



Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board held in the Rakiura Museum Te Puka O Te Waka, 11 Main Road, Oban on Thursday, 10 April 2025 at 8.45am. (8.45am – 9.23am, 9.30am – 12.10pm (PE 9.37am – 9.55am, 10.25am – 11.24am))

PRESENT

Chairperson	Aaron Conner
Deputy chairperson	Aaron Joy (via video link)
Members	Mike Douglass Rakiura Herzhoff Daniel Meads Andrea Young Councillor Jon Spraggon

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee advisor	Kirsten Hicks
Community partnership leader	Karen Purdue
Group manager, customer and community	Sam Marshall
Manager, community facilities	Mark Day

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Leave of absence

Rakiura Herzhoff requested a leave of absence from June to September 2025.

Resolution

Moved Cr Jon Spraggon, seconded Daniel Meads **and resolved:**

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board accepts the application for leave of absence from Rakiura Herzhoff, for the period June – September 2025.

3 Conflict of interest

Rakiura Herzhoff declared a conflict of interest in item 7.6 Ulva Island wharf update, and abstained from discussion and voting.

4 Extraordinary/urgent items

There were no extraordinary/urgent items.

5 Confirmation of minutes

Resolution

Moved Cr Jon Spraggon, seconded Chairperson Aaron Conner **and resolved**

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2025 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/25/3/12884

Britt Matthias from the Department of Conservation was present to update the Board.

Britt updated board members on the following topics:

- The annual flock count has come in at 99 dotterels
- 94 sealion pups were tagged at Pegasus, up from 80 last year
- DOC has sealion signage prepared for Ulva Island, Lee Bay, Golden Bay and beaches close to the village
- Maintenance is currently being carried out at Murray River. This includes repair work, track re-route and swing bridge removal
- Maintenance is also underway at Pegasus, including maintenance of the historic tin mining site
- Recently compliance visits have been paid to the hunting blocks
- Hunting permit changes mean that individuals need their own permits. Changes are being made so that these can be booked and paid for online
- Parts of the Rakiura Track will be re-gravelled before Easter and plans are underway for North Arm to be re-gravelled before the end of 2026
- Dangerous trees have been removed from Port William and Ulva Island
- As at 1 April, 14 rats have been removed from Ulva Island

(During the update from Britt Mattias, Mike Douglass joined the meeting at 8.52am.)

Patrick Eschenmoser (Regional Lead, National Control Programme) told the board about the following:

- The planning for a predator free Rakiura is continuing
- Drop in sessions are currently underway at the Anglican Church
- Ongoing species monitoring is being undertaken. This will be useful when judging the effectiveness of poisoning
- Water monitoring will be undertaken by an independent agent.

Stuart Newton (Future Rakiura) spoke to the board about current activities.

- The group is planning a composting workshop in May, as part of continuing work relating to waste management, worm farms, green waste etc.
- There will be a community meeting on 28 May, at the Community Centre
- Rewire Aotearoa have been promoting the increased use of electricity instead of fossil fuels
- It was suggested that Future Rakiura might want to become involved in finding a solution for disposing of rubber tyres that have accumulated pre 1 March 2025.

(Andrea Young and Mike Douglass left the meeting to attend fire call out at 9.12am.)

Constable Stuart Newton (New Zealand Police) addressed the board.

Members noted the following:

- Some tickets have been issued for parking non-compliance but unfortunately these include incorrect fine amounts so recipients will be charged more than they are expecting. Generally compliance has been very good, although the one way street is being ignored by some. All the parking signs have been installed and the road markings will be done following the planned reseal. The board suggested they might need to put temporary markings in place at Watercress and Golden bay. Where Elgin Terrace meets the wharf is still a problematic area.
- Recently the WAJAX games were held at Traill Park. Those driving to the event were very good at avoiding illegal parking but this did mean many were parked on the roading reserve which caused damage to the grass

Resolution

Moved Cr Jon Spraggon, seconded Rakiura Herzhoff **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/25/3/12923

Community partnership leader Karen Purdue was in attendance for this report.

Matters drawn to the attention of the board included:

- SmartyGrants applications are underway
- Representation review
- Pecuniary advantage returns are now outstanding for some members
- Overgrown sections can be fire hazards. The approach to landowners can be made through FENZ
- Great South tourism report
- Work is about to start on Horseshoe Bay Road at Butterfield Beach
- The Golden Bay masterplan is awaiting comment by Te Ao Marama. Once this happens (potentially early June) it will return to the board before any further revision. It is a concept, not a detailed design.

