
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 22 May 2025, commencing at 2.00 pm

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE Mike Perkins (City Development Engineer).

Governance Support Officer Wendy Collard

1 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no Public Forum.

2 APOLOGIES

An apology for early departure was received from Cr Bill Acklin

Moved (David Frew/Terina Geddes):

That the Board:

Accepts the apology from Cr Bill Acklin.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/024)

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Terina Geddes/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

Confirms the agenda with the following addition or alteration

Item 11 – Councillor Update be taken before Item 10 - Chairperson's report

Motion carried (STCB/2025/025)

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.

Moved (David Frew/Terina Geddes):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2025/026)

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 STRATH TAIERI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 3 APRIL 2025

Moved (Terina Geddes/David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Confirms** the minutes of the Strath Taieri Community Board meeting held on 03 April 2025 as correct.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/027)

PART A REPORTS

6 OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

A report from the Otago Regional Council provided an update on the Middlemarch River Management.

7 COMMUNITY PLAN

The Strath Taieri Community Board Community Plan was attached for the Board's consideration and adoption.

Following discussion on the community plan and the order of the Board priorities, it was agreed to remove the flood protection from the list of new priorities as it had already been identified under the Board's current priorities.

Moved (Robin Thomas/David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Adopts** the Strath Taieri Community Board Community Plan with the amendment as agreed.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/028)

8 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

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

- Project Fund
- DCC Draft 9 year plan 2025-34 and Local Water Done Well
- Otago Regional Council draft Annual Plan 2025-2026
- Elected Members Elections protocol session
- Roadworks Schedule
- Currently consulting on

Following discussion on the completed upgrades/maintenance of State Highway 87, it was agreed that the Board would send another letter of thanks to Downer/NZTA.

Moved (Member Robin Thomas/Member Terina Geddes):

That the Board:

Agrees to write a letter of thanks to Downer and NZTA for the work undertaken on State Highway 87.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/029)

Following discussion on the Community Dump Day, the Board agreed to fund it up to \$1500.00.

Moved (Barry Williams/Terina Geddes):

That the Board:

- a) **Agrees** to fund the Community Dump Days.
- b) **Approves** funding of up to \$1500.00 towards the Community Dump Days.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/030)

There was discussion on a Community Noticeboard and possible locations for its placement.

Moved (Anna Wilson/Robin Thomas):

That the Board:

Approves funding of \$1697.34 for the Community Noticeboard

Motion carried (STCB/2025/031)

There was a discussion on proposed improvements to the QEII park which included maintenance of the walking track and reimbursement of petrol used in the weed eater.

Moved (Robin Thomas/David Frew):

That the Board:

Approves funding of up to \$500.00 (excl GST) towards improvements/maintenance to the QEII park subject to staff approving these.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/032)

Cr Bill Acklin withdraw from this item.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Robin Thomas):

That the Board:

- b) **Ratifies** the submission to the draft Dunedin City Council 9 year plan 2025-34 and Local Water Done Well.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/033)

Moved (Barry Williams/Terina Geddes):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Governance Support Officer's Report.
- b) **Ratifies** the submission to the draft Otago Regional Council draft Annual Plan 2025-2026.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/034)

9 BOARD UPDATES AND REPORT BACKS

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

Township beautification

Anna Wilson provided an update of the work undertaken by Taskforce Green.

Community Resilience

Anna Wilson provided an update on the workshop that she had attended as the Board representative.

Otago Central Rail Trust

Terina Geddes commented that the Middlemarch Destination website would be going live on 6 June.

Climate Change

Tony Markham commented that he had no update for this meeting.

Water management (including flooding)

Tony Markham and David Frew reminded the Board about the Otago Regional Council public meeting was being held on Tuesday, 3 June 2025.

Infrastructure, roads and spraying

Barry Williams provided an update which included contacting PowerNet to request that they trim the street trees along Cardigan Street as they were now growing into the powerlines.

Community information and publicity

Robin Thomas provided an update on the activity on the Board's Facebook page. Following discussion it was agreed the Board's Facebook Page would be used for Board posts and information only.

Moved (David Frew/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2025/035)

11 COUNCILLOR UPDATE

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

Draft 9 year plan and Local Water Done Well hearings

Dunedin Railway Limited

Moved (Tony Markham/Terina Geddes):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2025/036)

Cr Bill Acklin left the meeting at 4.01 pm.

10 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

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

- ANZAC Day – it was noted that the Australian Flag used for ANZAC Day services was tatty and would need to be replaced.
- Effluent Dump Site – there was a discussion on the maintenance of the effluent dump site situated within the Strath Taieri A&P grounds.
- DCC Deep Stream – there was a discussion on pest control at Deep Stream

Moved (Anna Wilson/David Frew):

That the Board:

Approves funding of up to \$250.00 for a replacement Australian Flag

Motion carried (STCB/2025/037)

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Board would investigate with Taieri Blokes Sheds the cost to repair or replacement on the bench seats.

Moved (David Frew/Barry Williams):

That the Board:

Approves funding of the repair of two of the bench seats subject to confirmation of the costs.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/038)

Moved (Terina Geddes/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2025/039)

12 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

There were no items for consideration

The meeting concluded at 4.35 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON