

Agenda for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee to be held at the Meremere Hall, 21 Heather Green Avenue, Meremere on **THURSDAY, 31 August 2023** 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

Meeting held on Thursday, 20 July 2023. 2

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7. GENERAL BUSINESS

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

To	Meremere Community Committee
Report title	Confirmation of Minutes
Date:	24 August 2023
Report Author:	Robyn Chisholm, Democracy Advisor
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa, Democracy Manager

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

To confirm the minutes for the meeting of the Meremere Community Committee held on Thursday, 20 July 2023.

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

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee held on Thursday, 20 July 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

3. Attachments **Ngaa taapirihanga**

Attachment 1 – MMCC Minutes, Thursday, 20 July 2023

MINUTES of a meeting of the Meremere Community Committee held in the Meremere Community Hall, 21 Heather Green Avenue, Meremere, on **THURSDAY, 20 July 2023** commencing at **7.00pm**

Present:

Mr J Katu (Chairperson)
Ms C Heta
Mr B Brown
Ms L Wiseman
Ms Kirsty Wellington (WDC Staff Member)
Cr M Raumati
Mr J Calvert

Attending:

Mr M Swan
Ms Rogers

1. Apologies:

Ms J Harman (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu

Moved: Ms C Heta
Seconded: Mr J Calvert
Motion Carried unanimously

2. Confirmation of Status of Agenda

Mr J Katu Chairperson asked if everyone was ready to confirm the Status of the Agenda

Amendment to the previous minutes was requested by Mr M Swan. His apology was not noted in the previous minutes he requested this be amended.

3. Public Forum

Public invited to speak, No Public present. Moved on

4. Disclosures of Interest

No changes to disclosure of interest confirmed and carried by Chairperson

5. Confirmation of the minutes

Minutes were confirmed with subject to the below amendments moved by Mr Swan and seconded by Mr Calvert then passed with unanimous vote through the chair.

Matters Arising from the minutes (*Amendments*)

Amendment to the previous minutes 8 June requested by Ms C Heta. In the previous minutes Page 5, Under “Meremere Community Gardens Lawn” the second point. Ms Cecelia Heta corrected that she had actually said it was the Community Garden Shed whose padlock had been tampered with, not the gate as was recorded.

3 Amendments to the previous minutes 8 June requested by Cr Marlene Raumati. Page 6 Item 6.3 under “Councilors report.” With respect to the security cameras. What Cr Raumati had actually said was that Meremere would have 2 360 cameras, One at either end of the village and that they [WDC] are “looking into” a 40 degree camera for opposite the superette. The potential camera opposite the Superette will not be 360.

Page 7 with regards to Jacobs question to both Cr Matatahi-Poutapu and Cr Raumati, The minutes recorded that Cr Raumati responded that “she believed WDC were not required to” etc. however Cr Raumatui had said she “knows WDC are legally not required.”

In the paragraph immediately below in the last 2 lines it read Cr Raumati had “further advised that there was a team of local representatives” etc, however It should instead read that they are a “Community Response Group.”

6. Reports

6.1 Meremere Works and Issues Report

No update since the previous meeting

6.2 Discretionary Fund Report

Cr Raumati suggested the community could review 2 commitments.

- Firstly the 9th June 2022, Cr Raumati asked if the commitment had been honored or is the money still sitting there, and what was happening with that commitment.

Mr Brown confirmed the money was still sitting and the Committee should get the matter settled. Mr Brown clarified we wanted to progress with the commitment and that he is in possession of a quote.

It was suggested the quote was likely out of date and may need to be reviewed and then it was agreed we get a new quote.

The Chairperson Mr Katu moved that we reallocate the money back in the discretionary fund and called for a vote. The vote was passed unanimously.

Motion Carried

- Next Cr Raumati asked about commitment of \$2063.56. She asked for some clarity around the intentions of that commitment now that the local Principle wasn't supportive of having the community come in for that project, As it may also need to be reallocated back in to the community fund.

