
Agenda for a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee to be held in the Te Kauwhata Rugby Club, Mahi Road, Te Kauwhata on **WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE 2026** commencing at **7:00 PM.**

Information and recommendations are included in the reports to assist the Committee in the decision-making process and may not constitute Council's decision or policy until considered by the Committee.

The meeting will be opened with a karakia.

1. PRESENT

2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA

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.

5. MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

Minutes for confirmation for a meeting held on Wednesday, 6 May 2026

6. PUBLIC FORUM

7. REPORTS

7.1 Te Kauwhata Community Committee Discretionary Fund Report to 28 May 2026

7.2 Works and Issues Report June 2026

7.3 Chairpersons Report (*Verbal*)

7.4 Councillors Update - June 2026

7.5 Committee Members Update (*Verbal*)

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

TE KAUWHATA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Chairperson:	Tim Hinton
Deputy Chairperson:	Angela van den Munckhof
Membership:	One Ward Councillor (Marlene Raumati) Nine community representatives (Courtney Howells, Estelle (Kahui) Jonathan, Ian Wrigley, Harjeet Kaur, Hayden Solomon, Derek Peel, Liz Tupuhi, Mike Peters, Lauren Hugues)
Meeting frequency:	Six weekly
Quorum:	Half of the members if even or + 1

It is noted that the community committee terms of reference (TOR) are being reviewed at present and are likely to be revised again, as part of the representation review, in early 2027. In the interim these TOR apply to the four community committees listed on page 51.

Election and election process

1. Members of community committees shall be elected on a three-year cycle, following the local body elections and after the establishment of a governance structure with TOR.
2. Elections shall be held by public meeting conducted by the chief executive of Council or their nominee, at which candidates will be nominated and elected (the elections meeting). The elections meeting shall be conducted in a manner deemed appropriate by the chief executive.
3. Council will advertise the public meeting and call for nominations to the committee.
4. Any vacancies occurring during the term shall be filled as deemed appropriate by both Council and the committee. The committee may, by resolution, co-opt members to assist as required if the number of members does not exceed the maximum specified in paragraph 1 of the membership of community committee section (see below).
5. Council may assist in filling vacancies as appropriate.

Purpose

The Te Kauwhata Community Committee is set up by the Waikato District Council (Council) to deal with local issues on behalf of Council in the township and surrounds of .

Roles and delegations

The community committee's role shall be as follows:

1. Represent and act as an advocate for the interests of its community.
2. The consideration of and reporting on all matters referred by Council or any matter of interest or concern to the community committee.

3. Maintain an overview of services (e.g., road works, parks, recreational facilities, community activities, and traffic management) provided by Council within the community of _.
4. The preparation of an annual submission to the budgetary process of the Waikato District Council for expenditure within the community of Te Kauwhata.
5. Communication with community organisations and special interest groups within the community of _.
6. In the event that the committee that doesn't have specific discretionary funding to allocate, the committee can make an application to Council's Rural Ward Discretionary Fund for the funding of specific projects or events. These grants are available for projects and initiatives in rural areas and areas that are not served by a community board or other committee that receives discretionary funding.
7. To work with the elected hall committee to ensure the management and administration of halls within the Te Kauwhata area.
8. Any other function and duties may be delegated from time to time to the community committee by Council.
9. Pursuant to sch 7, cl 32(3) of the LGA, any sub-delegation of these responsibilities, duties and powers by community committee is hereby expressly prohibited.

Membership of community committee

1. The membership of the community committee shall consist of not fewer than three and no more than 12 elected members plus appointed member(s) from Council.
2. In line with representation reviews and any applicable Local Government Commission determinations, councillor(s) elected in the ward representing the community committee area shall be community committee members either by election or appointment.
3. The role of the appointed councillor(s) shall be the liaison link between Council and the community committee.
4. Community Committee members (of the four committees stated on page 51) are expected to act in accordance with Council's code of conduct and standing orders at all times. This includes the obligation to declare any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest in relation to matters under consideration.

Chairperson

1. The community committee shall appoint a chairperson from within its membership.
2. The community committee shall appoint a deputy chairperson from within its membership.
3. The community committee shall appoint a secretary from within its membership.
4. For community committees with the delegation of discretionary funding, they will

need to appoint a funding representative to work with council staff.

