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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 in the Council Chamber, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, The Octagon, Dunedin on Thursday 05 June 2025, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

#### PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Paul Weir
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Scott Weatherall

<b>Members</b>	Dr Pim Allen	Cr Kevin Gilbert
	Christina McBratney	Keith McFadyen
	John Moyle	

**IN ATTENDANCE** Anna Nilsen (Group Manager Property Services) and Sandy Graham (Chief Executive Officer).

**Governance Support Officer** Lynne Adamson

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#### 1 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no Public Forum.

#### 2 APOLOGIES

Moved (Paul Weir/John Moyle):

That the Board:

**There** was an apology for lateness from Scott Weatherall.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/031)**

#### 3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Paul Weir/Dr Pim Allen):

That the Board:

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

That Item 8 – Chairpersons report be taken before Item 6 Governance Support Officers report.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/032)**

#### **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.

Moved (Chairperson Paul Weir/Ms Christina McBratney):

That the Board:

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

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/033)**

#### **5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

##### **5.1 SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 10 APRIL 2025**

Moved (Paul Weir/Keith McFadyen):

That the Board:

- a) **Confirms** the public part of the minutes of the Saddle Hill Community Board meeting held on 10 April 2025 as a correct record.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/034)**

#### **PART A REPORTS**

#### **8 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

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

- Bus Shelter – Chain Hills Road/Morris Road. – The Chair commented that the Otago Regional Council Implementation Lead – Transport (Julian Phillips) had advised they had received a price which would involve using a wooden shelter. They were looking at sourcing funding.

- Tunnel Beach Opening – The Department of Conservation advised that there was no date scheduled for the reopening of Tunnel Beach. There was a geotechnical investigation in progress which would be used to inform whatever remedial works would be required to ensure the track was repaired and resilient to future weather events.
- Board meetings for the rest of the triennium – the Chair asked for suggestions for the final two meetings of the triennium being a venue for the 14 August meeting and if the Board wished to change the September meeting date to enable all members to attend.

It was agreed that the August meeting would be held at the Brighton Surf Life Saving Club.

It was agreed that the September meeting date would change to Thursday 11 September 2025, to be held in the Council Chamber.

Scott Weatherall entered the meeting at 1.10 pm.

- Smooth Hill - The Chair invited the Chief Executive Officer (Sandy Graham) to respond to questions on Smooth Hill.

In response to a question on whether it would be more environmentally and cost effective if waste was shipped to Winton, Ms Graham commented that the Smooth Hill business case had been released and was discussed in depth at the May 2025 Council meeting.

Ms Graham appreciated the concerns raised, outlined the consultation timeline noting that it was a city wide consultation as this was a city asset and spoke of the engagement undertaken with the Board and community liaison group. She thanked the Board for being a good advocate for the community.

When questioned on the actual site location, Ms Graham offered to arrange a visit to both Green Island and Smooth Hill which could be undertaken as part of the induction for the new Board or earlier if required. The Board would prefer a visit before the election and queried if there was an opportunity to visit the Kate Valley Landfill in Canterbury which had been unable to take place at the planned time due to Covid.

Ms Graham responded to further questions on the consent, the access noting that it would be along McLaren Gully Road from the state highway and advised that there was an expectation that there would be no leachate leaking. She commented on the bird management plans put in place which had addressed concerns raised by Dunedin Airport.

- Friendship Drive – The Chair queried the progress on the flooding concerns for a property in Friendship Drive. Ms Graham commented that a solution was being worked on in conjunction with the property owner.
- Brighton – Taieri Mouth Road. A section of the Brighton-Taieri Mouth Road had slipped in the floods in 2024. The Chair requested an update on remedial work for the road. Ms Nilsen commented that she would report back on this.
- Old Brighton Road – The Chair commented on the continual flooding of Old Brighton Road during heavy rain events and the need to clear the drain. In response to a request if it was able to be cleared out with use of a digger on private land, Ms Graham requested the information be sent to her to enable it to be investigated.
- Coastal Erosion – Mr Weatherall sought an update on the assessment of coastal erosion. Ms Nilsen advised that she would source and provide an update on this.

Moved (Paul Weir/Cr Kevin Gilbert):

That the Board:

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

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/035)**

The Chair thanked Ms Graham for attending the meeting and responding to concerns from the Board.

## 6 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 Submission – for ratification
- Letter of Support for Sunnyvale – for ratification
- Elected Members Election Protocol Session
- Fairplay Street Reserve Water Fountain – it was noted that the DCC Property department would provide the additional funding required and install a water fountain at the Fairplay Street Reserve.

Moved (Paul Weir/Keith McFadyen):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Governance Support Officer's Report.
- b) **Ratifies** the submission to the DCC Draft 9 year plan 2025-34.
- c) **Ratifies** the letter of support for the Sunnyvale Community Centre.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/036)**

## 7 BOARD UPDATES

Board members provided updates on activities of interest which included:

- Keep Dunedin Beautiful (KDB) – Ms McBratney provided an update which included; a good turnout for the Trees for family event at Rotary Park on Mothers Day; Keep Dunedin Beautiful Awards nominations were now open with the Award ceremony to be held on Friday 29 August 2025. They had not received funding for the mural fund from the DCC and there had been discussions on having a most improved spot or street community award in Spring. Mr Weir commented that consideration be given to bus shelters which needed painting in Fairfield.
- Community Response Space – Mr Weatherall commented that 23 June 2025 had been selected as the community response space date and requested that Board members attend if able. The meeting would bring the Southern Coast; Chain Hill and Fairfield groups together.

Moved (Paul Weir/John Moyle):

That the Board:

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

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/037)**

## 9 COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

Cr Kevin Gilbert provided an update on items of interest which included:

- Draft Dunedin City Council 9 year plan 2025-2034 meetings. Cr Gilbert provided statistics on the consultation period and submitters who presented to Council. He commented that the funding requested for the Sunnyvale Sports Centre had been approved.
- Smooth Hill – Cr Gilbert provided information on the decision to continue with the Smooth Hill Landfill which included the discussions about the options of either proceeding or taking waste to Winton. He spoke of the preferred site, the waste minimisation plan and advised that the consensus of Council was not to ship waste out of the area.
- Local Water Done Well – Council had approved the inhouse model for similar reasons to Smooth Hill, to enable security; control and capability.

Cr Gilbert responded to questions.

Moved (Chairperson Paul Weir/Mr Scott Weatherall):

That the Board:

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

**Motion carried (SHCB/2025/038)**

## 10 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

The following items were raised for consideration by the Chair:

- Coastal Erosion – it was requested that staff attend the next meeting to discuss the coastal erosion assessment.
- Parks Reserves Assessment.
- Sportsfield Inventory – Ms Nilsen advised she would obtain a timeline for this.
- Overview of what is planned for the area e.g. road closures (it was noted these were available on the Dunedin City Council website); parks upgrade updates.

The meeting concluded at 1.57 pm

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CHAIRPERSON