
Otago Peninsula Community Board

MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otago Peninsula Community Board held in the Toitū Auditorium, Toitū Otago Settlers Museum, 31 Queens Gardens, Dunedin on Monday 16 June 2025, commencing at 10:05 a.m.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Paul Pope	
Deputy Chairperson	Hoani Langsbury	
Members	Edna Stevenson	Stacey Kokaua-Balfour Cr Andrew Whiley

IN ATTENDANCE Senior Officer - Jeanine Benson (Group Manager Transport)

Governance Support Officer Lauren Riddle

1 WELCOME

Paul Pope welcomed attendees and the youth scholarship applicants Esmé, Liesel and Reid.

2 APOLOGIES

Moved (Paul Pope/Edna Stevenson):

That the Board:

Accepts the apologies for absence from Cheryl Neill and Lox Kellas, and apologies for lateness from Hoani Langsbury and Stacey Kokaua-Balfour.

Motion carried.

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Paul Pope confirmed the meeting was to hear presentations from the youth scholarship applicants and that each applicant would have five minutes to present to the Board with five minutes for questions from the Board.

Moved (Paul Pope/ Edna Stevenson):

That the Board:

Confirms the agenda without addition or alteration.

Motion carried.

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.

There were no updates provided.

Moved (Paul Pope/ Edna Stevenson):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried

PART A REPORTS

5 PROJECT FUND - YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP 2024/25

The balance in the Project Fund available for allocation for the current financial year (2024/2025) was confirmed as \$2,252.82, noting that \$1,000 was held in reserve for the Board's annual Youth Scholarship.

The three applicants spoke in person to their applications to the Board, as follows:

Esmé Blaker

Ms Blaker spoke of her passion for ITF Taekwon-do and the life skills and learnings she had experienced through her commitment to the sport and her achievement in selection for the New Zealand team attending the ITF World Championships, later in the year. She advised the scholarship would greatly assist in her attending the championship in Croatia.

Stacey Kokaua-Balfour arrived at the meeting at 10:15 am.

Liesel Tolson

Ms Tolson spoke of her family background and of her drive and commitment to her academic studies, sports, leadership and service to both her school and local communities. She advised that the scholarship would greatly assist her ability to attend University to further her studies.

Reid Penwarden

Mr Penwarden spoke of the impact of his upbringing on the peninsula which had shaped his personal values and ambitions. He spoke of his academic achievements to date and his future academic and career goals being rooted in combining innovation, conservation and community leadership to assist in the protection of the environment. He advised that the scholarship would be a vote of confidence in his future aspirations.

Hoani Langsbury arrived at the meeting at 10:34 am.

The applicants left the meeting at 10:40am.

Following discussion the Board agreed to establish two Youth Scholarships, an Ambassador Award and an Academic Excellence Award.

Moved (Cr Andrew Whiley/Deputy Chairperson Hoani Langsbury):

That the Board:

- a) **Grants** the 2024-2025 Otago Peninsula Community Board Youth Scholarship Ambassador Award to Esmé Blaker, of \$1,000 payable to the nominated account of AH and Lisbeth L Blaker.
- b) **Grants** the 2024-2025 Otago Peninsula Community Board Youth Scholarship Academic Excellence Award to Liesel Tolson of \$1,000.
- c) **Agrees** for the annual Otago Peninsula Community Board Youth Scholarship to be \$2,000 from the 2025/26 year onwards, being \$1,000 each for the Academic Excellence award and \$1,000 for the Ambassador Award.

Motion carried (OPCB/2025/015)

Moved (Chairperson Paul Pope/Deputy Chairperson Hoani Langsbury):

That the Board:

Grant the balance of the Board's project funds for the 2024-2025 financial year, being \$252.82 to the Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade, to support its ongoing work for the community.

Motion carried (OPCB/2025/016)

The meeting concluded at 11:00 am.

.....
CHAIRPERSON