Meeting procedures

1. The community committee shall follow the general principles of the New Zealand Standards (NZS 9202:2003) Model Standing Orders including Amendment 1 for Meetings of Local Authorities and other public bodies.
2. Any variance to the standing orders can be decided by a simple majority vote of those members present at a meeting.
3. A quorum of members of the committee shall consist of no fewer than five members.
4. The committee will be responsible for completing, and submitting to Council's Democracy team, minutes for each committee meeting in accordance with guidance provided by Council.
5. Members of the public and external presenters (including Council staff) will be treated with respect and courtesy by committee members.
6. All councillors are entitled to attend community committee meetings and are granted speaking rights on agenda items and general matters. Aside from those formally appointed as members of the committee, attending councillors do not hold voting rights.

Communication

1. The objective is to retain quality relationships between Council and the community committee and the community committee and the public.

Responsibilities of Council

1. Council agrees to hold at least one combined workshop per annum, at which Council will participate with all community committees in discussing issues of mutual interest and clarification will be given on future Council direction.
2. Council may accept representations from the community committee at its ordinary meetings on issues of significance contained within the community board minutes.
3. Council employs the chief executive, and the chief executive employs all staff. The chief executive is accountable to Council, not to the community committee.

Winding-up of the committee

1. The committee may be wound up by resolution of Council in consultation with, or as a result of a request from the committee.

To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Minutes for confirmation for a meeting held on Wednesday, 6 May 2026
Date:	3 June 2026
Report Author:	Elizabeth Saunders, Senior Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa, Democracy Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To confirm the minutes for a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee (TKCC) on Wednesday, 6 May 2026.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee confirms the minutes for a meeting held on Wednesday, 6 May 2026 as a true and correct record.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

1. TKCC Unconfirmed OPEN Minutes - 260506

MINUTES for a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held at the Te Kauwhata Rugby Club, Mahi Road, Te Kauwhata on **WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY 2026** commencing at **7.00pm**.

Present:

Mr T Hinton (Chairperson)
Ms A Van de Munckhof (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr C Howells
Ms H Kaur
Mr D Peel
Councillor M Raumati
Mr H Solomon
Mr I Wrigley

Attending:

His Worship the Mayor, Mr A Bech (*from 7.45pm*)
Councillor E Dixon-Harris (*via audio visual link*)
Mrs K Barnsdall (Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships Manager)
Mr G Morgan (Open Spaces Services Manager)
Mr D Anand (Capital Projects Programme Manager)
Mr L Daniels (Consultant – Peak Project Management)
Mr H Westerby (Sport Waikato)
Ms E Saunders (Senior Democracy Advisor)

Members of the Public:

Mr G Tupuhi (Winton Developments & Mana whenua)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Mr Peel/Cr Raumati)

THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee accepts the apology from Mrs E Jonathan for non-attendance.

CARRIED

TKCC2605/1

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA

Resolved: (Mr Peel/Ms Kaur)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held on Wednesday, 6 May 2026 be confirmed:

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and**
- b. all reports be received.**

CARRIED

TKCC2605/2

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

- i. It was confirmed that hard copies of the meeting agenda need to be sent to the Te Kauwhata Library on the day of circulation to enable members to collect and read through before the meeting.

Resolved: (Mr Peters/Mr Wrigley)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held on Wednesday, 4 March 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record with the following amendments:

- *Spelling of the Deputy Chairpersons name throughout the minutes is incorrect (Van de Munckhof); and*
- *Amendment to the Waerenga Community Hub (Page 15) discussion to remove incorrect wording.*

CARRIED

TKCC2605/3

PUBLIC FORUM

The following issues were raised in public forum:

Road Naming – Lakeside:

- ii. Mr G Tupuhi addressed the Committee requesting the approval of four (4) new road names at Lakeside and provided an overview of the names used to date for the roads in the development.
- iii. It was noted that an approved list of road names had been previously sent to Council in 2018/19 for the development which have been used however the developer would like to use the names of legacy businesses in Te Kauwhata for the remaining roads.
- iv. It was proposed to apply the following four names to remaining streets:
 1. Carleys;
 2. Powells;
 3. Pullham; and
 4. Willis Walker
- v. Council have advised the developer that approval from both the Committee and the families of the four businesses are required before road naming can proceed.
- vi. The Committee noted their support for the names proposed but noted they would like to have the approval of the families in writing first.
- vii. The new approval process for road naming was outlined for both the Committee and Mr Tupuhi and it was confirmed the Committee have the delegation to provide approval.
- viii. It was noted the developer has a window of one (1) month for the decision to be made so work could continue and after an in-depth discussion it was confirmed once the Committee received the requested information a decision could be made and the developer advised.

ACTION: Mr Tupuhi to send through to the Committee the current list of approved road names, along with the written approval from family members for the businesses named above.

Te Kauwhata Walkway Design:

- i. The Open Spaces Services Manager addressed the Committee and provided an update on the Te Kauwhata Walkway Project.
- ii. A draft design was presented to the Committee by Mr L Daniels (Consultant) and a detailed overview was provided.
- iii. A discussion ensued with the Committee querying signage and crossings for vehicles.
- iv. It was confirmed that construction period for the walkway would be in the 2026/27 financial year however there was no confirmed date for completion at this stage.

- v. As part of the walk around of the Domain, old assets were identified and staff advised they were hoping to engage with key community stakeholders and domain users to discuss how best to re-use or clean these assets out.
- vi. In response to a query about the Domain carpark it was noted Council has a scheduled programme of works for district carparks so will confirm the scheduled phase for the domain carpark and potential impacts on Freedom Camping.
- vii. The Committee acknowledged the great work done by Council to date with the Domain and the presentation of the draft plans which would be included in the meeting minutes.
- viii. In closing staff confirmed Council were committed to regular engagement and communication with the Committee throughout the project and any queries could be directed to the consultant in the first instance.

Fitness Equipment:

- i. Mr Westerby (Sport Waikato) addressed the Committee and provided comments on the installation of fitness equipment in Te Kauwhata.
- ii. It was noted that research in New Zealand confirmed that clustered designs were superior to spread-out trails with clusters fostering more social interaction, ability for fitness groups to train together and are easier for parents to supervise children.
- iii. Capital costs for a high-quality installation could range and it was noted many groups failed to budget for ongoing operational expenses, so a proactive maintenance plan was essential.
- iv. Discussion ensued with points noted in relation to the vast range of groups that used the Domain, along with the best location for fitness equipment to be installed.
- v. A brief history of the concept plans was provided by the Chairperson and it was noted that discussions had been ongoing for nearly six (6) years now.
- vi. Long Term Plan (LTP) funding exists for both the fitness equipment and the Domain Walkway. It was noted that initial costs were not the issue, it was the ongoing costs for ratepayers that may be of concern.
- vii. After an in-depth discussion by the Committee around different options and ideas it was noted that whatever was decided, it would need to be in line with community needs.

Simplifying Local Government:

- i. His Worship the Mayor, Mr A Bech advised the Committee of the announcement from Central Government on Tuesday, 5th May, giving councils a three-month window to put forward proposals to simplify and strengthen local government in their regions.
- ii. If Council do not put forward a proposal within the three-month window there would be no further opportunity to provide feedback until after the next Local Government elections in 2028.
- iii. It was advised by the Mayor that Council would spend the first month having discussions and putting a proposal together with key stakeholders, before going out to the communities in the district for consultation and feedback.
- iv. Discussions with communities would happen via Community Boards & Committees as well as the Toituu Marae forum, Rural Engagement Advisory Panel (REAP) and the Community Voice Panel.

ACTION: SLT REP: The Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships Manager to circulate the link on the Council website for the Community Voice Panel to the Committee.

- v. It was noted that Hamilton City & Waikato District Councils have a strong relationship, particularly with the commencement of IAWAI on 1 July 2026 and a potential amalgamation with other regions could strengthen relationships further.
- vi. The type of questions Council want communities to start thinking about were things like; 'What do community members most engage with?'; 'Where in the district do you most align with (schools, family, live etc..)?'.
- vii. Council have the opportunity to really have their say and put forward a robust proposal for simplifying local government so having great feedback from communities would really help shape the vision.

REPORTS

6.1 Discretionary Fund Report to 08 April 2026

The report was received (*TKCC2605/2 refers*) and no further discussion was held.

6.2 Works & Issues Report May 2026

The report was received (*TKCC2605/2 refers*) and the following discussion was held.

CCTV cameras:

- i. It was confirmed that CCTV is vested in Council therefore will be responsible for maintenance of cameras and will pay the outstanding bill from February 2026.

