

Saddle Hill Community Board MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Saddle Hill Community Board held in the Council Chamber, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, The Octagon, Dunedin on Thursday 13 February 2025, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Paul Weir	
Members	Dr Pim Allen Christina McBratney John Moyle	Cr Kevin Gilbert Keith McFadyen
IN ATTENDANCE	Jeanine Benson (Group Manager Transport)	
Governance Support Officer	Lauren Riddle	

OPENING

PAUL WEIR PAID TRIBUTE TO MARTIN DILLON, AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE MOSGIEL-TAIERI COMMUNITY AS A MEMBER OF THE MOSGIEL COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER FOR OVER 30 YEARS.

1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Road Safety

Colin Weatherall advised that the Scenic Coastal Highway from Brighton to Taieri Mouth and beyond had significant traffic use by tourists, locals, and heavy traffic vehicles. He expressed his concern for road safety due to the state of vegetation growth along the road side (including laybys) and that at night road side marker reflectors were unable to be seen due to the overgrowth of vegetation.

Mr Weatherall requested that the overgrown vegetation be remedied to allow for safe travel and roadside parking.

1 APOLOGIES

Moved (Keith McFadyen/Dr Pim Allen):

That the Board:

Accepts the apology from Mr Scott Weatherall.

Motion carried.

2 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Paul Weir/ Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

Confirms the agenda without addition or alteration

Motion carried.

3 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 (Paul Weir/ Keith McFadyen):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 14 NOVEMBER 2024

Moved (Paul Weir/Cr Kevin Gilbert):

That the Board:

- a) **Confirms** the public part of the minutes of the Saddle Hill Community Board meeting held on 14 November 2024 with the correction in the Board Update on Keep Dunedin Beautiful from Waldronville Gardens to the Botanic Gardens.

Motion carried (SHCB/2025/001)

PART A REPORTS

6 YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD

Dr Pim Allen and Christina McBratney tabled the current application criteria and provided a discussion paper for the Board's consideration for managing future awards.

Discussion was held on whether categorizing the applications (as per the tabled discussion paper) would provide a fairer way to compare and evaluate applications.

Members agreed to the benefit of having some guidance and support information, as a framework for the Board to use in assessment of applications.

Members agreed that the age range needed to be reduced.

Following discussion, members agreed to update the Youth Ambassador Award promotion to acknowledge:

- Funding up to \$1,000 is available to each applicant
- The Board's criteria/guidelines will note that there is up to \$3,000 available to allocate.
- On the application form state - Your application will be considered up to a \$1,000 grant
- If funding has been granted from the previous year, an applicant is not eligible to apply in the current year.

Christina McBratney to amended the advertising poster and amend the application form for review at the next board meeting in April 2025.

Moved (Keith McFadyen/ Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

- a) **Amend** the age criteria for the Youth Ambassador Award to 13-18 years of age.

Motion carried (SHCB/2025/002)

7 BOARD UPDATES

Board members provided updates on activities of interest including:

Keep Dunedin Beautiful

Christina McBratney advised that the Waldronville mosaic is still be worked on. The George Street "cat" mural adjacent to the Woodhaugh gardens has an approved new design (which will retain the original cats mural as part of the design). A clean-up day was held along Serpentine Ave. Christina forwarded on a suggestion received for the Main South Road in Green Island as site for a KDB clean-up.

Cr Gilbert confirmed that work on the George Street mural is to be undertaken from 10 March – 20 March, with an unveiling event of the mural to be scheduled at Woodhaugh Gardens.

Fairfield Hazards and Preparedness Community Expo –Sunday 2 March 2025 (12 noon – 3pm)

Paul Weir advised the confirmed attendees at the Community Expo as Fire and Emergency NZ, St Johns Ambulance, Otago Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM).

