

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 Tuesday 03 March 2026, commencing at 1:08 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Terina Geddes	
Deputy Chairperson	Ken Bain	
Members	Donna Hall	Quentin MacLeod
	Bruce Thomas	Robin Thomas
	Cr Brent Weatherall	
IN ATTENDANCE	Mike Cartwright (City Growth and Advisory Services Manager)	
Governance Support Officer	Lynne Adamson	

1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Speed Management

Sheila Ramsay addressed the meeting regarding concerns about the current 50 km/h to 100 km/h zones in Middlemarch and commented that residents were concerned about vehicles overtaking before leaving the 50 km/h zone.

Ms Ramsay advised that Milford Street now had additional housing and requested that the 50 km/h zone be extended further north, supported by a flashing "slow down" sign and an introduction of 70 km/h transition zones on both the northern and southern approaches so drivers were already slowing before entering the township.

Concerns were also raised about speeding near the school, where vehicles regularly exceeded the 40 km/h school zone speed limit and options available to help address this.

Ms Ramsay responded to questions.

1.2 Strath Taieri A & P Show Funding Application

Dianna Bradshaw spoke to the funding application from the Strath Taieri A & P Society. She noted that medical cover was required for the event and, as a volunteer could not be

secured, St John was engaged to provide this service at an unexpected cost. She further advised that this was the Society's 122nd Show, which remains an important and longstanding part of the community's culture.

Ms Bradshaw responded to questions.

1.3 Middlemarch Cavalcade 2026

Tara Dwyer spoke in support of the funding application from the Cavalcade Host Town Committee.

Ms Dwyer responded to questions.

2 APOLOGIES

There was an apology for absence from Donna Hall.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Robin Thomas):

That the Board:

Accepts the apology from Donna Hall.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/001)

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Terina Geddes/Cr Brent Weatherall):

That the Board:

Confirms the agenda without addition or alteration.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/002)

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 (Terina Geddes/Robin Thomas):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2026/003)

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 STRATH TAIERI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 26 NOVEMBER 2025

Moved (Terina Geddes/Ken Bain):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2026/004)

REPORTS

6 POLICING UPDATE

Constable Alan Lynch provided an update on policing matters within the Board area which included poachers; speeding issues and speed limits; discussions with Go Bus about the installation of flashing lights at the end of buses which were turned down.

Constable Lynch responded to questions.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Quentin MacLeod):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Policing Update.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/005)

PART A REPORTS

7 FUNDING APPLICATIONS

There were two funding applications for consideration by the Board.

The Cavalcade Host Town Committee have requested \$4,700.00 towards the cost of printing posters/flyers for promotion of the event; advertising – predominantly radio; public liability insurance and portaloos hire.

The Strath Taieri A & P Society Inc have requested \$500.00 towards the cost to provide medical cover for the event to be held on 22 March 2026.

Moved (Ken Bain/Robin Thomas):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** \$4,700 to the Cavalcade Host Town Committee towards the cost of printing of posters/flyers for the event; advertising; insurance and portaloos hire.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/006)

Moved (Robin Thomas/Quentin MacLeod):

That the Board:

- b) **Approves** \$500 to the Strath Taieri A & P Society Inc towards the cost of medical cover at the show.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/007)

8 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

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

- Project Fund
- Stormwater and Wastewater Connections in Middlemarch
- Middlemarch Community Hall – members commented that they had been advised that the entry to the hall was a health and safety liability as it opened onto the main road and that there was \$300k available to relocate it to the side entrance.

The City Growth and Advisory Services Manager (Mike Cartwright) and Governance Support Officer (Lynne Adamson) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Robin Thomas/Quentin MacLeod):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2026/008)

9 OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

The Otago Regional Council provided an update in response to queries raised at previous meetings which included:

- E.coli Investigations – Taieri River – there was a discussion on the contamination levels of the Taieri River at Outram Glen and monitoring where was it coming from e.g. forestry blocks at Sutton Stream, Deep Stream, Lee Stream or the gorge.
- Erosion Repairs on the Taieri River at Mareburn Deviation Road
- Blockage in Doughboy Creek – it was noted that the blockage was an owner problem and not the Otago Regional Council and members queried if a notice to rectify could be sent to the owner.
- Middlemarch River Management Update
- There were wildlife problems noted and advice was sought on what could be done to improve this.

- It was suggested that the Chair write a letter to the Otago District Council raising concerns based on the report.

Moved (Quentin MacLeod/Cr Brent Weatherall):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Otago Regional Council Update Report.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/009)

10 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2026

A report from Civic provided a schedule of meeting dates for the remainder of 2026 for approval from the Board.

There was a discussion on the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2026 and it was agreed that the scheduled 1 April 2026 meeting be deferred until 15 April 2026. The October Board meeting would be held in Hindon.

The April – September winter meetings would have a 1.00 pm start time with a 2.00 pm start time for the Summer meetings in October and December.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Robin Thomas):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** the meeting schedule for 2026 as presented with the exception of the 1 April 2026 meeting which would be held on 15 April 2026 in the Hyde Community Hall.
- b) **Approves** the start times of 1.00 pm for the winter months of April – September and 2.00 pm for the summer meetings in October and December.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/010)

11 COMMUNITY PLAN

The Community Board Plan was attached for discussion at each meeting for the purpose of review and updating as required by the Board.

The Board agreed that they would discuss the plan and provide an opportunity for the community to be involved. They would hold a round table discussion prior to the next meeting.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Bruce Thomas):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Strath Taieri Community Board Community Plan.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/011)

12 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson provided a verbal update on matters of interest since the last meeting which included:

- Middlemarch Railway Station – noting there was maintenance required due to wastewater drainage collapsing causing the piles to sink.
- Fix it Forms – the Board rings the Dunedin City Council with issues but finds the acknowledgment to be slow at times.
- Dump Station at the Tennis Courts – this was blocked again this week and with the Cavalcade currently happening, more issues were expected. It was agreed that funding be kept aside annually for clearing the dump station.
- The Hyde Hall had been painted.
- ANZAC Day Wreaths – Mr McLeod would collect the wreaths from the Mosgiel Library on the afternoon of Friday 24 April 2026.
- ANZAC Day organisation – the speaker, flag bearers etc would be organised by the Chair. It was agreed that up to \$250.00 would be approved for catering following the parade.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Cr Brent Weatherall):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Chairperson's report.
- b) **Approves** payment of up to \$1,000 per financial year for clearing the blockage at the dump station.
- c) **Approves** Payment of up to \$250.00 for catering on ANZAC Day following the parade.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/012)

13 COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Councillor Brent Weatherall will provide an update on items of interest which included:

- New Councillor Induction Programme
- Submissions to Central Government
- Road naming policy change
- Acknowledgement of the passing of former Mayor, Cr Jules Radich and thanking the Board for the card they sent
- Enterprise Dunedin possible transfer to a CCO

- New Policy for Grants
- Draft Water Supply Bylaw
- Rate capping

Moved (Terina Geddes/Bruce Thomas):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2026/013)

14 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

Funding – noting that requests come in last minute and could these be tightened up.

The meeting concluded at 3.14 pm

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CHAIRPERSON