
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 26 June 2025, commencing at 2.00 pm

PRESENT

Chairperson Barry Williams

Members David Frew Tony Markham
Robin Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE Mike Cartwright (Quality Improvement Specialist)

Governance Support Officer Wendy Collard

1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Destination Middlemarch

The Chairperson advised that due to unforeseen circumstances the representative of Destination Middlemarch were not able to attend and an update would be circulated to the Board.

1.2 Shelia Ramsay

Ms Ramsay spoke to the Board regarding the importance of community resilience during an emergency and requested the Board advocate for the installation of 2 water tanks for the community use during an event.

Ms Ramsay responded to questions.

2 APOLOGIES

Moved (David Frew/Robin Thomas):

That the Board:

Accepts the apologies from Anna Wilson, Terina Geddes and Cr Bill Acklin.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/040)

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Tony Markham/David Frew):

That the Board:

Confirms the agenda without addition or alteration

Motion carried (STCB/2025/041)

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.

Barry Williams advised that he was a member of the Strath Taieri Medical Services Committee.

Moved (Robin Thomas/Tony Markham):

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 (STCB/2025/042)

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 STRATH TAIERI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 22 MAY 2025

Moved (Tony Markham/David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Confirms** the minutes of the Strath Taieri Community Board meeting held on 22 May 2025 as a correct record.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/043)

PART A REPORTS

6 OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

There was discussion on the public meeting that the Otago Regional Council (ORC) held at the beginning of June 2025 and the actions that the Board would like to undertake. It was agreed that the Board would send a letter of thanks and seeking clarification of the next steps on the project.

It was also agreed that the Board would hold a workshop for the community prior to their next meeting.

Moved (Tony Markham/David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Agrees** to write a letter to the ORC seeking clarification of the next steps and to thank them for their work to date.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/044)

7 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

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

- Project Fund

There was discussion on the payment of the invoice for maintenance at the effluent dump site.

Moved (Tony Markham/Barry Williams):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** funding of \$259.78 from the Board's project fund towards the costs of the maintenance at the Effluent Dump Site at the A&P Grounds.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/045)

Following discussion, it was agreed to defer the funding of \$1697.34 approved, at the Board's last meeting, towards a community noticeboard to be paid out of the Board's project fund in the next financial year 2025-2026.

Moved (Tony Markham/Barry Williams):

That the Board:

Defers the payment of the funding of \$1697.34 approved for a community noticeboard (approved at the Board's meeting held on 22 May 2025) to be paid out from the Board's project fund for the 2025-26 financial year.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/046)

Moved (Robin Thomas/David Frew):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2025/047)

8 PROJECT FUND

Mr Barry Williams withdrew from this item. Mr Robin Thomas assumed the Chair.

The Board gave consideration to the funding application from the Strath Taieri Medical Services Committee Inc.

Moved (Tony Markham/David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** of \$2000.00 to the Strath Taieri Medical Services Committee Inc towards the cost of insulation.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/048)

The Chairperson resumed the Chair.

The Board gave consideration to the funding application from the Strath Taieri Agriculture and Rural Tourist Trust on behalf of the Mid Taieri Wai Catchment Group.

Moved (Tony Markham/David Frew):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** of \$2000.00 to the Strath Taieri Agriculture and Rural Tourist Trust on behalf of the Mid Taieri Wai Catchment Group towards the cost of plantings.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/049)

The Board gave consideration to the funding application from the Kate Wilson.

Moved (Robin Thomas/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** funding of \$323.00 to Kate Wilson towards the cost of hi-vis vests, rubbish bags, etc.
- b) **Recommends** that these be kept at a centre point to allow use of these by other community groups.

Motion carried (STCB/2025/050)

9 BOARD UPDATES AND REPORT BACKS

Climate Change

Tony Markham advised that he had no update

Water management (including flooding)

This item was covered under the ORC update

Infrastructure, roads and spraying

Barry Williams advised that he had requested some potholes in the township be repaired.

Community information and publicity

Robin Thomas provided an update on the activity on the Board's Facebook page.

Moved (David Frew/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2025/051)

10 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson provided a verbal update on matters of interest including:

- Destination Middlemarch – Mr Williams advised that Mrs MacKenzie had sent an apology and would be providing a written update which would be circulated to the Board once it has been received.
- Meeting Etiquette - there was discussion on etiquette at the Board meetings which included cell phones.

Moved (Barry Williams/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2025/052)

11 COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Councillor Bill Acklin was an apology for the meeting.

12 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

There were no items for consideration.

The meeting concluded at 3.59 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON