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## Saddle Hill Community Board

### MINUTES

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Saddle Hill Community Board held at the Village Green Café and Bar, Main Road, Sunnyvale on Thursday 10 April 2025, commencing at 1:01 p.m.

#### PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Paul Weir	
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Scott Weatherall	
<b>Members</b>	Dr Pim Allen	Christina McBratney
	Keith McFadyen	John Moyle

**IN ATTENDANCE** Anna Nilsen (Group Manager Property Services).

**Governance Support Officer** Lynne Adamson

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#### 1 PUBLIC FORUM

##### 1.1 A Star is Born

Scott Weatherall and John Moyle withdrew from this item.

Jennie Wade spoke to the funding application on behalf of A Star is Born. She commented that it had been established in September 2016, it was a Dunedin charitable trust that provided remembrance keepsakes for families who face a neonatal or early postnatal death of their baby.

The funding would enable trustees to attend the SANDS NZ National conference on infant loss and grief and gain access to the most up to date information in this field.

Ms Wade responded to questions on the conference.

##### 1.2 Beachlands Speedway

Scott Weatherall withdrew from this item.

Matt Stewart spoke to the funding application from Beachlands Speedway. He commented that the funding would go towards the cost of building a new officials control tower and first aid building which would enable them to run a safer show and meet rules and regulations of the sport. The building cost was estimated at \$120,000 of

which \$70,000 had already been raised. He explained that the Speedway receives very small sponsorship with most funding obtained through gate sales.

Mr Stewart commented that they also held a number on types of events held at Beachlands in addition to the racing which included school cross country days; youth driver training, Police training with search and rescue and hostage negotiation and private events. They also raise funds to give back to the community as much as possible e.g. \$9k to I am Hope.

Mr Stewart responded to questions.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

Moved (Paul Weir/Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

**Accepts** the apology from Cr Kevin Gilbert.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/012)**

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Moved (Paul Weir/Dr Pim Allen):

That the Board:

**Confirms** the agenda with the following alteration:

That the Youth Ambassador Award Applicants be taken as they arrive at the meeting; and

That Item 6 – Youth Ambassador Award Applications be taken after the Youth Ambassador Award Presentations.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/013)**

## **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.

Scott Weatherall and John Moyle advised of conflicts of interest with funding events and noted they would withdraw from the items when they arose.

Moved (Paul Weir/Scott Weatherall):

That the Board:

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

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/014)**

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **5.1 SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 13 FEBRUARY 2025**

Moved (Paul Weir/Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

- a) **Confirms** the public part of the minutes of the Saddle Hill Community Board meeting held on 13 February 2025 as a correct record.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/015)**

## **PART A REPORTS**

### **11 YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD FUNDING APPLICATION**

#### **Eva McLean**

Eva spoke to her funding application for support towards the costs of attending track events.

She spoke of both her academic and sporting achievements. In summer Eva would participate in running events and cross country during the winter months. The events this winter included the south island championships in Timaru, secondary nationals in Whangarei and club nationals in Christchurch.

Eva responded to questions and advised that she was in the school debating team and served on the student council.

#### **Connor Howes**

Connor spoke of his passion for golf and how he would appreciate support to enable his attendance at more national golf tournaments which would provide more opportunities to be identified by the selectors as a strong New Zealand player. Connor advised he was in year 13 at school and played in the 17 year age group in the school golf team, he had represented Otago and hoped to make the men's 10 in the future.

Connor planned to attend University to study accounting and physical education and continue with his golf. Connor responded to questions and advised that he provided coaching to the junior school in his lunch hour.

#### **Brooklyn Wright**

Paul Weir and Pim Allen advised that they had gone to Brooklyn's school and interviewed her as she was unable to attend the meeting.

Brooklyn had a love for dancing and had represented Queens High in dance events and was dancing at a level above her age group. Brooklyn knew that this year would be more challenging and wanted to attend the Kairos Dance Convention in Auckland. This was a huge dance event where some of the world's best choreographers taught classes and skills unavailable in Dunedin.

The funding would provide support for the ticket to the convention; flights to Auckland, accommodation and crew coaching fees.

## **7 FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

There were two funding applications for consideration by the Board.

Scott Weatherall withdrew from both the funding applications and John Moyle withdrew from this item and they left the room.

A Star is Born applied for funding to allow six of their trustees to attend the national SANDS conference in Wellington in June.

Moved (Keith McFadyen/Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** the funding application for \$500 from A Star is Born.

**Motion lost**

Moved (Dr Pim Allen/Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** the funding application from A Star is Born and provides \$750.00 support.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/016)**

John Moyle returned to the room.

Beachlands Speedway applied for funding towards the cost of building a new control tower and first aid building.

Moved (Christina McBratney/John Moyle):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** the funding application for \$5,000 from Beachlands Speedway.

**Motion lost** on a show of hands 2:3.

There was a further discussion on the Beachlands Speedway funding application.

