

Waitaki District Council

Ahuriri Community Board

Minutes of the Meeting of the Ahuriri Community Board held at the Omarama Community Centre, Omarama on Monday 13 March 2017 at 3.15pm

Present Messrs Sullivan (Chair), Mrs Munro, Mr Reid, Mr Cowles, Cr Dawson

Apologies Mr Chapman, Mayor Kircher

In Attendance Cr Tavendale
Dr Cloete (Community Services Group Manager)
Mrs Hansen (Committee Secretary)

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies

RESOLVED

ACB17/014

Mr Reid/Mrs Munro

“The Ahuriri Community Board accepts apologies from Mr Chapman and Mayor Kircher for absence.”

CARRIED

1. Public Forum

Ruth Grundy from the Omarama Gazette attended the meeting. Four to five residents have expressed concern regarding persons camping at the caravan dump station and suggested that a ‘No Camping’ sign be erected here. It was agreed that a ‘No Camping’ sign be erected.

Ms Grundy also raised the following issues about changes at the transfer stations:

- Public communication regarding these changes in Kurow, Omarama and Otematata would help with the rumour mongering and explain what is happening with the transfer stations.
- There has been no notifications in regard to this. If a notification was produced in the next two weeks it could be inserted in the next publication of the Gazette.
- People have not been able to take their green waste to the station, and some waste has not been accepted. People are upset and many residents have worked hard in regard to recycling. People are confused regarding the current operators, and the new transfer station opening in Oamaru.
- The Board suggested that a media release be circulated to advise the communities what is happening.

2. Confirmation of Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED

ACB17/015

Cr Dawson/Mrs Munro

“The Ahuriri Community Board confirms the minutes of Ahuriri Community Board meeting dated 30 January 2017.”

CARRIED

3. Assets Update

To update the Board on issues, operations and projects managed by the Assets Group, occurring within the Ahuriri Ward since the last Board meeting.

RESOLVED
ACB17/016

Mr Reid/Mr Cowles
"The Ahuriri Community Board receives the information."

CARRIED

4. Recreation Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the Ahuriri Community Board on routine work, maintenance issues and progress on minor projects from 13 January 2017 to 20 February 2017.

RESOLVED
ACB17/017

Mr Cowles/Cr Dawson
"The Ahuriri Community Board receives the information."

CARRIED

5. Report on Separate Rate Accounts and Funds Available for Distribution for Community Projects

This memorandum reports the detailed movements in and the unspent balance of funds available for distribution to community projects within the Board's ward.

RESOLVED
ACB17/018

Cr Dawson/Mrs Munro
"The Ahuriri Community Board receives the schedule detailing movements in and balances of separate rate accounts within the Ahuriri ward."

"The Ahuriri Community Board received the report detailing movements in and the unspent balance of funds available for distribution to community projects within the Boards ward."

CARRIED

6. Verbal Updates: Chairperson's Report; Community Board Member Area Reports; Councillor's Report

Graham Sullivan

- Met with Elton Crane regarding road safety signage in Kurow, Omarama and Otematata
- Attended Council meeting in Oamaru
- Met in Kurow with Tourism Waitaki Manager, Jason Gaskill regarding front of house at the Kurow Museum
- Met Erik van der Spek at the Boat Harbour camp to discuss damage to the ramp
- Attended the Waihemo Bus Tour – highlight was the Oceana Gold visit
- Upper Waitaki Society meeting
- Met with Max Crowe regarding Biodiversity
- Otematata Residents Association meeting
- Attended farewell for Craig Bennett – Police
- Attended a Framing Day for Community Board Chairs and Deputy Chairs in Gore
- Rubbish at Ohau – Mike Neilson called in regard to this. Mr Sullivan suggested a visit with an officer to discuss the issues
- There has been a complaint made about the stock pile of building material, pink bats etc behind the Otematata Hotel which has been left by the builders. The pink bats are

blowing over the Golf Course and there seems to be an increase in rodent activity. Is this a regulatory issue?

Calum Reid

- Met with Heritage NZ regarding the wood from the Kurow Bridge which is to be used on a project
- Street lighting - met with Ting Ge to discuss heritage style street lighting in Kurow. If NZTA agree with the lighting it will be installed in November-December
- Met to discuss flood damage in Otematata. Also discussed the communication breakdown in relation to the emergency
- Irrigation meeting - Upper Waitaki Irrigation Scheme with 70% on board. This will be great and a massive benefit to the area
- Otago Trust funding meeting in regard to the wetlands
- Discussed with the Board the quote received from Fulton Hogan for the work to be carried out on the corner of Ranfurly Street and State Highway 83. This work will allow another two truck/bus parks to handle the overflow. It is good to see that the trucks and buses are actually making use of this now
- Just a couple of clarifications from Ting Ge:
 - 1) Roadside on SH83 will be addressed with the soil, and the broken seal tidied up
 - 2) The rock wall will need to be supplied through Gary Hawkins to match the wall opposite. Mr Reid will secure a quote from him to deliver to site. Mr Smart is going to construct it as a community project at no cost to the community

This work was noted and agreed in principal by the Board. A report will be included in the next Board meeting for ratification.

