

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 Wednesday 15 April 2026, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Terina Geddes	
Deputy Chairperson	Ken Bain	
Members	Donna Hall	Quentin MacLeod
	Bruce Thomas	Robin Thomas
	Cr Brent Weatherall	
IN ATTENDANCE	Anna Johnson (Group Manager City Development).	
Governance Support Officer	Lynne Adamson	

1 PUBLIC FORUM

Dianna Bradshaw, Secretary, Middlemarch Museum spoke to the funding application from the Strath Taieri Historical Society for painting railway carriages and responded to questions.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Terina Geddes/Robin Thomas):

That the Board:

Confirms the agenda without addition or alteration.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/014)

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/Quentin MacLeod):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2026/015)

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 STRATH TAIERI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 3 MARCH 2026

Moved (Terina Geddes/Cr Brent Weatherall):

That the Board:

- a) **Confirms** the public part of the minutes of the Strath Taieri Community Board meeting held on 03 March 2026 as a correct record.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/016)

REPORTS

6 OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Simon Whitton (Principal Advisor - Rivers); Tom Dyer (General Manager, Science & Resilience); Nate Anderson (Team Leader, Assets & Delivery) and Garry La Hood (Senior River Engineer) and Jeanine Benson (Group Manager, Transport) provided a PowerPoint presentation of an update of the River Management Team's works programme and responded to questions.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Quentin MacLeod):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2026/017)

Moved (Terina Geddes/Quentin MacLeod)

That the Board:

Adjourns the meeting for 5 minutes.

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 2.03 pm and reconvened at 2.08 pm.
Bruce Thomas left the meeting at 2.08 pm.

PART A REPORTS

7 FUNDING APPLICATION

Robin Thomas withdrew from this item.

There was one funding application for consideration by the Board.

The Strath Taieri Historical Society requested \$3,734.00 towards the painting of railway carriages housed at the Middlemarch Museum.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Ken Bain):

That the Board:

- a) **Declines** the funding application from the Strath Taieri Historical Society and invites them to resubmit their application accompanied by two quotations.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/018)

Bruce Thomas returned to the meeting at 2.12 pm.

8 BOARD UPDATES

The Board will provided updates on the following items of interest:

Hyde Speed issues – Soddy McLeod spoke on how to address speed issues through Hyde and measures to have the speed limit lowered.

The Group Manager Transport (Jeanine Benson) provided suggestions which included organising a petition and commented that she would provide contact information which may help.

It was agreed that it would be beneficial to organise a petition to include speed reductions for both Middlemarch and Hyde, Mr McLeod and Ms Hall would lead the project.

Social media – Robin Thomas spoke of the need to optimise social media posts and commented on the engagement received when events are publicised, noting the agenda received 200 views and the A & P Show 700. He commented on the benefits of promoting events to the attention of the community.

Hyde Hall – Mr MacLeod queried the painting schedule of the Hyde Hall noting that scaffolding had been present for some time with no traction on painting.

Moved (Quentin MacLeod/Donna Hall):

That the Board:

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

- b) **Organise** a petition to propose speed limit changes in Hyde and Middlemarch.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/019)

9 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 meet to go through the strategic priorities to bring back to the 3 June 2026 meeting.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Donna Hall):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Strath Taieri Community Board Community Plan.
- b) **Arrange** a workshop to go through the Strath Taieri Community Board Community Plan priorities for presentation at the 3 June 2026 meeting.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/020)

10 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

This report provided the Board of activities relevant to the Board area which included:

- Dunedin City Council – Annual Plan 2026/27 – Public Consultation
- Proposed Water Supply Bylaw 2026 – Public Consultation
- Discover Dunedin Pass
- Community Board Executive Committee (CBEC) Zone 6 Representative

Moved (Terina Geddes/ Robin Thomas):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2026/021)

11 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

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

- The ANZAC Day Parade - the Middlemarch service would commence at 11.00 am and the Hyde service at 12.00 noon with information provided on social media.
- Middlemarch Dumpsite – the Dunedin City Council would maintain the dumpsite.

- Middlemarch Railway Station – the floor was scheduled to be repaired.
- Middlemarch Playground – the DCC had confirmed that there was \$290k funding in the 10 year plan for the upgrade of the Middlemarch Playground which would include a pump track. They wanted community driven ideas for the upgrade. Board members requested that surplus playground pieces went to Hyde or Hindon playgrounds and that staff attend a Board meeting to discuss the upgrade.
- Speed Signs – There was very positive feedback on the flashing speed signage which had been installed at Middlemarch and Lee Stream schools. It was noted that the reduction in speed going past schools may have a flow on effect for the entry and exit points of the township. The Board requested a letter be sent to Waka Kotahi about roadside broom control from Deep Stream on SH87. Mr McLeod requested that the roadside broom in Hyde also be sprayed.
- Powernet and town power outage – There had been a phone call from a concerned tourism operator that there were no public toilets available during a power outage. The community resilience group had provided a generator and a person to operate it during the outage. The Chair sought approval that, should this happen in the future, the Board cover the fuel bill for the generator.

Moved (Terina Geddes/Quentin MacLeod):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** reimbursement from the project fund of fuel costs for generator costs during power outages to the community resilience group.

Motion carried (STCB/2026/022)

Moved (Terina Geddes/Robin Thomas):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (STCB/2026/023)

12 COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cr Brent Weatherall provided an update on items of interest which included:

- Dunedin City Council Annual Plan 2026/27 noting that submissions closed on 29 April 2026.
- Legal High Retail Policy
- Bylaws due for review
- An update on the 2 April 2026 Council meeting.
- By-election

Moved (Terina Geddes/Bruce Thomas):

That the Board:

a) **Notes** the Council Activities Update

Motion carried (STCB/2026/024)

13 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

There were no items notified.

The meeting concluded at 3.10 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON