



Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Level 2, 20 Don Street, Invercargill on Wednesday, 27 August 2025 at 10am. (10am – 10.01am, 1.22pm – 3.57pm (PE 1.32pm – 2.04pm))

PRESENT

Mayor	Rob Scott
Deputy mayor	Christine Menzies
Councillors	Jaspreet Boparai
	Don Byars
	Paul Duffy
	Darren Frazer
	Julie Keast
	Tom O'Brien
	Margie Ruddenklau
	Jon Spraggon
	Matt Wilson

APOLOGIES

Councillor Byars (early departure)
Councillor Derek Chamberlain
Councillor Darren Frazer (early departure)
Councillor Sarah Greaney
Councillor Jon Spraggon (early departure)

IN ATTENDANCE

Acting Chief executive	Vibhuti Chopra
Committee advisor	Fiona Dunlop

Mayor Scott opened the meeting at 10am with a karakia timatanga as follows:

Mā te whakarongo	Through listening
Mā te kōrero	Through talking
Mā te ngakau	From the heart
Mā te wairua	From the spirit
Mā te manaaki mai	Through giving
Mā te manaaki atu	And receiving respect
Ka puawai te maramatanga	Understanding will bloom
Tihei mauri ora	This is the essence of life

The meeting adjourned at 10.01am to reconvene at the conclusion of the Finance and Assurance Committee meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 1.22pm.

(Councillor Spraggon joined the meeting at 1.22pm.)

1 Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Greaney and Councillor Chamberlain (Council approved leave of absence).

There were also apologies for an early departure from Councillors Byars, Frazer and Spraggon.

Moved Cr Ruddenklau, seconded Cr Boparai and resolved:

That Council accept the 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 Council Minutes

Resolution

Moved Cr Ruddenklau, seconded Cr Spraggon and resolved:

That the Council confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 13 August 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

6 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Reports

7.9 Community facilities contract renewal update

Record No: R/25/6/29453

GM Customer and Community Wellbeing – Sam Marshall and Community Facilities Manager – Mark Day were in attendance for the item.

The purpose of the report was to update Council on the planned procurement process for the renewal of community facilities maintenance contracts across the district.

Resolution

Moved Cr Ruddenklau, seconded Cr Frazer and resolved:

That Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Community facilities contract renewal update”.**
- b) determines that this matter or decision be recognised 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) endorses the proposed procurement approach outlined in this report for the renewal of community facilities maintenance contracts.
- e) provides direction to staff on whether direct procurement may be considered in specific instances where contract values are under \$50,000, subject to market testing and community board support.

7.10 Budget carry forward requests from 2024/2025 financial year into the 2025/2026 financial year

Record No: R/25/8/37741

Finance Business Partner – Avneet Deo and Finance Business Partner Lead – Susan McNamara were in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to update Council of the projects and operational expenditure approved for delivery in the 2024/2025 year that were not completed by year end, and to seek approval from Council to carry forward the projects and budgets to the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 year.

Resolution

Moved Cr Ruddenklau, seconded Cr Frazer and resolved:

That Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Budget carry forward requests from 2024/2025 financial year into the 2025/2026 financial year”**
- 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) Approves the capital expenditure projects of \$3,092,805 below to be carried forward or (brought back from) the 2025/2026 financial year, to be funded from the sources as detailed in attachment A **(of the officer’s report)**.

