



Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board will be held on:

Date: Monday, 15 February 2021
Time: 8.45am
Meeting Room: Stewart Island Pavilion
Venue: Ayr St, Stewart Island

Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board Agenda OPEN

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Jon Spraggon	
Deputy Chairperson	Steve Lawrence	
Members	Aaron Conner	
	Bruce Ford	Apology
	Anita Geeson	
	Rakiura Herzhoff	
	Gordon Leask	

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee Advisor	Kirsten Hicks
Community Partnership Leader	Karen Purdue

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Terms of Reference – Community Boards

TYPE OF COMMITTEE	Community board
RESPONSIBLE TO	<p>Council</p> <p>Each community board will have a relationship with the committees in section 8.4.2 to 8.4.5 of the delegations manual based on the scope of the activities/functions delegated to each committee.</p>
SUBCOMMITTEES	As noted in section 8.5 of the delegations manual various subcommittees will report to specific community boards.
LEGISLATIVE BASIS	<p>Resolution made by Council through the representation arrangements as per the Local Electoral Act 2001.</p> <p>Role, status and membership as per subpart 2 of Part 4 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA).</p> <p>Treaty of Waitangi as per section 4, Part 1 of the LGA.</p> <p>Opportunities for Maori to contribute to decision-making processes as per section 14 of Part 2 of the LGA. Community boards delegated powers by Council as per schedule 7, clause 32, LGA.</p> <p>Appointment of councillors to community boards as per section 50, LGA.</p>
MEMBERSHIP	<p>Oreti and Waihopai Toetoe Community Boards have seven members elected by the local authority triennial elections plus a member appointed by Council. All other community boards have six members plus a member appointed by Council.</p> <p>The chairperson is elected by the community board. Councillors who are not appointed to community boards can only remain for the public section of the community board meeting. They cannot stay for the public excluded section unless the community board agrees.</p>
FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS	Every second month but up to ten ordinary meetings a year
QUORUM	Not less than four members
KEY FUNCTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of local communities and in so-doing contribute to the realisation of Council's vision of one District offering endless opportunities to provide leadership to local communities on the strategic issues and opportunities that they face to be advocates and representatives for their local community and in so doing ensure that Council and other agencies have a clear understanding of local needs and aspirations to be decision-makers on issues that are delegated to the board by Southland District Council

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to develop relationships and communicate with key community organisations, special interest groups, residents and businesses within the community • to maintain an overview of the services Council delivers to its communities and assess the extent to which these services meet community needs • to recommend the setting of levels of service and budgets for local activities.
DELEGATIONS	<p>The community board shall have the following delegated powers and be accountable to Council for the exercising of these powers.¹</p> <p>In exercising the delegated powers, the community board will operate within:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) policies, plans, standards or guidelines that have been established and approved by Council 2) the needs of the local communities; and 3) the approved budgets for the activity. <p>Power to Act</p> <p>The community board will prepare and implement programmes of work, which will be reflected in its community board plan, which are relevant to the purposes of the community board that are consistent with the long term plan and annual plan processes of Council. Such programmes are to include budgetary provision for all costs associated with the work.</p> <p>Community Well-Being</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4) to develop local community outcomes that reflect the desired goals for their community/place 5) to monitor the overall well-being of local communities and use the information gathered to inform development of local strategies to address areas of need 6) work with Council and the community to develop a community board plan for the community of interest area – working in with any community plans that may exist. <p>Community Leadership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7) communicate and develop a relationship with community organisations, local groups, and special interest groups within the local community of interest 8) identify key issues that will affect their community of interest's future and work with Council staff and other local representatives to facilitate multi-agency collaborative opportunities 9) promote a shared vision for the community of interest area and develop and promote ways to work with others to achieve positive outcomes 10) provide a local community perspective on Council's long term plan key performance indicators and levels of service

¹ Local Government Act 2002, s.53

as detailed in the long term plan, and on local expenditure, rating impacts and priorities.

Advocacy

11) submissions

- a) authority to make recommendations to Council on matters to be considered in submissions Council may make to external organisations' regional or national policy documents, select committees
- b) authority to make submissions to Council or other agency on issues within its community of interest area
- c) authority to make submissions to Council on bylaws and recommend to Council the level of bylaw service and enforcement to be provided, having regard to the need to maintain consistency across the District for all Council bylaws.

12) authority to prepare a submission to Council on the proposed levels of service, income and expenditure within the community of interest area, for consideration as part of the long term plan/annual plan process

13) provide comment by way of the formal Annual Plan/Long Term Plan process on relative priorities for the delivery of District services and levels of service within the community board area.

District activities include:

- a) wastewater
- b) solid waste
- c) water supply
- d) parks and reserves
- e) roading
- f) libraries
- g) cemeteries
- h) emergency management
- i) stormwater
- j) public toilets
- k) community housing

14) Council will set the levels of service for District activities – if a community board seek a higher level of service they will need to recommend that to Council and it will need to be funded in an appropriate way (locally).

Community Assistance

15) authority to establish prioritisation for allocation based on an overarching set of criteria from council to guide the scope of the activity

- 16) authority to grant the allocated funds from the Community Partnership Fund
- 17) authority to allocate bequests or grants generated locally consistent with the terms of the bequest or grant fund

Northern Community Board

- 18) make decisions regarding funding applications to the Northern Southland Development Fund. The Northern Community Board may invite a representative of the community of Dipton to take part in the decisions on applications to the Northern Southland Development Fund.

Unbudgeted Expenditure

Approve unbudgeted operating expenditure for local activities of up to \$20,000.

Approve up to a \$20,000 increase in the projected cost of a budgeted capital works project/item that is included in the annual plan/LTP.

Authority to delegate to the chief executive, when approving a project definition/business case, over-expenditure of up to \$10,000 for capital expenditure against the budget detailed in the Annual Plan/LTP.

Service Delivery

Local Activities

For activities within the local activities category, the community board shall have authority to:

- a) recommend to Council levels of service for local activities having regard to Council budgets within the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan process
- b) recommend to Council the rates and/or user charges and fees to fund the local activities
- c) accept donations of a local asset eg a gas barbeque, park bench, etc with a value of less than \$20,000.
- d) approve project definitions/business cases for approved budgeted capital expenditure up to \$300,000
- e) recommend to the Services and Assets Committee the approval of project definitions/business case and procurement plan for capital expenditure over \$300,000 and/or any unbudgeted capital expenditure
- f) monitor the performance and delivery of the service in meeting the expected levels of service
- g) facilitate the development of local management plans (for subsequent recommendation to Council), where required by statute or in support of District or other plans for reserves, harbours, and other community facilities, except where powers:
 - have been delegated to Council officers; or
 - would have significance beyond the community board's area or otherwise involves a matter of

	<p>national importance (Section 6 Resource Management Act 1991); or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> involve the alienation of any part of a proposed or existing esplanade reserve by way of width reduction, easement, lease or otherwise. <p>Local activities include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> community leadership local halls and community centres (within Council's overarching policy for community facilities) wharves and harbour facilities local parks and reserves parking limits and footpaths Te Anau/Manapouri Airport (Fiordland Community Board) Stewart Island Electricity Supply Authority (SIESA) (Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> for the above two local activities only recommend levels of service and annual budget to the Services and Assets Committee monitor the performance and delivery of the service <p>19) naming reserves, structures and commemorative places</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> authority to decide upon requests from the community, regarding names of reserves, the placement of structures and commemorative places. <p>20) naming roads</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> authority to decide on the naming for public roads, private roads and rights of way <p>21) assist the chief executive by providing comment (through the board chairperson) to consider and determine temporary road closures applications where there are objections to the proposed road closure.</p> <p>Rentals and Leases</p> <p>In relation to all leases and licences of land and buildings for local activities within their own area, on behalf of Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> accept the highest tenders for rentals more than \$10,000 approve the preferential allocation of leases and licenses where the rental is \$10,000 or more per annum. <p>Environmental management and spatial planning</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> provide comment on behalf of the relevant community/communities on resource consent applications referred to the community board for comment. recommend to Council the level of bylaw service and enforcement to be provided within the community, having regard to the need to maintain consistency across the District.
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	<p>24) provide advice to Council and its committees on any matter of interest or concern to the community board in relation to the sale of alcohol where statutory ability exists to seek such feedback.</p> <p>25) provide input into regulatory activities not otherwise specified above where the process allows.</p> <p>26) recommend to Council the initiating of an appeal or reference to the environment court on decisions in respect to resource consent applications on which the board has made submissions; ability to provide input to support the development of community planning for a civil defence emergency; and after an emergency event, to provide input and information to support community response efforts.</p>
LIMITS TO DELEGATIONS	<p>No financial or decision making delegations other than those specifically delegated by Council.</p> <p>The community board shall only expend funding on purposes for which that funding was originally raised and in accordance with the budgets approved by Council through its Long Term Plan/Annual Plan. In accordance with the provisions of section 39(2) of Schedule 7 the board may not incur expenditure in excess of the approved budget.</p> <p>Matters which are not Delegated</p> <p>Southland District Council has not delegated to community boards the power to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make a rate or bylaw • acquire, hold or dispose of property • direct, appoint, suspend or remove staff • engage or enter into contracts and agreements and financial commitments • institute an action for recovery of any amount • issue and police building consents, notices, authorisations and requirements under acts, statutes, regulations, bylaws and the like; • institute legal proceedings other than the delegation to recommend to Council the initiating of an appeal or reference to the environment court on decisions in respect to resource consent applications on which the community board has made submissions.
CONTACT WITH MEDIA	<p>The community board chairperson is the authorised spokesperson for the board in all matters where the board has authority or a particular interest.</p> <p>Board members, including the chairperson, do not have delegated authority to speak to the media and/or outside agencies on behalf of Council on matters outside of the board's delegations.</p> <p>The assigned Executive Leadership Team member will manage the formal communications between the board and its</p>

	<p>constituents and for the board in the exercise of its business. Correspondence with central government, other local government agencies or official agencies will only take place through Council staff and will be undertaken under the name of Southland District Council.</p>
REPORTING	<p>Community boards are unincorporated statutory bodies which are elected to represent the communities they serve.</p> <p>The boards maintain bound minute books of their own meetings.</p>

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1 Apologies

Apology was received from Cr Bruce Ford

2 Leave of absence

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

3 Conflict of Interest

Community Board Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

4 Public Forum

Notification to speak is required by 12noon at least one clear day before the meeting. Further information is available on www.southlanddc.govt.nz or phoning 0800 732 732.

5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the Community Board to consider any further items which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded.

Such resolution is required to be made pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the Chairperson must advise:

- (i) the reason why the item was not on the Agenda, and
- (ii) the reason why the discussion of this item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

"Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) that item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) that item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further **discussion."**

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Meeting minutes of Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board, 14 December 2020



Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board

OPEN MINUTES UNCONFIRMED

Minutes of a meeting of Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board held in the Stewart Island Pavilion, Ayr St, Oban on Monday, 14 December 2020 at 8.45am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Jon Spraggon
Deputy Chairperson	Steve Lawrence
Members	Aaron Conner
	Anita Geeson
	Rakiura Herzhoff
	Gordon Leask
	Councillor Bruce Ford

IN ATTENDANCE

Governance and Democracy Manager – Melissa Brook
Community Partnership Leader – Karen Purdue
Community Liaison Officer – Megan Seator
Committee Advisor – Kirsten Hicks

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Leave of absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

3 Conflict of Interest

Conflicts of interest are as follows:

7.6 Fee setting for Stewart Island Jetties 2021/22 Rakiura Herzhoff declared an interest
And removed himself from the table

7.8 Stewart Island Rakiura Community Partnership Fund – October 2020 Funding Round
Allocations

Stewart Island Pavilion Trust

Jon Spraggon and Anita Geeson
declared an interest in these
applications, and removed
themselves from the table

Butterfields Development Group

Jon Spraggon and Anita Geeson
declared an interest in these
applications, and removed
themselves from the table

Future Rakiura

Rakiura Herzhoff declared an
Interest in this application, and
removed himself from the table

4 Public Forum

- Constable Stuart Newton – New Zealand Police
- Manfred Herzhoff – road stopping application
- Dave Goodin – littering/pollution concerns
- Bonnie Leask – Toi Rakiura Community Partnership Fund application
- Bridget Carter – Future Rakiura Community Partnership Fund application

5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

There were no Extraordinary/Urgent items.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution

Moved Anita Geeson, seconded Rakiura Herzhoff and resolved

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board confirms the minutes of the
meeting held on 9 November 2020, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Reports

7.1 Community Leadership Report

Record No: R/20/11/65012

Community Partnership Leader Karen Purdue was present for this report

Resolution

Moved Aaron Conner, seconded Gordon Leask and resolved

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Community Leadership Report” dated 2 December 2020.**

7.2 Operational Report for Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board

Record No: R/20/11/68894

Community Partnership Leader Karen Purdue was present for this report

Resolution

Moved Deputy chairperson Lawrence, seconded Rakiura Herzhoff and resolved

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Operational Report for Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board” dated 7 December 2020.**

7.3 Council Report

Record No: R/20/11/67092

Councillor Bruce Ford presented this report

Resolution

Moved Cr Ford, seconded Aaron Conner and resolved

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Council Report” dated 30 November 2020.**

7.4 Chairperson's Report

Record No: R/20/11/68963

Chairperson Jon Spraggon presented this report

Resolution

Moved Chairperson Spraggon, seconded Rakiura Herzhoff and resolved
That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Chairperson's Report” dated 30 November 2020.**

7.5 SIESA Monthly Reports from Powernet - September and October 2020

Record No: R/20/11/69085

Community Partnership Leader Karen Purdue was present for this report

Resolution

Moved Gordon Leask, seconded Aaron Conner and resolved
That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled “SIESA Monthly Reports from Powernet - September and October 2020” dated 1 December 2020.**

7.6 Fee setting for Stewart Island Jetties 2021/22

Record No: R/20/12/70300

Chief Financial Officer Anne Robson was present for this report (via electronic link)

Rakiura Herzhoff declared an interest and removed himself from the table.

Resolution

Moved Chairperson Spraggon, seconded Aaron Conner and resolved recommendations a) to c), with changes to d) as indicated with a ~~striketrough~~ and new.

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled “Fee setting for Stewart Island Jetties 2021/22” dated 8 December 2020**
- b) determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter

- d) recommends to Council the setting of the following Stewart Island Jetties fees and charges (including GST) for the year commencing 1 July 2021, Long Term Plan 2031 (subject to any amendments made at this meeting).