Moved (Christina McBratney/John Moyle):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** the funding application for \$5,000 from Beachlands Speedway.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/017)**

Scott Weatherall returned to the room.

## **8 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT**

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

- a) Project Fund
- b) Community Preparedness Day – the Board expressed their gratitude to John Moyle for covering the cost of the BBQ at the recent community preparedness day.
- c) DCC Draft 9 year plan 2025-34 and Local Water Done Well
- d) Otago Regional Council draft Annual Plan 2025-2026
- e) Report Back from Dunedin Riding for the Disabled.

Concerns were raised about the installation of a bus shelter at Chain Hills Road; the request from the public forum of the last meeting for overgrown vegetation to be addressed on the Brighton – Taieri Mouth Road and the extended closure of Tunnel Beach.

Moved (Christina McBratney/Dr Pim Allen):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Governance Support Officer's Report.
- b) **Records** its sincerest thanks to John Moyle for providing the funding for the BBQ for the Community Preparedness Day.
- c) **Agrees** to submit to the draft DCC 9 year plan 2025-34 and Local Water Done Well, for ratification at the next Board meeting being held on 5 June 2025.
- f) **Agrees** to prepare a submission to the draft Otago Regional Council draft Annual Plan 2025-2026, for ratification at the next Board meeting held on 22 May 2025.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/018)**

## **9 BOARD UPDATES**

Board members provided an update on activities of interest including:

- a) Keep Dunedin Beautiful – Christina McBratney advised that the scheduled meeting had not been held due to lack of a quorum. She commented that there had been a good turnout to the launch of the cat mural with children receiving certificates, hats and badges. Main Road, Green Island had been cleaned up by the local Church Group. It was suggested that Kaikorai Estuary could be the next project.

The annual Trees for families planting would be held on Mother's Day, trees could be purchased for \$20.00.

Fairfield Hall – the Committee had advised they would like a mural on the wall with the thought of a skate park theme. Ms Nilsen advised that maintenance needed to be considered in the planning.

- b) Fairfield Hazards and Preparedness Community Expo held on Sunday 2 March 2025 - John Moyle advised that attendance was constant and it was well worthwhile. He extended thanks to the Lions Club for the use of their BBQ.
- c) It was noted that pupils from Fairfield School who undertook the community letter drop needed to be thanked.
- d) Paul Weir would work on a date for the two community response groups to get together.

Moved (Paul Weir/Scott Weatherall):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Board updates.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/019)**

## 10 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson (Paul Weir) provided an update on matters of interest since the last meeting which included:

- Drive around the Board area with Dunedin City Council Transportation Staff and noted the following - Scurr Road had been graded; Taieri Mouth Road had a section that had collapsed in the 2024 flooding; Layby by Dicksons Road which is maintained by a local resident and should be maintained by Council as there are usually 6-8 campers each night.
- Chain Hills Road Bus Stop – The Chair had visited the site with the ORC Public Transport Team Leader to view potential sites suitable for the bus stop to be installed. It was agreed that the preferred location was further down from the current bus stop. They were waiting to hear the cost of the slab from the Dunedin City Council.
- Gravity tracks around Waldronville – Dunedin City Council staff were looking at signage for the tracks.
- The installation of a water fountain at Fairplay Street, Fairfield and Waldronville playground was suggested.
- Ocean View ditch – the ditch gets overwhelmed with vegetation and it was requested that it should have a regular clean up. It was noted that the ditch was not owned by the DCC despite historically clearing it. The Group Manager Property (Anna Nilsen) advised members that it would be cleared on demand and to phone and lodge the request with DCC and forward the request number to her to enable follow up.

- Coastal Erosion was discussed. It was noted that DCC staff were actively observing the road slump on Taieri Mouth Road.
- Mr Weatherall advised there was a community worker available and to contact him with any suggestions for work.

Moved (Mr Scott Weatherall/Dr Pim Allen):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** up to \$1,940.00 for the installation of a water fountain at Fairplay Street Reserve.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/020)**

Moved (Paul Weir/Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

- b) **Notes** the report from Chairperson's Report.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/021)**

### 13 YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD ALLOCATION

There was a discussion on the allocation of the Youth Ambassador Award funding.

It was agreed there would be a funding pool of \$3,000.00

Moved (Keith McFadyen/Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

- a) **Amend** the resolution for the water fountain to read that the fountain be allocated the remainder of the discretionary fund funding.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/022)** with Scott Weatherall recording his vote against.

Moved (Christina McBratney/Keith McFadyen):

That the Board:

- a) **Allocates** \$750.00 funding each to the first three successful applicants of the Youth Ambassador Award funding.
- b) **Allocates** \$250.00 funding each to the remainder applications for the Youth Ambassador Award funding.