Category/ activity	Project name	Amount (\$)
Community resources	District wide - library refurbishment	123,600
Community resources	Tuatapere Half Mile Road playground toilet	176,336
Community resources	Te Anau Lions Park toilet - refurbishment	431,607
Community resources	Athol toilet - renewal	3,476
Community resources	District wide - toilets renewal preparation	20,000
Community resources	District wide - toilets renewal construction	100,000
Community resources	Monkey Island - shelter area development (stage 2)	86,810
Community resources	Waikiwi yard - remove hedges and build new fences	38,513
Community resources	Te Anau recycling container relocation	25,302
Community resources	Balfour hall re-roofing	120,000
Community resources	Manapouri turbine sign	15,000
Community resources	Mossburn toilet renewal	330,520
Community resources	Purchase land to increase size of Riverton cemetery	225,836
Community resources	Purchase and relocation of Paua Shell	1,094

Community resources	Riverton estuary planting	20,000
Community resources	Walking track along Horseshoe Road to Butterfield Beach	58,200
Community resources	Te Anau Lions Park playground equipment renewal	164,829
Community resources	Tuatapere domain gate	5,819
Community resources	Tuatapere historic railway station	79,554
Community resources	Wallacetown recreational project	73,643
Community resources	Winton install CCTV	65,000
Community resources	Winton Great North Road development	20,000
Community resources	Woodlands interpretation panels	10,000
Community resources	Wyndham camping ground construction	3,058
Corporate services	Starlink - Stewart Island offices and pavilion	3,309
Sewerage	Stewart Island wastewater consent renewal	41,610
Stormwater	Te Anau stormwater upgrade	61,792
Transport	Improve Around the Mountain Cycle Trail experience (easements)	23,681
Transport	Around the Mountain Cycle Trail improvements	20,000
Transport	Edendale - speed feedback sign at Ferry Road	9,772
Transport	Wyndham - speed feedback sign at Ferry Road	9,772
Transport	Wyndham - speed feedback sign at Wyndham Road	9,772
Transport	Edendale - speed feedback sign at Seaward Road	9,772
Transport	Wyndham - speed feedback sign at Wyndham Letterbox Road	9,772
Transport	Manapouri - sealing of footpath opposite the church and shop on Waiau Street	9,800
Transport	Riverton Richard Street walking track	1,841
Transport	Golden Bay walkway investigation	73,714
Transport	Te Anau - construction of pedestrian facilities on Sandy Brown Road	95,431
Transport	Tokanui Niagara highway speed sign	(10,228)
Transport	Tokanui Gorge Road highway speed sign	(10,228)
Transport	Woodlands speed signs	(10,228)
Water supply	Manapouri water treatment plant - turbidity upgrade	30,288
Water supply	Mossburn water supply consent renewal preparation	26,477
Water supply	Te Anau rural water scheme audit inspections	192,628
Water supply	Te Anau rural water - Takitimu scheme	203,297
Water supply	Te Anau rural water - Takitimu consent renewal	50,086
Water supply	Tuatapere water supply ultraviolet system replacement	42,479

- e) Approves the capital expenditure multi-year projects of \$12,559,862 below to be carried forward or (brought back from) the 2025/2026 financial year, to be funded from the sources as detailed in attachment B **(of the officer's report)**.

Category/ activity	Project name	Amount (\$)
Community resources	Invercargill building replacement	319,400
Community resources	Nightcaps - development of McGregor Park	96,017
Community resources	Riverton Taramea Bay playground equipment replacement	276,398