<u>Stewart Island Jetties Fee/Charge Description</u>	<u>Fee/charge (GST Incl)</u>
Wharf and Jetty user annual fee	\$2,025.00
	\$1500.00
Boat Park fee	\$287.50
	\$500.00

7.7 Schedule of meetings for 2021

Record No: R/20/11/68410

Committee Advisor Kirsten Hicks was present for this report

Resolution

Moved Rakiura Herzhoff, seconded Anita Geeson and resolved

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Schedule of meetings for 2021” dated 7 December 2020.**
- b) Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) Agrees to meet at the Stewart Island Pavilion at the following dates and times in 2021:
 - 15 February 8.45am
 - 12 April 8.45am
 - 14 June 9.45am
 - 9 August 9.45am
 - 11 October 8.45am
 - 13 December 8.45am

7.8 Stewart Island Rakiura Community Partnership Fund - October 2020 Funding Round Allocations

Record No: R/20/11/66781

Community Liaison Officer Megan Seator was present for this report.

Chairperson Jon Spraggon and Anita Geeson declared an interest in the applications lodged by the Stewart Island Pavilion Trust and Butterfields Development Group. Rakiura Herzhoff declared an interest in the application lodged by Future Rakiura. All removed themselves from the table during discussions about these applications and refrained from voting on them. Deputy Chairperson Steve Lawrence chaired the meeting at the appropriate times.

Resolution

Moved Deputy chairperson Lawrence, seconded Cr Ford and resolved recommendations a) to d), with changes to e), f), g), h), i), j), and k) as indicated with a ~~strike through~~ and new, and resolved:

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Stewart Island Rakiura Community Partnership Fund - October 2020 Funding Round Allocations” dated 4 December 2020.**
- b) Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) Receives applications from the following:
 1. Stewart Island Rakiura Community and Environment Trust
 2. Stewart Island Pavilion Trust
 3. Ko Nga Kete e Toru o Rakiura
 4. Stewart Island Pavilion Trust
 5. Butterfields Development Group
 6. Toi Rakiura Arts Trust
 7. Future Rakiura
- e) Moved Gordon Leask, seconded Aaron Conner and resolved That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board Approves/~~declines~~ a grant of ~~\$13,000~~ \$3,300 to the Stewart Island Rakiura Community and Environment Trust to assist with the coordination costs of the Halfmoon Bay Habitat Recovery Project.

- f) Moved Rakiura Herzhoff, seconded Aaron Conner and resolved
That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board
Approves/~~declines~~ a grant of \$4,600 to the Stewart Island Pavilion Trust to
assist with the costs of a heat pump system.
- g) Moved Gordon Leask, seconded Deputy Chairperson Steve Lawrence and resolved
That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board
Approves/~~declines~~ a grant of \$500 to Ko Nga Kete e Toru o Rakiura to assist
with the costs of teaching resources and associated expenses.
- h) Moved Cr Bruce Ford, seconded Gordon Leask and resolved
That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board
Approves/~~declines~~ a grant of \$1,500 to the Stewart Island Pavilion Trust to
assist with costs associated with upgrading the water treatment system.
- i) Moved Aaron Conner, seconded Gordon Leask and resolved
That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board
Approves/~~declines~~ a grant of ~~\$9,000~~ \$14,960.00 to the Butterfields
Development Group to provide facilities and landscape an underutilised area
bordering Butterfields Beach.
- j) Moved Anita Geeson, seconded Rakiura Herzhoff and resolved
That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board
Approves/~~declines~~ a grant of \$500 to Toi Rakiura Arts Trust to assist with
bringing the ~~Gypsy Jazz Duo~~ entertainment to Stewart Island.
- k) Moved Deputy Chairperson Steve Lawrence, seconded Cr Bruce Ford and resolved
That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board
Approves/~~declines~~ a grant of \$4,000 to Future Rakiura to assist with costs of
running workshop on Stewart Island.

The meeting concluded at 11.10am

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A
MEETING OF THE STEWART ISLAND/RAKIURA
COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON MONDAY 14
DECEMBER 2020

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....

Community Update

Record No: R/21/2/4286

Author: Kirsten Hicks, Committee Advisor/Customer Support Partner

Approved by: Fran Mikulicic, Group Manager Environmental Services

☐ Decision

☐ Recommendation

☒ Information

Community Partners

- 1 Constable Stuart Newton, New Zealand Police
- 2 Jennifer Ross, Department of Conservation

Recommendation

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) Acknowledges the attendance of representatives from the New Zealand Police and the Department of Conservation at the meeting.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Community Leadership Report

Record No: R/21/1/3622

Author: Karen Purdue, Community Partnership Leader

Approved by: Fran Mikulicic, Group Manager Environmental Services

☐ Decision

☐ Recommendation

☒ Information

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is to update the board on the community leadership activities in the area.

Recommendation

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Community Leadership Report” dated 9 February 2021.**

Attachments

- A Community Leadership Report [↓](#)



What's happening in your area

Community Partnership Fund

At the Stewart Island Rakiura Community Board meeting held on 14 December 2020, allocations were made for the October 2020 round of the Stewart Island Rakiura Community Partnership Fund. The allocations were as follows:

- Stewart Island Rakiura Community and Environment Trust (SIRCET) - \$3,300
- Stewart Island Pavilion Trust - \$6,100
- Ko Nga Kete e Toru o Rakiura - \$500
- Butterfields Development Group - \$14,960
- Toi Rakiura Arts Trust - \$1,000
- Future Rakiura - \$4,000

The next round of the Stewart Island Rakiura Community Partnership Fund closes on 31 October 2021 which there will be \$4,387 available for distribution.

Funding

Southland Funders Forum update

In December, staff attended the Southland Funders Forum which is a group of funding agencies who meet quarterly to discuss the current funding environment, provide updates, and specific projects. Attendees include staff from Community Trust South, Department of Internal Affairs, Invercargill City Council, Invercargill Licensing Trust, and Sport Southland. A major announcement was made by the Department of Internal Affairs who informed their \$40 million Lottery Covid-19 Community Wellbeing Fund is being temporarily suspended and will not be accepting applications or making funding decisions until after January 2021.

Upcoming funding deadlines

The following funds are now open for applications which close on 31 March 2021:

- Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

- Creative Communities
- District Heritage Fund
- District Initiatives Fund
- Ohai Railway Fund
- Northern Southland Development Fund
- Stewart Island Visitor Levy

Application forms for the above funds are available on Council's website at <https://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/my-council/funding-and-grants-/>

Local initiatives

Butterfields Beach project

Pricing has been sought for the work which the community board has agreed to undertake as a part of the project. The contractors have not yet come back with a price.

What's happening outside your area

District/regional Initiatives

Leadership Academy

Progress is being made on the establishment of a Leadership Academy facilitated by Southland Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Council and being held in the following locations for the right do

- 15 April – 27 May 2021 in Edendale
- 8 June – 13 July 2021 in Lumsden
- February/March 2022 in Otautau

Southland Chamber of Commerce is working with Council to ensure that modules relating to community-led development and community leadership are included in the course content. Southland Chamber of Commerce are currently preparing their marketing material for this academy and further information will be available soon.

