

Waitaki District Council

Ahuriri Community Board

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Ahuriri Community Board held at
the Kurow Community Centre, Kurow on
Monday 1 May 2017 at 3.15pm**

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

Apologies Mr Chapman

In Attendance Cr Wollstein
Mr Jorgensen (Assets Group Manager)
Ms Donovan (Water Engineer) for Item 3
Mrs Tanner (Policy Officer-Governance)

Apologies

RESOLVED
ACB17/021

Mr Reid/Cr Dawson
"The Ahuriri Community Board accepts an apology from Mr Chapman for
absence."

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1. Public Forum

No-one attended the public forum.

2. Confirmation of Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED
ACB17/022

Cr Dawson/Mrs Munro
"The Ahuriri Community Board confirms the minutes of Ahuriri
Community Board meeting dated 13 March 2017."

CARRIED

**3. Omarama Wastewater Treatment Disposal Upgrade – Airfield Financial
Contribution**

To confirm the Community Board's position, on behalf of Omarama ratepayers, on the
payment of an annual financial contribution to Omarama Airfield Ltd for the leasing of land for
community wastewater disposal in Omarama.

RESOLVED
ACB17/023

Cr Dawson/Mr Reid
"The Ahuriri Community Board resolves that an annual rental be paid to
Omarama Airfield Ltd for the leasing of land for community wastewater
disposal in Omarama."

CARRIED

4. 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
ACB17/024

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

CARRIED

5. 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 21 February 2017 to 29 March 2017.

RESOLVED
ACB17/025

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

CARRIED

6. Extended Works for Kurow Township Upgrade

To improve access for the public and amenity value and increase the parking spaces within the Kurow Township.

RESOLVED
ACB17/026

Mr Reid/Cr Dawson
"The Ahuriri Community Board resolves that a budget of \$17,000 from the Kurow Amenity Rate be approved for the extended Kurow Township upgrade as per the attached plan."

CARRIED

7. 12 Ranfurly Street, Kurow

Objective of the decision is to prevent the improvements at 12 Ranfurly Street from falling into disrepair and becoming a Council liability and to provide funds for community recreation purposes.

RESOLVED
ACB17/027

Cr Dawson/Mr Cowles
"The Ahuriri Community Board recommends that Council:
1. Notifies the community of its intention to revoke reservation of 12 Ranfurly Street under the Reserves Act 1977.
2. Request the Department of Conservation to revoke reservation and dispose of 12 Ranfurly Street.
3. Remove the recreation designation for 12 Ranfurly Street in the District Plan."

CARRIED

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

Graham Sullivan

- 15 March – Council community forum in Oamaru
- 16 March – Meeting at Otematata with Robert Carson re Otematata Wetlands Walkway
- 25 March – Otematata Residents Association meeting
- 1 April – Civil Defence meeting in Otematata
- 5 April – Upper Waitaki Valley Society meeting

- 8 April – Community forum in Otematata regarding Council's Annual Plan
- 20 April – Meeting with Thunes Cloete and Lisa Baillie regarding Board Chairs
- 27 April – Tourism Waitaki meeting and workshop in Omarama
- Otematata Residents Association Inc (ORAI) are raising money to top dress the Tennis Courts and we are waiting on quotes
- Otematata Wetland Walkway – ORAI are creating another track and it should be completed before winter. The walkway has been used by the NZ public along with overseas visitors and great comments have been received.

Calum Reid

- Nothing to report.

