



Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board held in the Stewart Island Pavilion, Ayr St, Oban on Thursday, 10 October 2024 at 8.45am (8.49am – 10.52am).

PRESENT

Chairperson	Aaron Conner
Deputy chairperson	Aaron Joy
Members	Mike Douglass Andrea Young Councillor Jon Spraggon

APOLOGIES

Rakiura Herzhoff
Daniel Meads

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee advisor/customer support partner - Kirsten Hicks
Community partnership leader – Stella O'Connor

1 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Daniel Meads and Rakiura Herzhoff.

Moved Cr Jon Spraggon, seconded Deputy Chairperson Aaron Joy **and resolved**

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board accepts the apologies from Daniel Meads and Rakiura Herzhoff.

2 Leave of absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

3 Conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Extraordinary/urgent items

There were no extraordinary/urgent items.

5 Confirmation of minutes

Resolution

Moved Mike Douglass, seconded Andrea Young **and resolved**

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 8 August 2024 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

6 Public participation

There was no public participation.

Reports

7.1 Community update

Record No: R/24/9/60371

Bridget Carter and Britt Mathias (Department of Conservation) updated the board on the following topics:

- Ulva Island has been rat-free since February
- monitoring of brodifacoum levels in mussels and cod livers is on-going. The rāhui is still in place
- dotterels have declined further (30 – 40 breeding pairs, 101 birds)
- Hoiho/Yellow eyed penguins are doing well with one nest site already confirmed
- NZ Sealion numbers are increasing (57 pups 2023, 80 pups 2024)
- a temporary radio repeater has been erected on Burnt Point, for general communication
- weed control continues, with the focus on keeping Darwin's Barberry out of the national park. It is just one of the targeted plants listed by Environment Southland
- the swing bridge at Murray River is due to be removed in March 2025. The current bridge has reached the end of its life, and will not be replaced. The track will be re-routed to land based only
- preventative spraying of the huts has been undertaken, to combat bed bugs
- Stewart Island/Rakiura will be piloting the new online hunting block booking system
- Conservation week involved working with Halfmoon Bay School
- staff recruitment is currently underway
- hut bookings were down but have now increased

Darius Fagan and Duncan Kee (Predator Free Rakiura) spoke to the board via electronic link.

- Predator Free Rakiura (PFR) is moving into the operational stage
- drop in sessions have been arranged for the public and advertised through the usual channels
- PFR are hoping to have a community board member come on to the Engagement and Advisory group
- some discussion took place around community concerns – financing of the project, compensation provision, future biosecurity restrictions
- PFR have been in contact with fishing industry representatives and envisage no interruptions to commercial fishing
- PFR currently have two years of funding, a mixture of Crown (DOC) and private philanthropic partners
- biosecurity is expected to be similar to that which is in place in the Hauraki Gulf and Titi Islands – a government funded mixture of cameras, tracking and checks
- previous 1080 drops have had short term goals e.g. possum eradication
- PFR say there have been no recorded cases of kiwi or other birdlife dying in 1080 drops in Westland. This process has been monitored by the Department of Conservation.

Resolution

Moved Mike Douglass, seconded Deputy Chairperson Aaron Joy **and resolved**

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) **Acknowledges the attendance of representatives from community agencies at the meeting.**

7.2 Community board reporting

Record No: R/24/9/56254

Community partnership leader Stella O'Connor was present for this report.

Matters discussed included:

- maintenance – mowing is behind schedule, gardeners have just visited and there is some confusion about whether weedspraying is scheduled to take place
- Emergency Management Southland will visit soon but it would be ideal to update our local plan before then
- community consultation on the roading bylaw (parking and the proposed one-way system) will take place on 21 and 22 October
- Smartygrants online grant application system will be operational in time for the March round of grants
- the Community Partnership Fund applications for Stewart Island/Rakiura close on 31 October. One application has been lodged to date
- the dog policy is under review. It was suggested that visiting dogs should be trained in kiwi avoidance, as well as residents' dogs
- the elected members remuneration process has concluded with adjustments being made. The fees are based on the number of residents in each area which works out poorly for the Stewart Island Rakiura community board as the chair has responsibilities which are beyond that of many other boards
- the quorum rules relating to electronic meeting attendance have been modified for Council and the Visitor Levy. It is expected that this will happen for community boards in the new triennium
- the financial reports should be available at November's direction setting workshop
- submissions on the proposed Ruapuke mātaimai close 18 November

Jenna Shepherd (Active Southland) spoke to the board about current projects

- Play Week will be here soon and involves the provision of art supplies and competitions
- the annual day of holiday programme will be happening again in the new year
- the pump track has been very popular in different Southland locations but unfortunately it is too difficult to transport it to the Island. It is possible that the children will travel to the track instead. It was suggested that the children be consulted about a new activity to be installed here.
- many of the district's swimming pools have joined a liaison collective which has been quite useful when discussing issues like maintenance plans and heating
- it would be useful to have replacement goal posts for Traill part that incorporate both rugby and soccer. Possibly there would be some funding available for this project.