Craig Dawson

- Attended Annual Plan workshop and Extraordinary Council meeting
- Tourism Waitaki Board meeting – Oamaru
- Omarama Business Group meeting. We will be looking at trialling a night meeting to accommodate catering businesses who struggle to get to our morning meetings. Good attendances to date
- Council, Finance and Risk Committee meetings and Councillor briefing
- Omarama Residents Association (Omarama Inc). Planning underway with sports courts fundraising initiative (Garden and Landscape Tour). Sub-committee has been formed with some younger members involved. Similar event raised over \$35,000 for the Twizel Medical Centre
- Dr Tim Gardiner is now running clinics at the Centre on Mondays and Fridays
- Met with Graham Sullivan, Kieran Walsh (Chair, Waitaki Society), Carron Cossens, Jason Gaskill (Tourism Waitaki), and Calum Reid to discuss possible funding from Tourism Waitaki to help cover the running cost of the Kurow Museum front of house. It was decided that Waitaki Valley Society should report back to Tourism Waitaki with a formal funding proposal for their consideration
- Waihemo Bus Tour. Great to see the new toilets in Hampden operating well
- Executive Committee meeting – interviewed prospective Directors for Omarama Airport
- Finance Audit and Risk Committee, Chief Executive Recruitment discussion followed by Councillor briefing
- Chief Executive Recruitment discussions with Mike Stenhouse. A good session covering all concerns and standards about the challenges our new CEO will face.
- Otago Regional Council and NZTA Rooding Strategy
- Ohau emergency booth – showing everyone where to go, numbers to call, message to 'look after yourselves and family', and depends on scale and resources. This to be prepared shortly. Tremendous effort by all involved

Vicky Munro

- Otago Trust Funding for the track in the wetlands walkway was successful with \$6,000 granted
- Residents Association meeting
- Craig Bennett farewell - Police
- Met with Jane Matchett to discuss operational issues in the gardens at Otematata. This was to look at planting. Some of the plants are dying and several are overgrown
- Looked at the seesaw with Jane Matchett. It is dangerous, with the seat coming down on the hard rubber tubing. Jane is sending it back to the manufacturers

- Disposal of rubbish - need to sort out the transfer station issues
- Wetlands Management Plan given to Jane Matchett
- Discussed the flood and the force and velocity of the water coming the river. There are many big trees up the river. If these are not cleared out the bridge could go if this happened again
- Discussed dog litter bags and holders etc for the community. It was suggested that this could be sponsored and a submission to Council be made to cover the cost

Brent Cowles

- Met with Meridian – they are happy to supply signage, and happy to look at assisting with information material for the towns
- Civil Defence – a meeting is to be arranged with Ewen Graham (Emergency Management Officer), ECan, Police, Fire, and the Board, in regard to community contacts and support groups to discuss what to do to make the community aware and be prepared in the event of an emergency, to open the hall, tea and coffee, and support groups for if/when events happen. Community be aware and prepared.
- Discussion in regard to the lack of 'Boil Water' notifications following the event. Cr Dawson advised that it is common sense that you would do this without notifications in the first instance

Dr Cloete

- Dr Cloete spoke on Council's 2017/18 Annual Plan (AP) and Council's intention to invite feedback from the community. It is proposed that, rather than hold formal hearings, a less formal approach is taken for people wanting to present their feedback and share information with Council.

The Board agreed this was a good idea and would encourage the community to make an effort to attend feedback meetings. A Saturday morning was suggested as a meeting time as more ratepayers would be in the area to attend the meetings.

RESOLVED

ACB17/019

Mr Cowles/Mr Reid

"The Ahuriri Community Board receives the information."

CARRIED

7. Items for Information

To provide Ahuriri Community Board members with a copy of the following items for information:

- Mayor's report to 15 February 2017 Council meeting.
- Customer Services Group Manager's Health and Safety Update to 1 February 2017 Customer Services Committee meeting.

RESOLVED

ACB17/020

Cr Dawson/Mrs Munro

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CARRIED

Cr Tavendale

- Chief Executive Recruitment – Sheffield's have been chosen as the recruitment agency. Mike Stenhouse is working on position descriptions to come back for discussion
- District Plan and Bylaw Reviews – Bees, Roosters and Cats
- Toilet Strategy and Freedom Camping workshops – we need to come up with our wish list for the next funding round
- Friendly Bay Family Fun Day was held last week. This was well received with a number of families enjoying the day
- Kids Bike Park in the Harbour area was funded by both the Otago Community Trust and Council. The opening of the Bike Park is being held this Saturday.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 5.00pm.

Confirmed on this day, 1st day of May 2017 at Omarama Community Centre, Omarama

Chairman