**Motion Lost**

Moved (Paul Weir/Scott Weatherall)

That the Community Board:

**Adjourns** the meeting for 20 minutes.

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 2.29 pm and reconvened at 3.02 pm.

## 12 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

The following items were identified for consideration by the Chair:

- John Moyle requested a letter of support to accompany the submission from the Sunnyvale Community and Sports Centre to the DCC 9 year plan 2025-34 process for funding to continue improvements to the Sunnyvale Community and Sports Centre.

Moved (Paul Weir/Keith McFadyen):

That the Board:

- a) **Writes** a letter of support for the Sunnyvale Community and Sports Centre submission to the Dunedin City Council 2025-34 9 year plan.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/023)**

- Dr Pim Allen commented that she was extremely disappointed in the Report Back received from the Dunedin Riding for the Disabled.

Moved (Dr Pim Allen/Scott Weatherall):

That the Board:

- a) **Records** their disappointment in the quality of the Report Back received from the Dunedin Riding for the Disabled.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/024)**

Moved (Paul Weir/Scott Weatherall):

That the Board:

**Adjourns** the meeting for 5 minutes.

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 3.09 pm and reconvened at 3.12 pm.

## 13 YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD ALLOCATION CONTINUED

The discussion on the Youth Ambassador Award Allocation continued.

The Group Manager, Property (Anna Nilsen) suggested a methodology by which members ranked each applicant from 1-6. The Board agreed to the process.

Moved (Scott Weatherall/Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** the allocation of the Youth Ambassador Award funding with \$1,000 for first place; \$750 for second place; \$500 for third place and \$250 each for fourth, fifth and sixth place holders.

**Motion Lost**

**11 YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD FUNDING APPLICATION PRESENTATIONS**

Charlee Farquhar spoke to her request for funding to support her sporting achievements in athletics; cross country and netball. She commented that her career goal for sports was to represent New Zealand in the Olympics at athletics and/or discus or shot put. She played netball in the school Senior A team and Otago.

Charlee responded to questions and commented that she would help at the children's athletics met on a Tuesday and with the Taieri Club meet on a Saturday.

Eve Kelleher commented that she wanted funding to support her ongoing sporting development. She was top ranked under 16 girls for triathlon in New Zealand. Even would like to obtain training with a dedicated triathlon coach for swimming, running and biking to help her reach the next level of getting into a squad to compete for New Zealand in championships.

In response to questions, Eve explained her personal bests and her desire to beat these. She commented that she was on the Queens High School and had served on the student council and was now on the school sports council. She hoped to compete in triathlons in Europe and with the Irish team. The next planned triathlon would be held in Gore in 2026.

Moved (Paul Weir/Scott Weatherall):

That the Board:

**Adjourns** the meeting for 15 minutes.

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 3.38 pm and reconvened at 3.58 pm.

**11 YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD FUNDING APPLICATION PRESENTATIONS**

Hanna Cowan spoke to her Youth Ambassador Award application for funding to help with the costs of being in the Youth Search and Rescue. She commented that it was her first year, met once a week with a weekend exercise every month where they were trained to look for people.

Hanna commented that they started at level one and once level three was reached they were able to move to real sessions.

In response to a question on her involvement with the Youth Search and Rescue, Hanna advised that she was passionate about the outdoors and felt this was a great way to help other people. Her career goal was to become a helicopter pilot.

## 6 YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Board spoke of the extremely high calibre of the candidates and thanks for the attendance at the meeting and openness speaking about their passion, achievements and dreams for the future. They wished them all the very best for their future.

Moved (Paul Weir/Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

- a) **Considers** the applications for the Youth Ambassador Awards.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/025)**

Ms Nilsen advised that the winners for first, second and sixth place were clear with third, fourth and fifth place recipients equal.

There was then another discussion on the amount of the awards.

Moved (Christina McBratney/Scott Weatherall):

That the Board:

- b) **Approves** the Youth Ambassador Award Funding amounts with first placeholder receiving \$1,000; second placeholder \$750.00, the three third equal placeholders \$200 each and the sixth placeholder \$100.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/026)**

Moved (Scott Weatherall/Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

- c) **Awards** Eve Kelleher \$1,000 as the first place recipient of the Youth Ambassador Award.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/027)**

Moved (Scott Weatherall/Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

- d) **Awards** Taryn McLean \$750 for Eva McLean as the second place recipient of the Youth Ambassador Award.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/028)**

Moved (Scott Weatherall/Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

- e) **Awards** Brooklyn Wright; Charlee Farquhar and Hanna Cowan \$200 each as the third equal recipients of the Youth Ambassador Award.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/029)**

Moved (Scott Weatherall/Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

- f)     **Awards** Connor Howes \$100 as the sixth recipient of the Youth Ambassador Award.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/030)**

Christina McBratney and Keith McFadyen registered their apologies for the September meeting of the Saddle Hill Community Board.

The meeting concluded at 4.12 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON