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# Northern Community Board

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of Northern Community Board held in the Lumsden Memorial Hall, 8 Meadow Street, Lumsden on Monday, 8 April 2024 at 6pm (6.02pm to 8.38pm).

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### PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Greg Tither
<b>Deputy chairperson</b>	Lance Hellewell
<b>Members</b>	Pam Naylor
	Amanda Reedy
	Carolyn Smith
	Sonya Taylor
	Councillor Tom O'Brien

### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Committee advisor/customer support partner</b>	Deborah-Ann Smith-Harding
<b>Community partnership leader</b>	Kelly Tagg
<b>Councillor</b>	Matt Wilson

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**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 Pam Naylor, seconded Amanda Reedy **and resolved:**

**That the Northern Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2024 as a true and correct record of that meeting.**

**6 Public participation**

Justin Reid, Maintenance Contract Manager at Waka Kotahi NZTA and Lauren Zweis, Contract manager at Southroads, addressed the board to raise awareness for road safety regards the high risk associated with wandering stock on the road in the district, and to phone "111" to report loose stock on the road. Mr Reid suggested such instances be managed immediately as lodged calls may have delayed responsive times. Mrs Tagg suggested the Council's communication team may wish to upload the video advertisement as was shown to the board.

**Reports**

**7.1 Financial Report for the period ended 29 February 2024**

**Record No: R/24/3/23496**

Mrs Tagg spoke to the report on projects for 2023/2024 and commented that the memorial seat project in Garston had been completed in the previous financial year and is to be taken out of the report. Mrs Tagg mentioned there were some remaining funds from the Flagtrax project and that it might be possible to use this to purchase an additional set of flags. The meeting agreed a cycling themed flag would be appropriate.

Noted, income was \$5,000 (2%) lower than projection due to government grants (Better off Funding) as related projects were completed lower than projected capital expenditure.

Operating expenses were \$35,000 (16%) less than projected due to timing of gardening maintenance and mowing invoices yet to be received.

Capital expenditure were \$192,000 (48%) less than projected due to multiple playground equipment renewals which are currently in progress and footpath projects which are due for completion by the end of this financial year (30 June 2024).

### **Resolution**

Moved Pam Naylor, seconded Carolyn Smith **and resolved:**

**That the Northern Community Board:**

- a) **Receives the report titled "Financial Report for the period ended 29 February 2024" dated 25 March 2024.**

## **7.2 Proposed Regional Climate Change Strategy consultation**

**Record No: R/24/3/22949**

Rochelle Francis, Climate change lead, joined the meeting via Zoom, and presented the Proposed Regional Climate Change Strategy for Murihiku Southland (Proposed Strategy) which has been 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.

Mrs Tagg offered to supply the board with an electronic copy of the submission form that the board could complete a submission if they so wished. The meeting was advised that individual submissions could also be made by board members.

Chair Tither asked how are young people being engaged in this process and whether this is being taught in schools? Councillor Wilson stated the Council funds "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 approach.

Deputy chair Hellewell asked of the potential increased cost to ratepayers. The board also discussed the benefits derived from having a centralised source of information and a simple two page summary on this subject.

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

**Resolution**

Moved Deputy Chairperson Hellewell, seconded Pam Naylor **and resolved:**

**That the Northern Community Board:**

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

**The meeting adjourned at 7.05pm.**

**The meeting re-convened at 7.30pm.**

**7.3 Community board reporting**

**Record No: R/24/3/23006**

Mrs Tagg informed the board of the community leadership, operational and Council activities in the board area and across the district. This included updates for Better-off funding projects, the official opening of Soper Street in Athol, updated signage panel for Garston information kiosk, Mayors Taskforce for jobs and recent community service award presentations around the district.

Mrs Tagg will provide the board with the link to the Murihiku Southland cycle tourism opportunity assessment document as it presented some positives for the board to consider.

Mrs Tagg to confirm the budgeted versus the actual year to date spend regards the equipment replacement for Lumsden’s playground.

With regards to the Mossburn toilet upgrade project, the opportunity exists to seek feedback from the community on potential design work for the toilets.

The next funding round for the Community Partnership Fund closes on 31 August 2024.

**Resolution**

Moved Deputy Chairperson Hellewell, seconded Pam Naylor **and resolved:**

**That the Northern Community Board:**

- a) **receives the report titled “Community board reporting” dated 27 March 2024.**

**7.4 Councillor update**

**Record No: R/24/3/23061**

Councillor O’Brien 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 O’Brien re-iterated that a submission from the board is recommended (as

well as individual submissions) and suggested to Council that the delivery of this consultation should be available in an easy to understand executive summary to allow for higher uptake by the community around this topic and that the ultimate test of success for consultation is the accessibility by the end user to this information.

### **Resolution**

Moved Carolyn Smith, seconded Amanda Reedy **and resolved:**

**That the Northern Community Board:**

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

## **7.5 Chairperson's report**

**Record No: R/24/3/23857**

### **Chair Tither**

Chair Tither attended the Chairs' meeting in Winton on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and discussed spatial planning for the Southland district townships. Councillor O'Brien advocated using Lumsden as a case study as there is a lack of infrastructure for projected growth and Councillor Wilson suggested using the Lidar as a base to work from.

Regards Council assets for spatial planning purposes, Deputy chair Hellewell asked whether, say, three towns could combine their sewerage discharge in a considered approach for the Long Term Plan looking ahead to the next 30 years.

### **Amanda Reedy**

Mrs Reedy noted a mention on social media about the sale of the abandoned squash court in Lumsden for non-payment of Council rates.

With the official opening of Lumsden's playground, Mrs Reedy suggested including the youth for their ideas around the design of the skate park and Mrs Tagg offered to check the budget to assess whether a half basketball court is feasible.

### **Sonja Taylor**

Mrs Taylor has been contacted by the property team about incorporating the Mossburn Community Facilities lease in with the lease for the pavilion and playing courts. The Trust will consider this issue at its next meeting and let the property team know of the outcome.

### **Pam Naylor**

Mrs Naylor advised the board of some recent vandalism that had happened to the “Welcome to Garston” signs . This has now been removed.

**Resolution**

Moved Sonya Taylor, seconded Pam Naylor **and resolved:**

**That the Northern Community Board:**

- a) **receives the report titled "Chairpersons report" dated 28 March 2024.**

**7.6 Next meeting**

**Record No: R/24/3/22771**

**Resolution**

Moved Pam Naylor, seconded Carolyn Smith **and resolved:**

**That the Northern Community Board:**

- a) **confirms that the next meeting of the Board is at 6pm on Monday 10 June 2024 to be held at the Mossburn Fire Station, 45 Devon Street, Mossburn.**

The meeting concluded at 8.38pm

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

**DATE:** 10 June 2024

**CHAIRPERSON:**

