the \$3,000 commitment to TK for the Community Response has occurred.	<b>Democracy</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Works &amp; Issues Update</b> <b>Moved</b> Cr Raumati <b>Seconded</b> C Heta		
<b>5</b>	<b>6.3 Climate Change Presentation</b> by K Glasgow-Palmer (present) & R Goddard (via Teams) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interest in the roadblocks for communities.</li> <li>- B Brown raised that response funding is where Meremere would require help. How does the community get support to build sustainable investments alongside community response and resilience?</li> </ul>	<b>Action:</b> Set up a meeting to discuss further (and support), including a multi-purpose strategy with the Meremere Development Committee.	<b>R Goddard</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>6.4 Tennis Courts, Pavillion and Gym</b> – discussion initiated by C Heta	<b>Action:</b> Explore courts on LTP and understand if	<b>Cr Raumati</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would like to have it as a place to go for the community, however the community has been unable to form a tennis club.</li> <li>- Courts were originally built by the village and vested to Council.</li> <li>- Committee to consider what is needed vs wanted and consider options and cost consequences.</li> </ul>	<p>Meremere is on the list and if not why?</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Review/assess (may have been on already done by Council) tennis pavilion.</p>	<b>Cr Raumati</b>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>6.5 New Community Committee nomination</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New resident Benjamin Peters nominated to join the committee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moved</b> C Heta <b>Seconded</b> Cr Raumati</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Notify Democracy Team of new committee member Benjamin Peters</p>	<b>K Wellington</b>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>6.6 Cr Raumati Verbal Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- C Heta partnering with Sport Waikato to look at opportunities for the Meremere Sports Fields and their potential.</li> <li>- Committee encouraged to support and promote the library.</li> <li>- Update on CCO Hamilton City Council for 2 Waters.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moved</b> L Wiseman <b>Seconded</b> B Brown</p>		
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Berms</b> – B Brown raised that he has been approached about the unkempt berms and vacant sections not being mowed/maintained.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Can the title owner be charged for maintenance? Check with Policy Team</p>	<b>S Flay</b>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Arsenic in water</b> – B Brown asked if there was any update?</p>	<p><b>Action;</b> update B Brown</p>	<b>S Flay</b>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting Agenda Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Plans Kick Off – D Thurlow</li> </ul>		
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Reminders</b> – D Thurlow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Invites to engagement at Tuakau Hall on 05 March @ 5:30pm – 7:30pm</li> <li>- Online meetings to understand issues within LTP for Meremere (approx. 15 March).</li> </ul>		
	<b>Meeting closed at 8:46pm</b>		
	<b>Next meeting 20 March 2025</b>		

<b>To</b>	<b>Meremere Community Committee</b>
<b>Report title</b>	<b>Discretionary Fund Report to 28 February 2025</b>
Date:	20 March 2025
Report Author:	J Schimanski, Support Accountant
Authorised by:	Alison Diaz, Chief Financial Officer

## **1. Purpose of the report**

### **Te Take moo te puurongo**

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The purpose of this report is to update the Meremere Community Committee on the Discretionary fund spend to date, commitments and balance as at 28 February 2025.

## **2. Staff recommendations**

### **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

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**THAT the Meremere Community Committee;**

- a) **receives the report and note, no minutes have been received for meeting held 2 May 2024, 13 June 2024, 25 July 2024, 5 September 2024, 17 October 2024 and 28 November 2024.**
- b) **set a maximum commitment to the Te Kauwhata Community Response Group from the existing discretionary fund allocation, to allow for the multi-year support that has been requested previously.**

## **3. Attachments**

### **Ngaa taapirihanga**

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Attachment 1 – Discretionary Fund report to 28 February 2025

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<b>MEREMERE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DISCRETIONARY FUND REPORT 2024/25 (July 2024- June 2025)</b>
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<b>As at Date: 28-Feb-2025</b>
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	GL	10-2090-0000-00-25904
<b>2024/25 Annual Plan</b>		1,550.00
<b>Carry forward from 2023/24</b>		13,448.61
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>14,998.61</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Total Income</b>		-
<b>Expenditure</b>		<i>excl GST</i>
18-Oct-24 Commitment of \$500.00 to the Community Response Group per year	MMCC2308/01	500.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>500.00</b>
<b>Net Funding Remaining (Excluding commitments)</b>		<b>14,498.61</b>
<b>Commitments</b>		<i>excl GST</i>
Commitment of \$500.00 to the Community Response Group per year	MMCC2308/01	500.00
<b>Total Commitments</b>		<b>500.00</b>
<b>Net Funding Remaining (Including commitments)</b>		<b>13,998.61</b>

<b>To</b>	<b>Meremere Community Committee</b>
<b>Report title</b>	<b>Meremere Works &amp; Issues Report – March 2025</b>
Date:	20 March 2025
Report Author:	Karen Bredesen, Executive Assistant to the General Manager Service Delivery
Authorised by:	Kirsty Wellington, Enterprise Project Management Office Manager

## **1. Purpose of the report**

### **Te Take moo te puurongo**

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To update the Committee and provide information on works and issues raised at previous meetings.

