



Ardlussa Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Ardlussa Community Board held in the Riversdale Community Centre, 73 Newcastle Street, Riversdale on Wednesday, 10 April 2024 at 7pm (7pm to 9.35pm).

PRESENT

Chairperson	Richard Clarkson
Deputy chairperson	Ray Dickson
Members	Chris Dillon
	Clarke Horrell
	Hilary Kelso
	Councillor Matt Wilson

ABSENT

Member	Grant McFelin
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IN ATTENDANCE

Group manager, customer and community wellbeing	Sam Marshall
Committee advisor/customer support partner	Deborah-Ann Smith-Harding
Community partnership leader	Kelly Tagg

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

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 Chairperson Clarkson, seconded Clarke Horrell **and resolved:**

That the Ardlussa Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2024 as a true and correct record of that meeting with the inclusion of the letter received from the Waikaia and District Progress League Inc. dated 20 November 2023 plus Mrs Tagg's reply thereto and to correct the Chair's report where Murray O'Connor was not undertaking to do the tree removal at Riversdale green waste but merely enquired about it.

6 Public participation

There was no public participation.

Reports

7.1 Financial Report for period ended 29 February 2024

Record No: R/24/3/24518

Mrs Tagg spoke to the financial report which included an overview of the current loans, financial contributions and reserve balances. Mrs Kelso enquired what happens with funds underspent for projects that have received better off funding as about \$2,000 was required for native planting at the pump track. Mrs Tagg replied that the reallocation of any funds will require approval.

Mrs Tagg will enquire if the underspent funds could go towards native planting at the pump track or for solar lighting for the Balfour playground.

Deputy chair Dickson asked for clarification around the tree contract work for Waikaia and mentioned that some trees had been removed locally. Mrs Kelso asked for the tree contract for Riversdale.

Resolution

Moved Clarke Horrell, seconded Deputy Chairperson Dickson **and resolved:**

That the Ardlussa Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Financial Report for period ended 29 February 2024".**

7.2 Riversdale lighting project - unbudgeted expenditure request

Record No: R/24/3/24062

Mrs Tagg asked the board to consider whether or not it wishes to recommend to Council that unbudgeted expenditure be approved to carry out a lighting improvement project around the Riversdale Community Centre.

It was noted that one quote had been received at the time of preparing the report but that staff would require three quotes before the project was able to proceed. The Riversdale Community Centre will invoice power costs to Southland District Council.

Resolution

Moved Chairperson Clarkson, seconded Hilary Kelso **and resolved:**

That the Ardlussa Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled "Riversdale lighting project - unbudgeted expenditure request".**
- 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 that unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$25,000 plus GST be approved for the lighting improvement project in Riversdale.**
- e) **Recommends to Council that the project be funded as follows;**
 - **\$8,321 from the Ardlussa community board general reserve,**

- **any operational underspends in 2023/2024;**
- **with the remainder to be funded by a 15-year loan repaid through the Ardlussa community board rate.**

7.3 Proposed Regional Climate Change Strategy consultation

Record No: R/24/3/22958

Councillor Wilson presented the Proposed Regional Climate Change Strategy for Murihiku Southland (Proposed Strategy) developed and endorsed by the four Southland councils (Environment Southland (ES), Gore District Council, Invercargill City Council and Southland District Council) and Te Ao Mārama Inc.

ES is coordinating public consultation on behalf of all parties and members of the public are asked to provide feedback on the Proposed Strategy's aspirations including a regional Net Zero goal by 2050, and to indicate which climate change impact they are most concerned about regarding the Proposed Strategy and/or Southland councils' responses to a changing climate to enable people and organisations that have provided feedback an opportunity to be heard in person.

Councillor Wilson stated the Council funds a program called "Enviro Schools" so this is an educational channel for these discussions and through the "lens of climate change" one may further mitigate risk and better protect Council assets and infrastructure. Councillor Wilson added the first phase is to agree to adopt, in principal, the aspirations set out and the second phase is to develop a regional strategic action plan for flood mitigation and gravel cartage for protecting infrastructure such as Tomogalak bridge, as one example.

Councillor Wilson stated the results of a survey of community concerns were foremost, the cost of living followed by housing and health and thirdly with climate change. In light of this, Councillor Wilson re-iterated that a submission from the board is recommended (as well as individual submissions) for the first phase to create an for example, protecting infrastructure such as Tomogalak bridge. Councillor Wilson confirmed there was no increase to rates for establishing this working group.

