



Northern Community Board

OPEN MINUTES (Unconfirmed)

Minutes of a meeting of Northern Community Board held in the Lumsden Memorial Hall, 8 Meadow Street, Lumsden on Monday, 14 April 2025 at 6pm (6.05pm to 7.20pm).

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

That the Northern Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

6 Public participation

There was no public participation.

Reports

7.1 Financial Report for the period ended 28 February 2025

Record No: R/25/3/12041

Community partnership leader - Kelly Tagg was in attendance for this item.

Mrs Tagg presented the financial results and supporting information for the local activities within the Northern Community Board area for the period ended 28 February 2025.

Board member Sonya Taylor asked for clarification about the balance of the Mossburn general reserve. Mrs Tagg advised that she would seek clarification on this.

Resolution

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

That the Northern Community Board:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Financial Report for the period ended 28 February 2025” dated 2 April 2025.**

7.2 Community board reporting

Record No: R/25/3/14200

Community partnership leader – Kelly Tagg informed the board of the community leadership, operational and Council activities in the board area and across the district and made mention of the following:

- a date for a community meeting for Around the Mountain Cycle Trail is to be advised
- any overgrown sections deemed a fire hazard is now to be reported directly to Fire and Emergency New Zealand
- Big Bike film night events are being held in Gore on Monday 12 May 2025 and 6.30pm at the Lumsden Senior Citizens rooms on Thursday 17 May 2025
- submissions will be open soon on “Local Water Done Well” Council residents and ratepayers are encouraged to submit on this important issue
- the Board requested an update from the roading department about the issues raised by concerned residents regarding Waterloo Road, Mossburn.

Resolution

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

That the Northern Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled “Community board reporting” dated 2 April 2025.**

7.3 Councillor update

Record No: R/25/4/14401

Councillor O’Brien was in attendance for this item.

Councillor O’Brien summarised a brief activity for Local Water Done Well with Council’s priorities, continuation of delivering required contractual deliverables, health and safety concerns including results for water consent compliance sampling. A summary for contract performances with Downers include the following:

- Manapouri water treatment plant – the changeover occurred in March 2025
- Manapouri waste water treatment plant – the pipeline is currently out to tender
- Balfour infiltration and inflow - stage two is completed
- Stewart Island/ Rakiura pond de-sludging – site care with earthworks done by April 2025
- Edendale Wyndham stormwater - contract to be procured in April 2025
- Lumsden stormwater – design options to be procured in May 2025
- Districtwide AC watermain and sewer renewals - Lumsden package underway and Eastern Bush to start in April 2025
- Districtwide waste water reticulation for Winton being procured in April 2025

- Riverton water treatment plant – Council is currently reviewing the engineers peer review on options.

Resolution

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

That the Northern Community Board:

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

7.4 Chairperson's report

Record No: R/25/4/14537

Chair Tither took the Board through his report.

Chair Tither mentioned the following:

- Carolyn Smith attended a meeting regarding the proposed Lumsden Museum upgrade and the Board were waiting on further information from staff with regards to planned repairs and maintenance works on the railway station building. There is \$50,000 in Better off funding available to develop an overall concept for the museum
- the information panels have been relocated to the side of the railway station after the old structure had been removed due to damage by a vehicle
- Deputy Chair and Chair attended the Chairs meeting in Winton where discussions were had about Southland District Council townships conducting Spatial Planning. More importantly, discussions focused on the future of water services (Drinking Water, Wastewater, Stormwater) and Council's two options that will be available to vote for, namely, Adjusted Status Quo or Water Services CCO. Mrs Tagg encouraged individual submissions as well as a Board submission
- governance training is to be held on Tuesday 15 April 2025 at 6pm at Lumsden Memorial Hall in the Supper Room. This is the first of five workshops being held about the district and is being facilitated by Southland Community Law with support from Council
- Chair Tither received a letter dated 14 April 2025 from the Lumsden Lions Club highlighting the fact that Lumsden turns 200 years in February 2026 and enlisted the Board's response for suggestions to organise a community-led event to commemorate the occasion. The Chair noted that the communications department had supplied pictures for the “Wyndham Story” and suggested Mrs Tagg could approach the department to produce something similar for Lumsden. Mayor Scott suggested incorporating historical reference books produced by Margaret Thompson to assist in this storytelling.

Pam Naylor

- Mrs Naylor had a successful meeting with Community partnership leader – Kelly Tagg and graphic artist Donna Hawkins to settle on the new graphics for the wrap artwork for Athol toilets
- mentioned an information sign/board could be put up at the Athol sale yards and noted the area was tidied up around the Anzac memorial in Athol

- stated the lawns for Garston Green had not been mowed for a month and Community partnership leader – Mrs Tagg to follow up with staff
- confirmed that she has retired from fulfilling the role of Justice of the Peace role (after serving eight years).

Carolyn Smith

- suggested the Board could support the idea to celebrate Lumsden's 200 years with exhibits in the Lumsden Memorial Hall with displays and events
- noted freedom campers erecting a clothes washing line. Chair Tither recommended extra signage with explicit instructions for what is and is not permitted for freedom camping.

Amanda Reedy

- attended meetings for the Catchment Group, Emergency services and the Northern Southland College playground
- queried whether the showers at the pool stay open during winter while the pool is closed. Chair Tither confirmed, yes, it is open for winter use which generates income and the bond payable for the (fob) key is available at the Four Square supermarket.

Resolution

Moved Deputy Chairperson Hellewell, seconded Amanda Reedy **and resolved:**

That the Northern Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled "Chairpersons report" dated 2 April 2025.**

7.5 Next meeting

Record No: R/25/4/15893

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 9 June 2025 to be held at the Mossburn Fire Station, 45 Devon Street, Mossburn.**

The meeting concluded at 7.20pm

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A
MEETING OF THE NORTHERN COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD ON MONDAY 14 APRIL 2025

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....