

Agenda for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee to be held at the Meremere Hall, 21 Heather Green Avenue, Meremere on **THURSDAY, 24 July 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 12 June 2025 Y

6. BOARD REPORTS

6.1 Meremere Community Committee Plan June Update Y

7. REPORTS

7.1 Discretionary Fund Report Y

7.2 Meremere Works and Issues Report Y

7.3 Councillors Report Y

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

CL Hobbs

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Meremere

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE PLAN

Taiao

Supporting the enhancement of our environment.

Kotahitanga | Unity

Valuing our diverse community.

Engagement

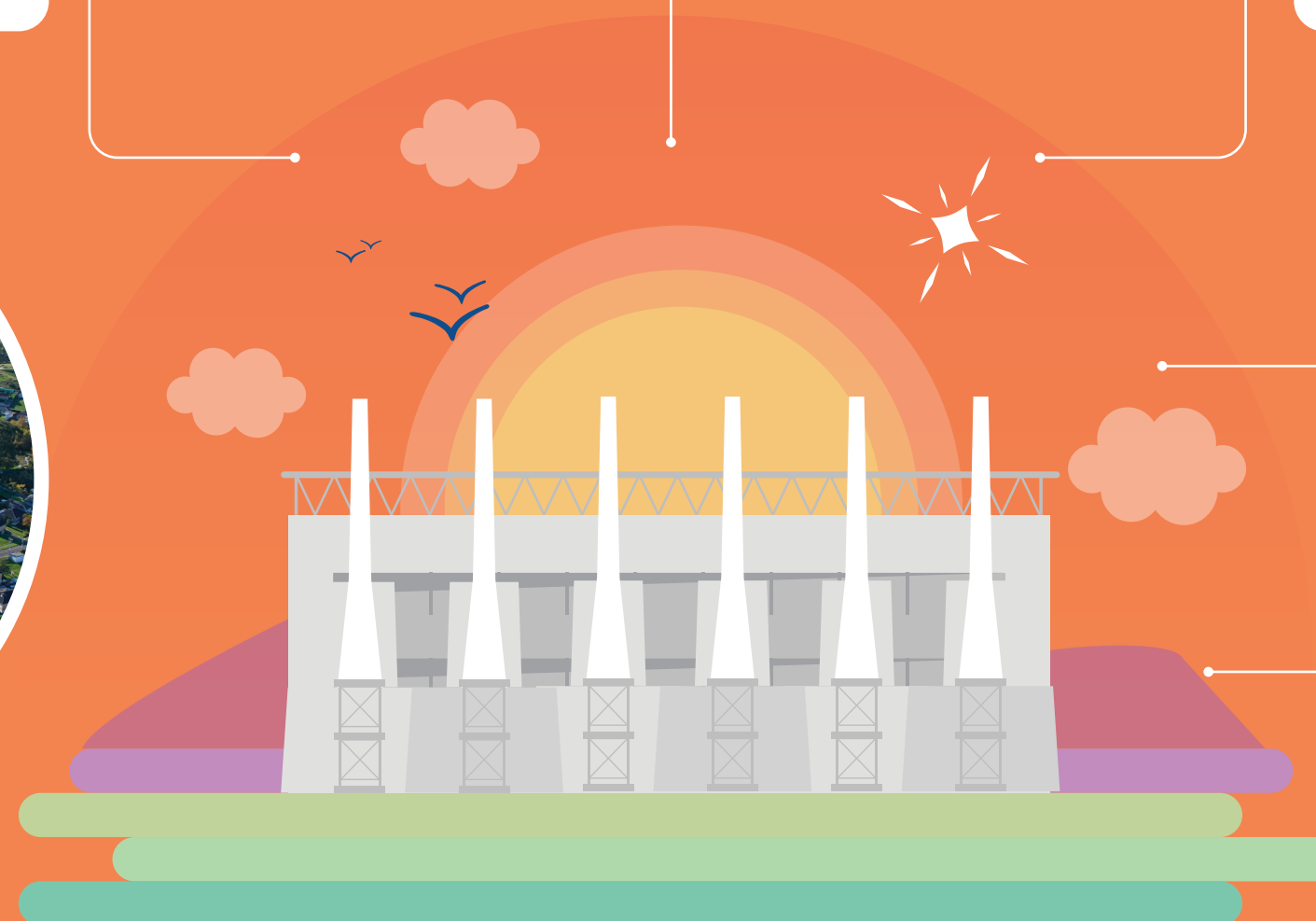
Connecting our community to what matters most.