Ms Rogers Remarked that it was a shame the local Principle was not more receptive.

The Chairperson Mr Katu moved that the committee reallocate the funds back In to the discretionary fund

Cr Raumati seconded

Ms Heta also Seconded

The Chairperson called for a vote, Which was unanimous.

Motion carried.

- LAUREN noted that she had still not been reimbursed for past spending allocated in the fund. But she was working with WDC to have this sorted.

6.3 Councilors Report

- Cr Raumati outlined that as should be reflected in the agenda, As councilor Raumati understands it "the Mayor is calling for nominations from our Community Committee for those who do and continue to do great volunteer service here in our community, in Meremere. There is a form that has been provided and the nominations have to be provided by around the 11th of August, and that the Mayor will be hosting an evening to present those awards. Cr Raumati said the Mayor has also invited councilors to put forward nominations, but Cr Raumati had invited the community via social media to put forward their nominations before a date that had now passed.
- Mr Katu called for Bens [Mr B Browns] nomination (which was received very well across the entire room).
- It was then agreed Mr Ben Brown would be nominated on behalf of the Meremere Community Committee, And that Mr Katu was in possession in his email of the form to complete the nomination in, Mr Katu agreed to fill in the form.

Mr Katu and Cr Raumati moved that the Councilors report be acknowledged as read and received.

Mr Swan Seconded the motion

The motion was carried unanimously.

7. General Business

- Cr Raumati shared that FEINZ installed 32 fire alarms in the local Meremere community.

- A Summary of the below record is that the Committee deliberated over whether they themselves should pursue the purchase of potential local community cameras or leave the purchase and maintenance to main WDC. The related issue of the not presently functional Meremere Hall Cameras was also discussed and Cr Raumati offered to advocate for the community and escalated a resolution at WDC.

It was agreed unanimously that purchase of Community Cameras should be left to WDC and that the separate matter of the Hall Cameras should be pursued.

Mr Katu Chairperson puts forward that we look at purchasing a camera for the superette in addition to the cameras in progress with WDC.

Mr Katu suggests that we investigate the potential cost for our own camera.

Mr Calvert suggests that as main council [WDC] are set to install cameras anyway, he felt that we should not go to the added expense of installing our own cameras and allow main council to pay for the potential cameras, even though it may take "forever."

Cr Raumati noted that the camera scheme is piloted in Te Kauwhata, And wanted to reassure Jacob that it certainly won't take forever, but there is a process and the potential cameras in Te Kauwhata and Meremere are subject to being monitored by Hamilton City Council because they have an established infrastructure to handle the that which has a link to the police system. It would be very costly for us [the board] to replicate that. Cr Raumati re-assures everyone things are happening they just take time.

Mr Katu asks if we can have the councilor [Cr M Raumati] investigate pricing for a camera for the Community Board to purchase.

Cr Raumati Suggests that first we should establish whether the Community Board would like to purchase a camera. She noted that earlier in the year the secretary had put forward a proposal that was subsequently apposed because the discretionary fund is not for those purposes. Cr Raumati agrees that what Mr Calvert had proposed earlier was really reasonable because the community had already paid for that [service] in their rates but reiterates its entirely the committees call how they wish to proceed.

Mr Katu added that "Its just the time line" and how unfortunate recent events have been nationally with regards to ramraids and other events.

Cr Raumati shared that she was pleased to see the local Meremere streetlights operating tonight as she had recently seen a post on facebook indicating the lights had not been working, Cr Raumati got "Stuck in" and she's glad they are not operating bringing additional security to the Community.

Mr Brown Remarked we had agreed to do due diligence on cameras at the 'Whari Koha' building and he belives they did get a quote for that upgrade but felt the momentum had been lost because most companies were not eager to do work "this far out"

Ms Rogers Asks if the cameras don't work on the Whara Koha building at present

Mr Brown establishes the cameras do work, they are just a decade old.