TKCC Facebook Page:

- i. The Facebook page needed to be created again and it was confirmed that the Communications team Strategic Advisor along with the SLT representative would continue to work with Mr Wrigley to complete this.

ACTION: SLT Rep and Comms Strategic Advisor to work alongside Mr Wrigley to complete the Facebook page.

Lake Waikare Project:

- i. An 'Open Information' evening would be held on Monday, 25th May at 7pm in the Te Kauwhata Rugby Clubrooms which all members of the community and public are welcome to attend.
- ii. Mrs Tupuhi would circulate the 'Final Draft - Action Plan' to both the Te Kauwhata Community Committee and Meremere Community Committee in the next day or two for members information.

ACTION: Mrs Tupuhi to circulate the 'Final Draft - Action Plan' to both the Te Kauwhata and Meremere Community Committees for their information.

Athletics club storage:

- i. It was noted that the Council Parks team were happy with the location of the storage container. The appropriate paperwork needs to be drafted and completed and was still in progress.

ACTION: Item to remain on the Works & Issues Report.

Mahi Rd bollards:

- i. An email response from the Council Transport Manager dated 6th March was circulated to the Committee by Cr Raumati. The email outlined why the bollards were installed and noted that a Traffic Safety Engineer would need to conduct a post construction assessment before any changes could be implemented.
- ii. Cr Raumati provided a brief summary of the history of the installation of the bollards and requested the Committee confirmed 'what the next steps' were for this item and what action was required.
- iii. A robust discussion ensued with Committee members providing their thoughts on driver behaviour and also noting the feedback received from the community to date.

- iv. It was noted that Council could not be responsible for driver behaviour and it would be helpful to have these types of discussions with the Te Kauwhata Police.
- v. The Committee confirmed an email with their direction for 'next steps' would be sent to Cr Raumati for further action to be taken.

ACTION: Committee to send email to Cr Raumati outlining the 'next steps' and direction to be taken.

All Other Actions:

- i. It was confirmed that the Discretionary Fund action, Chairpersons Report action, Spam Emails action and the Illegal Rubbish Dumping signage on the Expressway Off-ramp action have all been completed and could be removed from the Works & Issues Report.

ACTION: Remove from Works & Issues Report:
Discretionary Fund Action; Chairpersons Report Action, Spam Emails Action and Illegal Rubbish Dumping Signage Action.

6.3 Adoption of Standing Orders

The report was received (*TKCC2605/2 refers*) and the following discussion was held:

- i. The Senior Democracy Advisor spoke to the report and outlined for the Committee the options for discussion as per the report recommendation.
- ii. It was queried how attendance to meetings via 'audio or audio-visual link' would be achieved and it was confirmed that this would be conducted via a 'Zoom' link and laptop as it was currently with Cr Dixon-Harris attending this meeting virtually.
- iii. After a brief discussion the Committee determined they would adopt the 2025 Standing Orders incorporating SO 13.7 (Right to attend via audio-visual link) and Option C as the default option for Speaking and moving amendments.
- iv. The members briefly discussed the Chairperson having a casting vote and it was determined that the casting vote provisions were to be left as they are in the default standing orders (with Standing Order 19.3 included).

Mr I Wrigley left the meeting at 9.02pm at the conclusion of Item 6.3.

Resolved: (Mr Peel/Mr Hinton)

THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee adopts the 2025 Standing Orders, with the following amendments:

- a. Incorporate SO 13.7 "Right to attend by audio or audio-visual link" into the Waikato District Council Standing Orders; and**
- b. Determines that the casting vote provisions (option 1) are left as they are in the default standing orders; and**
- c. chooses Option C as the default option for speaking and moving motions, for all Waikato District Council and Committee meetings.**

CARRIED

TKCC2605/4

6.4 Chairpersons Report (Verbal)

A verbal update was provided by the Chairperson with the following issues raised:

- i. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Te Kauwhata AMP Committee was being held on Monday, 11 May at 7.30pm at St Andrews Church. If any members wished to attend the meeting the AMP Committee were looking for a new Chairperson.
- ii. It was noted for members information that the Te Kauwhata AMP Committee and Te Kauwhata Events Committee were subsidiaries of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee.

