

Waitaki District Council

Ahuriri Community Board

CONFIRMED MINUTES of the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting held at the Kurow Community Centre, Kurow on Monday 24 July 2017 at 3.15pm

Present Mr Sullivan (Chairman), Mr Reid, Mr Cowles, Mrs Munro, Mr Chapman

Apologies Mayor Kircher, Cr Dawson and Cr Holding (all attending the Local Government New Zealand Conference)

In Attendance Cr Tavendale
Mr Hope (Chief Financial Officer)
Ms Hooper (Secretary)
Ms Wala (PA to Mayor and Governance Support)

Apologies

RESOLVED
ACB17/038

Messrs Reid / Cowles
“The Ahuriri Community Board accepts apologies from Mayor Kircher, Cr Dawson and Cr Holding for absence due to attending the Local Government New Zealand Conference, and notes that Cr Tavendale is attending in Cr Holding’s place as the rostered councillor.”

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Public Forum

No-one attended the Public Forum.

1. Confirmation of Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED
ACB17/039

Mr Cowles / Mr Reid
“The Ahuriri Community Board confirms meeting minutes of 12 June 2017, with agreed amendments as follows:

in the update from Calum Reid, last bulletpoint should read: “Front of House Tourism Waitaki Board”; and

in the update from Cr Garvan, second bulletpoint should read: “Waitaki Braids spent”

CARRIED

2. 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
ACB17/041

Mrs Munro / Mr Chapman
“The Ahuriri Community Board receives the information.”

CARRIED

3. 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 30 May 2017 to 12 July 2017.

RESOLVED
ACB17/042

Mrs Munro / Mr Reid
“The Ahuriri Community Board recommends that Council look at options to dispose of the surplus Department of Conservation land in Kowhai Place, Otematata.”

On the matter of “Camping”, the Ahuriri Community Board asked to be advised of the date for the Council’s workshop on camping.

ACTION AGREED (Cr Tavendale)

The Ahuriri Community Board requested that Council officers follow up with the contractors regarding the large pile of coarse bark chips left behind after the trees were tidied up around the lake front.

ACTION AGREED (Mr Hope)

RESOLVED
ACB17/043

Mr Reid / Mr Cowles
“The Ahuriri Community Board asks Council to leave the Kurow Rail Reserve poplars as they are for the moment, rather than remove them, and for officers to contact Mr Reid to discuss as required.”

CARRIED

RESOLVED
ACB17/044

Mr Chapman / Mr Cowles
“The Ahuriri Community Board receives the information.”

CARRIED

4. Otematata East Road Traffic Island Improvement Works

To improve the amenity value and increase the public facility and access within the Otematata township.

Board members discussed and agreed that there was a need for two tables on the concrete pad as a consequence of more people using the area now that Wi-fi facilities were available. They also agreed there was merit in asking that the concrete pad be extended to provide more room between the tables, and yet still enable access to the surrounding lawns for mowing.

RESOLVED
ACB17/045

Mr Cowles / Mrs Munro
“The Ahuriri Community Board resolves that a budget of \$19,000 from the Otematata Amenity Rate be approved for the Otematata East Road Traffic Island Improvement Works as per revised plan.”

CARRIED

AGREED ACTION (Mr Cowles):

To email revised plan to Board secretary for passing on to the Roding Network Manager

5. Renewal of Contract – Ahuriri Ward Agency Services

To renew the Ahuriri Ward Services contract with the Waitaki Valley Community Society (WVCS) from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

RESOLVED
ACB17/046

Mr Reid / Mrs Munro
“The Ahuriri Community Board resolves that the Waitaki Valley Community Society’s Ahuriri Ward Agency Services contract is renewed.”

CARRIED

6. Appointment of a Chief Executive Officer and Acting Chief Executive Officer

RESOLVED
ACB17/047

Mr Chapman / Mr Reid
“The Ahuriri Community Board receives the information.”

CARRIED

7. Verbal Updates: Chairman’s Report; Community Board Member Area Reports; Councillor’s Report

Graham Sullivan (Chairman)

- 19 June – Meeting in Kurow with Thunes Cloete and Jason Gaskill to discuss what plans Tourism Waitaki had for funding Kurow Front House
- 21 June – Council Meeting in Oamaru
- 21 June – Attended a farewell for Michael Ross at the Opera House
- 24 June – Attended Otematata Residents’ Association Meeting
- 30 June – Attended luncheon at Otematata for three long-serving volunteer ladies who had looked after the library for many years and who have now retired
- 10 July – Attended workshop with Ahuriri and Waihemo Community Board members on the Long-Term Plan and Health and Safety in Oamaru
- 19 July – Attended Committee Day – Assets, Community Services and Customer Services Committee Meetings
- 19 July – Attended Ahuriri Community Board presentation to Councillors to update them on funding requirements for the Front House at Kurow, to assist with their consultations with Tourism Waitaki. The presentation noted that more funding was needed to enable adequate provision for information services for the fast-growing number of tourism customers passing through the area. A thank you to Mayor Kircher for his input to the session with Councillors and hopefully an outcome will not be too far away.
- 20 July – Attended Waitaki Valley Society Meeting in Kurow
- 22 July – Attended Otematata Residents’ Association Meeting

Vicky Munro

- Friday 30 June – Attended library retirement lunch to say thank you to Rene Ruehorn, Pauline Coulman and Brenda Walsh for all the contributions they have made to make our Otematata Library the success it is today. Thank you also to all Council staff that made this small token of appreciation so special. All communities have these volunteers quietly getting on with the jobs that make our communities great towns.
- 17 July – Attended workshop in Council Chambers covering the long-term plan and health and safety. Time well spent!
- 19 July – Attended a workshop in Council Chambers as part of our Ahuriri Board group to present a case to further fund the Kurow Information Centre front office via Tourism Waitaki.