Community Power of Play Huddle

Sport Southland are partnering with a variety of stakeholders across the region to ensure that opportunities for kids to play are preserved, enhanced and relevant to the world we live in today. Staff attended a workshop on 24 November facilitated by Sport Southland, Sport NZ and the Research Agency Innovation Unit. The purpose of the workshop was to connect with a range of people working directly and indirectly in play at the community, local authority and regional levels to gain insights on play to support a more strategic approach to play as well as to showcase good and emergent practice from the community.

SDC Holiday Programme

The annual SDC Holiday Programme is currently underway around the district, run by Sport Southland. They will hold the programme in eight locations (Tokanui, Otautau, Riverton, Wyndham, Lumsden,

Winton, Te Anau and Stewart Island) on eight days between 15 January and 1 February 2021. Further information regarding attendance numbers and feedback from attendees will follow at the next community board meeting in April.

Welcoming Communities

The Southland Murihiku Welcoming Plan was developed by Venture Southland in 2018 with a three-year lifespan is due to expire in 2021. MBIE has informed Southland's councils that in 2021 each council will need to begin to develop their own welcoming plans. This is an opportunity for Southland District Council to develop a plan that reflects its community's needs and unique circumstances. The first stage of this process involves the establishment of an advisory group in early 2021 to guide the process for the development of the new welcoming plan. Staff are in the early stages of forming this new advisory group.

Water treatment course

A pool water treatment course was held in Invercargill on 24 November for our community pools, run by WSP and held at Splash Palace. It is essential for pools to have at least one member of their committee qualified in water treatment for their facility. Southland District Council covered the cost of 10 attendees from 10 pools around the district to attend.

Community service awards

Staff are undertaking a review of Southland District Council's Community Service Awards to ensure a consistent district-wide approach. At this stage, it's being proposed that members of the community will be able to nominate individuals for a community service award through a standardised application form and an annual closing date. Community boards will then consider and allocate up to two awards per community board per year. A report will go to the Community and Strategy Committee in the New Year that includes a draft of the new community service awards process.

Stewart Island Visitor Levy numbers

Stewart Island visitor numbers to Stewart Island for the period July 2020 to November 2020 have increased by 2,906 compared to the same period in 2019.

Milford Opportunities Project

Work continues on this project with the governance group due to meet again in February. The last round of wide public engagement took place in October and the analysis of the comments received will be part of the information considered when making decisions on the actions to recommend for the master plan. Alongside the public comments the project team has also had significant feedback from tourism operators and other key stakeholders. The master plan will be completed and made public by the middle of 2021.

What's coming up?

Strategy and policy

Procurement Policy

Staff have been revising the Procurement Policy and developing a draft procurement manual. The formal consultation period for the policy was 4 November to 4 December 2020. Submissions will be presented to Council on 28 January 2021. The executive leadership team will adopt a procurement manual that implements Council's policy approach, following adoption of the policy.

Other policy work

Review of a suite of policies that will inform the Long Term Plan was undertaken in November and December 2020. This included the Revenue and Finance Policy, the Policy on Development and Financial Contributions, and the Significance and Engagement Policy. The formal consultation period for

these policies was 4 November to 4 December 2020. Submissions will be presented to Council at its 28 January 2021 meeting.

Staff are also working on the asset management and contract management policies. Review of the Elected Members' Remuneration and Reimbursements Policy, the Fraud Policy and the Sensitive Expenditure Policy is underway.

Stewart Island visitor levy

Strategy and policy are leading the review of the Stewart Island visitor levy. An update on the progression of this work was presented to the Community and Strategy Committee at its November 2020 meeting. The committee adopted a timeframe to complete the review of the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw, with consultation regarding any change to the levy quantum proposed to occur in line with the 2022-2023 Annual Plan process.

The Stewart Island Levy Subcommittee is meeting in February 2021 to work with staff in developing a 10 year funding plan for allocation of levy funds, in line with the policy.

Corporate risks

Staff have started preparing for the next round of reporting on Council's strategic risks. Staff will be updating the quarterly risk register, and then quarterly reports will be provided to the Finance and Assurance Committee in March 2021, and to Council in April 2021. The Finance and Assurance Committee will also have a discussion on one of the top strategic risks at the conclusion of their meeting.

Long Term Plan

Staff are continuing to complete the necessary work required to get the draft budgets, consultation document, activity management plans, infrastructure and financial strategies finalised. We are currently finalising the dates for Audit NZ to review the supporting information necessary to complete the Consultation Document. As a result, staff are working on amending the project plan to meet the legislative requirements, to ensure the LTP is adopted by the end of June 2021.

Stakeholder updates

Highways South

- the pavement rehabilitation on SH6, south of Winton (entrance to Sinclair Transport north of Gap Road) is underway now and will be completed in February
- pavement rehabilitation work near Mossburn will begin later in summer, once the above work is complete
- the recent resurfacing of Josephville Hill on SH6 is the start of ongoing work culminating in a rehab of this area
- Crawford Tunnel update: A solution has been determined for this issue and we are now working towards implementing this. In the meantime, the temporary traffic lights have been removed and a priority give way is in place at this location
- chip sealing around the network continues until March - please obey the speed restrictions on these sites, even if unattended. This is to ensure the success of the seal and avoid the need to cause further delays by coming back and fixing damage
- Highways South sends a weekly email listing all **planned** interruptions on Southland state highways for the coming week. If you or others in your community would like to be added to this list, please visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/HighwaysSouthNZ) and click on the 'Sign up' link

- for journey planning and **unplanned** delays/detours both in Southland and other regions please visit [www. https://www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/](https://www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/)
- please keep in mind that the coming months are expected to be hot, and this can have an effect on road surfaces, so please drive with care
- a reminder that the Burt Munro rally is coming up on the 10 February, so there are likely to be a lot more bikes on both state highways and local roads

Operational Report for Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board

Record No: R/21/1/3854

Author: Carolyn Davies, Executive Assistant

Approved by: Fran Mikulicic, Group Manager Environmental Services

☐ Decision

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Purpose of Report

- 1 The purpose of the report is to update the board on the operational activities in the Stewart Island/ Rakiura Community Board.

Recommendation

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

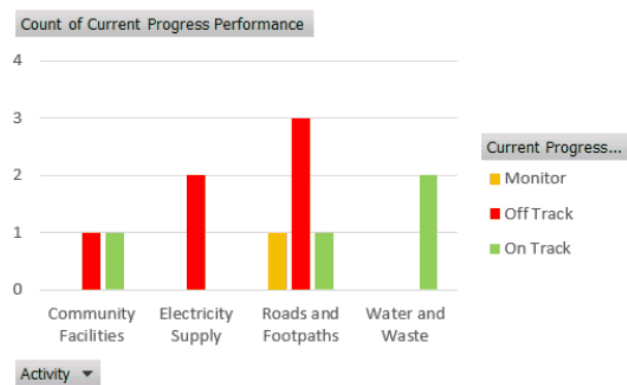
- a) **Receives the report titled “Operational Report for Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board” dated 3 February 2021.**

Attachments

- A Stewart Island Community board - 15 February 2021 - Operational report [↓](#)



1. Projects within current 2019/2020 financial year



CLARIFICATION OF FUNDING SOURCES

Local funded: Stormwater, cemeteries, footpaths, SIESA, water structures and community halls.

District funded: Water, wastewater, public toilets and roading.

Local or District funded (dependent on service): Community facilities, parks and reserves.

ACTIVITY	CODE	NAME	CURRENT PHASE	CURRENT PROGRESS	2020/21 BUDGET	PROJECT CURRENT COMMENT
ELECTRICITY SUPPLY	P-10593	Stewart Island wind power pre-development	Initiation phase	Off track	\$80,000	This project is in pre-development phase and has experienced issues in securing land access as originally conceived. The consultant's work stream was suspended, pending establishment of a viable alternative option.



ACTIVITY	CODE	NAME	CURRENT PHASE	CURRENT PROGRESS	2020/21 BUDGET	PROJECT CURRENT COMMENT
						Various sites are being explored to either eliminate them or identify as options to advance.
ROADS AND FOOTPATHS	P-10016	Construct new walking track at Horseshoe Bay Road, Stewart Island (Part 1)	Delivery phase	Monitor	\$52,583	The removal of vegetation and the cut to waste is 60% complete. This has exposed some rocks which will need to be removed with the digger/ rock breaker, this could impact the project budget. Suitable vegetation is being relocated to Ringaringa Road. DOC has assisted with kiwi nest investigation.
ELECTRICITY SUPPLY	P-10073	SIESA replace fuel tanks	Delivery phase	Off track	\$26,914	Physical works complete. Awaiting final compliance sign-off by Certification and compliance management. Booked in for February 2021.
ROADS AND FOOTPATHS	P-10147	Construct new access on Ringa Ringa Road	Delivery phase	Off track	\$132,874	Construction completed. Need PowerNet to complete last of electrical work first before road can be blocked off to public use.
ROADS AND FOOTPATHS	P-10336	Install new streetlights on the waterfront in Oban, Stewart Island	Delivery phase	Off track	\$1,686	Awaiting final wiring to be completed by PowerNet. Bollards installed.
ROADS AND FOOTPATHS	P-10389	Improving footpath and carparking at Argyle Street, Stewart Island	Delivery phase	Off track	\$20,000	Project 90% completed. Requires an additional 17 tons of AP25 dunnite to be delivered and constructed on the carpark by contractors.



ACTIVITY	CODE	NAME	CURRENT PHASE	CURRENT PROGRESS	2020/21 BUDGET	PROJECT CURRENT COMMENT
ROADS AND FOOTPATHS	P-10946	LOS footpath construction Main Street Stewart Island	Pre delivery phase	On track	\$42,000	Project works complete, some minor variations requested by the SIRCB. Excellent result.
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	P-10300	Replace wooden playground equipment on foreshore reserve at Oban, Stewart Island	Pre delivery phase	Off track	\$68,936	The new playground equipment has been ordered and will installed once it is delivered. Currently delayed due to international shipping. Will update once details are known.
WATER AND WASTE	P-10024	Effluent disposal compliance and capacity improvements Stewart Island (SF)	Pre delivery phase	On track	\$44,956	Harrison Grierson have completed design report and this has been reviewed and accepted by water and waste. Price is being sought through minor capex to complete recommendations outlined by consultant.
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	P-10847	Upgrade tracks and signage at Moturau Gardens	Pre delivery phase	On track	\$7,500	Dead tree to be removed and some tracks to be made more user friendly.
WATER AND WASTE	P-10442	Stewart Island stormwater improvement – multi-year project (SF)	Business case phase	On track	\$150,000	This project has been allocated to Downer through the Stimulus funding reticulation panel. The initial stage will focus on the Ayr Street catchment and improvements to be made to this infrastructure. Design is likely to commence in February/March with construction starting in May/June.



2. Service contracts

CONTRACT NAME	CONTRACT MANAGER COMMENTARY
10/01 – Water and Waste Water Services Operation and Maintenance	The water and waste water contract is operating well. Further high rainfall events have required increased monitoring of river intakes.
16/35 – Stewart Island Gardening Agreement With SIRCET	Contract manager to follow up with SIRCET due to garden maintenance required.
17/01 – Foveaux Alliance	<p>Roading</p> <p>December was another steady month with RFS numbers well down - back in line with what this contract would normally expect.</p> <p>2021/22 reseal sites have been received and programmes being developed, at this stage a lot of extra work completed this year will now not need to be done for the coming years' reseals - hence the stabi crew have been booked to help Dunedin crews - this in turn will help our budgets yet again.</p> <p>We have now ceased our road side spraying programme in lieu of starting our noxious programme - the remaining unsealed roads (approx. 200km out of 900km) will not be done this year, we found late spraying last year lead to an increase in "muddy" gravel roads where there was no vegetation left to protect the subgrade from tractors etc, there will still be a second round of verge spraying completed from March on sealed roads only.</p> <p>Teams enjoyed a well-deserved break over the Christmas/New Year holiday period. Tree removal at Golden Bay has been awarded to Asplunda who will complete the work asap.</p> <p>Pavement marking is also underway.</p>
Moturau Gardens	Large rotten tree to be removed when tree technicians are on the Island.
Toilet Contracts	Some blockages have been noted over the Christmas period.
Mowing	Non-township mowing will be restarted by transport department after consultation with the community board to agree to the level of service required.



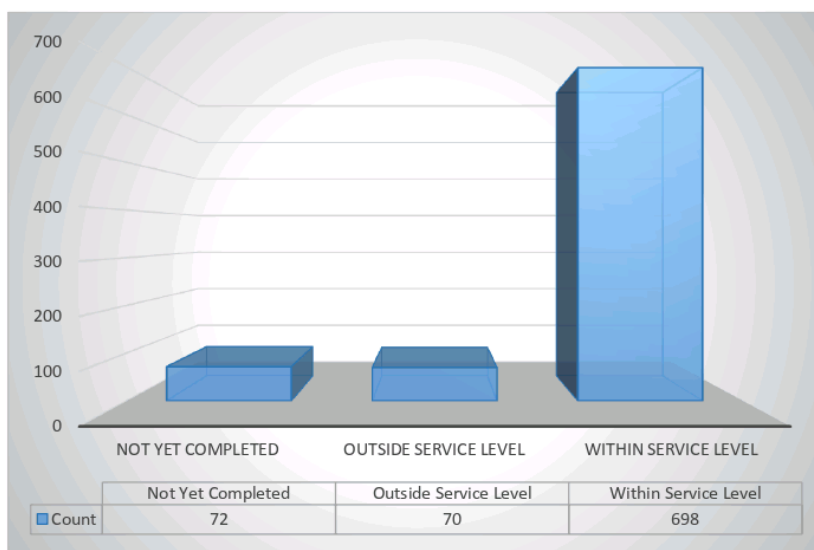
3. Request for service data 19 November 2020 to 18 January 2021

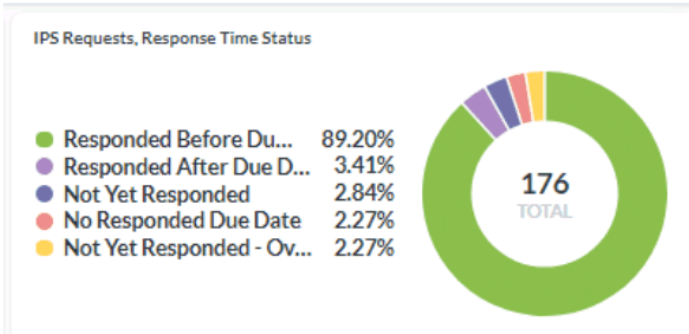


REQUEST TYPE	COUNT
SIESA general	3
Toilet repairs and maintenance	2
Vegetation urban/berm mow/overgrown/visibility issues	2
Manholes and grates (safety)	1
Transport - road matters general	4
TOTAL	12

RFS count by completion time status

Note: RFS' that were not yet completed or outside the service level were due to factors of further investigations/work required and extensions of time to complete the requests.