6.5 Councillors Report

The report was received (*TKCC2605/2 refers*) and the following discussion was held:

- i. The Ratepayers Assistance Scheme was outlined for the Committee, and it was noted the scheme was funded through Local Government Funding Agenda (LGFA). This is a good scheme to promote and further information could be found on the Local Government New Zealand website.
- ii. Cr Raumati acknowledged the passing of the husband of Committee member Estelle Jonathan with the funeral taking place on Saturday, 2nd May. Cr Raumati also acknowledged Mrs Tupuhi for recently becoming a New Zealand Citizen as well as the attendance of His Worship the Mayor.

6.6 Committee Members Update

The following issues were raised by the Committee:

- i. Road Safety concern on Rata Street, with kids walking in the middle of the road as there was no footpath. This could be dangerous with buses and trucks travelling down that road.
- ii. It was noted that the Committee could potentially look at a community-led project in regards to funding for footpaths, however it was noted there was minimal room for a pathway down in the industrial area of Rata Street.

7.1 Copy of Community Groups Meeting Minutes

- i. The meeting minutes from the Te Kauwhata Domain User Group meetings held in November 2025 and March 2026 were acknowledged by the Committee and taken as read.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.04pm.

Minutes confirmed and approved on day of 2026.

Mr Tim Hinton
CHAIRPERSON

To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Te Kauwhata Community Committee Discretionary Fund Report to 28 May 2026
Date:	3 June 2026
Report Author:	Jennifer Schimanski, Support Accountant
Authorised by:	Paul Conder, Chief Financial Officer

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

The purpose of this report is to update the Te Kauwhata Community Committee on the Discretionary Fund spend to date, commitments and balance as at 28 May 2026.

2. Executive summary

Whakaraapopototanga matua

Six weekly report outlining total funding payments to date from discretionary funds 2025/2026.

3. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee:

- a. receives the Discretionary Fund Report to 28 May 2026 and;**
- b. receives the North Waikato Development Fund report to 28 May 2026.**

4. Background/Discussion

Koorero wahimaarama/Matapaki

Waikato District Council provides funding to the Community Boards and Community Committees to assist community groups, non-commercial groups and voluntary organisations operating within their district for events and projects.

5. Next Steps

Ahu whakamua

Continue to report to the Te Kauwhata Community Committee on the balance of the discretionary fund and provide any accountability reports as they are returned.

6. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

1. A - TKCC - Discretionary Fund to 28 May 2026
2. A - NWDF- Funding Report to 28 May 2026

TE KAUWHATA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DISCRETIONARY FUND REPORT 2025/26 (July 2025 - June 2026)
As at Date: 28-May-2026
GL

10-2070-0000-00-25904

2025/26 Annual Plan	4,198.00
Carry forward from 2024/25	21,483.89
Total Funding	25,681.89

Income

Total Income	-
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Expenditure
excl GST

01-Aug-25	Payment of \$5,457.60 (plus GST, if any) towards to cost of the CCTV cameras at the Te Kauwhata Library inv 11899 15/09/2025	TKCC2508/05	5,457.60
05-Dec-25	Payment of \$900.00 (plus GST, if any) Te Kauwhata & Districts Information & Support Centre for the Splash'n Dash event in March 2026.	TKCC2512/08	900.00
05-Nov-25	Payment of \$1,000.00 (plus GST, if any) towards Diwali Celebrations for the Te Kauwhata Events Committee inv 2025/00011	TKCC2511/06	1,000.00
12-Nov-25	Payment of \$1,950.00 (plus GST, if any) towards the costs of traffic control for the 2025 Christmas Parade for Independent Traffic Control Ltd. Inv 2025/00012	TKCC2511/07	1,950.00
31-Jul-25	Payment of \$1,717.16 (incl GST) for repairs to the CCTV security camera in Te Kauwhata inv 11361 from NWDF 17/4/2025 transferred from NWDF per resolution TKCC2511/05	TKCC2505/06	1,493.18
03-Feb-25	Transfer of \$500.00 to the Community Response Group per year	TKCC2403/05	500.00
Total Expenditure			11,300.78

Net Funding Remaining (excluding commitments)
14,381.11
Commitments
excl GST

06-Mar-24	Commitment of \$500.00 per annum for subsequent financial years on the understanding that these (combined) will be a total commitment to draw upon when needed by the Te Kauwhata Community Emergency Response Group. A maximum commitment of \$1,500.00.	TKCC2403/05	1,500.00
18-Oct-24	Less payment \$500.00 resolution TKCC2403/05	TKCC2403/05	(500.00)
03-Feb-26	Less payment \$500.00 resolution TKCC2403/05 transfer jnl GJ37000 doc file 13264	TKCC2403/05	(500.00)

