

Strath Taieri Community Board

MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Strath Taieri Community Board held in the Strath Taieri Community Centre, Middlemarch on Thursday 03 April 2025, commencing at 4.00 pm

PRESENT

Chairperson	Barry Williams	
Deputy Chairperson	Anna Wilson	
Members	Terina Geddes	David Frew
	Tony Markham	Robin Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Perkins (City Development Engineer), Rebekah Jenkins (General Manager, Dunedin Railway Ltd), Simon Whitton (Principal Advisor Rivers, Otago Regional Council), Jean-Luc Payan (Manager Natural Hazards, Otago Regional Council), Nate Anderson (Senior Flood Hazard Analyst, Otago Regional Council) and Megan Rowlands (Team Leader River Management, Otago Regional Council)

Governance Support Officer Wendy Collard

1 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no Public Forum.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Terina Geddes (for lateness) and Cr Bill Acklin (for absence)

Moved (David Frew/Anna Wilson):

That the Board:

Accepts the apologies from Terina Geddes and Cr Bill Acklin

Motion carried (STCB/2025/011)

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (David Frew/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

Confirms the agenda without addition or alteration

Motion carried (STCB/2025/012)

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arose between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Moved (Anna Wilson/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Elected Members' Interest Register; and
- b) **Confirms** the proposed management plan for Elected Members' Interests.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/013)

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 STRATH TAIERI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 12 FEBRUARY 2025

Moved (David Frew/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

- a) **Confirms** the minutes of the Strath Taieri Community Board meeting held on 12 February 2025 as a correct record.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/014)

PART A REPORTS

7 OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

The Manager Natural Hazards (Jean-Luc Payan) and the Senior Flood Hazard Analyst (Nate Anderson) presented a PowerPoint presentation on the flood modelling and responded to questions.

The Board advised that it would be beneficial for this information to be presented to the community. Following discussion, it was agreed that a public meeting would be held with the date to be confirmed.

The Board thanked the Otago Regional Council staff for the presentation.

6 DUNEDIN RAILWAYS UPDATE

The General Manager, Dunedin Railways Limited (Rebekah Jenkins) provided an update on Dunedin Railways which included the maintenance work required to railway line between Pukerangi and Middlemarch to enable the use of the line for passenger trains.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Barry Williams would be the Board's liaison with the Dunedin Railways Limited.

Ms Jenkins responded to questions.

Moved (Anna Wilson/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

Notes the Dunedin Railways Update

Motion carried (STCB/2025/015)

7 OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

The Principal Advisor Rivers, Otago Regional Council (Simon Whitton) and the Team Leader River Management, Otago (Megan Rowland) tabled and spoke to the Middlemarch River Management Update. Mr Whitton noted that the River Management Works Programme update had been separated into "programmed works" and "reactive works".

Mr Whitton and Ms Rowland responded to questions.

Moved (Tony Markham/David Frew):

That the Board:

a) **Notes** the Otago Regional Council Update.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/016)

8 PROJECT FUND

The Board gave consideration to the funding application from the Middlemarch Ploughing Association towards the cost of hosting the New Zealand Ploughing Championship.

Moved (Barry Williams/David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** \$2,000.00 to the Middlemarch Ploughing Association toward the cost of the hosting of the New Zealand Ploughing Championships.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/017)

9 COMMUNITY PLAN

It was noted that the Board would be holding a workshop on their Community Plan following the conclusion of the meeting.

Moved (Barry Williams/David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Strath Taieri Community Board Community Plan.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/018)

10 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

A report from Civic provided an update on activities relevant to the Board area which included

- Project Fund
- Local Water Done Well - Following discussion, the Board agreed to prepare a submission, noting it would be ratified at the next Board meeting.
- DCC Draft 9 year plan 2025-34 - Following discussion, the Board agreed to prepare a submission, noting it would be ratified at the next Board meeting.
- Otago Regional Council draft Annual Plan 2025-2026 - Following discussion, the Board agreed to prepare a submission, noting it would be ratified at the next Board meeting.
- Noticeboard
- Correspondence
- Roadworks Schedule
- Currently consulting on

Moved (Member Tony Markham/Member David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Governance Support Officer's Report.
- b) **Agrees** to prepare a submission to the draft DCC 9 year plan 2025-34, noting it will be ratified at the next Board meeting being held on 22 May 2025.
- c) **Agrees** to prepare a submission to the DCC Local Water Done Well, noting it will be ratified at the next Board meeting held on 22 May 2025.

- d) **Agrees** to prepare a submission to the draft Otago Regional Council draft Annual Plan 2025-2026, noting that it will be ratified at the next Board meeting held on 22 May 2025.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/019)

11 BOARD UPDATES AND REPORT BACKS

Township beautification

Anna Wilson provided an update on the work that Taskforce Green had completed and advised that they would be returning to undertake some additional work. She asked the Board to provide her with any particular areas that they would like Taskforce Green to tidy up.

Ms Wilson commented that she had met with DCC Parks staff regarding the upgrade of the Middlemarch playground.

ANZAC Day

Terina Geddes had circulated which noted at this stage personnel from the Army may not be available to attend the ANZAC Service due to a transfer and another being on active service. Ms Geddes noted that the arrangements for the service such as microphone, speakers and programmes had been completed.

Climate Change

Tony Markham advised that he had no update.

Water management (including flooding)

The presentation from the Otago Regional Council covered this item.

Infrastructure, roads and spraying

Barry Williams provided an update on maintenance work that had been completed in the area. Anna Wilson commented on the School Speed Limit signs and advised that due to Central Government legalisation changes this was still a work in progress.

Community information and publicity

Robin Thomas was not present to provide an update.

Moved (David Frew/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Board updates and report backs

Motion carried (STCB/2025/020)

Terina Geddes entered the meeting at 5.50 pm.

12 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson provided an update on matters of interest which included:

- Communication – there was discussion on the protocols/expectations of communications between the Board members.
- School Speed Limit – this was covered under the Board updates.

There was discussion on the Board contributing to the ANZAC Day service costs.

Moved (Barry Williams/Anna Wilson):

That the Board:

Approves up to \$250.00 from the Board Discretionary fund towards the cost of the ANZAC Day service catering.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/021)

- Taskforce Green – it was noted as Taskforce Green was made up of volunteers that it was normal practice for morning or afternoon tea be provided. Mr Williams suggested that some board funds be set aside for this purpose.

Moved (Barry Williams/Terina Geddes):

That the Board:

Approves up to \$250.00 from the Board Discretionary fund towards the cost of morning and afternoon teas for Taskforce Green.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/022)

Following discussion regarding the street trees along Cardigan Street, it was agreed that Barry Williams would follow up with staff.

Moved (David Frew/Terina Geddes):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Chairperson's report

Motion carried (STCB/2025/023)

13 COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Councillor Bill Acklin was an apology for the meeting.

14 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

There were no items for consideration by the Chair.

The meeting concluded at 6.25 pm

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CHAIRPERSON