Ms Wiseman suggests it might be worth going with the same company they use at the school and the Puna because they already have a relationship with the community.

Mr Brown adds that the person across the road from him is doing the camera install for WDC in the village and he could be an asset in setting up a "community owned and operated non monitored system that also covered the front of the shop, but also the perimeter of the Whari Koha Building." Finally he reiterated it would be completely separate from the council monitored system.

Ms Rogers said that if we look at that we should look at upgrading the cameras here [at the hall building].

Mr Katu asks whether that is necessary, He asks "are the cameras working"

Mr Swan clarified the cameras are not working because someone from WDC had come and taken the hard drive as it had been reported to be faulty. Mr Swan has spoken to the member of the community who is sourcing a replacement harddrive. The council process having taken the hard drive away has been "very slow."

Cr Raumati remarked she had not been made aware the hall cameras were not functioning, Cr Raumati asked if she could "get the whakapapa together on that so that she could make an informed decision."

Mr Swan clarified that there had been a power cut at the hall and the camera system had crashed, causing the hard drive to fail about 3 or 4 months ago. Emma lane from the Hall committee had gotten on the Gavin Bencimen.

Ms Rogers said that she had been following up with the people handling the matter but it wasn't moving forward. The new lady urged that cameras are needed.

Mr Swan outlined that the Hall Committee were determined to have the matter settled and that there had been a breakdown in communication with the contractor. The matter has been minuted many times on the hall committee.

Cr Raumati offered to advocate for the community on this matter with WDC and asked questions to support that offer, Cr Raumati asked for an email communication with a summary of the situation so that she can escalate it.

Ms Heta agreed that the Hall Cameras were a priority

The Chairperson Mr Katu asks for a final call to be made, On whether the committee should investigate the purchase of Community Cameras or wait for the installation of the potential WDC cameras.

Its agreed unanimously that purchase of Community Cameras should be left to WDC and that the separate matter of the Hall Cameras should be pursued.

- Mr Calvert asked to further discuss Ms Bakers suggestion from the previous meeting that the committee engage in Rat control in the local community. Mr Calvert offered his support to Ms Bakers suggestion we should be involved in reducing the local Rat population. Mr Calvert proposed the purchase of Bait Stations to be spread around the community and potentially around the Hall, With the local committee to maintain the poison. He noted that Rat control was a national issue and that reducing the local Rat population would be beneficial to the local bird population and community hygiene. Lastly Mr Calvert noted that Meremere was situated between 2 Refuse stations and near the Banks of the Waikato River, Which meant the community was particularly prone to rats, As such several people have mentioned to Mr Calvert that the local rat population was a problem.

Ms Rogers added that there are currently Poison stations around the hall.

Mr Katu felt that the rat population was not a significant issue in Meremere.

Mr Swan raised concerns about the level of ongoing maintenance that would be required.

Ms Wiseman raised concerns about how poisoning the rats may effect the Local cat population and what liabilities and vet cost may be incurred.

Mr Katu the Chairperson elected to move on from the conversation.

- Hall Committee Report was kindly given by Ms Rogers. Ms Rogers outlined that the group had "opened our hall up to anything initiative, may it be recreational, may it be culturally sensitive. Its open up to our Primary Kura down here in Meremere, But they haven't taken the bait yet." On Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursdays the hall is permanently booked for different ongoing activities. A arts and crafts event had been recently held at the Hall. The "Man Up" program have been using our facilities, and Ms Rogers explained about the local benefits of the Man Up Program." The is even a wedding upcoming. A problem that has been growing as persons other the secretarial team of the Hall Committee have been advertising the use of the Hall committee, this is happening even when no booking is In place for the Hall, Its happening a lot in Pukekohe someone has put up advertising [for the halls use] and on social media. **The Hall committee wants it very clear, to make a booking there has to be a viewing in advance and other procedures must be followed. Bookings can only be made by the Chairperson, Ms Rogers or Angela, all of the Hall Committee.**

Ms C Heta shared that people had mistakenly been calling her to try and book the hall, She always informs people the information on how to book is on the WDC website.

