

Minutes

Glen Oroua-Taikorea Community Public Meeting

Tuesday 26th October 2021 at 7.00 pm

Glen Oroua Hall

Present: Francie Carroll, Anna Hunter, Kylie Webb, Christine Finnigan, Ellise Lightbourne, Jocelyn McTavish, Lyndon Craw, Phil Lightbourne, Raewyn Persson, Trevor Smith, Chris Hehir, Tim Hehir, Tina de Bes, Andy Davis

Also in attendance: Cr Grant Hadfield, Janine Hawthorn (Community Development Adviser, MDC).

Apologies: Andrew Pedley, Sandi Pearson Ash Hazlitt, Graeme Saunders Trevor McTavish

Hall Committee Chairperson Christine welcomed everyone and called for nominations for Chairperson and Secretary for the newly formed Glen Oroua -Taikorea Community Committee (CC) .

Chairperson: Christine Finnigan Moved L. Craw/Seconded E. Lightbourne Only one nomination received, so Christine was elected as Chairperson.

Secretary: Phil Lightbourne. Moved C. Finnigan/ Seconded J. McTavish. Only one nomination received, so Phil was elected as Secretary.

Chair Christine opened the discussion with a statement: **What we like about our community.**” Brainstorm.

The following ideas were expressed.

Interconnected Networks Intergenerational Sunny Reunion Rural Farming
School Traditions Meet & Greet Hall Relatively well-off History Centurion families
Lifestyle Proud Stars Sense of belonging Commuters Self-employed Honest
Trustworthy Diversified High sunshine hours Welcoming Employees Employers Swimming pool
Mown verges.

The next question was posed: **Why do we want to be a Community Committee?**

Ideas offered were: For..... Connectedness. Well-being Community spirit Togetherness Support
Local voice & pathway to the council/advocacy History & tradition.

What might a Community Committee mean for Taikorea- the Taikorea community is changing, farms are less numerous, there's a more transient population, there are changing needs.

The GO hall is an incorporated society, so will stand apart from the CC. Each committee will operate separately, but there will be some overlap. Hopefully, the CC will have a two way relationship with the GO hall committee, and the CC will have a representative on the GO hall committee. The point was made that the GO hall is just a venue, a location and a centre for community activities. The CC will attempt to have a wider focus over both communities. There will be opportunities to share any workload with the wider community and involve them.

The CC could connect both districts with other organisations such as Neighbourhood Support etc..

Maybe we don't have an "attraction" or activities of interest like some other Communities? The formation of our CC will be about what we want & not necessarily what other CC's have done in their respective communities. Cr. Grant talked about how the Rangwahia CC operates as he is their liaison councillor, that district has a similar make up to ours.

A discussion was held on elections of the CC. The MDC/ local body elections will be held in 2022, then at that time, the CC membership would be elected for a three year term.

The discussion then focussed on what immediate possibilities could be possible in the short to long term.

- Meet and greet established and new families.
- Quality interaction between community members of Taikorea & Glen Oroua.
- Ride sharing to town from both communities.
- Something for the elderly in the district.
- A shared pantry – one is operating from the school at present.
- Better and safe movement between the hall & the school.
- The school students' voices about what they want/need in the districts need to be encouraged and heard.
- Maybe a history of Taikorea and Glen Oroua display in the hall. Collections of photos of both districts are available.
- Creation of a CC Facebook page (& separate from the hall Facebook page) would be useful.

Cr. Grant explained his task as our liaison councillor. It is to listen to our CC for any issues we might have to be brought to the attention of the MDC, as well as giving our CC feedback, news etc. from the council.

It is important that CC's shouldn't be too "political" but members can have a say on some issues.

It was decided that our CC should meet 3 monthly, on the last Tuesday of each month.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd February at 7.00pm in the GO Hall.

The terms of reference for our CC were discussed and confirmed and will be attached to these minutes.

The meeting closed at 8.26pm.