

Agenda for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee to be held at the Meremere Hall, 21 Heather Green Avenue, Meremere on **THURSDAY, 1 MAY 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.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

5.1	Confirmation of minutes for the meeting held on Thursday 20 March 2025	3
-----	--	---

**6. REPORTS**

6.1	Discretionary Fund Report	8
6.2	Meremere Works and Issues Report	10
6.3	Whangamarino Action Plan	Verbal
6.4	Chairperson's Report	Verbal
6.5	Councillors Report	12

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

CL Hobbs

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

# Meremere

## COMMUNITY COMMITTEE PLAN

### Taiao

Supporting the enhancement of our environment.

### Kotahitanga | Unity

Valuing our diverse community.

### Engagement

Connecting our community to what matters most.

### Successful and thriving

Helping the community prosper.

### Inclusive

Advocate for community strength.



### Vision

Listen to and work with our diverse community, mana whenua partners and other organisations to protect and enhance the environmental, social, cultural and economic wellbeing of Meremere.

<b>To</b>	<b>Meremere Community Committee</b>
<b>Report title</b>	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b>
Date:	Tuesday, 1 May 2025
Report Author:	Thomas Rowland, Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Elizabeth Saunders, Senior Democracy Advisor

### **1. Purpose of the report** **Te Take moo te puurongo**

---

To confirm the minutes for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee held on Thursday, 20 March 2025.

### **2. Staff recommendations** **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

---

**THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee held on Thursday, 20 March 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

### **3. Attachments** **Ngaa taapirihanga**

---

Attachment 1 – Meremere March Minutes

---

# MEREMERE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING<sup>4</sup>

Date: 20/03/2025

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Meremere Hall

## **1. Present & Apologies**

Present:

J Katu (Chair), B Brown, L Wismans, C Heta, B Peters, Pamela Storey (Waikato Regional Council) spoke about the LTP and left the meeting at 8:00pm.

Apologies:

J Calvert, Cr M Raumati.

Moved: B Brown

Seconded: L Wismans

## **2. Confirmation of Agenda**

Moved: C Heta

Seconded: L Wismans

## **3. Public Forum**

No members of the public attended the meeting.

## **4. Disclosures of Interests**

No disclosures made by any members.

## **5. Confirmation of Last Meeting Minutes**

Moved: C Heta

Seconded: L Wismans

## **6. Reports**

## **6.01 Waikato Regional Council Long-Term Plan (LTP) Update**

Pamela Storey provided an overview of Year 2 of the Long-Term Plan, clarifying the distinction between district and regional councils.

She highlighted the region's rapid growth and the necessity for consultation on the Annual Plan.

The primary focus was on Public Transport, where she explained proposed changes to rate distribution, aiming for a more balanced approach across the region.

She noted that Meremere is considered a "serviced" district due to its existing bus stop.

Additionally, Pamela raised concerns about Golden Mussels, an invasive species creating significant environmental challenges in local waterways.

B Brown raised a concern about a disconnect between the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) and Waikato District Council (WDC), stating that better relationships are needed, as per the Meremere Plan 2024-2026. Pamela agreed and stated that the committee could contact her anytime they needed support, and she would arrange for someone to assist.

Jim brought up the Whangamarino Wetlands and their importance to Meremere. Pamela agreed and said she could arrange for someone to discuss rejuvenation efforts with the committee.

B Peters asked the committee whether additional bus services were needed. Pamela responded that while additional services would come at a cost, there is increased funding available for Community Transport programs. The committee agreed this was a viable alternative worth exploring.

## **6.1 Discretionary Fund Report**

There was no change to the fund balance.

Moved: L Wismans

Seconded: C Heta

## **6.2 Meremere Works & Issues Report**

CCTV Update - No changes reported.

Climate Change Presentation - No updates at this time.

Tennis Courts, Pavilion, and Gym - The committee acknowledged that renewal works are planned between 2025 and 2029.

Berms Maintenance - B Brown to submit a report to the WRC as recommended.

Water Quality (Arsenic Levels) - Communication received indicating that arsenic levels are below the Maximum Acceptable Value (MAV).

Action: B Brown to submit a report to the WRC as recommended.

Responsible: B Brown

Moved: L Wismans

Seconded: C Heta

## **6.3 Mayoralty Awards Nomination**

The committee unanimously agreed on a nomination for the Mayoralty Awards.

J Katu (Chair) and B Peters have been assigned to complete and submit the nomination form.

The deadline for submission is May 1st, 2025.

