

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 Wednesday 12 February 2025, commencing at 4.00 pm

PRESENT

Chairperson Barry Williams
Deputy Chairperson Anna Wilson

Members Cr Bill Acklin David Frew
Terina Geddes Tony Markham
Robin Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE Sandy Graham (Chief Executive Officer) and Mike Perkins (City Development Engineer).

Governance Support Officer - Acting Mike Perkins

1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Strath Taieri Connect Charitable Trust

Lynnore Templeton and Rebecca Costelloe from Strath Taieri Connect Charitable Trust were in attendance to present their annual plan for 2025. They provided a background to the Trust and commented that they would like to foster a relationship with the Board.

Ms Templeton and Ms Costelloe responded to questions.

1.2 Discover Middlemarch Website Project

Linda MacKenzie, Chairperson, Discover Middlemarch provided an update on their website project.

Mrs MacKenzie responded to questions.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Robin Thomas/David Frew):

That the Board:

Confirms the agenda without addition or alteration

Motion carried (STCB/2025/001)

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.

Anna Wilson provided an update to her register of interests.

Terina Geddes provided an updated to her register of interests.

Moved (Tony Markham/David Frew):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2025/002)

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 STRATH TAIERI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 7 NOVEMBER 2024

Moved (Anna Wilson/Terina Geddes):

That the Board:

- a) **Confirms** the minutes of the Strath Taieri Community Board meeting held on 07 November 2024 as a correct record.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/003)

REPORTS

6 MARCH CREEK UPDATE

Josh von Pein (Consultant for the Otago Regional Council) provided an update on March Creek which included the upcoming maintenance.

Moved (Cr Bill Acklin/David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Otago Regional Council March Creek Update.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/004)

PART A REPORTS

7 MEETING SCHEDULE

A report from Civic provided a schedule of meetings for the remainder 2025 for consideration.

Moved (Robin Thomas/Anna Wilson):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** the meeting schedule for 2025.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/005)

8 COMMUNITY PLAN

There was a discussion on the Strath Taieri Community Board Plan 2024-34. Following discussion, it was agreed would update their Community Board Plan to include playgrounds as one of their proprieties.

Moved (Cr Bill Acklin/David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Agrees** to update the Strath Taieri Community Board Community Plan.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/006)

9 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

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

- Project Fund
- Draft 9 year plan 2025-34
- Draft Reserve Management Plan – General Policies 2024

Moved (Anna Wilson/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Governance Support Officer’s Report.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/007)

10 BOARD UPDATES AND REPORT BACKS

Board Members provided verbal updates and report backs on portfolios and activities which included:

Township beautification

Anna Wilson advised that Taskforce Green would doing some work around Middlemarch.

Otago Central Rail Trust

Terina Geddes provided an update on the ANZAC Day service and advised that it will be starting at 11.30 am to accommodate the NZ Army’s schedule.

Climate Change

Tony Markham advised that there was no update.

Water management (including flooding)

Tony Markham and David Frew commented on the ongoing flooding at the cemetery.

Infrastructure, roads and spraying

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Board would send a thank you letter to Downer/NZTA for the work that was currently being undertaken along State Highway 87.

Community information and publicity

Robin Thomas provided an update on the Facebook activity.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Anna Wilson would be the Board liaison for the Strath Taieri Connect Charitable Trust.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Board updates and report backs.
- b) **Agrees** to write a letter of thanks to Downer and NZTA for the work being undertaken on State Highway 87.

- c) **Agrees** that Anna Wilson would be the Board’s liaison for the Strath Taieri Connect Charitable Trust.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/008)

11 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

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

Civic Affairs Committee meeting being held on 11 March 2025 – it was agreed that Anna Wilson and Robin Thomas will present on behalf of the Board.

Moved (Barry Williams/Terina Geddes):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2025/009)

12 COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Councillor Bill Acklin provided an update on items of interest which included:

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Moved (Member Tony Markham/Member David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Council Activities Update

Motion carried (STCB/2025/010)

13 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

There were no items for consideration by the Chair.

The meeting concluded at 6.40 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON