
Agenda for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee to be held in the Meremere Community Centre, 21 Heather Green Avenue, Meremere 2474 on **THURSDAY, 25 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 Thursday, 14 May 2026.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

7. REPORTS

7.1 Meremere Community Committee Discretionary Fund Report to 09 June 2026

7.2 Meremere Works & Issues Report - June 2026

7.3 Chairpersons Report (*Verbal*)

7.4 Councillors Report - June 2026

7.5 Board Members Update (*Verbal*)

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

CL Hobbs
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

MEREMERE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Chairperson:	Haydn Solomon
Deputy Chairperson:	Ben Brown
Membership:	One Ward Councillor (Marlene Raumati) Five community representatives (Okeroa Rogers, Tash Hall, Jamie MacGregor, Chayse MacGregor)
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 Meremere Community Committee (the 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 Meremere

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 Meremere.
4. The preparation of an annual submission to the budgetary process of the Waikato District Council for expenditure within the community of Meremere.
5. Communication with community organisations and special interest groups within the community of Meremere.
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 Meremere area.
8. Any other function and duties may be delegated from time to time to the community committee by Council.
 - a. 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 58 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	Meremere Community Committee
Report title	Minutes for confirmation for a meeting held on Thursday, 14 May 2026.
Date:	25 June 2026
Report Author:	Elizabeth Saunders, Senior Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Gaylene Harvey, Democracy Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To confirm the minutes for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee (MMCC) on Thursday, 14 May 2026.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Meremere Community Committee confirms the minutes for a meeting held on Thursday, 14 May 2026 as a true and correct record.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

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1. MMCC Unconfirmed Minutes - 260514

MINUTES for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee held at the Meremere Community Centre, 21 Heather Green Avenue, Meremere on **THURSDAY, 14 MAY 2026** commencing at **7.00pm**.

Present:

Mr H Solomon (Chairperson)
Mr B Brown (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms T Hall
Mr J Macgregor
Ms O Rogers

Attending:

Ms M May (General Manager, Assets & Infrastructure)
Mrs K Wellington (Manager, EPMO)
Ms E Saunders (Senior Democracy Advisor)

Public Attending:

Four (4) members of the Public

The meeting opened with a karakia.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Agenda Item 1

Resolved: (Mr Solomon/Ms Hall)

THAT the Meremere Community Committee accepts the apologies of Cr M Raumati and Mrs C Macgregor for non-attendance.

CARRIED

MMCC265/1

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA

Agenda Item 2

Resolved: (Mr Brown/Mr Macgregor)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee held on Thursday, 14 May 2026 be confirmed:

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

CARRIED

MMCC265/2

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 3

There were no disclosures of interest.

MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

Agenda Item 4

Resolved: (Ms Rogers/Mr Brown)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee held on Thursday, 2 April 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

MMCC265/3

PUBLIC FORUM

The following issues were raised in Public Forum:

Mrs L Tupuhi – Waikare-Whangamarino Action Plan:

- i. Mrs Tupuhi addressed the Committee and provided an update on the Waikare-Whangamarino Action Plan.

- ii. A brief history of the project was provided, and it was noted that the overall purpose of the Action Plan was to identify actions that would drive significant environmental improvements in Whangamarino and Waikare. As such, the Plan responded to heightened community concerns about the continuing degradation of these highly valued waterbodies.
- iii. The Committee noted that the catchment holds cultural, historical, and ecological significance for Waikato Tainui and the need for co-governance and co-management under Te Ture Whaimana was recognised.
- iv. It was noted that an open information evening at the Te Kauwhata Rugby Club (Mahi Rd) would be held on Monday, 25 May from 7:00pm. The Committee was invited to attend.

