
West Harbour Community Board

MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the West Harbour Community Board held in the Ravensbourne Hall, 5 Wanaka Street, Ravensbourne on Wednesday 12 August 2026, commencing at 6.05 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Jarrod Hodson	
Deputy Chairperson	Barbara Olah	
Members	Duncan Eddy	Angela McErlane
	Marian Poole	Wayne Sefton

IN ATTENDANCE Cam McCracken (Director DPAG and Toitū, Lan Yuan & Olveston).

Governance Support Officer Lauren Riddle

1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Public Forum

Mr Andrew Noone, Chairperson of the Historic Iona Church Restoration Trust spoke in support of the funding application to produce promotional visitor flyers for the Iona Church. He showed examples of the preferred flyer style and explained the cost differences.

Mr Noone responded to questions.

Mr Graeme Hall spoke of his concerns for future development of the Back Beach area . He wanted the rights of recreational users at Back Beach to be at the forefront of any future development.

Mr Hall responded to questions.

2 APOLOGIES

Moved (Duncan Eddy/ Barbara Olah):

That the Board:

Accepts the apology from Cr Doug Hall.

Motion carried.

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Jarrod Hodson/ Angela McErlane):

That the Board:

Confirms the agenda without addition or alteration

Motion carried.

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.

- Barbara Olah advised a correction of a residential property address, which should read Deborah Bay.
- Ange McErlane advised she was no longer a member of the Port Chalmers Museum Committee.
- Wayne Sefton confirmed he was no longer the owner of Mackie Hotel.

Moved (Jarrod Hodson/ Marian Poole):

That the Board:

- a) **Amends** the Elected Members' Interest Register, and
- b) **Amends** the proposed management plan for Elected Members' Interests.

Motion carried (WHCB/2026/030)

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 WEST HARBOUR COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 10 JUNE 2026

Moved (Jarrod Hodson/ Wayne Sefton):

That the Board:

- a) **Confirms** the West Harbour Community Board meeting held on 10 June 2026 as a correct record.

Motion carried (WHCB/2026/031)

PART A REPORTS

6 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

The report informed the West Harbour Community Board on activities relevant to the Board's area.

Jarrod Hodson welcomed Rhys Miller and Cr Gardner to the meeting, who spoke to:

Halo Project update

Mr Rhys Miller, Director of the Halo Project gave a video presentation of the Wharauwerawera Wetland, Long Beach restoration project. He spoke on the restoration/remediation work to be undertaken over the next 18 months to reconnect the wetland to the dunes and the sea. A print copy of the presentation was tabled at the meeting. Mr Miller responded to questions.

Dunedin and Coast Integrated Coastal Action Plan

Otago Regional Council (ORC) Cr Chanel Gardner updated the Board on the Dunedin and Coast Catchment Action Plan (CAP) development process, including progress arising from stakeholder workshops. She reported on the second workshop held in July, which considered environmental pressures and key ecological indicators.

Cr Gardner referenced the material circulated with the agenda and advised the CAPs were an important piece of work for ORC ahead of 2028, and responded to questions from the members.

Proposed Parking Changes

Jarrod Hodson (Chairperson) tabled a diagram which indicated the site of the proposed changes near 3 George Street in Port Chalmers and requested that the members review the proposed changes and provide feedback to him before Wednesday 2 September. He would then provide feedback as WHCB Chairperson to the DCC Transport team.

Climate Adaptation Planning (presentation)

Board members were advised that staff from the DCC Climate Resilience Team will present information on climate adaptation planning at the 21 October 2026 meeting.

Community Board funding application and project completion forms

Following discussion at the 10 June meeting, the revisions requested were tabled for the Board's consideration.

The Governance Support Officer (Lauren Riddle) advised that the editable versions of the application forms would be available from the DCC website.

Moved (Marian Poole/ Wayne Sefton):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Governance Support Officer's Report.
- b) **Approves** the West Harbour Community Board Funding Application and Project Completion Forms for use from the 2026-27 financial year.