Resolution

Moved Mike Douglass, seconded Deputy Chairperson Aaron Joy **and resolved**

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled “Community board reporting” dated 30 September 2024.**

7.3 Councillor update

Record No: R/24/9/61617

Cr Jon Spraggon reminded everyone of the importance of submitting on the roading bylaw. Submissions accepting the proposal are as important as those suggesting changes.

Resolution

Moved Cr Jon Spraggon, seconded Deputy Chairperson Aaron Joy **and resolved**

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled “Councillor update”.**

7.4 Selecting board member for Predator Free Rakiura Engagement and Advisory Group

Record No: R/24/10/62347

Committee advisor Kirsten Hicks was in attendance for this report.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board (the board) to:

decide whether or not it would like to have a member on the Predator Free Rakiura Engagement and Advisory Group (the EAG)

decide who it would like to put forward as a member for the EAG, and who the proxy will be if the usual appointee can't attend

delegate authority to the board chair to provide a letter to the EAG Executive Committee accepting the invitation and outlining that the chosen appointee and proxy have the authority to represent the board on the EAG.

Executive summary

Predator Free Rakiura is a project to grow Rakiura as a taonga by working collaboratively towards a predator free Rakiura that allows ecosystems and community to thrive and benefit from each other.

The EAG is a group within the wider Predator Free Rakiura project that provides advice and acts as a conduit for maintaining and building community support. The EAG also appoints

trustees to the Te Puka Rakiura Trust, drives the vision for the project and monitors for community risk.

The EAG has approached the board and invited it to have a member on the EAG. The EAG believes the community board provides an important voice on the island that would be beneficial to the project, and that the board's involvement aligns to the board's environmental values.

Staff are seeking a decision from the board on whether or not it would like to have a member on the EAG, and if it would, who the member should be. If the board put forward a member for the group, its recommended that a proxy is also identified, and that the board chair is given a delegation to send a letter of acceptance and authority to the EAG Executive Committee.

Resolution

Moved Cr Jon Spraggon, seconded Chairperson Aaron Conner **recommendations a to e and g, with changes to f as indicated by ~~strikethrough~~ and underlined, and resolved That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:**

- a) **receives the report titled "Selecting board member for Predator Free Rakiura Engagement and Advisory Group".**
- 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) **decides it would like to have a member on the Predator Free Rakiura Engagement and Advisory Group.**
- e) **decides to put forward board member Mike Douglass for the Predator Free Rakiura Engagement and Advisory Group for the remainder of the triennium.**
- f) **decides that ~~board member _____~~ any available board member will be the proxy to attend meetings of the Predator Free Rakiura Engagement and Advisory Group (when the board member specified in resolution 'd' cannot attend) ~~for the remainder of the triennium.~~**
- g) **gives a delegation to board chair Aaron Conner to provide a letter from the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board accepting the invitation and outlining that board member Mike Douglass and their proxy have authority to represent the board on the Predator Free Rakiura Engagement and Advisory Group.**

7.5 SIESA PowerNet Monthly Report

Record No: R/24/10/61897

Community partnership leader Stella O'Connor was in attendance for this item.

The board questioned how factual these reports are as often the same items are rolled over from month to month

Resolution

Moved Deputy Chairperson Aaron Joy, seconded Mike Douglass **and resolved**

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled "SIESA PowerNet Monthly Report".**

7.6 Chairperson's report

Record No: R/24/9/60365

Chairperson Aaron Conner discussed the following topics with the board:

- Stewart Island Rakiura Visitor Levy – when is the audit taking place?
- Ulva Island wharf – the sale and purchase agreement is with the Hunter family who are still considering the public access component
- the energy group is progressing well , with a contract about to be signed. This will result in options with costings and plans for solar/battery in the shorter term, as well as future plans which include renewables
- recycling review (including Bragg Bay) – no word yet on when this will be
- spatial plan has had the budget approved and Stewart Island is likely to be the first community where this is undertaken
- Golden Bay Road walkway – the Visitor Levy application for this was declined.
- Horseshoe Bay walking track – The roading team will be visiting shortly to physically inspect the site and discuss options
- soakage pits – the board would like information on why and when these are required

Resolution

Moved Chairperson Aaron Conner, seconded Mike Douglass **and resolved**

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled "Chairperson's report".**

7.7 Next meeting

Record No: R/24/9/60379

Kirsten Hicks (Committee advisor) was present for this report.

Resolution

Moved Mike Douglass, seconded Andrea Young **and resolved**

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled "Next meeting".**

- b) **Confirms that the next meeting of the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board will be held at 8.45am on Thursday 12 December 2024, at the Stewart Island Pavilion, 7 Ayr Street, Stewart Island**

The meeting concluded at 10.52am

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF A MEETING OF THE STEWART ISLAND/RAKIURA COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 2024.

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....