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.

To	Meremere Community Committee
Report title	Confirmation of Minutes
Date:	Thursday, 24 July 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, 12 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

3. Attachments **Ngaa taapirihanga**

Attachment 1 – Meremere June Minutes

Meremere Community Board Minutes

1. Apologise and leave of Absence

Mr Jim Katu (Chairperson)

Moved Ms. Cecilia Heta

Seconded Mr. Ben Peters

2. Confirmation of Status of the Agenda

Moved Cr. Marlene Raumati

Seconded Ms. Cecelia Heta

3. Public Forum

Moved Marlene Raumati

Seconded Ms. Cecilia Heta

4. Disclosures of Interest

Moved Cr. Marlene Raumati

Seconded Ms Cecilia Heta

5. Confirmation of the Minutes

- Correction to previous minutes, Correct spelling of the name Hayden Solomon.
- Kotahitanga responsibility change to Jacob and Lauren

Moved Cr. Marlene Raumati

Seconded Ms. Cecilia Heta

6. Board Reports

6.1 Te Taiao (Environment)

Council have entered the next stage regarding the water catchment. Mayor Jackie Church wanted to acknowledge that councillor Marlene and councillor Patterson deserve serious recognition for their amazing work in this space, Saving a great of money for council and close the deal getting the job done.

Cecilia added that 2 students and Cecilia attended a planting day on Friday gone, They were amongst students and other volunteers. The kids did amazing and got stuck in to the Mahi. It was a beautiful day the weather was good, There was a real sense of community in the air Cecilia Recalled. Cecilia has also started a new Garden Initiative with an aim to encourage community members to use and contribute to the local community garden.

6.2 Kotahitanga (Unity)

6.3 Tuuhonoga (Engagement)

Ben Peters spoke to some of the incredible work achieved in this space since our last meeting. An engagement plan has been developed to assist with the implementation of Community Board Plan. A call to action is being made to the community, Asking community members to be more actively engaged in ongoing meetings. In addition we are inviting members of the community to engage in upcoming activities and looking at how we can involve more members of the community more easily.

6.4 Te Houkura Me te Toonuitanga (Successful and thriving)

Cr. Marlene Raumati shared that for some time there has been discussions with a local business owner who wishes to move in to the community. Marlene and Hayden Solomon have advocated respectively for the employment of local people.

6.5 Kauawhi (Inclusive)

Cecilia, Ben Peters and Dominique Thurlow caught up last week regarding the plan to address community inclusivity. Cecilia reported that she had made contact with Angela Mickey and Lauren Hughs on behalf of the project team to have a meeting at 12:30pm on Wednesday about what can be done for Meremere.

Cr. Marlene Raumati suggested that finding out what the community needs on the ground could be of huge benefit to the community and the delivery of appropriate services.

Ben Peters added that a “Welcome Pack” is being produced for incumbent residences of the Meremere Community. The packs will include pertinent information about local services and activities.

Moved Cecilia Heta

Seconded Ben Peters

7. Reports

7.1 Discretionary Fund Report

Lauren noted no change

Cr. Marlene Raumati raised a matter in relation to the Commitment of \$500.

Moved Cr. Marlene Raumati

Seconded Ms. Cecilia Heta

7.2 Meremere Works and Issues Report

CCTV contracts previously discussed have gone out to tender. Cr. Marlene Raumati did an excellent job advocating for Meremere Community with regards to the installation of our CCTV cameras. Marlene Suggested to the comity that the priority for camera installation in the village should be the 2 entrances.