National Green Steel Mill Ltd:

- i. Mr V Garg and Mr C Shearer addressed the Committee and provided an overview of the Green Steel Mill project undertaken at Hampton Downs.
- ii. It was noted that the business operated a steel shredding plant in Wiri, Auckland, and intended to establish a steel processing facility at the new site, creating approximately 200 employment opportunities in the area.
- iii. An overview of daily operations of the Steel Mill was provided, and it was noted that this new project would enable the steel to be recycled rather than being sent to a landfill.
- iv. It was noted that the site covered 20 hectares of land which would require earthworks to build the plant. It was noted that a resource consent was issued with a stringent list of consent conditions that needed be adhered to.
- v. It was advised that extensive planting was required at the site as per the consent conditions. Mr Garg and Mr Shearer highlighted a keen interest in working alongside the Committee and wider community on this project.
- vi. The Committee queried why this area was chosen for the project. It was noted that a large site between Hamilton and Auckland was required, making this one ideal.
- vii. An overview of the water services and consent conditions for drawing water from the Waikato River was provided.
- viii. A query was raised regarding the timeline of the plants construction period. It was advised that an estimated timeframe of five (5) years was forecasted considering factors including earthworks, construction, and planting.
- ix. The Chairperson spoke about the project in their capacity as Chair of Ngaa Muka, providing an overview of the process mana whenua undertook to assess the project and its potential impacts on the community, employment, and related matters. The Chairperson also acknowledged the engagement that Green Mill Steel Ltd had undertaken with mana whenua.

REPORTS

Sale of 66 Te Paea Avenue, Meremere – Options

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received (*MMCC265/2 refers*), and the following discussion was held:

- i. The General Manager Assets & Infrastructure addressed the Committee and provided an overview of the report.
- ii. It was acknowledged that engagement with the local Church Pastor was undertaken since the last meeting and staff thanked the Committee for facilitating that connection.
- iii. The next steps for the Committee to consider included engagement with local community members, which would be supported by the Council Communications team if required.
- iv. It was noted that whilst initial engagement can be undertaken through social media, there were many members of the community who do not use social media so other avenues would need to be explored further.
- v. It was noted that Council had undertaken consultation through the Long-Term Plan (LTP) process. The Committee supported Council leading future engagement to ensure transparency and accountability, while the Committee would communicate the next steps to the wider community.
- vi. The Committee expressed support in working alongside Council to maintain communication processed and create collateral.

ACTION: Committee members to alongside Council to begin the communications process and develop supporting collateral to keep the Committee informed of developments.

Discretionary Fund Report to 23 April 2026

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received (*MMCC265/2 refers*), taken as read and no further discussion was held.

Meremere Works & Issues Report – May 2026

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received (*MMCC265/2 refers*), and the following discussion was held:

- i. A discussion was held regarding a third CCTV camera. It was noted that the estimated cost was approximately \$49,000, as supporting infrastructure would need to be constructed prior to installation.

Off-line Committee Discussion – Gifts for previous members:

- ii. Discussion still to be had.

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

Te Paea Avenue – Church Pastor Engagement:

- iii. Engagement completed. Item to be removed.

ACTION: Item to be removed from the Works & Issues report.

66 Te Paea Avenue – Community Engagement:

- iv. A discussion was held relating to this under agenda item 6.1 and the Committee noted plans to work with the Communications Team in creating collateral for next steps regarding this.

ACTION: Senior Democracy Advisor to provide Mr Solomon and Ms Hall the contact details of the Council Communications team.

Discussions with Waikato Tainui – Chairperson:

- v. Discussions still ongoing.

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

Projects Update:

- vi. No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the W&I report.

Chairpersons Report (Written Report – Tabled)

Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received (*MMCC265/2 refers*), and the following discussion was held:

- i. The Chairperson advised it would be beneficial to have a representative from Waikato-Tainui and Ward Construction Ltd attend the next meeting.
- ii. It was noted that engagement with Meremere Puutaiao Trust is still ongoing. The Committee expressed desire to have further discussions before providing support to the trust.
- iii. Ms Rogers provided the Committee with further information on the Meremere Puutaiao Trust, the work that had been undertaken to date, and the emphasis on building relationships with Rangatahi.

Resolved: (Mr Solomon/Ms Rogers)

THAT the Meremere Community Committee provide their initial support in principle to the Meremere Puutaiao Trust.

CARRIED

MMCC265/4

Councillors Report

Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received (*MMCC265/2 refers*), and whilst Councillor Raumati was an apology the following discussion was held:

- iv. The Committee acknowledged the high calibre of Council meetings attended by the Ward Councillor and noted the upcoming meetings that were scheduled.