Action: J Katu and B Peters to finalise and submit the nomination form.

Responsible: J Katu, B Peters

## **6.4 Chairperson's Report**

Dog Control Issues: J Katu raised concerns about roaming dogs, and the committee acknowledged that this is a frustrating issue for the community.

It was agreed that the best course of action is to encourage community members to report incidents officially to the council.

B Brown will draft a standardised message from the committee, which can be used to inform and encourage residents to report roaming dogs.

Committee members will use this message in face-to-face<sup>7</sup> conversations and on social media as needed.

Action: B Brown to create and share the standardised message.

Responsible: B Brown

## **6.5 Councillor's Report**

Apologies from Cr M Raumati.

## **7. General Business**

We discussed the possibility of investigating a public toilet. It is not in our current plans, but it has been a topic of discussion for many years.

We recognised a community member that collects rubbish in the early hours and the development committee is going to look at acknowledging his efforts.

## **Meeting Closed**

Meeting closed at: 9:00pm

Next meeting scheduled for: 01/05/2025

<b>To</b>	<b>Meremere Community Committee</b>
<b>Report title</b>	<b>Discretionary Fund Report to 14 April 2025</b>
Date:	01 May 2025
Report Author:	J Schimanski Support Accountant
Authorised by:	Alison Diaz Chief Financial Officer

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

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

---

The purpose of this report is to update the Meremere Community Committee on the Discretionary fund spend to date, commitments and balance as at 14 April 2025.

## **2. Staff recommendations**

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

---

**THAT the Meremere Community Committee;**

- a) receives the report and note, no minutes have been received for the following meetings 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**

---

Attachment 1 – Discretionary Fund report to 14 April 2025

---



**MEREMERE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DISCRETIONARY FUND REPORT 2024/25 (July 2024- June 2025)**
**As at Date: 14-Apr-2025**

	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	MMCC2308/01	500.00
Group per year		
<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	MMCC2308/01	500.00
Group per year		
<b>Total Commitments</b>		<b>500.00</b>
<b>Net Funding Remaining (Including commitments)</b>		<b>13,998.61</b>

## Open – Information only

---

<b>To</b>	<b>Meremere Community Committee</b>
<b>Report title</b>	<b>Meremere Works &amp; Issues Report – May 2025</b>
Date:	1 May 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

---

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

### 2. Staff recommendations Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

---

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

### 3. Attachments Ngaa taapirihanga

---

Attachment 1 – Works and Issues Report – May 2025

## Works and Issues Report – May 2025

	Issue	Area	Action
1.	<b>CCTV Update</b>	Mel Tarawhiti, Facilities Services Manager	Mel Tarawhiti will be in attendance at the 1 May 2025 meeting and will provide an update.
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>	Rachael Goddard	The Climate Action, Adaptation and Sustainability Team met with the Resilience Team to discuss and scope this. We have almost completed collating examples of community resilience projects and possible funding avenues. We will meet with the committee in May to understand community resilience aspirations and share information and support where possible.

## Open – Information Only

<b>To</b>	<b>Meremere Community Committee</b>
<b>Report title</b>	<b>Councillor's Report</b>
Date:	Thursday 1 May 2025
Report Author:	Cr Marlene Raumati Waerenga-Whitikahu Ward

### Purpose of the Report - Te Take moo te Puurongo

To provide an update on the activities of Councillor Raumati since the Meremere Community Committee Thursday 13 February 2025.

### Staff recommendations - Tuutohu-aa-Kaimahi

**THAT the report from Cr Raumati for the March - April 2025 period be received.**

### Executive Summary - Whakaraapopototanga Matua

#### Council Committees March - April 2025

#### Sustainability and Wellbeing

##### **Hamilton and Waikato Tourism Half-Yearly Report**

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism (HWT) is our Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO). Their role is to generate competitive economic benefit through visitor sector strategies focused on increasing visitor length of stay and spend. When visitors spend money in our region, businesses remain viable, employment is available, and we develop prosperous communities.

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism is a subsidiary of Waikato Regional Airport Limited, a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO). We have a commercial board with Richard Leggat appointed as the Chair in December 2021. Richard is joined by Gus Gilmore, as WRAL board representative; Mark Morgan, as the WRAL Chief Executive; and Steve Gow as an independent director.

HWT is funded through a public/private partnership with the region's tourism industry and **four** local authorities including Waikato, Hamilton City, Matamata Piako and Waipaa. This is the six-month progress report covering the period from 1 July 2024 through to 31 December 2024.

#### **Economic and Community Led Development**

Economic Development supports business sustainability and growth across the district. Working with regional and national partners to provide businesses with external support and advice to ensure investment is realised by local communities and iwi. A focus is ensuring that investment is driving improved employment and skills opportunities to maximise improved social outcomes for communities and iwi.

Community Led Development supports capability and capacity building for community groups and iwi. In partnership with regional and national agencies, community and iwi are supported through the following training opportunities, governance, stakeholder engagement, financial management and project delivery. A key programme of work is supporting community and iwi to deliver on their Community Aspirations and Blueprint projects.

## **Performance and Strategy**

### **Long-Term Plan Update**

Elected members received a re-introduction to the Long-Term Plan (LTP) process for 2025-2034 LTP at the workshop held on 17 September 2024. Since then, additional workshops have taken place to review key aspects of the LTP, including community pre- engagement results, waste services, district growth projections, the infrastructure strategy, financial strategy and LTP budgets.

Following these workshops, Council have adopted the levels of service and performance measures, Groups of activities, and consultation topics.

Additionally, the Council approved the LTP budgets, the financial strategy and the infrastructure strategy in order for staff to move forward with the audit process.

During the audit process, certain issues were identified, leading to an extension of our audit timeline and a rescheduling of public consultation to 11 April – 11 May. Despite these adjustments, the LTP remains on track for adoption by 30 June 2025. Information on the change to key dates are included in the work programme update.

Over the next three months, the Council will hold a series of meetings to guide decision-making and formally adopt the LTP budgets, consultation document, and final LTP. The Strategy and Performance Committee will continue to receive progress updates, ensuring oversight of all 11 building blocks that contribute to the LTP's development.

## **Infrastructure**

### **Waste Minimisation and Management Plan 2025 - 2031 Adoption for Consultation**

Councils play an important role in managing and minimising waste in New Zealand. The Waste Minimisation Act 2008 gives councils the responsibility to promote effective and efficient waste management and minimisation within their districts. The Act also requires councils to adopt a Waste Minimisation and Management Plan (WMMP), which must be reviewed every six years. The Waste Services Team have prepared a draft WMMP ready for public consultation.

## **Policy and Regulatory Committee**

### **Submission on Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill**

Government asked for submissions on the Bill, to which Waikato District Council submitted on. The purpose of the Bill (extract - high level outline) is to:

*Amend existing provisions in the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) relating to infrastructure and energy, housing growth, farming and the primary sector, natural hazards and emergencies and system improvements. The bill would:*

- *specify default maximum time frames for consent processing and establish default consent durations for renewable energy and infrastructure consents to improve process and outcome certainty for system users*
- *make it optional for councils to implement the medium density residential standards (MDRS) and provide plan-making processes that are more flexible and support housing growth*
- *clarify the relationship between the RMA and the Fisheries Act 1996 to balance marine protection with fishing rights*

- *provide more tools to deal with natural hazards and emergency events to improve decision-making and efficiency*
- *increase penalties for noncompliance, remove insurance against penalties, enable cost recovery for councils, and enable the consideration of an applicant's compliance history in consent conditions*

After analysis of the Bill's contents, staff worked to make a submission on a number of points. Staff from Council's Resource Management Policy Team and Consents Team prepared a draft, for further engagement, and final submission.

### **Alcohol Control Bylaw 2020 Review - Approval to Consult**

Staff are reviewing the Alcohol Control Bylaw 2020 (the Bylaw) under section 147 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). The purpose of the Bylaw is to reduce alcohol related harm, crime, or disorder in public places through alcohol bans.

An alcohol ban is where it is prohibited to consume or possess alcohol in a public place. Informal engagement with the community was undertaken from 30 October to 8 December 2024 with 126 responses received.

### **Workshop Updates March - April 2025**

Waters CCO  
Tree Policy  
Section 17A Review  
LTP Policies  
Treasury Risk Management Policy  
Neighbourhood Parks  
Open Spaces Maintenance Contract Renewal  
Procurement Policy and Briefing

### **Council Meetings**

Council	03 March
Speed Management Plan Hearings	11 March
Extraordinary Council Meeting	11 March
Infrastructure	17 March
Council	26 March
Sustainability and Wellbeing	31 March
Performance and Strategy	01 April
Policy and Regulatory	07 April

### **Community Events and Other Meetings**

TKCC Meeting	05 March
Constituency Meeting	02 April
LTP Online Meeting	14 April
LTP Community Consultation Te Kauwhata	16 April
LTP Community Consultation Meremere	16 April