Motion carried (WHCB/2026/032)

7 PROJECT FUND

Funding application

The Board considered an application from the Historic Iona Church Restoration Trust seeking funding support of \$1,011.42 for the production of promotional visitor flyers on the historic Iona church.

Following discussion the Board agreed to the applicant's preferred printing option.

Moved (Jarrod Hodson/ Barbara Olah):

That the Board:

- a) **Approves** funding of \$1,011.42 to the Historic Iona Church Restoration Trust for the cost of promotional flyers for the Iona Church.
- b) **Notes** the Project Fund report.

Motion carried (WHCB/2026/033)

Arts Award (Board project)

Marion Poole spoke to indicative costs and proposed format for the Arts Award trial, including holding the event during Matariki in 2027 at either the Iona Church or at the St Mary Star of the Sea Church. She estimated a \$1,500 cost to cover the Award itself (\$1,000) and \$500 cost to preparing/supporting the event.

Following discussion, the Board requested that Marion provide detailed costings for the Art Award, for the Board to consider at a future meeting.

8 COMMUNITY PLAN

There were no updates for the Community Plan.

9 BOARD UPDATES

Board members tabled updates on activities of interest within the Board area and spoke on the following matters from the reports:

- **Port Noise Liaison Committee** – Marian Poole advised she had met with Kevin Winders (CEO Port Otago Ltd) regarding Port Otago's proposal to extend the cycleway around Back Beach. A further meeting is to be held in August with Sian Sutton, DCC Dunedin Destination Manager on the matter.
- **Ravensbourne Liaison** (including Ravensdown Community Liaison Group) – Jarrod Hodson advised that work would commence shortly on the replacement of the temporary fencing along Ravensbourne Road (the section from Palmers Mechanical along to the oil tanks site).
- **Infrastructure Liaison** – Ange McErlane advised she would contact DCC about the tree canopy overhanging on the lower part of Blueskin Road impacting on winter road conditions.
- **Community Pool** – Marian Poole advised she met with the DCC Aquatics Manager (Mark Weatherall) to discuss the ongoing maintenance for the pool, running costs, the possibility of installing solar panels (with support from Port Otago Ltd), and extending the pool season.
- **Long Beach and Pūrākaunui Liaison** – Duncan Eddy spoke about the community concern for the Osborne causeway being underwater during the recent heavy rain event.
- **Aramoana Liaison** – Barbara Olah advised she attended the Aramoana League meeting. She sought advice on the responsibility for the clearing of debris washed onto the roads from private driveways. Staff advice was that it was the individual property owner's responsibility.

- **West Harbour Emergency Response Group** –Ange McErlane advised she would request a workshop by Otago CDEM to provide an overview of the CDEM framework and the process for establishing Community Response Groups (CRG).
- **Policing Matters** – Wayne Sefton tabled an update on local policing matters, including information on the amendments to the Crimes Act 161 (which came into force on 11 August 2026).
- **Social Media** – Duncan Eddy reported there had been good social media engagement, in particular for the new Watson skatepark, the competition held for the solar panels for the Port Chalmers pool and for the historic information boards.
- **Historic Information panels (Board Project)** – Jarrod Hodson spoke about the faulty installation of the historic panels at Deborah Bay and Isbisters Bay. The panels have been installed without any secure footings in place. He advised he would check the ground conditions at the site to ensure footings were able to be dug and would then speak with the installer about resolving the issue.
- **Community Housing** – Duncan Eddy sought the Board’s approval to speak on behalf of the Board at public forum at the 13 August Council meeting in support of the Notice of Motion to be tabled by Cr Laufiso on social housing.

Moved Jarrod Hodson/ Angela McErlane):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Board Updates
- b) **Approves** Duncan Eddy to speak on behalf of the Board on the matter of social housing at Albertson Avenue.

Motion carried (WHCB/2026/034)

10 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson provided a verbal update on matters of interest since the last meeting, including feedback from the recent weather events affecting the community.

Moved (Jarrod Hodson/ Barbara Olah):

That the Board:

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

Motion carried (WHCB/2026/035)

11 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

There were no items for consideration by Chair

The meeting concluded at 8:14 p.m.

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CHAIRPERSON