Moved Cr. Marlene Raumati

Seconded Mr. Ben Peters

7.3 Councillors Report

Moved Cr. Marlene Raumati

8. General Business

- The Hall is coming up to its 10 Year anniversary. Lauren to connect with the Hall Committee regarding how we can assist.
- Lauren acting as Chairperson for this meeting in Mr. Katu's absence
- Mayor Jacki Visiting as part of her Community interest and involvement
- Aksel Bech visiting as part of his involvement for the local community
- The 20th of this month the current LTP is being looked to be adopted
- End of this month to use the blue stickers up as the rubbish collection system will change at that time.
- The Meremere community playground has been designated as a "destination playground" which will help Cr. Marlene Raumati advocate for a Toilet to be installed there, Which the Comity has been very keen on. Marlene suggested that caring for and protecting the playground should be a priority for the community.
- A Meremere Beautification plan is being developed in the background by Ben Brown and Ben Peters, Cr. Marlene Raumati credited their great work.
- Ben shared that a goal he is implementing is increased correspondence between the development community and the comity board
- "Rubbish Kits" have been put together that you can fill up with local rubbish and deliver back to a local community comity member.
- The development comity have purchased Lawn mower
- A farewell sign for the community is being produced, it will be bi-lingual and will be located on private property near the exit of town.
- Janice donated some lovely ariel photos to the development community for the community.
- Recognising Janice Harman for her Mayoral award
- It was discussed whether a local public meeting should be held for the upcoming elections to introduce the candidates and give them an opportunity to speak.
- Cecilia Heta wanted to give a big mahi to the men who have been working on our tennis courts.
- Voting for local government elections begin on the 9th September with the final day of voting Saturday 11th October at 12pm.

To	Meremere Community Committee
Report title	Meremere Community Committee Plan update – June 2025
Date:	12 June 2025
Report Author:	Thomas Rowland, Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa, Democracy Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

Providing an opportunity for the Meremere Community Committee to report back on the delivery of their action plan.

To provide organisational updates that tie in with the actions/outcomes within the Meremere Community Committee plan.

2. Executive summary

Whakaraapopotanga matua

The Meremere Community Committee adopted their Community Board Plan in 2024, which outlined their vision for the following two (2) years.

Following the adoption of the plan the Community Led Development Advisor continued to work with the board on the action plan which would determine the outputs for which the Board could report on and measure achievements.

The Democracy Team have worked with the Community Led Development Advisor to create a report template which would provide each of the actions and for future reports will request updates from members prior to the agenda closing to enable these to be placed against the action plan.

This report also provides an opportunity for the organisation to provide updates on activities/initiatives they are involved with that tie into the plan.

This will enable the community to see prior to the meeting whether there is something they would like to provide the board with feedback on and provide another mechanism for the community to engage with the Board at their six-weekly meetings.

3. Staff recommendations **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

THAT the Meremere Community Committee receives the Meremere Community Committee Action Plan update for July 2025.

4. Background **Koorero whaimaarama**

In June 2023, Her Worship the Mayor invited Community Board and Committee members to meet with her and Councillors to workshop how the partnership with Council could be improved and strengthened, to drive better outcomes for communities.

Follow up meetings between Board and Committee members with Council Managers from Democracy and Economic and Community Led Development agreed that Boards and Committees would focus on leadership on the 4 Wellbeing's, Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental.

In November 2023, a dedicated Council staff resource to this work programme was identified and has been working closely with members of Boards and Committees to develop their framework and future work programme of focus.

It could also enable more regular updates from the organisation that tie in with board priorities. As a result, a number of hui have been held with the Community Committee to identify to establish its direction and priorities for the next two (2) years. To this end, it has developed a plan for a two year period that outlines its goals and aspirations that it is wanting to achieve under each of the 4 well-beings, including goals around engagement.

5. Community Committee Priorities **Ngaa Whakaarotau o te Komiti Hapori**

The Meremere Community Committee five (5) priorities are as follow:

1. Te Taiao – Supporting the enhancement of our environment.
 2. Kotahitanga (Unity) – Valuing our diverse community.
 3. Engagement – Connecting our community to what matters most.
 4. Successful and thriving – Helping the community prosper.
 5. Inclusive – Advocate for community strength.
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5.1 Te Taiao (Environment)

- 5.1.1 *We will work with others to develop an awareness of the existing organisations, community groups and individuals working on environmental projects and initiatives.*
- 5.1.2 *We have a unique environment with the Whangamarino Wetland, which covers 7,000ha in the Waikato. It has major recreational, historical and economic values and has been designated an international Ramsar site in recognition of its status as an area of outstanding biodiversity. We will partner with others to understand the recovery and implications on the Whangamarino Wetland.*

July Update

Members from the Meremere Community Committee have begun work on a community garden initiative with the aim to encourage members of the community to use and contribute to the garden – members may have further verbal updates to add.

5.2 Kotahitanga (Unity)

- 5.2.1 *We will actively promote and celebrate local events that focus on significant cultural events in Meremere.*
- 5.2.2 *We will continue to build and strengthen our relationship with Mana Whenua.*

July Update

No July update provided - members may have verbal update to add.

5.3 Engagement (Tuuhononga)

- 5.3.1 *As representatives of our community, if Council want to engage on specific matters, we will engage our community using various channels, in partnership with the Council, to increase engagement on these on matters of interest to ensure the voice of our community, including the voice of mana whenua, is well represented on matters relating to Meremere.*

July Update

Members from the Meremere Community Committee have made work on creating greater engagement in the community which has included the development of an engagement plan. The committee has since raised a call to action towards the community encouraging them to be more engaged both at committee meetings and with Council's consultations.

5.4 Successful and Thriving (Te Houkura me te Toonuitanga)

5.4.1 *Promote and advocate for local employment opportunities.*

5.4.2 *Understand future planning for Meremere and advocate for economic opportunities that benefit the community.*

July Update

Members from the Meremere Community Committee continue to engage with businesses who are looking at moving into the community whilst also encouraging the employment of locals – members may have verbal updates to add.

5.5 Inclusive (Kauawhi)

5.5.1 *Social cohesion is key to ensuring our community feel connected, safe and welcome. To do this we will advocate and work with others to enhance our public spaces.*

5.5.2 *We will undertake a stocktake of what social services and social activities are available for our community,*

July Update

The Meremere Community Committee continue to work on addressing community inclusivity whilst suggestions by members have also been recorded to research what the community needs on the ground to support them.

The committee has also started production of a welcome pack for new members of the community – members may have verbal updates to add.

6. Next steps Ahu whakamua

The committee will report back at the next meeting in six weeks with its updated reports on the delivery of its action plan.

7. Attachments Ngaa taapirihanga

There are no attachments for this report.

To	Meremere Community Committee
Report title	Discretionary Fund Report to 30 June 2025
Date:	24 July 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 30 June 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) approves 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.**
- c) notes the financial information for carry forwards 25/26 have not been updated into the financial system as at 14 July 2025, once received the DF reports will be updated.**

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Discretionary Fund report to 30 June 2025

MEREMERE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DISCRETIONARY FUND REPORT 2024/25 (July 2024- June 2025)
As at Date: 30-Jun-2025

	GL	10-2090-0000-00-25904
2024/25 Annual Plan		1,550.00
Carry forward from 2023/24		13,448.61
Total Funding		14,998.61
Income		
Total Income		-
Expenditure		excl GST
18-Oct-24 Commitment of \$500.00 to the Community Response	MMCC2308/01	500.00
Group per year		
Total Expenditure		500.00
Net Funding Remaining (Excluding commitments)		14,498.61
Commitments		excl GST
Commitment of \$500.00 to the Community Response	MMCC2308/01	500.00
Group per year		
Total Commitments		500.00
Net Funding Remaining (Including commitments)		13,998.61

To	Meremere Community Committee
Report title	Meremere Works & Issues Report – July 2025
Date:	24 July 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 Community Committee receives the Works & Issues report.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Works and Issues Report – July 2025

Works and Issues Report – July 2025

	Issue	Area	Action
1.	CCTV Update	Mel Tarawhiti, Facilities Services Manager	The contract for the enabling works has been awarded and working with the utilities companies before physical works start. Working through the installation/Camera tender.