Total Commitments
500.00
Net Funding Remaining (Including commitments)
13,881.11

NORTH WAIKATO DEVELOPMENT FUND (NWDF) REPORT 2025/26 (July 2025 - June 2026)**Te Kauwhata Allocation****As at Date: 08-Apr-2026****RS****18356****Resolutions from TKCC Committee Meeting Minutes & Other Information****2025/26****Reserve Opening Balance**

231,998.99

Total Funding**231,998.99****Income**

Interest July 2025 to May 2026

6,609.18

Total Income**6,609.18****Expenditure****Total Expenditure****-****Net Funding Remaining (excluding commitments)****238,608.17****Commitments**

Date	Description	Resolution no	breakdown of monie	Amount remaining
03-Feb-21	Te Kauwhata Committee supports the use of \$150,000 from the North Waikato Development Fund (NWDF) to assist in funding the construction of the Te Kauwhata Blunt Road Walkway ; (Note: The Committee may not use all the \$150,000 commitment for the Blunt Road walkway).	TKCC2102/03	150,000.00	
03-Nov-21	(Note: that the Committee subsequently at 3 Nov 2021 meeting adjusted this commitment to \$100,000 as part of a discussion the Works and Issues report). As advised by Management Accountant this reduction is to show against Blunt Road Walkway 22.10.2024		(50,000.00)	
04-Mar-26	Return the commitment of \$100,000 (#TKCC2102/03) be returned to the North Waikato Development Fund pool for allocation to another project at a later time.	TKCC2602/04	(100,000.00)	-
08-Aug-23	North Waikato Development Fund to get Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Dog Exercise Park project implemented.	TKCC2308/09	7,738.00	
30-May-24	less payment to Barakat Contractors to supply and install shade cloth poles at the dog park inv 15287 30/05/24	TKCC2308/09	(3,875.65)	
12-Nov-24	less payment to Fletch's Covers & Trims to supply and install shade cloths at the dog park inv 0427 12.11.2024	TKCC2308/08	(3,774.00)	
04-Mar-26	Resolution to return \$88.35 to the NWDF pool of funds	TKCC2602/04	(88.35)	-
Total Commitments				-
Net Funding Remaining (Including commitments)				238,608.17

To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Works and Issues Report June 2026
Date:	3 June 2026
Report Author:	Soroya McGall, Executive Assistance to General Manager Strategy & Growth
Authorised by:	Kuiarangi Barnsdall, Strategic Initiatives & Partnership Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To provide an update to the Te Kauwhata Community Committee on actions and issues arising from the previous meeting and works underway.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee receives the Works and Issues report for June 2026.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

1. Te Kauwhata Works and Issues Report June 2026

Te Kauwhata Community Committee Works and Issues Report – June 2026

	Issue and Action	Area	Status Update
1.	CCTV Cameras: Cr Raumati / SLT Rep to confirm vesting of the TK Library CCTV camera and server to Council and ensure any outstanding repairs and costs are covered. Action: TKCC to share invoice and supporting information to Council staff to complete vesting.	Councillor Raumati / Facilities Services Manager	June 2026: Completed. Facilities Team to process the Cornerstone invoice and finalise vesting.
2.	Road Naming Lakeside Mr Glen Tupuhi provided an update on the naming of remaining roads within the Lakeside Te Kauwhata development. The proposal is to use the names of long-standing and well-known Te Kauwhata families. Action: Mr Tupuhi to share the current approved road names list, and written approvals from families of proposed names (Carleys, Powells, Pullham, Willis Walker). SLT rep to follow up with Council roading staff to confirm whether any further action is required under Council processes.		June 2026: Completed. Mr Tupuhi has provided the list of proposed road names along with supporting background information. Agreement has been reached with the developer to allocate the following names to the four remaining streets: Carleys, Powells, Pullham, and Willis Walker. Mana Whenua have confirmed their support and endorsement of this proposal. SLT Rep to report back to the Committee following completion of roading staff due diligence on Council processes.
3.	Community Committee Facebook Page: TKCC identified the need for ongoing Council support.	TKCC Board Member Ian Wrigley	June 2026: Comms Team is managing capacity constraints due to staffing changes. Comms Advisor will reconnect with Mr Wrigley to confirm support needs.