Community resources	Riverton riparian planting	5,000
Community resources	Te Anau basin development	55,463
Community resources	Otautau war memorial replacement	13,863
Community resources	Camping ground in Otautau (Holt Park)	324,135
Sewerage	District wide - wastewater main reticulation network renewals	590,057
Sewerage	Manapouri wastewater treatment upgrade	858,447
Sewerage	Nightcaps wastewater treatment upgrade	189,824
Sewerage	Preparing consent renewal for Winton scheme	50,513
Sewerage	Inflow and infiltration investigation to sewer networks at various sites	250,000
Sewerage	Edendale/Wyndham wastewater plant consent renewal and upgrade	244,957
Stormwater	Wyndham stormwater replacement	1,018,314
Stormwater	Lumsden stormwater catchment investigation and improvement work	395,122
Transport	District wide - bridge programme 2024-2034	157,425
Transport	District wide-unsealed road renewal programme 2024-2034	256,089
Transport	District wide - resurfacing programme 2024-2034	(109,890)
Transport	District wide - drainage renewal programme 2024-2034-level of service	34,454
Transport	District wide - drainage renewal programme 2024-2034	588,439
Transport	District wide - pavement rehabilitation programme 2024-2034	2,711,352
Transport	District wide - structure component renewal programme 2024-2034	533,181
Transport	District wide - traffic services programme 2024-2034-level of service	107,410
Transport	District wide - traffic services programme 2024-2034	96,949
Transport	District wide - roading resilience programme 2024-2034	921,818
Transport	Riverton T wharf replacement	200,000
Transport	Ulva Island jetty rebuild	582,817
Transport	Runway surface	818,845
Water supply	Multi scheme AC water main reticulation pipe - early replacement of asbestos cement	804,903
Water supply	Ohai/Nightcaps Wairio water plant tank replacement	59,921
Water supply	Riverton new water treatment plant	56,889
Water supply	Mt York rural water consent renewal	51,750

- f) Approves the operational expenditure projects of \$1,560,215 below to be carried forward into the 2025/2026 financial year, to be funded from the sources as detailed in attachment C **(of the officer's report)**.

Category/ activity	Project name	Amount (\$)
Community resources	Acquisition of new cemetery management software	55,284
Community resources	Waikiwi yard options analysis	10,000
Community resources	Community housing - 56 Seaward Road repairs	27,112
Community resources	Solid waste- Otautau closed landfill protection works	1,080,200
Community resources	Balfour Kruger Street subdivision investigation	47,845

Community resources	Dipton repair or replace access foot bridge	10,000
Community resources	Manapouri hall exterior repaint	72,021
Community resources	Riverton harbour refurbishment	10,000
Community resources	Curio Bay reserve management plan	8,796
Community resources	Tuatapere library exterior repaints	20,000
Community resources	Otautau concept plan for new playground	8,250
Community resources	Winton RSA hall interior refurbishment	40,000
Community resources	Wyndham museum sale/demolition	100,911
Corporate services	District wide - ongoing digitisation	43,000
Transport	Stewart Island wharves - refurbishment Millers Beach	26,796

- g) Approves the operational expenditure multi-year projects of \$1,182,916 below to be carried forward into the 2025/2026 financial year, to be funded from the sources as detailed in attachment D.

Category/ activity	Project name	Amount (\$)
Corporate services	District wide - archives business case	100,000
Corporate services	District wide - core system replacement	757,814
Sewerage	Stewart Island wastewater oxidation pond desludging	325,102

- h) Approves the capital expenditure of \$108,858 below to be carried forward into the 2025/2026 financial year, to be funded from the sources as detailed in attachment E **(of the officer's report)**.

Category/ activity	Project name	Amount (\$)
Community resources	Book bus	10,973
Corporate services	Portable visual display boards	76,000
Transport	Halfmoon Bay wharf investigation	21,885

- i) Approves the operational expenditure of \$699,116 below to be carried forward into the 2025/2026 financial year, to be funded from the sources as detailed in attachment F **(of the officer's report)**.

Category/ Activity	Project Name	Amount (\$)
Community leadership	Southland local government structural opportunity	25,650
Community leadership	Milford opportunities project	34,269
Community leadership	Lumsden museum redevelopment	50,000
Community leadership	Doctors Square - better off funding	38,281
Community leadership	Legal costs for judicial review	18,227
Community leadership	Riverton RSA Thornbury memorial project	3,543
Community resources	Dipton tree and hedge	4,000
Community resources	Edendale Wyndham tree and hedge	5,720
Community resources	Garston tree and hedge	4,460
Community resources	Mossburn tree and hedge	3,094
Community resources	Ohai tree and hedge	5,207
Community resources	Orepuki tree and hedge	6,000
Community resources	Riverton tree and hedge	12,460

