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## Strath Taieri Community Board

### MINUTES

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Strath Taieri Community Board held in the Strath Taieri Community Centre, Middlemarch on Thursday 07 August 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** Jean-Luc Payan (Manager, Natural Hazards), Nate Anderson (Senior Flood Hazard Analyst, Otago Regional Council), Simon Whitton (Principal Advisor Rivers) and Gary La Hood (Senior River Engineer)

**Governance Support Officer** Wendy Collard

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#### 1 PUBLIC FORUM

##### 1.1 Dawn Coburn

Mrs Coburn spoke on her concerns regarding a letter that she had received from the Dunedin City Council advising her that she was required to separate her stormwater and wastewater connection. She provided a background on why and how the stormwater was piped into the wastewater and noted that her property was not the only one in the township where the stormwater went into the wastewater system.

Mrs Coburn commented on the solutions and the costs associated with these. She responded to questions.

#### 2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

### 3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Robin Thomas/Terina Geddes):

That the Board:

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

Item 8 – Governance Support Officer's Report to include a request of \$800.00 for the morning or afternoon teas for Taskforce Green.

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/053)**

### 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 (David Frew/Terina Geddes):

That the Board:

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

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/054)**

### 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 5.1 STRATH TAIERI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 26 JUNE 2025

Moved (Robin Thomas/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

- a) **Confirms** the minutes of the Strath Taieri Community Board meeting held on 26 June 2025 as a correct record.

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/055)**

### PART A REPORTS

### 6 OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

The Manager, Natural Hazards (Jean-Luc Payan) and the Senior Flood Hazard Analyst (Nate Anderson) tabled and spoke to the update on the Middlemarch flood hazard

investigation. Mr Payan commented on the next steps which included the Board providing some guidance as to the overall scope of the next stage of the work plan.

Messrs Payan and Anderson responded to questions.

The Principal Advisor Rivers (Simon Whitton) and the Senior River Engineer (Gary La Hood) spoke to the Middlemarch River Management Update and the programme of works. Mr Whitton and Mr La Hood responded to questions.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to arrange a public workshop prior to the Board's next meeting being held on Thursday, 11 September 2025.

Moved (Robin Thomas/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

- a) **Agrees** to hold a public workshop prior to the Board's meeting being held on 11 September to gather and provide feedback on the community's preferred approach to the flood mitigation as presented by the ORC at its 3 June 2025 public meeting.

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/056)**

Moved (Anna Wilson/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

- b) **Approves** up to \$1,000.00 from the Board Discretionary Fund towards the costs of the workshop including light refreshments.

**.Motion carried (STCB/2025/057)**

Moved (Tony Markham/David Frew):

That the Board:

- c) **Notes** the Otago Regional Council update.

**.Motion carried (STCB/2025/058)**

## **7 COMMUNITY PLAN**

Following discussion on the Board's Community Plan, it was agreed to include the refurbishment of the township's bench seats as part of the proposed activities section.

Moved (Robin Thomas/Anna Wilson):

That the Board:

- a) **Updates** the Strath Taieri Community Board Community Plan as agreed.

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/059)**

## 8 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

A report from This report is to inform the Strath Taieri Community Board of activities relevant to the Board area including:

- Project Fund. It was noted as Taskforce Green was made up of volunteers and were scheduled to undertake environmental work such as maintenance of walkways, public domains in the Middlemarch area four times this financial year. It was noted that it was normal practice to provide morning or afternoon tea for the volunteers. Following discussion, it was agreed that up to \$800.00 would be set aside for the morning or afternoon teas.

Terina Geddes advised that the cost to repair the two seats from the Memorial Gardens was \$400.00.

- Correspondence. There was discussion on the Discover Middlemarch website launch and it was agreed that the Board would write a letter of congratulations.
- Roadworks Schedule
- Currently consulting on

Moved (Robin Thomas/Anna Wilson):

That the Board:

- a) **Agrees** to write a letter of congratulations to Discover Middlemarch.

**.Motion carried (STCB/2025/060)**

Moved (Barry Williams/Terina Geddes):

That the Board:

- b) **Notes** the Governance Support Officer's Report.
- c) **Approves** funding of \$400.00 from the Board's Discretionary Fund towards the repairs to the seating at the Memorial Gardens

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/061)**

Moved (Anna Wilson/Tony Markham):

That the Board:

- d) **Approves** up to \$800.00 from the Board Discretionary Fund towards the cost of morning and afternoon teas for Taskforce Green volunteers.

**.Motion carried (STCB/2025/062)**

## 9 BOARD UPDATES AND REPORT BACKS

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

**Township beautification**

Anna Wilson advised that Taskforce Green would be undertaking some maintenance work in the area before the end of August. She provided an update on the Community Noticeboard.

**Community Resilience**

Anna Wilson provided an update on the meeting which was held and commented that the group were looking at fundraising for an EPOD (Emergency Pod).

**Otago Central Rail Trust**

Terina Geddes provided an update on the meeting which had been held with Dunedin Railways Ltd.

**Climate Change**

Tony Markham advised that he had no update.

**Water management (including flooding)**

This item was covered under the Otago Regional Council update.

**Infrastructure, roads and spraying**

Barry Williams advised that he had requested some further potholes to be repaired.

**Community information and publicity**

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

Moved (David Frew/Terina Geddes):

That the Board:

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

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/063)**

## **10 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

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

- Discover Middlemarch website launch.
- Roothing Issues
- Following discussion, it was agreed that the Board would write a letter of thanks to Mike Perkins for his work as the Senior Staff member assigned to the Board.
- Candidate Evening – Mr Williams commented that he had received a notice advising the Dunedin Area Citizens Association candidate evening would be held on 11 September 2025.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Cr Bill Acklin):

That the Board:

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

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/064)**

## 11 COUNCILLOR UPDATE

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

Local Water Done Well.

Upcoming Council Meetings.

Moved (Robin Thomas/David Frew):

That the Board:

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

**Motion carried (STCB/2025/065)**

## 12 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

There were no items for consideration by the Chair.

Robin Thomas noted that he was an apology for the next meeting. He thanked the outgoing Board Members – Barry Williams and Anna Wilson for their contribution to the Strath Taieri Community Board and thanked staff for their work.

The meeting concluded at 3.57 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON