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West Harbour Community Board

MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the West Harbour Community Board held in the Rolfe Room, Port Chalmers Town Hall, Port Chalmers on Wednesday 21 October 2026, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Deputy Chairperson	Barbara Olah	
Members	Duncan Eddy	Cr Doug Hall
	Angela McErlane	Marian Poole
	Wayne Sefton	

IN ATTENDANCE Cam McCracken (Director DPAG and Toitū, Lan Yuan & Olveston), Jonathan Rowe (Manager Climate Adaptation and Resilience) and Brandy Saxton (Senior Advisor Climate Adaptation and Resilience)

Governance Support Officer Lauren Riddle

1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Public Forum

Community feedback on ORC Passenger Transport changes as of 1 October 2026

Max White and Hamish Waddell spoke on the impact of the cancellation of the late evening Port Chalmers bus service on the local all-ages music scene, highlighting the importance of alcohol-free and accessible venues such as Pioneer Hall for young people.

Mr White and Mr Waddell responded to questions

Natasha Griffiths emphasised the role of Pioneer Hall as a safe and inclusive venue, particularly for youth, people with disabilities, and neurodivergent individuals, noting that the loss of the service had affected both artists and attendees.

Ms Griffiths responded to questions.

Jane Davidson outlined the wider impacts of the service changes on shift workers, young people, older residents, and those without access to private transport, and expressed concern regarding the lack of consultation undertaken by the Otago Regional Council.

Ms Davidson responded to questions.

2 APOLOGIES

Moved (Barbara Olah/ Duncan Eddy):

That the Board:

Accepts the apology from Jarrod Hodson for absence due to illness.

Motion carried (WHCB/2026/036)

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Member Angela McErlane/Member Marian Poole):

That the Board:

Confirms the agenda without addition or alteration

Motion carried (WHCB/2026/037)

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.

There were no updates provided.

Moved (Barbara Olah/ Marian Poole):

That the Board:

a) **Notes** the Elected Members' Interest Register; and

b) **Confirms** the proposed management plan for Elected Members' Interests.

Motion carried (WHCB/2026/038)

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 WEST HARBOUR COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 12 AUGUST 2026

Marion Poole requested the removal of the reference to “faulty” installation from the install of the historic information panels at Deborah and Isbisters Bays as she considered the panels themselves were not faulty.

Moved (Barbara Olah/ Marian Poole):

That the Board:

Confirms the minutes of the West Harbour Community Board meeting held on 12 August 2026 as a correct record, with the deletion of the word “faulty” under Item 9 - Board Updates - Historic Information Panels (Board Project) at Deborah Bay and Isbisters Bay.

Motion carried (WHCB/2026/039)

PART A REPORTS

6 OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL (ORC) PUBLIC TRANSPORT MATTERS

Cr Alan Somerville, Otago Regional Council (ORC) Councillor, and Anita Dawe, ORC General Manager Regional Planning and Transport, spoke regarding the recent changes to the Port Chalmers bus service and received feedback from the Board and community members.

Cr Somerville acknowledged deficiencies in the new timetable introduced on 1 October and apologised for the anxiety caused to the community.

Ms Dawe advised that ORC had received a significant number of complaints and acknowledged that public consultation should have occurred before the changes were implemented. She noted that the timetable was under review to address the issues raised, including the loss of late-night and early-morning services.

The Board advised that the community had been satisfied with the previous service and emphasised that Port Chalmers had no alternative bus transport options.

7 CITYWIDE CLIMATE RESILIENCE - CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Dr Jonathon Rowe (Manager) and Brandy Saxton (Senior Advisor) with the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Team provided an update to the Board on climate adaption planning in the Board area.

Following discussion, the Boad agreed to include a regular agenda item on Climate and Community Resilience to enable the Board to provide feedback to the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Team.

8 COMMUNITY PLAN

There were no updates to the Community Plan.

9 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT

The report from Governance provided an overview of items relevant to the Board's area.

Moved (Barbara Olah/ Marian Poole):

That the Board:

Notes the Governance Support Officer's Report.

Motion carried (WHCB/2026/040)

10 PROJECT FUND

The balance remaining in the Project Fund was noted as $8,613.58 for the 2026-27 financial year.

A scholarship application from Anika Leigh was considered by the Board for $500 to support her attendance of the Spirit of Adventure programme in January 2027.

Moved (Angela McErlane/Wayne Sefton):

That the Board:

a) **Approves** the scholarship application from Anika Leigh for $500.00 to support her attendance of the Spirit of Adventure programme.

b) **Notes** the Project Fund report.

Motion carried (WHCB/2026/041)

11 BOARD UPDATES

Board members provided written and verbal updates on activities, including:

- Port Noise Liaison Committee – (Marian Poole) written report tabled.
- Historic Information panels (Board Project) – Marian Poole suggested alternative placement of the sign at Deborah Bay. Following discussion, the matter to be discussed at the 2 December meeting following update from Jarrod Hodson on the stability of the stands for the panels.
- West Harbour Community Board Grants Liaison – (Marian Poole) written update provided.
- Aramoana Liaison – Barbara Olah advised the small slips on Aramoana Rd have been resolved and speed restrictions for the repair area removed. No minutes from the Aramoana League received to date. Slip repair at Careys Bay due to be completed by end of October.
- Ravensbourne Liaison (including Ravensdown Community Liaison Group – (Jarrod Hodson) written report tabled.
- Osborne Road causeway – Duncan Eddy spoke of the significant deterioration of the road surface due to flooding damage.
- Community Housing – Duncan Eddy advised of a survey of candidates for the Dunedin Electorate resulted in 6 candidates confirming their advocacy for the Albertson Avenue community housing rebuild if elected to Parliament.
- Social Media – Duncan Eddy. He confirmed relevant posts from the DCC, ORBus, ORC and Electoral Commission have been updated on the Board's Facebook page.

Moved (Barbara Olah/Duncan Eddy):

That the Board:

Notes the Board Updates

Motion carried (WHCB/2026/042)

12 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson's reported (as circulated) an update on matters of interest since the last meeting, including:

- Celebration of 100 years of service by the Ravensbourne volunteer fire brigade.
- Cruise ship season – bus service

Moved (Angela McErlane/ Barbara Olah):

That the Board:

Notes the Chairperson's report.

Motion carried (WHCB/2026/043)

13 COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Councillor Doug Hall provided an update on items of interest to the Board area.

He advised that the cruise ship season for 2026/27 commenced on 21 October and ends on 16 April 2027 with 85 vessels expected, carrying 147,000 passengers and 35,000 crew.

The Resident's Opinion Survey was positive in the majority and that the survey results would be tabled at the Policy and Planning Committee on 22 October.

Moved (Barbara Olah/ Duncan Eddy):

That the Board:

a) **Notes** the Council Activities Update

Motion carried (WHCB/2026/044)

14 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

Historic information panels – re-siting of the Deborah Bay sign.

The meeting concluded at 7:54 p.m.

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DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON
Barbara Olah