4. Local finance reporting

Stewart Island - Business Units as at 31 December 2020									
	Income			Expenses			Capital		
Business Unit	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Full Year	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Full Year	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Full Year
Administration - Stewart Is	\$8,058	\$8,324	\$15,985	\$9,088	\$6,074	\$12,148			
Operating Costs - Stewart Is	\$1,185	\$3,650	\$11,687	\$600	\$34,163	\$38,465			
Street Works - Stewart Island	\$47,268	\$16,126	\$114,757	\$3,980	\$9,726	\$19,452	\$109,100	\$67,096	\$134,191
Rubbish Collection- Stewart Is	\$59,812	\$59,811	\$120,467	\$48,709	\$50,784	\$119,820			
Stormwater Drain - Stewart Is	\$10,182	\$10,224	\$20,447	\$4,604	\$6,977	\$13,778			
Cemetery - Stewart Island	\$5,700	\$6,482	\$12,963	\$4,786	\$6,482	\$12,963			
Beautification - Stewart Is	\$14,853	\$14,913	\$29,825	\$21,697	\$17,797	\$35,594			
Moturau Gardens	\$1,601	\$6,107	\$12,214	\$1,960	\$6,617	\$12,214			
Traill Park	\$3,359	\$3,215	\$6,430	\$4,275	\$4,564	\$7,865			
Playground - Waterfront	\$1,992	\$2,000	\$17,971	\$2,850	\$4,850	\$9,699	\$43,438		\$68,936
Stewart Island Jetties	\$13,470	\$18,000	\$480,187	\$32,239	\$35,724	\$99,084			\$658,473
Total	\$167,480	\$148,850	\$842,933	\$134,788	\$183,755	\$381,082	\$152,538	\$67,096	\$861,600

Income is \$18,630 over budget. Streetworks is over budget due to the \$31,206 grant approved by the Stewart Island Visitor Levy as a contribution towards the upgrade of the footpath from the Department of Conservation visitor centre to the corner of Dundee Street.

Expenses are \$48,967 under budget. Operating costs are under budget by \$33,563 with no community initiatives grants paid to the end of December. These grants were approved by the Board in the December meeting and a number of them paid out during January. Street works is under budget by \$5,746 with limited maintenance required so far this year. Moturau Gardens is under budget by \$4,657 with no costs currently incurred on the maintenance to the walking track.

Capital expenditure incurred relates to P-10336 and P-10389 on the tables above.

**Reserve Balances**

RESERVE	30 JUNE 2020	BUDGET 30 JUNE 2021	FORECAST 30 JUNE 2021
Stewart Island general	\$251,181	\$193,545	\$143,794
Stewart Island waste management	\$34,364	\$35,210	\$35,210
Stewart Island Jetties - general	\$52,649	\$79,628	\$79,628
Stewart Island Jetties – Golden Bay	\$-	\$-	\$-
Stewart Island Jetties – Ulva Island	\$213,765	\$53,765	\$-
TOTAL RESERVES	\$551,959	\$362,148	\$258,632

Council Report

Record No: R/21/1/3134

Author: Karen Purdue, Community Partnership Leader

Approved by: Fran Mikulicic, Group Manager Environmental Services

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Environmental Services

Group Managers Update

Museums

1. There was a fabulous celebration at the opening of the Rakiura Museum on 1 December. It was a great gathering of the locals with the school children performing with the kapa haka group supported by the local marae. Their hospitality to those visiting Stewart Island was equally impressive.
2. The exhibits in the museum have been well laid out and tell the history of people on the Island. Several significant items from family collections were entrusted to the care of the museum and have added to the rich history of the area.

Predator Free Rakiura

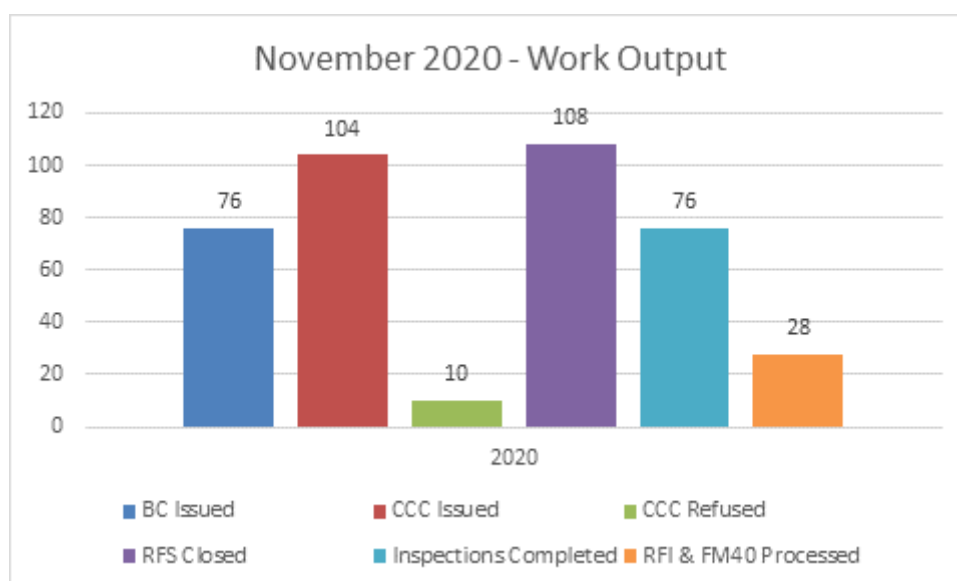
3. Predator Free Rakiura project is continuing with the development of a formal governance structure being developed. It is proposed that the leadership team will eventually transition into a conduit for community engagement and information sharing and as an advisory group to the governance team. Momentum is definitely increasing following the announcement of funding for this worthwhile project.

Emergency Management Southland

4. Angus McKay has resigned his position as EMS manager and has accepted a new role with the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) in Wellington as chief controller, starting at the end of January 2021.

Building Solutions

5. Council continues to receive a higher volume of consents post Covid-19 lockdown than were received prior, with 93 consents received during November 2020, this is 11% more than were received in November 2019.
6. The team have maintained their improved processing timeframes for building consents issued, achieving 81% compliance for November 2020. Overdue consents with requests for further information which sit with the customer are being continuously 'drip fed' back into the team's workload preventing a 100% compliance achievement.



November 2020 – Building Consents Received

Primary Property Hk Ey → Property Ward	Count	Sum of Application Val...
Mararoa Waimea	26	NZ\$5,423,712.50
Stewart Island Rakiura	3	NZ\$58,000.00
Waiau Aparima	22	NZ\$2,264,264.00
Waihopai Toetoe	12	NZ\$944,500.00
Winton Wallacetown	34	NZ\$4,355,192.00

Dog Control

7. Animal control staff completed their first dog safety training workshop at Environment Southland for their compliance officers in relation to the risks they face entering private property. Great feedback was received from Environment Southland and it was a job well done.
8. Animal control staff are also running a series of workshops looking at ways to improve the dog registration process, for the purpose making it more efficient.