To	Meremere Community Committee
Report title	Councillor's Report
Date:	Thursday 24 July 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 12 June 2025.

Staff recommendations - Tuutohu-aa-Kaimahi

THAT the report from Cr Raumati for the June - July 2025 period be received.

Executive Summary - Whakaraapopototanga Matua

Council Committees June - July 2025

Sustainability and Well-Being

Council held a workshop the allocations of funds to three of the district's museums, namely Tuakau, Huntly and Raglan. During the 2025-2034 LTP deliberations held in May 2025, Councillors agreed to increase an interim allocation to \$95,000. The interim approach uses the current 2021-2031 LTP grant allocation as a basis. The Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee, by majority, moved to increase the Tuakau Museum Funding by 100% from \$10k to \$20K, increase Raglan Museum Funding by \$5k to \$25k, with no funding adjustments to the Huntly Museum Funding, which currently sits at \$50k. I was the only Councillor that was not in favour of a 100% in funding to Tuakau, on the basis that they are only open two days a week and that the museum is not a Council owned asset. I requested, moving forward, that each museum provide a report to the Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee in the interests of accountability and transparency.

The committee was presented with an update on the DIA Better Off Funding, which has yielded great outcomes in terms of project delivery, project assessments, budget utilisation and Council oversight.

Councils Rural Discretionary Fund has a current net funding of \$25,925.46. Councils Rural Discretionary Fund is available to those communities who do not have access to Community Board or Community Committee Discretionary Funding.

Council

Adoption of Councils Long-Term Plan 2025-2034

On Monday 30 June, Council unreservedly adopted the Long-Term Plan 2025-2034. Adoption of the long-term plan involved adopting the following:

- Local Water Done Well Adoption of Foundation Documents and the approval of the Water Services Delivery Plan as legislatively required
- Adoption of the Waste Minimisation and Management Plan (WMMP) 2025- 2031 as legislatively required for a six-year period
- Adoption of Councils Long-Term Plan 2025-2034 inclusive of, the Development Contributions Policy 2025, Fees and Charges Schedule 2025 – 2028, the Long-Term Plan 2025-2034 and;
- The Long-Term Plan 2025-2034, and the Rates Resolution Report

Council formally launched its new Transport Model; Higgins Contractors responsible for the Northern area and Fulton Hogan responsible for the Southern area, will now be delivering our roading services. Council's inhouse transport team will be managing all incoming service requests.

Local Government Elections 2025

The Local Government Elections Campaign has kicked off with nominations for local body candidates having officially opened Friday 4 July.

Local voices, local decisions, local leadership. Everyday people with a heart for their communities are invited to stand for local elections. Whether as a local councillor candidate, mayoral candidate or community board candidate, local government seeks strong quality candidates to represent their communities.

Community Committee Elections will be held November 2025.

Council Meetings

Policy and Regulatory	03 June
Museum Funding Allocation Workshop	03 June
Infrastructure	11 June
Water Services Delivery Workshop	11 June
Sustainability and Wellbeing	22 June
Adoption of LTP 2025-2034	30 June
Council	07 July
Reserves and Beaches Bylaw	07 July

Community Events and Other Meetings

Te Kauwhata Community Committee	04 June
Te Kauwhata Lions Dinner	05 June
Mayoral Awards	09 June
Meremere Community Committee	12 June
TK Community Emergency Response	07 July