- v. The Committee requested further information to better understand the factors contributing to the increase in inflation rates.
- vi. It was noted that IAWAI Flowing Waters (IAWAI) comes into effect on 1 July 2026 and the Committee discussed extending an invitation to the Chief Executive, Mr Peter Winders, to attend a Committee meeting to discuss this further.

ACTION: Senior Democracy Advisor to extend an invitation to Mr Peter Winders (IAWAI Chief Executive) to attend an upcoming MMCC meeting.

Committee Members Update (Verbal)

Agenda Item 6.6

The following issues were raised by Committee members:

- i. It was noted that funding had been received for the 'Welcome to Meremere' mural.
- ii. The Committee advised that 50 air mattresses were gifted by the Community Response group for use at the Meremere Hall in case of a civil defence emergency.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed with a karakia.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.56pm.

Minutes confirmed and approved on day of 2026.

Mr Hayden Solomon

CHAIRPERSON

To	Meremere Community Committee
Report title	Meremere Community Committee Discretionary Fund Report to 09 June 2026
Date:	25 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 Meremere Community Committee on the Discretionary Fund spend to date, commitments and balance as at 09 June 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 Meremere Community Committee receives the Discretionary Fund Report to 09 June 2026.

4. Background/Discussion

Koorero whaimaarama/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 Meremere Community Committee on the balance of the discretionary fund and provide any accountability reports as they are returned.

6. Attachments

Ngaa taipirihanga

1. A - MMCC- Discretionary Fund to 09 June 2026

MEREMERE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DISCRETIONARY FUND REPORT 2025/26 (July 2025- June 2026)**As at Date: 09-Jun-2026**

		GL	10-2090-0000-00-25904
2025/26 Annual Plan			1,550.00
Carry forward from 2024/25			14,498.61
Total Funding			16,048.61
Income			
Total Income			-
Expenditure			<i>excl GST</i>
23-Aug-25	Payment to Meremere Hall Committee to celebrate hall opening - 10th Anniversary inv 1099 23/08/2025	MMCC250//01	1,812.00
03-Feb-25	Transfer of \$500.00 to the Community Response Group per year	MMCC2308/01	500.00
27-Nov-25	Payment of \$600.00 (plus GST, if any) to Te Kauwhata Volunteer Fire Brigade for the Christmas Lolly Run inv00184 12.12.2026	MMCC2511/08	600.00
Total Expenditure			2,912.00
Net Funding Remaining (Excluding commitments)			13,136.61
Commitments			<i>excl GST</i>
01-Aug-23	Commitment of \$500.00 to the Community Response Group per year (maximum amount \$1,500.00)	MMCC2308/01	1,500.00
18-Oct-24	less \$500.00 transferred 18/10/2024 for FY2025		(500.00)
03-Feb-25	less \$500.00 transferred 03/02/2025 for FY2026		(500.00)
Total Commitments			500.00
Net Funding Remaining (Including commitments)			12,636.61

To	Meremere Community Committee
Report title	Meremere Works & Issues Report - June 2026
Date:	25 June 2026
Report Author:	Karen Bredesen, Executive Assistant
Authorised by:	Kirsty Wellington, Enterprise PMO Manager

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To update the Meremere Community Committee and provide information on works and issues raised at previous meetings. A one page briefing report is also attached for the Committee's information regarding an update on the CCTV delivery for Meremere.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Meremere Community Committee receives the Works & Issues report for June 2026.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

1. MMCC W&I - 25 June 2026
2. One Page Brief CCTV Meremere and Te Kauwhata

Works and Issues Report – June 2026

Meeting Date	Item and Action	Person/Team Responsible	Status Update
14/5/2026	Sale of 66 Te Puea Avenue, Meremere – Options Committee members to work alongside Council to initiate the communications process and develop supporting collateral, ensuring the Committee remains informed of ongoing developments.	Committee Members/ Council	Council are considering matters raised by the Meremere Community Development Committee.
	Te Puea Avenue – Community Engagement Senior Democracy Advisor to provide Mr Solomon and Ms Hall the contact details of the Council Communications team.	Senior Democracy Advisor	Completed.
	Items to remain on the Works & Issues report		
1.	Committee to have an off-line discussion in relation to gifts & acknowledgement of previous Committee members.	Committee	
2.	Chairperson to initiate discussions with Waikato Tainui in relation the state of their property on Springhill Road.	Chairperson	

Projects Update (As of 11 June 2026)

Water

Stormwater

Critical Damaged Pipe Replacements in Meremere has been completed.