Ms Heta also raised concerns around the leadership of the man up campaign and suggested they may not be an appropriate user for our hall.

Mr Swan added there had been issues around carpark use. People not using the Meremere Hall had been using the carpark. This presented as a significant issue to people who had hired the use of the hall and its carpark. The matter has been discussed regularly by the hall committee and with Emma at WDC, No resolution has been confirmed. A number of potential resolutions were discussed but the matter was tabled on the bases the land was public land and the belief is use of the carpark cannot be restricted, Clarification from council was sought on legal access before further action to be discussed.

- Ms C Heta raised that number 18 Kohekohe Crescent has had an influx of rubbish and second hand wood. She acknowledged that as the land was privately owned there's likely not much we can do about it, However some concerned local residents had come forward to her about the matter.

Mr Calvert has the contact information for the owner, And offered to make contact with him on a private bases to see if a resolution could be reached. Mr Calvert noted that the initial piles of second hand wood was left buy the property owner, But the community had been adding the rubbish pile since its arrival.

- Mr Calvert raised that rubbish dumping was still on the rise throughout the community, on the back of previous meetings conversations. He noted that 3 bags had been left on the Springhill entrance to Meremere and offered to remove them.
- Cr Raumati put on her 'Community Response Group' hat and shared some of the wonderful progress the group was achieving. Cr Raumati informed the committee that Meremere was the only Community in the district to have "signed up their community response plan." Next on the Community Response Group Agenda was genreators and contact had been made with Ms Rogers by Mr Glen Whittaker, Mr Whittaker had come through the hall on Tuesday with Ms Rogers to conduct inspections for the generator installation.

Ms Rogers Asked where the funding was coming from for the potential generator installations.

Cr Raumati Clarified that the Community Response Group was funding the generators.

Mr Swan asked Cr Raumati for additional Emergency Response flyers to be provided to him for the community. Cr Raumati was happy to assist with that request.

Mr Calvert offered to Cr Raumati to assist the with the purchase of discounted generators through his management of the Local BNT.

Mr Swan noted that the local School has had signs installed to indicate the school is a "Civil Defense Point" and suggested it might be better to have the town hall as the Civil Defense Point.

Cr Raumati clarified that Civil Defense was different to the Community Response Group. Cr Raumati added that Mr B Brown our Meremere Representative for the local civil defense group and could potentially assist with surrounding queries. Cr Raumati added that of the "49 Community response plans been worked on, ours [Meremeres] is the first off the table." Glen Whittaker and Cr Raumati have worked hard on that over the last 6 weeks and it will now be used as the district template. In terms of funding the Council had encouraged the group exhaust external funding. Cr Raumati has suggested that local committees and groups think about setting aside a Community Response fund so that the community doesn't have to have another committee and all that entails, Because council administers these funds. Cr Raumati included that they are not asking Meremere to do that because it is a small committee with limited funds, So the Group are looking at Te Kauwhata. In 2 weeks time the group are going to look at what the 72hr packs look like, At some stage the group will look at rolling out and education strategy.

- Mr B Brown raised that the Springhill Road entrance Stone wall Meremere sign was in need of repairs, And asked Cr Raumati if that falls under the councils jurisdiction. Cr Raumati said she was happy to investigate that for the Committee and asked Mr Brown to contact her via email.
- Mr B Brown suggested that we re-raise the commitment from 9th June 2022 for concrete treatment as a New Discretionary Fund Commitment and double the previous amount to account for inflation and to cover greater area.

Ms Rogers asks while area would be treated.

Mr Brown clarified it would be all the footpaths in the village and its reported to last 12 months.

Mr Swan moved through the chair that we raise a new commitment from the discretionary fund of \$1320 and that Ben would look after the associated actions.

Mr Calvert Seconded the Motion

Mr Katu the Chairperson called for a vote and the motion was moved unanimously.