Community resources	Tuatapere tree and hedge	3,739
Community resources	Otautau tree and hedge	23,263
Community resources	Wallacetown tree and hedge	4,764
Community resources	Winton tree and hedge	12,178
Corporate services	Democracy and communication general projects	30,409
Corporate services	Internal audit programme	29,000
Corporate services	Stewart Island Rakiura renewable energy	65,726
Corporate services	Strategy and partnership general projects	154,000
Corporate services	Project delivery - better off funding	39,127
Environmental services	Building control general projects	100,000
Transport	Road Safety Southland general projects	26,000

- j) Approves the multi-year operational expenditure of \$988,059 below to be carried forward or (brought back from) the 2025/2026 financial year, to be funded from the sources as detailed in attachment G **(of the officer's report)**.

Category/ activity	Project name	Amount (\$)
Community leadership	Three waters and spatial planning	133,013
Environmental services	Resource planning plan changes	124,327
Environmental services	Future township spatial planning	107,364
Transport	Sealed pavement maintenance	(141,173)
Transport	Unsealed pavement maintenance	350,773
Transport	Routine drainage maintenance	(296,100)
Transport	Structures maintenance	272,979
Transport	Environmental maintenance	(62,764)
Transport	Traffic services maintenance	28,817
Transport	Level crossing maintenance	3,876
Transport	Network and asset management	229,060
Transport	Maintenance of the Lower Hollyford Road	84,227
Transport	Te Anau Airport Manapouri review stage 2	153,660

- k) Approves the vehicle renewals of \$862,500 below to be carried forward into the 2025/2026 financial year, to be funded from the sources as detailed in Attachment H **(of the officer's report)**.

Category/ activity	Project name	Amount (\$)
Corporate services	Replacement of 23 vehicles	1,150,000
Corporate services	Proceed from sale of 23 vehicles	(287,500)

- l) Approves the following budget of \$39,442 to be carried forward into the 2025/2026 financial year for an alternate use which are funded by grants. Attachment I **(of the officer's report)** provides details of the alternate use of the surplus budget.

Category/ activity	Project name	Amount (\$)
Community leadership	Stewart Island Rakiura community partnership fund	1,211
Community resources	Athol tennis court resurface	1,938
Community Resources	Colac Bay beach access steps	4,900
Community Resources	Nightcaps to Ohai railway walking track	2,761
Community Resources	Ryal Bush community centre re-roof	25,870
Corporate Services	McGregor park masterplan	2,761

- m) Approves the following budget of \$354,005 to be carried forward into the 2025/2026 financial year and used alternative projects. Attachment J (of the **officer's report**) provides details of alternate use and the source of fund.

Category/ Activity	Project Name	Amount (\$)
Community Resources	Structural planting of areas at Curio Bay, Slope Point and Colac Bay	38,314
Community Resources	Edendale recreation reserve playground equipment renewal	2,855
Community Resources	Te Anau Henry Street playground	12,519
Community Resources	District wide - toilets refurbishment of four toilets	146,478
Community Resources	Tuatapere community housing exterior repairs	66,915
Community Resources	Community housing interior repaints five units	20,011
Community Resources	District refuse close landfills	46,917
Transport	Waikaia additional streetlights	19,996

- n) Approves the expenditure of \$14,300 below to be included in the 2026/2027 Annual Plan, to be funded from the sources as detailed in attachment K (of the **officer's report**).

Category/ activity	Project name	Amount (\$)
Capital expenditure		
Community resources	Colac Bay Manuka Street playground - equipment replacement	5,150
Operational projects		
Community Resources	Tuatapere - concept design for Memorial park	9,150

- o) Approves reallocation of \$1,000,000 from the three year approved NZTA pavement rehabilitation programme to the resurfacing programme.