Mrs Tagg offered to supply the board with paper copies of the word document to address the aspirations as set out in the Proposed Strategy which are key in community conversations.

People can read the Proposed Regional Climate Change Strategy and provide feedback at www.es.govt.nz/climate-change-strategy. The consultation closes on 8 May 2024.

Resolution

Moved Deputy Chairperson Dickson, seconded Cr Wilson **and resolved:**

That the Ardlussa Community Board:

- a) receives the report titled "Proposed Regional Climate Change Strategy consultation".**

7.4 Community board reporting

Record No: R/24/3/23690

Mrs Tagg informed the board of the community leadership, operational and Council activities in the board area and across the district.

Updates for Better-off funding projects are as follows:

- the Waikaia Trails Trust received \$185,000 and is due the last \$15,000 on completion of stage two
- Balfour festive lights (\$12,000) is completed by Council
- Balfour basketball hoop and half court concrete pad (\$20,000 granted to Balfour Lions) is completed.

Mr Marshall informed the board of the opportunities with the Mayors Taskforce for jobs.

Mrs Tagg mentioned Fire and Emergency New Zealand is establishing a Local Advisory Committee (LAC) in Murihiku Southland and is currently seeking expressions of interest for committee members.

Mrs Tagg advised that a copy of the Murihiku Southland cycle tourism opportunity assessment document is available on Great South's website and Mrs Kelso advised that she had attended a stakeholder workshop as well.

Mrs Tagg reminded the board that the next funding round for the Community Partnership Fund closes on 31 August 2024.

The sale of land at 58 Kruger Street, Balfour was discussed and Mr Marshall discussed options for progressing the sale which would allow for the best outcomes for the community so as to satisfy the need for new land available for development and to prevent "land banking" to occur.

Resolution

Moved Hilary Kelso, seconded Deputy Chairperson Dickson **and resolved:**

That the Ardlussa Community Board:

- a) receives the report titled "Community board reporting" dated 4 April 2024.**

7.5 Councillor update

Record No: R/24/3/23059

Deputy Chair Dickson enquired whether forestry is to be expanded in Waikaia and Councillor Wilson undertook to follow up on this.

Councillor Wilson advised that the proposed 60km/hr change at Waikaia was not included in the SDC Speed Management Plan, however the 50km/hr extension for both bridges and

30km/hr for the school were. Council resolved for staff to “expedite” a separate consultation process for the additional proposal. Mrs Tagg advised this may include letterbox drops, social media with a survey box for paper responses at Waikaia store.

With regards to gravel consents operable within 10 meters, Councillor Wilson mentioned there is an opportunity to obtain a resource consent to use at Tomogalak bridge as a test case using the technical paper from Environment Southland and replicating for Mataura, as the district’s downstream neighbour, in collaboration with all affected parties to include Gore Council, Environment Southland and Southland District Council. Councillor Wilson will discuss this recommendation with the Mayor Rob Scott and Fran Mikulicic (Group manager infrastructure and capital delivery) as a way to protect Council’s infrastructure and the Chair endorsed this recommendation because the board wishes to start the process to expand the gravel extraction consent to 150 meters.

Resolution

Moved Deputy Chairperson Dickson, seconded Clarke Horrell **and resolved:**

That the Ardlussa Community Board:

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

7.6 Chairperson's report

Record No: R/24/3/23844

Mrs Tagg will investigate funding for the correction and erecting of a replacement “Sally the elephant” sign. Chair Clarkson will proceed with offers received from the group keen to tidy the bulbous kerbs in Riversdale.

Hilary Kelso:

Mrs Kelso, on behalf of the Waikaia Trails Trust, invites councillors and staff (after the Council meeting to be held in Waikaia on Wednesday 17 April 2024) to visit the pump track at Waikaia plus the Waikaia bike trail through the forest to address pest control and poaching.

Chair Clarkson suggested, if time permits, a visit to the gold mine and Piano Flat.

Ongoing issues:

- Mr Marshall asked for an extension beyond 10 April 2024 to devise a strategy for the sale of Kruger Street, Balfour
- Mrs Tagg to supply maps of vacant sections in Riversdale
- the need for speed reduction for the Waikaia trails trust cycle crossing
- the Riversdale recycling centre signage at Riversdale will be tidied by the end of June 2024.