Motion Carried

- Mr Calvert gave apologies for the next 2 meetings as he would be abroad on his Honeymoon.
- Mr Katu Chairperson Closed the meeting.

To	Meremere Community Committee
Report title	Meremere Works & Issues Report – August 2023
Date:	31 August 2023
Report Author:	Karen Bredesen, EA 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

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Attachment 1 – Works and Issues Report – July 2023

Works and Issues Report

	Issue	Area	Action
1.	Meremere Hall CCTV Hard Drive Repair The Committee needs to make a decision to repair, or not to repair the hard drive.	The Committee	

To	Meremere Community Committee
Report title	Discretionary Fund Report to 15 August 2023
Date:	31 August 2023
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 15 August 2023

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

That the Meremere Community Committee receives the report and note, no minutes have been received for meetings held 28 April 2022, 17 March 2022, 3 February 2022, 9 December 2021 and 20 July 2023

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Discretionary Fund report to 15 August 2023

To | **Meremere Community Committee**

Report title | **Councillor’s Report**

Date: | Thursday 31 August 2023

Report Author: | Cr Marlene Raumati Waerenga-Whitikahu Ward

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To provide an update on the activities of Councillor Raumati since the Meremere Community Committee 20 July 2023 meeting.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the report from Cr Raumati for the July - August 2023 period be received.

Executive Summary

Whakaraapopototanga Matua

Te Kauwhata & Surrounds Community Response Group

With the assistance and guidance of Council’s Emergency Management Advisor Scott Bult, a group of local community members and leaders from Meremere, Rangiriri, Te Kauwhata and Waerenga, have voluntarily formed the Te Kauwhata & Surrounds Community Response Group. Led by community leader and CFO of the Te Kauwhata Volunteer Fire Brigade, Wlen Whitaker, the group have identified potential threats, whether they be natural disasters, public health emergencies, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Evaluating existing resources and reviewing local facilities that may need to be utilized for shelter and for receiving necessary information, during an emergency, enabled the group to develop and recently sign off, a comprehensive action plan, that also involved, determining, where and how to strategically allocate resources, and implement community wide protection measures.

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Council's Community Facilities Strategy

Council's Community Facilities Strategy (CFS) is a key piece of work that will provide strategic direction for our community facilities over the next 20 years, between 2024 – 2044. The CFS will also provide direction for decision making, development, and management of our community facilities including tasks such as investment and divestment. Submissions closed August 14.

Creative Communities Scheme Fund

The Creative Communities Scheme is a fund aimed at supporting art activities that honour the uniqueness of our cultural traditions, and diversity including Toi Maaori. The goal of the scheme is to increase participation from the local community in the arts sector and encourage young people to in the local arts. Applications closed at 5pm today.

Council's Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034

Following consultation with the public and in terms of setting the scene and direction for the 2024 – 2034 Long Term Plan (LTP), Council adopted four community outcomes. As aspiration statements, outlining how our communities would like to see their wellbeing improved, over time, Council then adopted six strategic priorities which provide key areas of focus for the first three years of the LTP.

LTP direction setting, involves casting a lens over all the activities of Council. There are several steps involved, which ultimately inform Council budgets and work programmes. Operationally there will be challenges, equally however, there will also be opportunities, which are critical to identify, because it helps Council to understand local and district wide matters and interests. Council aims therefore, to ensure benefits for the community and district.

Council's New Trade Waste and Wastewater Bylaw

Aimed at strengthening the protection of the Waikato River and the environment, the new Trade Waste and Wastewater Bylaw, was recently adopted by Council. Following public consultation, an additional new clause in this bylaw will see mortuary waste, finally separated from the public wastewater network, as a prohibited waste.

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This bylaw empowers Council to give effect to Te Ture Whaimana (our vision for a healthy Waikato River), as well as our compliance outcomes under the RMA. The clauses and definitions relating to mortuary waste, however, have been kept open to allow for future collaboration between Council and stakeholders. Other aims of the new bylaw, include to

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protect public wastewater infrastructure, provide clearer information on connections and outline accountability for damage.