Environmental Health

9. The team is starting work on developing online applications for alcohol licensing. Once this is completed health licensing will then follow.
10. It is proposed to start work on amending Council's Alcohol Fee Setting Bylaw, having been delayed due to Covid-19 and its effects on business.
11. The review is expected to be completed by 1 July 2021.

Resource management

12. Covid-19 has not noticeably affected incoming resource consent workloads. Incoming resource consent applications remain consistent (or slightly behind) with the same period in 2019. There has also been two vacancies within the team and a team member taking unexpected leave which has impacted on getting consents issued within timeframes for the months of October and November. Additionally, there has been a substantial increase in the number of enquiries received by the team and we anticipate that the consent volumes into the New Year will remain steady (on par with previous years).
13. Up until the alert level 4 restrictions coming into force, ongoing policy focused work was occurring on the regional work streams for Climate Change, Biodiversity, Landscapes and Natural Character. In the national space, Covid-19 has delayed some anticipated national direction. Particularly the national policy statements on highly productive land and indigenous biodiversity have been delayed and it is anticipated that they will now be released in April 2021. Recent discussions within the resource management sector indicate that the wider RMA reform is progressing at pace and it is anticipated that there will be a bill introduced to parliament on the new direction mid-2021. Significant environmental change and the impacts of this change has been signalled in the LTP. Additional funding over and above the current budgets will be required to position the resource management team to be able to implement the legislative requirements.
14. Council has endorsed a report to bring forward the review of the landscapes section of the District Plan. Work is now underway to understand the unique nature of Southland's landscapes, cultural values and local areas of significance. There are a number of pieces of work that will inform a review and also a number of conversations with communities and landowners.
15. Public feedback is currently being sought on identifying the important and outstanding landscapes in our District so that there is adequate protection and enhancement of these landscapes moving forward. It is anticipated that a plan change will be notified in the middle of 2021.
16. Council initiated the Rakiura Dark Skies Plan Change and this will be made operative prior to Christmas. This is the last step in the plan change process and it will accordingly require all future lighting to be installed in accordance with the new rules.
17. A monitoring and enforcement role within the team has recently been filled and in the future more work around education, monitoring and enforcing the provisions of the District Plan will take place.
18. Resource consent data for previous few months is detailed below.
 - September – 34 applications received, 27 decisions issued
 - October - 31 applications received, 26 decisions issued
 - November – 21 applications received, 23 decisions issued.

Services and Assets

Stewart Island Electrical Supply Authority (SIESA)

19. The Services and Assets committee approved award of a new SIESA management agreement with PowerNet, with commencement date 1 October 2020. This contract now has PowerNet board approval and execution is pending final legal review.
20. Feasibility work on securing land access for the wind power project continues. This includes updated evaluation of construction costs and land access agreements.

Forestry (IFS)

21. The financial year 2020/2021 harvesting out of Waikaia block 4 is complete. There were 22,325 tonnes recovered which is 3,545 tonnes more than appraisal. This results in a net profit of \$1.209 million which improves over budget by \$295,000.
22. Pruning and thinning silviculture operations in Gowan Hills have commenced.

Around the Mountains Cycle Trail

23. The contract for repairs to the trail, associated with the February flood event, has achieved practical completion.
24. Additional MBIE funding has been gained to repair a flood damaged culvert that was not originally identified and this will be added as a variation to The Roding Company construction contract. The construction is now complete.
25. A separate flood event has significantly damaged a section of trail near Centre Hill and a long term solution is being developed to restore the trail and reduce/eliminate the river threat. Given commencement of a new cycle season, a temporary route diversion has been completed to avoid the washed out section.

Property

26. We are currently working with reduced staff but have been receiving assistance from other staff members for the incoming/outgoing community housing tenants.
27. The backlog of disposals are nearing completion with the Waianiwa hall transfer and Ohai bowling club building sale to be finalised soon. The Maitara Island hall and Menzies Ferry hall are with the Department of Conservation to dispose of and Council has applied for a portion of the proceeds. The next round of abandoned land properties will be processed in early 2021.
28. We are now turning our attention to the many lease and licence agreements that are held on Council property to get them all up to date.

Strategic Water and Waste

Te Anau Wastewater Discharge Project

29. Following Council resolutions from 23 October 2018 meeting, it was resolved to proceed with a sub-surface drip irrigation as disposal route.

- 30. Work on the pipeline element has now been completed with practical completion issued in July.
- 31. Work is also continuing on detailed design of MF plant and SDFI field following Council approval to award contracts to Downer and Fulton Hogan respectively. Physical works have now started at both the Te Anau and Kepler end of the pipeline.
- 32. The resource consent application for the discharge to the Upukerora has also been lodged with Environment Southland (ES) and with affected party approval provided by a number of stakeholders. A request for additional information has been prepared and forwarded to ES on 6 November. It is anticipated that this will be sufficient to allow ES to decide on a notification route moving forward.

Land and Water Plan Implementation

- 33. Environment Southland released their proposed Land and Water Plan in 2017.
- 34. In total 25 appeals were received by Environment Southland of which Council has identified 10, which it will join as a Section 274 party. Council has also lodged an appeal to the decision. The basis of Council's appeal, is largely around the 'non-complying' activity status on wastewater discharges to water. The latest direction issued from the Environment Court outlines a proposed path, where appeals to objectives will be heard ahead of mediation, by grouped topic on policies and rules. Evidence in support of the appeals have been filed with the Environment Court.
- 35. Interim decisions were released by the Environment Court in late December with a recommendation that further expert conferencing be undertaken in early 2019.
- 36. A further hearing was held in mid-June 2020 where evidence was presented on additional information that the courts required Environment Southland to provide based on their interpretation of a number of key principles underpinning the plan. Agreement has now been reached on all outstanding appeals related to the objectives and policies with a further report before the court grouping appeals of a similar nature by topic.
- 37. At this stage Council retain interest in two of the appeal topics related to infrastructure and discharges. On 18 November 2020 a report released from the Court identified 18 December as a date for mediation on the infrastructure grouped topic. It is important that Council are represented at this mediation so as not to lose any of the protection that these policies and rules provide when maintaining and replacing our infrastructure.

Review of Solid Waste Contract Arrangements

- 38. Following a series of WasteNet meetings and Council mediation the RFP process was formally ended on 18 December without any award. At this stage each of the WasteNet councils are considering potential short and longer term options to process recycling post 30 June when current contract arrangements expire.
- 39. Further recent developments are more closely related to the changing nature of the global recycling markets that have resulted in other councils reviewing how they manage recycling operations. Currently there is no market for low grade plastics and limited markets for fibre (paper/cardboard) with a number of councils across the country now opting to discontinue their collection.

40. Agreement was reached with Invercargill City Council in June to handle Council's recyclables through their contract arrangement with their incumbent contractor. This is for an 18-month period, after which alternatives will be considered separate to the ongoing LTP process.