## **2. Staff recommendations**

### **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

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**THAT the Meremere Works & Issues Report be received.**

## **3. Attachments**

### **Ngaa taapirihanga**

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Attachment 1 – Works and Issues Report – March 2025

## Works and Issues Report – March 2025

	Issue	Area	Action
1.	<b>CCTV Update</b>	Mel Tarawhiti, Facilities Services Manager	Detailed design is still underway. There has been a slight delay with these, but work has continued, and we have completed two towns, and four towns have had survey work completed. We would expect the final designs to be completed by mid-March at the latest and will update if this milestone isn't reached.
2.	<b>Climate Change Presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up a meeting to discuss further (and support), including a multi-purpose strategy with the Meremere Development Committee.</li> </ul>	R Goddard	The Climate Action and Sustainability Team will meet with the Resilience Team this March to discuss and scope this. We are also collating examples of community resilience projects and possible funding avenues. We will meet with the committee in March/April to understand community resilience aspirations and share information and support where possible.
3.	<b>Tennis Courts, Pavillion and Gym</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore courts on LTP and understand if Meremere is on the list and if not why?</li> <li>Review/assess (may have been on already done by Council) tennis pavilion.</li> </ul>	Cr Raumati	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently the fencing pathway, gate, and basketball hoop are scheduled for renewal, and this will happen in the coming year (2025-26). The two courts are not scheduled for renewal until between 2027-29 but there is operational maintenance planned in the coming months.</li> <li>Please see Mel's email re the tennis pavilion.</li> </ul>
4.	<b>Berms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can the title owner be charged for maintenance? Check with Policy Team.</li> </ul>	S Flay	<p>Unfortunately, there are limited options available to Council if an owner refuses to maintain their property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under legislation, Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) is responsible for dealing with any fire hazards, including vegetation that may present a fire risk (i.e. overgrown berms). Legally, Council is unable to deal with those issues because we cannot take action on</li> </ul>

	Issue	Area	Action
			<p>aspects that are outside our jurisdiction. The FENZ website contains useful information, including how to report an issue. However, it is unlikely that an overgrown berm would not meet their criteria for a fire hazard.</p> <p><a href="http://www.fireandemergency.nz/outdoor-and-rural-fire-safety/councils-and-community/fire-hazards-in-your-community/">www.fireandemergency.nz/outdoor-and-rural-fire-safety/councils-and-community/fire-hazards-in-your-community/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If it is an overgrown section with hazards or potential for health nuisance such as rats or vermin, then Council can investigate under Health Act 1956. In this situation, Council would work with the owner/landlord to find a solution. However, there is very little Council can do if they refuse to maintain it. Enforcement options under the Health Act are limited.</li> <li>• Council is unable to carry out maintenance and then collect costs from the owner.</li> </ul> <p>Council's recommendation to MCC: The committee are encouraged to put in a Service Request to Council, so that it is recorded. The Open Spaces team does not see this as viable for a contractor to mow the berm when they are carrying out maintenance work on the reserve. You can make a Service Request via Council's website: <a href="https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/report-it">https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/report-it</a></p>
5	<p><b>Arsenic in water</b></p> <p>Update required.</p>	Keith Martin	All water treatment plants are providing water to drinking water standards. Arsenic levels are below MAV.



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<b>To</b>	<b>Meremere Community Committee</b>
<b>Report title</b>	<b>Mayor's Community Awards</b>
Date:	Thursday, 20 March 2025
Report Author:	Colleen Molloy, Mayor's Executive Assistant
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa, Democracy Manager

## **1. Purpose of the report**

### **Te Take moo te puurongo**

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To request Community Board's establish a working group of the Chairperson and one other Board Member to provide a nomination for the Mayor's Community Awards in May 2025.

## **2. Executive summary**

### **Whakaraapopototanga matua**

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Councillors, community boards and committees are being asked to nominate one recipient each for a Mayoral Community Award. The key purpose of the awards is to recognise volunteer community service. The nominee must:

- a. be a resident of the Waikato District.
- b. be nominated by a ward councillor, community board or community committee. Those nominations from community boards and committees must come via the Chairperson.
- c. have contributed and continue to provide an ongoing voluntary service to the local community.

Following the closing of nominations on **Thursday, 1 May 2025 at 9am**, the Mayor will consider the nominees and select the final recipients based on the above criteria. The award recipients will be invited to an awards ceremony to be held on 22 May.

The nomination should include details such as name, address, contact numbers and an explanation of why they should be considered for the award. A template is attached for you to complete and return to Her Worship the Mayor for this purpose.

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### **3. Recommendations** **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

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**THAT the Meremere Community Committee appoints the Chairperson and \_\_\_\_\_ to provide a nomination by 1 May 2025 for the 2025 Mayoral Awards.**

### **4. Attachments** **Ngaa taapirihanga**

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Attachment 1 – Nominee application form

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## Mayor's Community Awards 2025 Nominations (one per page)

Nominated by	
Ward/Board/Committee	
Nominee	
Nominee accepts nomination	Yes / No (circle or delete one)
Reason why nominated (no more than 100 words)	
<b>Contact details of Nominee:</b>	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

When complete, please send to [colleen.molloy@waidc.govt.nz](mailto:colleen.molloy@waidc.govt.nz)