Critical Damaged 50m Pipe Replacements in Te Whereo Crescent – Meremere

Wastewater

Meremere Wastewater Treatment Plant membrane replacements completed.

Waipa Civil have been engaged to carry out relining works in Meremere using a new UV cured resin technology. This work is due to commence late April. This will address the inflow and infiltration issues experienced in the Meremere wastewater network.

Meremere & Te Kauwhata CCTV Update – One Page Brief

Purpose

To provide an update on CCTV delivery across Meremere and Te Kauwhata, confirm current status, and enable progression of the second camera in Te Kauwhata.

Background

- Historic CCTV funding for both communities has been confirmed at approximately \$148,295 (excluding project management), rather than the previously referenced \$170,000.
- Over time, the CCTV programme evolved to include delivery across both Te Kauwhata and Meremere, reflecting community input, operational considerations, and changes in delivery planning.
- A recent review has ensured the available funding is now being applied in a balanced and equitable way across both communities, consistent with historic Long Term Plan intentions.
- The final allocation reflects a conscious decision to ensure that both Meremere and Te Kauwhata receive a fair and proportionate share of the available funding.
- While community needs and advocacy differ, the current outcome provides a balanced level of investment and coverage across both communities, which is considered the fairest use of the available budget currently.

Approved CCTV Locations

Te Kauwhata:

- Main roundabout (State Highway off-ramp)
- Swan Street & Waeranga Road

Meremere:

- Superette
- Te Puea Avenue & Taniwha Street (approved site)

Current Status (Meremere Delivery)

Post Office, Te Puea Ave:

- Installation complete
- Awaiting Chorus fibre connection
- Expected to be live by 30 June

Taniwha St & Te Puea Ave:

- Enabling works complete
- Power connection scheduled 25 June
- Site to be operational shortly after

Next step: Police integration with V-Grid platform

Key Considerations

- No current budget for a third camera in Meremere.
- Additional requests noted for future consideration.
- Equity between communities has guided allocation decisions.

Decision / Endorsement Sought

- Support from Te Kauwhata Community Committee for the second camera at Swan Street & Waeranga Road.

Next Steps

- Confirm support and proceed with delivery planning and installation.
- Continue progress toward full CCTV system operation across both towns.

Prepared by:

Mel Tarawhiti

Facilities Services Manager



To **Meremere Community Committee**

Report title **Councillor's Report**

Date: Thursday 25 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 Meremere Community Committee Thursday 14 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/activitie-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 Maaori expertise that the forum is confident will serve IAWAI well as it moves into its first year of operation.

Meremere Community Works and Issues Update

Street Lighting Island Block Road

Council have had discussions with Wel Energy regarding the faulty lighting connection on Island Block Rd, at the northern entrance point, immediately opposite Te Puea Ave.

From those discussions, it is understood, that lighting will be reinstated within the next two months. Since visibility in and around the area at this time of year can be challenging, particularly in the mornings and evenings, a request for immediate service has been forwarded.

CCTV Camera Installation and CCTV Camera Budget Review

Update requests regarding the installation of the Taniwha Rd/Te Puea Ave CCTV Camera, and the CCTV Camera Budget Review have been lodged with Council. That information is pending.

Formal Objection Against the Disposal of 66 Te Puea Ave

Following the 14 May 2026 MCC meeting, where a report outlining the options of the proposed sale of 66 Te Puea Avenue, Meremere was presented, the Chief Executive and Mayor of WDC received a formal objection.

The objection is subject to a process, involving a review and assessment of the details. A response will be provided in due course.

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
Customer Rates Inquiry	12 June
Audit, Risk and Opportunities Meeting	15 June
Development Agreements Meeting	15 June
LGNZ Briefing – Auckland’s Amalgamation	15 June
Te Kauwhata Volunteer Fire Brigade Honours Night	20 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