(Chair Aaron Conner left the meeting at 9.23am to attend fire call out.)

The meeting paused due to lack of quorum.

(Andrea Young, Mike Douglass and Chair Aaron Conner returned to the meeting at 9.30am and the meeting resumed.)

- Water and Waste Manager - Grant Isaacs is to attend the next workshop, in particular to discuss soakage pits, greenwaste, and tyres.
- There is currently no funding allocated to Golden Bay wharf. The first priority is the track
- The mowing contract is currently going through the renewal process.

Resolution

Moved Mike Douglass, seconded Daniel Meads **and resolved:**

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) receives the report titled “Community board reporting” dated 27 March 2025.

7.6 Ulva Island wharf update

Record No: R/25/3/13387

Sam Marshall (Group manager, customer and community) was in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to provide for your information an update to the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board on progress associated with an upgrade of the Ulva Island Wharf.

Mr Marshall advised that his update would need to be taken in public excluded.

Public excluded

Exclusion of the public: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Resolution

Moved Cr Spraggon, seconded Mike Douglass **and resolved:**

That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

7.6 – Ulva Island wharf update

C8.1 Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board - applications to the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Fund 2025

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Ulva Island wharf update	s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.
Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board - applications to the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Fund 2025	s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage,	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of

	negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	information for which good reason for withholding exists.
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(The public were excluded at 9.37am.)

(The meeting returned to open at 9.55am.)

7.3 Councillor update

Record No: R/25/4/14399

Councillor Spraggon took the Board through the report which highlighted items that the Finance and Assurance Committee and Council had considered at their meetings from 29 January 2025 to 19 March 2025.

Points of discussion included:

- Te Anau airport
- speed limits
- bridge removals
- gravel roads
- Local Water Done Well – Mayor Scott would be coming to the island for public consultation meetings

The board noted that the reference on page 44 of the agenda to Golden Bay and Butterfield Beach carparks should actually be Golden Bay and Butterfield Beach walking tracks.

Resolution

Moved Cr Jon Spraggon, seconded Rakiura Herzhoff **and resolved:**

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

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

(The meeting returned to public excluded at 10.25am.)

(The meeting returned to open meeting at 11.24am.)

7.4 Financial Report for the period ended 28 February 2025

Record No: R/25/3/12040

Community partnership leader – Karen Purdue was in attendance for this item.

The financial report for the period ended 28 February 2025 were presented to the board advising of the financial results.

Members commented that the rental income from the staff house was considerably less than current market standards.

Resolution

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

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

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

7.5 SIESA PowerNet Monthly Report

Record No: R/25/3/9673

Community partnership leader – Karen Purdue was in attendance for this item.

The board were updated on PowerNet's monthly report for SIESA for November and December 2024, January and February 2025. The board commented that these templated reports do not appear to be updated regularly,

Resolution

Moved Daniel Meads, seconded Mike Douglass **and resolved:**

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

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

7.7 Chairperson's report

Record No: R/25/3/12020

Chairperson Aaron Conner discussed the following matters with board members:

- Energy – no major updates as we are waiting to hear the Government's response to the funding application. The next stage of the contract has been signed for panel location, installation and integration.
- Horseshoe Bay walkway – Road widening is due to start. Gravel has arrived for this work.
- Predator Free Rakiura – A specific meeting to discuss 1080 toxin has been held. Mike Douglass will be getting anti-deer bait so interested residents can run a trial. Some confusion over the effects on bee hives.
- Dog enforcement – GM Regulatory Services – Adrian Humphries has been asked to investigate whether the pound is operational.
- Speed bump removal – Strategic Manager Transport – Hartley Hare had been asked if especially the one closest to the Post Office on Elgin Terrace can be removed, now that the speed limit has been reduced.
- Stewart Island News (SIN) updates are to be done as a group effort in future.
- Reach mower – there is some doubt that this has been done the three times per year, as listed in the mowing contract.

Resolution

Moved Daniel Meads, seconded Cr Jon Spraggon **and resolved:**

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

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

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available unless released here.

The meeting concluded at 12.10pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A
MEETING OF THE STEWART ISLAND/RAKIURA
COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY 10 APRIL
2025

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....