Invitations to the event being sent digitally. Discussion was held on a budget for the provision of barbecue and food (sausages and bread)

John Moyle offered to arrange for the provision of a barbecue, sausages and bread to cater for as well as arranging hire of a mobile frosty ice cream van for the community expo.

Moved (Paul Weir/ Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** \$600 to support the supply of food, equipment and facilities hire for the Fairfield Hazards and Preparedness Community Expo being held on 2 March 2025.
- b) **Notes** the Board updates.

Motion carried (SHCB/2025/003)

8 REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Discussion was held on moving the scheduled 29 May meeting date to 12 June as recommended in the report.

Members advised their preference for Thursday, 5 June as the meeting date.

Moved (Paul Weir/Dr Pim Allen):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** the meeting date change from 29 May 2025 to Thursday, 5 June 2025 with a venue to be confirmed.

Motion carried.

9 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

Access to Tunnel Beach . The Board requested information on when the access track to Tunnel Beach may reopen.

Jeanine Benson advised that the track was managed by the Department of Conservation and there was damage on the track, hence the closure. Ms Benson advised she would check on the timeframe for the track re-opening and advised the Board.

Moved (Paul Weir/Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

Notes the Governance Support Officer's Report.

Motion carried

10 COMMUNITY PLAN

Population and house statistics were provided by Christina McBratney to update the Community Plan.

Moved (Paul Weir/John Moyle):

That the Board:

Endorses the updates to the Saddle Hill Community Board Community Plan.

Motion carried.

11 COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

Cr Kevin Gilbert provided an update on the recent Council 9 Year Plan meeting and responded to questions from the Board on matters to be included for consultation in the 9YP. Of interest to the Board – including destination playgrounds, funding for the Taieri Gorge railway.

Cr Gilbert provided an update on the Dunedin Hospital build and advised that Council would keep a focus and profile on the progress of the build.

Moved (Paul Weir/Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Councillor's update.

Motion carried.

12 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson provided an verbal update on matters of interest since the last meeting including:

Brighton Gala Day – gained valuable feedback from the community on issues of interest to them including:

- Welcome signs to Brighton
- Shared pathway to Ocean View
- A new concrete boat ramp sought for just passed Big Stone Rd, for access.
- Install of a safe road crossing at Big Rock School
- Safer footpaths
- Drainage issues to be addressed
- Gravel for the walking track behind Beachlands Speedway (Friendship Drive) to make them useable again.

Ocean View culvert– Paul displayed showed photos of the works underway, the new culvert pipes, access way to the site and area to be landscaped. Paul advised that there is to be a community planting day. Jeanine Benson recommended Paul make contact with Paul Pope (OPCB Chair) who has expertise to assist with coastal plant selection.

Waldronville flooding – Concern over the flooding at Friendship Drive, which occurs annually. Paul advised that Sandy Graham (CEO) has looked into the problem and it is work in progress to resolve.

Chain Hills Road/Morris Road Bus Stop – Paul advised he has spoken with Julian Philips, Public Transport Manager at ORC re install of a sheltered bus stop due to weather impact on waiting passengers. He has not heard back, and will follow up on a response.

Scurr Road – Paul confirmed that Jeanine Benson (DCC Transport Manager) will have a site visit to view the roadside vegetation and the road repairs required for Scurr Road.

Old Brighton Rd flooding – Paul acknowledged there is still water ponding there with the existing drain being blocked but access is an issue as the drain is currently on private property. Paul is progressing this issue with the Transport team.

Moved (Paul Weir/Cr Kevin Gilbert):

That the Board:

Notes the report from Chairperson's Report.

Motion carried.

13 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

A request for the Transport team to check out the sight line from exiting McIntosh Road onto Brighton Road as there is a lamppost in the line of sight for vehicles. A road safety concern.

Speak with Fulton Hogan about pricing the gravel for the walking tracks near Beachlands Speedway to make them usable and for the Board to consider funding the work.

The meeting concluded at 2:47pm.

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CHAIRPERSON