Resolution

Moved Chairperson Clarkson, seconded Hilary Kelso **and resolved:**

That the Ardlussa Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled “Chairperson's report” dated 25 March 2024.**

7.7 Next meeting report

Record No: R/24/3/22764

Purpose

For the Board to confirm that their next meeting is at 6pm on Wednesday 12 June 2024 to be held at the Switzers Museum, 39 Blaydon Street, Waikaia.

Resolution

Moved Chairperson Clarkson, seconded Hilary Kelso **and resolved:**

That the Ardlussa Community Board:

- a) **confirms that the next meeting of the Board is at 6pm on Wednesday 12 June 2024 to be held at the Switzers Museum, 39 Blaydon Street, Waikaia.**

The meeting concluded at 9.35pm

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A
MEETING OF THE ARDLUSSA COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD ON

DATE: 12 June 2024

CHAIRPERSON:



5 April 2024

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Ardlussa Community Board

The Ardlussa Community Board considered your letter of 20 November 2023 at its last meeting and requested that a formal response be sent advising that your letter had been received.

Further to my email response to you last year, I can confirm that the street sweeping is scheduled to be carried out twice a year however, the cyclic maintenance truck is in the area every 6-8 weeks. So, if there are areas such as the bridge that require attention, they can be attended to at that time. If you have concerns about a particular area, entering a request for service (RFS) is still your best course of action.

With regards to your query about electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, Council does not install these stations around the District but rather they are installed by main service providers such as ChargeNet, Tesla and Meridian. Great South have advised they are finding that increasingly, businesses, airports, public buildings, motels and hotels are installing charging infrastructure, using their own equipment or in partnership with charging station providers. Up until recently, the installation of any new charging stations has been limited to main travel routes however, now BP and Z stations are also adding charging capacity. Additionally, Great South have advised that they are waiting to hear more about the government's commitment to 10,000 more EV charging stations and they are hoping to advocate for communities like Waikaia and others to be included in the programme.

In terms of a specific communication link with the board, they meet 10-11 times per year, usually on the second Wednesday of the month. The meetings are a combination of formal meetings with a set agenda and less formal workshops. Additionally, as you are aware, Ray Dickson and Clarke Horrell, who live in Waikaia and are members of the board, are also able to be contacted directly about any queries or concerns that you may have.

The meeting dates for the rest of the year are as follows;

Date	Venue	Time	Meeting type
10 April 2024	Riversdale Community Centre	7.00pm	Formal meeting
8 May 2024	Riversdale Community Centre	6.00pm	Workshop
12 June 2024	Switzers Museum, Waikaia	6.00pm	Formal meeting
10 July 2024	Riversdale Community Centre	6.00pm	Workshop
14 August 2024	Balfour Hall	6.00pm	Formal meeting
11 September 2024	Riversdale Community Centre	6.00pm	Workshop
9 October 2024	Riversdale Community Centre	7.00pm	Formal meeting
13 November 2024	Riversdale Community Centre	7.00pm	Workshop
11 December 2024	Switzers Museum, Waikaia	7.00pm	Formal meeting

The progress league is welcome to attend these meetings, we do just ask that you let us know in advance.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Tagg'.

Kelly Tagg
Community Partnership Leader

WAIKAIA DISTRICT

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20 November 2023 Ardlussa Community Board

At the November meeting of the Waikaia Districts Progress League, it was expressed that we would like a more specific communication link to the Ardlussa Community Board. As we are the voice for the area, we feel that it would be more productive if the Board knew more about the Waikaia Community concerns, issues and our wishlist regarding any expenditure in our area.

The following is what we discussed:

1. There is a street sign missing from the corner of Wylam & Blaydon Street.
2. During heavy rain, the area at the corner of Wylam & Blaydon Street excessively floods.
3. How often does the street sweeping get done? There is a lot of grit on the bridge that needs to be swept.
4. The footpath in front of the Lodge (Blaydon St) is very mossy and could do with a spray.
5. It has been indicated that the footpath in front of The Butcher Shop Gallery (Willington St) will be replaced - we feel this is unnecessary.
6. Does the Council have any plans to install EV charging stations anywhere within the district?
7. Is it possible to have a general overview of what improvements/replacements/upgrades the Council has on their agenda for Waikaia and is there any way to have comments on this?
8. The streetlights down the main street (Blaydon st) could be replaced by old fashioned coach lights.
9. There is a lack of public drinking water in the town - would it be possible to have a source available? Could it be in conjunction with the school drinking water?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Andrew Peter Dickson Chairperson

Waikaia Districts Progress League

pp Megan Horrell Secretary / Treasurer

Waikaia District Progress League