	Action: SLT Rep to confirm available resourcing and communications support.		
4.	Te Kauwhata Athletics Club Storage Chair to keep the Athletics Club updated on progress. Item to remain open.	TKCC Chair, Mr Tim Hinton	June 2026: Paperwork for storage container still being progressed.
5.	Te Kauwhata Road Rooding bollards and signage Community concerns have been raised regarding the bollards at the intersection of Mahi, Te Kauwhata and Main Roads. The bollards create a false sense of security for children when crossing the road. Item to remain open.	Transportation Safety Engineer / Councillor Raumati	June 2026: No updates for this month.
6.	Mahi Road Stormwater Network Upgrade Watercare is upgrading the stormwater network on Mahi Road, with works expected to start in late June and take around 3–4 months. Disruption is expected to be minimal, with work on Wira Road scheduled during the school holidays. Item to remain open.		June 2026: Updates will be provided regularly to TKCC as the work progresses. Further information will be shared via email and appropriate Facebook channels (if necessary).
7.	Community Voice Panel: Mayor provided an update on local government reform and the Head Start pathway, noting that wider engagement will follow and information will be shared through the Community Voice Panel.	Strategic Initiative & Partnerships Manager	June 2026 Completed. <i>This action is now complete and will be removed from the Works and Issues Report.</i>

	Action: SLT representative to share the Community Voice Panel link with Committee members.		
8.	Lake Waikare Project: Mrs Tupuhi to circulate Final Draft Action Plan to TKCC and Meremere Community Committee.	Mrs Liz Tupuhi	June 2026: Completed. <i>This action is now complete and will be removed from the Works and Issues Report.</i>
9.	Spam Emails The Deputy Chair notes she has been receiving multiple emails claiming to be from the Chair requesting the purchase of items. Action Democracy to notify IT of this cyber breach.	Senior Democracy Advisor	June 2026: <i>This action is now complete and will be removed from the Works and Issues Report.</i>

Capital Projects Update (as of 27 May)

No updates for the month.

To	Te Kauwhata Community Committee
Report title	Councillor's Report
Date:	Wednesday 3 June 2026
Report Author:	Cr Marlene Raumati Waerenga-Whitikahu Ward

Purpose of the Report - Te Take moo te Puurongo

To provide a report since the Te Kauwhata Community Committee Wednesday 6 May 2026.

Staff recommendations - Tuutohu-aa-Kaimahi

THAT the report from Cr Raumati for the May - June 2026 period be received.

Executive Summary - Whakaraapopototanga Matua

Roading Corridor Submissions

Council are reviewing how activities are managed within the road corridor. The road corridor includes the road itself and adjoining areas such as berm, drains, culverts, and airspace above the road. Council wants to hear from you about a range of perceived problems, and to check whether these reflect real experiences and concerns. Your feedback will help council decide whether changes to their current approach are required, and if so, what kind of change is appropriate. This may include developing a bylaw.

Please provide feedback before 4pm, 26 June 2026. The contents of your submission will be made public through council agendas. If you would like your name kept confidential, please let council know on your submission form – <https://consult.waikatodc.govt.nz/activities-in-and-around-roads/TAEAA>

Government's "Head Start" Pathway

Government's new "Head Start" proposal represents one of the most significant local government reform programmes in New Zealand since 1989. For councils such as Waikato District Council, the proposal creates both an opportunity and a challenge: an opportunity to help shape the future structure of local government in the Waikato region, and a challenge to ensure rural communities retain a strong voice in any future governance model.

Under the Head Start pathway, councils have until 9 August 2026 to work with neighbouring councils to submit outline proposals for reorganisation into new unitary authorities. A unitary authority combines the functions of both territorial and regional councils into one single organisation. The Government has made it clear that councils who do not participate in the voluntary process may later be included in a compulsory "backstop" reform process after the 2028 local elections.

For Waikato District Council, the implications are substantial. The district sits between rapidly growing metropolitan centres such as Hamilton and large rural communities with very different priorities and service needs. A future amalgamated structure could potentially include parts of the wider Waikato region

and may significantly reshape how decisions are made about infrastructure, transport, water, environmental management, growth planning, and representation.