More information on the bylaw can be found at <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/your-council/plans-policies-and-bylaws/bylaws>

Council Meetings

Performance & Strategy	07 August
Sustainability & Wellbeing	09 August
Infrastructure	16 August
Policy & Regulatory	22 August
Council	28 August
Audit & Risk	31 August

Workshops and Other Meetings

Water Governance Board	25 July
Te Tiriti Relationships	25 July
Three Waters AMP Workshop	25 July
Long Term Plan & AMP Workshop	07 August
Long Term Plan & AMP Workshop	08 August
Unformed Roads Workshop	09 August
Council Property Portfolio Workshop	09 August

Workshops and Other Meetings continued

Financial Contributions Workshop	10 August
Infrastructure Funding Workshop	10 August
Long Term Plan & AMP Workshop	14 August
Climate & Response Strategy Hui	16 August
Affordable Housing Working Group	21 August
P & S Committee Reporting	22 August
Waka Kotahi Final Submission	28 August
Audit & Risk Site Visit	31 August

Community and Constituency Engagements

Meremere Constituent	01 August
TKCC Meeting	02 August
Waerenga Constituent	04 August
Waerenga Hall Committee AGM	08 August
TK & Surrounds CRG Meeting	14 August
Woodlands Trust AGM – Whitikahu	17 August

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20 August

Hearings and Deliberations

None of the above for the month of August

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Waerenga-Whitikahu June 2023 Newsletter



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Waerenga-Whitikahu

JULY NEWSLETTER



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Councillor's August¹⁸ Calendar

- **Te Kauwhata Community Response Group** Monday 31 July 6:00 – 7:00pm
- **Te Kauwhata Community Committee Meeting** Wednesday 2 August 7:00 – 9:00pm St John Hall, Baird Rd, Te Kauwhata
- **Performance and Strategy** Monday 7 August 9:30am – 12:00pm Chambers, Ngaaruawaahia
- **LTP Workshop** Tuesday 8 August 9:30am – 3:30pm, Chambers, Ngaaruawaahia
- **Sustainability and Wellbeing Committee Meeting** Wednesday 9 August 9:30am – 12:00pm Chambers, Ngaaruawaahia
- **Outdoor Access Commission** Wednesday 9 August 1:00pm – 2:00pm Chambers, Ngaaruawaahia
- **Council Property Portfolio** Wednesday 9 August 2:30pm – 3:30pm Chambers, Ngaaruawaahia
- **Financial Contributions under the RMA Workshop** Thursday 10 August 12:30pm – 2:30pm Committee Rooms 1 & 2, Ngaaruawaahia
- **The Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act Workshop** Thursday 10 August 2:45pm – 4:45pm Committee Rooms 1 & 2, Ngaaruawaahia
- **Infrastructure Committee** Wednesday 16 August 9:30am – 12:30pm Chambers, Ngaaruawaahia



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THE NEW TRADE WASTE & WASTEWATER BYLAW, CONSENTS INVESTIGATIONS and DRIVERS REFRESHER COURSE

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It has recently been alleged that some building consents may have been improperly signed off by an Engineering New Zealand member using the identities and credentials of other people without their permission.

Council is investigating, and until the completion of those investigations has been reached, Council is unable to confirm the number of consents which may be impacted. Once Council understands the scope of the issue, Council will be able to contact the affected property owners. In the meantime, if you have any concerns, please contact Council on **0800 492 452**

A FREE classroom-based refresher driving course, is being offered on Friday, 4 August. Located at the Huntly Bridge Club, 17 Park Avenue, the course will be delivered from 9:45 – 2pm – a light lunch will be provided. Text or call Hariata Hema on **027 – 209 0366** before August 2, to confirm your spot.

For all service requests, please visit www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/request-a-service - for all other enquiries call **0800 492 452**

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