Calum Reid

- WVSC meeting.
- Meeting with Jason and Thunes re Tourism Waitaki and Front of house
- Meeting with ACB on Tourism in the Waitaki Valley
- LTP and H & S at Council Chambers
- Workshop on Tourism

Brent Cowles

- Same attendance as others regarding the meeting about the Kurow Museum.
- Board meeting at Otematata Hotel to discuss tourism issues
- Attended workshop on Long Term Planning and Health and Safety – good information
- Also presented at the workshop with Council with regards to the Kurow Information Centre – that highlighted our frustrations, but everyone appears to be on a similar page and we hope to see improvements soon.

Tony Chapman

- 19 June Tourism Waitaki meeting Kurow
- 10 July LTP an Health an Saftey meeting Oamaru
- 18 July Omarama Residents Association
- 19 July Meeting with Councillors re Tourism Waitaki Oamaru

Craig Dawson

- 14 June – Finance Audit and Risk Committee, Observatory Village Funding workshop, followed by Executive meeting
- 19 June – Met with Board members, Thunes Cloete and Jason Gaskill to discuss what plans Tourism Waitaki had for an Information Centre in Kurow and Omarama.
- 21 June – Full Council meeting, Councillor briefing and the formal farewell for Michael Ross (CEO).
- 26 June – Waitaki Vehicle Trust. The second vehicle is now installed at Otematata, where drivers have been Police checked and passed fit to provide residents with this valuable service. The goal is to progress to a more up to date fleet as budgets allow. The service is being well utilised and huge thanks to Carron Cussens for all her excellent work in administering the Trust's day to day requirements.
- 27 June – Executive Committee met with Tourism Waitaki Board to discuss funding options for I-Sites in Omarama and Kurow.
- 28 June – Council workshops on BMX, Tennis Court submissions, and the toilet strategy.
- 4 July – Met with the Board informally to discuss I-Sites in Omarama and Kurow and issues regarding our relationship with Tourism Waitaki. This proved to be a very worthwhile opportunity to discuss our strategy to inform the Council directly about the lack of funding for these I-sites. We worked over all the issues and highlighted all the things that have changed in our market since the formation of A2O, such as construction of new business premises and upgrades in Kurow, Otematata and Omarama. We also discussed the latest trends relating to visitor needs and their changing travel patterns.
- This was a good session which was outside of the normal constrictions of a formal Board meeting and I would like to see more of these meetings held between each official Board meeting, so that we can be more proactive in pushing new ideas and to have a unified voice on all the issues surrounding Ahuriri.
- 12 July – Finance, Audit and Risk Committee meeting.
- 19 July – Committee day, Assets, Community Services and Customer Services. The Board and Waitaki Valley Society representatives presented an update to Councillors on the latest Tourism statistics and the need for some funding of the Kurow Information Centre. It was a good robust “kick arse” type session, which I thoroughly enjoyed.
- Although the session had to be cut short, I commend the efforts of Graham, Brent, Calum, Vicky, Tony, Sarah and Kieran for travelling down to Oamaru at their own cost, to present their case. Thanks to Mayor Kircher for ensuring that the session, which included Ruth Grundy (Editor – Omarama Gazette), went ahead, which enabled the continued chronicling of progress towards having adequate funding for the provision of information services to our tourist customers.

RESOLVED
ACB17/048

Mrs Munro / Mr Reid
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CARRIED

Cr Tavendale briefed Ahuriri Community Board members on Council activities in the period since the last Board meeting. Matters covered in the briefing included:

- EOs for the harbour development
- Political events in Oamaru
- The injection of \$230k for Duntroon toilets in the recent Government funding round
- Roothing Survey response
- Cultural Facilities funding update
- Easter Sunday Trading – to be discussed at next Council meeting
- Youth Council – interested in holding a movie night in Kurow
- General bylaw update – submissions close on 3 August; Cr Tavendale urged Ahuriri Community Board members to have a look at the issues before consultation closed.
- Being Acting Mayor for ten days in July.

Mr Cowles left the meeting at 4.40pm and returned at 4.43pm.

Mr Hope briefed Ahuriri Community Board members on management activities in the period since the last Board meeting. Matters covered in his briefing included:

- Financial update – information would be in the next Community Board meeting agenda.
- Observatory Retirement Village update
- Fire and Emergency New Zealand – new national structure. Mr Hope invited Ahuriri Community Board members to advise him if any support was required by rural fire and emergency entities under the new structure.
- Flooding in the Council basement and remedial arrangements
- Building accreditation audit has been completed; now looking at processes around that to enable more activities to be actioned online.

The Chairman thanked Cr Tavendale and Mr Hope for their informative updates.

8. 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 21 June 2017 Council meeting.
- Health and Safety Update to 7 June 2017 Customer Services Committee meeting.

The Chairman noted that the report by former Chief Executive Officer Michael Ross had been well received.

RESOLVED
ACB17/049

Mr Cowles / Mr Chapman
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CARRIED

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 4.50pm.

CONFIRMED on the 4th day of September 2017 at Lakes Centre, Otematata

[signed]

Chairman