Supporters for reform argue that larger unitary authorities create efficiencies, reduce duplication between councils, and better align decision-making. The Government has signalled the major driver behind the reform is the replacement of the Resource Management Act and the desire for more streamlined regional planning arrangements.

However, there are important concerns for our rural communities. Waikato District has distinct rural interests, including farming, small town development, river catchment management, and infrastructure servicing across a geographically large district. In any amalgamated structure dominated by a metropolitan population base, there is a real risk that influence over local priorities and funding decisions for our communities could be lost. Representation arrangements will be critical. Questions around local boards/community boards, ward structures, community representation, and decision-making authority will require careful consideration to ensure our voices are not diluted.

For your elected members, the coming months will require balanced and courageous leadership. Your councillors will need to weigh potential efficiencies and long-term strategic benefits against the importance of maintaining strong local representation, protecting our identity and interests, and ensuring our communities remain connected to decision-makers. Regardless of the eventual structure, the key issue will not simply be which or whether councils amalgamate, but whether any new model genuinely improves outcomes for the people and communities of Waikato.

IAWAI – FLOWING WATERS BOARD CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS

The IAWAI Forum has confirmed the remaining appointments to the IAWAI – Flowing Waters Board of Directors - with three additional Directors signed up to start on 1 July 2026.

Working alongside specialist recruitment firm Propero, the forum ran a robust search and interview process. The field was competitive and the quality of candidates was high, which made for genuinely strong decision-making.

The forum is delighted to welcome Hinerangi Raumati-Tu'ua, Jennifer Kerr, and Tim Gibson to the Board. They join chair Kevin Lavery, Tim Manukau, and Dave Chambers, and together bring a compelling mix of financial, technical, governance, and te ao Māori expertise that the forum is confident will serve IAWAI well as it moves into its first year of operation.

Mahi Road Stormwater Network Upgrade

Watercare Services Ltd is undertaking a stormwater network upgrade for council in the Mahi Rd area. Subject to weather conditions and ground conditions, construction is planned to begin in late June and is expected to take approximately 3-4 months to complete, including reinstatement and planting.

The upgrade replaces undersized and damaged pipes that are no longer performing adequately. Areas that currently experience wet ground and localised flooding during heavy rainfall events will benefit including the dog park. Sections of the existing network have also compromised structural integrity and require replacement.

The improvements will strengthen resilience to more frequent and intense rainfall associated with climate change. They will also deliver ecological benefits by improving stormwater treatment to help reduce sediment and contaminants entering downstream waterways. Proposed planting will further enhance biodiversity, improve habitat values, and create a more naturalised environment.

Most pipes are designed to be installed within the road berm, so shoulder closures at location should be sufficient. Access to driveways and footpaths will be maintained where practicable. Works along Wira Street are planned for the school holiday period to help minimise disruption.

Installation of the larger pipes along Mahi Road will take longer than the smaller diameter works. Three trees will need to be removed as they sit within the construction footprint. New trees will be planted once the drainage improvements have been completed.

MAY CALENDAR 2026

Gordonton Woodlands Trustee Panel	01 May
Council	04 May
Local Government Workshop	04 May
Meremere Hall Targeted Rate Meeting	04 May
LTP Workshop	05 May
TKCC Meeting	06 May
Strategy, Growth and Finance Pre-meeting Brief	12 May
Halls Workshop	12 May
Strategy, Growth and Finance	18 May
Assets and Infrastructure	19 May
Council Workshop Huntly	20 May
Orini Hall Meeting	21 May
ANZAC Debrief	24 May
JP Meeting	25 May
Policy and Regulatory	26 May
Extraordinary Council Meeting	26 May
Proposed Fast-Track Chairs Online Meeting	27 May

JUNE CALENDAR 2026

Meremere Community Chairs Meeting	03 June
TKCC Meeting	03 June
TK JP Meeting	06 June
Council – Annual Plan Adoption	09 June
IAWAI Go-live Workshop	11 June
LGNZ Women’s Zoom	12 June
Audit, Risk and Opportunities Meeting	15 June
Development Agreements Meeting	15 June
LGNZ Briefing – Auckland’s Amalgamation	15 June
Commissioner Training	17-18 June
Roading Sub-committee Meeting	23 June
Councillor/ELT Briefing	23 June
Meremere Community Committee Meeting	25 June
Council Meeting	29 June
Reserves and Beaches Bylaw Workshop	29 June