Review of Waste Disposal Levy

41. On 27 November, Associate Minister for the Environment, Eugenie Sage, announced a wide reaching review of the Waste Disposal Levy. The levy introduced through the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 places a charge of \$10 per tonne for all waste disposed at municipal landfill sites. Of the money collected half is returned to TLAs to help fund waste minimisation activities with the remainder going to a contestable fund where any organisation can apply to gain funding to help set up waste minimisation initiatives.
42. The review proposed to both increase the levy (phased over three years) from the current \$10 per tonne to a proposed \$50-\$60 per tonne which brings it more into line with similar levy schemes in Australia and overseas. It is also proposed that the scheme will also be extended to include all landfill types (currently it only applies to those receiving household waste).
43. Revenue raised from the landfill levy is currently around \$36 million per annum. It is estimated that the proposals would result in an increase of levy revenue of around \$220 million by 2023.
44. The consultation document outlined four potential options for transitioning from current arrangements to future arrangements by 2023. The submission prepared by WasteNet was presented to Council on 30 January and formally submitted to MfE on 31 January.
45. In August it was announced that the levy would incrementally increase to \$60 per tonne by July 2024. This has been budgeted for through the LTP process.

3 Water Reforms

46. There is currently a significant amount of work ongoing across the three waters reform in New Zealand. Council is currently awaiting DIA sign off on our delivery plan for undertaking the additional stimulus funding and close to finalising a procurement plan to enable delivery.
47. It was confirmed on 12 November that the delivery plan was signed of in its entirety by the DIA.
48. Procurement of the delivery plan will be through two separate panels with local contractors and consultants. Panel one will focus largely on reticulation work whereas panel two will be more focussed on condition assessment work across our three waters networks with a significant programme of CCTV work throughout wastewater and stormwater networks. Tenders for the panel 1 request for information closed on 17 November and at time of writing tenders are undergoing evaluation with the anticipation panellists will be in place by late November.
49. In addition, work is ongoing to progress investigation into alternative collaborative work models across Southland and Otago with a view to meeting government expectations that the sector will voluntarily aggregate to a significant scale (most likely cross regional) to deliver long term service delivery benefits.
50. In late October Council also received a significant request for information (RfI) from the Department of Internal Affairs in support of the reforms. This will most likely require a significant amount of additional workload across not only water and waste but also others across the organisation within a relatively short timeframe. Deadline for returns is 1 February 2021.

Project Delivery Team (PDT)

- 51. 20 Don Street shift has now been completed and staff are settling into their new spaces.
- 52. The Forth Street tower upgrade is now underway and will be delivered in stages around staff access.
- 53. Te Anau waste water project is now well underway with construction activity on both sites.
- 54. We are now starting to see some supply issues as a result of Covid-19.
- 55. Planning now well underway for delivery of the three waters reform stimulus funding projects.
- 56. Works continues on core improvement projects.

Community Facilities

- 57. The Long Term Plan process continues to be at the forefront of the work programme with staff and the finance team adding the final changes to the projects and budgets after the third round of meetings.
- 58. The tender documents for the Northern, Eastern, Central and Wallace mowing contracts have been published and local contractors notified. The tenders closed on 22 December. This provides staff will ample time to meet the governance timeframes for community board, committee and Council meetings. The new contracts will start on 1 July 2021.
- 59. Staff have started renewing the gardening contracts. These will also be a mix of direct negotiation with the incumbent contractors and tendering. The Riverton gardening tender has been published and closed 25 November 2020.
- 60. Good progress is being made towards getting Council's asset management system (IPS) set up to receive the asset data. Waugh Consulting are entering data into the development application. Staff can then run test scripts to validate that all the processes work.
- 61. Contractor availability and material supply is delaying progress on some of these projects.
- 62. Contractors have completed the development of the Monkey Island camping area.
- 63. It was incredibly disappointing to discover the new concrete and grass areas had been damaged on 1 December. The team has been working hard on this redevelopment so this popular summer space can once again be enjoyed by the community and visitors over the Christmas and summer period.
- 64. Police were notified of this incident.

Strategic Transport

District Wide Roothing Programme

- 65. Resurfacing works are well underway with Downer focusing on the more urban sites of Riverton and Winton with the works then shifting to the more rural areas in the New Year. Fulton Hogan have more rural sites for their contract area.
- 66. Due to the work being highly weather dependent priorities may shift between coastal and inland sites to ensure the season's works program is completed.
- 67. Lower Hollyford Road repair works have commenced with the plan to have the first 13km (just past the air strip) completed by Christmas. Repairs will then proceed to re-establish the last section of road

to the start of the Hollyford track. This is expected to be completed in March depending on weather condition. It is anticipated that public access will be available from Christmas but will need to be carefully managed particularly when construction works are being undertaken.

68. The annual district wide Roadroid survey which provides a snapshot of the gravel road roughness condition across the district has been completed. The initial indication is that a combined score of 88% for good or satisfactory was achieved which is above the 85% target.
69. WSP as Council's new structures services provider have continued to complete the next round of bridge inspection and are making good progress. From the inspection Dipton Mossburn Road bridge number 4 has required urgent action. This has resulted in a posting reduction from 90% to 70% which has significantly impacted on heavy transport industry. Due to the lack of suitable detour and the length of detours, the replacement of this bridge is seen as a priority and the bridge programme is being reviewed with the goal to reprioritise the bridge for replacement.

People and Capability

70. Health and safety governance training will be scheduled with Council and community board chairs in early February 2021.
71. A number of roles have been advertised and recruited for over the past two months. These include roles in the building team, resource management, community facilities and water and waste.
72. These roles are to support the teams achieve their objectives, statutory timeframes and provide support to our communities.

Recommendation

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Council Report" dated 26 January 2021.**

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Chairperson's Report

Record No: R/21/2/4531

Author: Kirsten Hicks, Committee Advisor/Customer Support Partner

Approved by: Fran Mikulicic, Group Manager Environmental Services

☐ Decision

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Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the community board on activities the chairperson has been involved with since the last community board meeting.

Executive Summary

2. Continuing to have discussions with Council and the contractor in relation to mowing. The contractor is not using the mower that we requested in some areas and as a result some areas of mowing are not being completed, e.g. Wohler's Road where the banks on the sloped banks on the edge of the road have not been cut, as he used the small tractor to do the flat areas.
3. Attended a meeting in Invercargill as a member of the project group to discuss the way forward with the replacement of the Ulva Island Wharf. At this stage, we are working to get the Ulva Wharf all approved and construction underway before starting further consulting on the replacement and or upgrade of the Golden Bay Wharf.
4. While we are still awaiting the final Hunter family agreement in relation to the lifting of the causeway, the board needs to authorise an application for the resource consent for the replacement of this wharf to be submitted. I will have further information to add to this at the board meeting.
5. Attended, along with Bruce Ford, a meeting in Invercargill to discuss aspects of the wind power project that was initiated by Minister Parker and for which we have received government funding. An update will be available verbally as part of this report at the board meeting.
6. Construction of the new footpath on Horseshoe Bay Road has progressed over the holiday period and will be nearing completion at the time of the board meeting.
7. The carpark by the Museum is not yet completed.
8. The board needs to make a decision in relation to cars parking on the grassed areas in the bay area.

Recommendation

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Chairperson's Report” dated 3 February 2021.**
- b) Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.