Craig Dawson

- 15 March – Annual Plan workshop and Extraordinary Council meeting
- 21 March - Attended Ian Calder's funeral. He was a major contributor to Otematata and his latest role was Chairman of the Otematata Residents Assoc.
- 22 March – District Plan Review and other workshops, followed by Executive Committee meeting
- 24 March – Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee meeting in Twizel
- 29 March – Council Meeting
- 31 March – Met with Councillors and Officers to view the Observatory Hill Retirement Village. This clearly has created a new market, which has been oversubscribed already and will be a valuable asset for the whole district
- 5 April - Attended an LGNZ webinar about financial management in local government. I felt this was a great opportunity to learn some new skills without the need to travel to Oamaru. The speakers worked to a well-run format
- 8 April – Annual Plan consultation meeting held in Otematata. The format appeared to work really well. It gave participants the chance to engage with the Mayor, Councillors and Community Board members on a conversational basis. The views on transfer stations, tree removal plans at Lake Aviemore, boat harbour repairs, the threat to the Otematata Camp with high river flows, Ohau rubbish collection, were well aired
- 12 April – Finance, Audit and Risk Committee meeting, Councillor briefing, then a Development Contributions meeting. Attended an Omarama Residents Assoc. meeting
- 13 April – Attended Omarama School play, which highlighted the trauma faced by families of servicemen during World War 1. For a small primary school, this production was very moving, well-rehearsed and a great tribute to the importance of Anzac day
- 19 April – Workshops: Regulatory Team objectives, District Licensing review and Corriedale water issues
- 21 April – Councillors met to discuss the Chief Executive applications with Mike Stenhouse
- 24 April – Waitaki Vehicle Trust meeting at Kurow. This service is going from strength to strength, racking up 41,308kms, with volunteer drivers logging 705 hours. The number of passengers who have used the service is 189. A second purchase has been actioned, with the intention of basing this car in Otematata to service Omarama as well
- 25 April – Attended Anzac services at Hakataramea, Kurow, Otekaieke, Duntroon and Omarama
- 26 April – Committee Day and Councillor Briefing
- 27 April – Tourism Waitaki held a meeting with residents at Omarama Community Centre. The key message, which all the attendees agreed to, was to engage with travellers personally, in order to sell the rest of the Waitaki district. To just supply a touch pad for information, which is connected to a very average website, doesn't work. To that end, it was felt that a manned office with staff talking and engaging with tourists, is the only effective way to get them to come down the valley. It was also felt that this is the right time to purchase a small piece of land next to the toilets to tack on a small information centre. This is the perfect location, which acts as a focal point for tourists visiting Omarama.

Vicky Munro

- 8 April - Annual Plan meeting on 8 April went really well
- 25 March - ORAI meeting. Very keen group who contribute a lot to the community

- Tennis Club received local funding. ORAI are contributing \$10k along with local donations
- Anzac ceremonies at Kurow and Omarama cemeteries. Six flags have been requested for Otematata. Mayor Kircher will look into this
- Three local ladies have retired after many years volunteering at the Otematata Library.

Brent Cowles

- 1 April - Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) meeting in Otematata with a further meeting to be held this month to begin training local residents. Today attended CDEM Group meeting in Council Chamber
- On a personal level I had to deal with Council's building regulatory services and found them excellent
- Oamaru Police have appointed an officer in Kurow who will take up the appointment when his Oamaru replacement has been found.

Cr Wollstein

- CEO candidates narrowed down to approximately 10. Executive Committee will interview the top five with the top two to go to full Council
- Eighty two Annual Plan submissions have been received and will be considered by Council
- Tourism has increased. Short term challenges are to provide infrastructure to meet demand. Council has applied for funding for three projects to assist with infrastructure in the Waitaki district
- Freedom Camping – option with Kiwi Camping where facilities are provided and non-self-contained campers pay for using facilities eg showers, hot water, etc accessed via a phone App.
- Council looking at around 1% rates increase this year
- Harbour accommodation is being looked at by Council
- Oamaru Landfill had around 1,000 residents dumping rubbish for free on the last day.

RESOLVED

ACB17/028

Mrs Munro/Mr Cowles

"The Ahuriri Community Board receives the information."

CARRIED

Mayor Kircher

- Observatory Hill Retirement Village is off to a brilliant start. All rest homes beds will be full from day one. Apartments are successful with stage two to be progressed. Villas are being purchased off the plans and sales are also progressing
- Oamaru Bike Park has proven successful and provides an opportunity for children to learn road rules
- Attended several dawn Anzac services within the district
- Chief Executive Recruitment – good number of applications have been received. An appointment will be made late June
- Overall things are busy at Council
- Councillors will be meeting with Kiwi Camp representatives this Wednesday.

9. Items for Information

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

- Mayor's and CEO's report to 29 March 2017 Council meeting.
- Health and Safety Update to 15 March 2017 Customer Services Committee meeting.

RESOLVED

ACB17/029

Mr Cowles/Mrs Munro

"The Ahuriri Community Board receives the information."

CARRIED

RESOLVED
ACB17/030

Mr Reid/Cr Dawson

"The Ahuriri Community Board approves an account from Hank Verheul Builders in the amount of \$2,172.35 for maintenance work at Omarama Community Centre."

CARRIED

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 4.49pm.

Confirmed on this 12th day of June 2017 at Kurow Community Centre, Kurow

Chairman