Public Excluded

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

Resolution

Moved Mayor Scott, seconded Cr Spraggon and resolved:

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

C8.1 Ulva Island wharf replacement

C8.2 Manapouri wastewater treatment plant and pipeline business case and unbudgeted expenditure request

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 replacement	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	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.
Manapouri wastewater treatment plant and pipeline business case and unbudgeted expenditure request	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.

The public were excluded at 1.32pm.

(Councillor Byars left the meeting at 2.04pm.)

The meeting return to open meeting at 2.04pm.

7.1 Draft Dog Control policy and bylaw review - deliberations

Record No: R/25/7/36424

Senior Policy Analyst – Ana Bremer and Team Leader Organisational Policy – Chris Rout were in attendance for the item.

The purpose of the report was to provide information to Council so it can deliberate and make decisions on matters raised through the consultation process for the draft Dog Control Policy and draft Dog Control Bylaw.

At a meeting on 22 February 2022 Council endorsed a statement of proposal, which included the draft policy and draft bylaw, for public consultation. Submissions were accepted between 12 May 2025 and 13 July 2025.

At a meeting on 30 July 2025, Councillors were given a copy of the 150 submissions that were received on the draft policy and bylaw and heard from 8 submitters.

Resolution

Moved Deputy Mayor Menzies, seconded Cr O'Brien recommendations a to h and a new I (as indicated) and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) receives the report titled **"Draft Dog Control policy and bylaw review - deliberations"**.
- b) determines that this matter or decision be recognised as 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) determines, pursuant to section 155(1) of the Local Government Act 2002, that a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the problem of dog control in the Southland District.
- e) considers the feedback received on the draft Dog Control policy and bylaw.
- f) agree Option 2 – that Council deliberate matters consulted on, to allow the draft dog control policy and dog control bylaw to progress to adoption. And that a subsequent amendment process will take place to further consider suggestions received through public consultation.
- g) For the matters consulted on, agree:
 - i. that Waikawa Curio Bay Road from the Cook Creek access to the beach, **southward, is classified as 'dogs on-leash'**
 - ii. the Council land between the campground and Ara Pahu subdivision is **classified as 'dogs prohibited'**
 - iii. **the Council land north of Mair Road is classified as 'dogs prohibited'**
 - iv. the area of Porpoise Bay beach from Cook Creek southward to the reserve area and out to the mean low water springs (shoreline) is classified as **'dogs prohibited'**
 - v. **the inclusion of the definitions for 'effective control' and 'public place'**
 - vi. **Te Anau Town Centre area, currently classified as 'dogs prohibited', is changed to 'dogs on lead'**

- vii. there is no change to the Wyndham dog exercise area.
- h) **agree the inclusion of the definition of 'working dogs' as per the Dog Control Act 1996** as suggested by public feedback.

New I agrees that appropriate signage be installed in relation to clause g.

(Councillor Ruddenklau left the meeting at 2.21pm.)

7.2 Local Alcohol Policy Review

Record No: R/25/7/36056

Senior Policy Analyst – Ana Bremer and Team Leader Organisational Policy – Chris Rout were in attendance for the item.

The purpose of the report was to provided Council a summary of the process for the review of the Local Alcohol Policy, together with analysis of key information to support proposed amendments to the current policy.

The report included the draft Local Alcohol Policy and draft Statement of Proposal for consideration.

Consultation would be open from 3 November 2025 to 12 December 2025. Hearings and deliberations are planned for February 2026, policy adopted by Council in March 2026 for an operative date of April or May 2026.

(During discussion, Councillor Ruddenklau returned to the meeting at 2.22pm.)

Resolution

Moved Cr Boparai, seconded Cr Duffy and resolved:

That Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Local Alcohol Policy Review”.**
- 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) consider the information included within the research report, together with associated documents provided in support of the draft Local Alcohol Policy.

- e) consider all feedback received during pre-engagement on the development of the draft Local Alcohol Policy.
- f) consider the draft Local Alcohol Policy and draft statement of proposal and suggest any amendments for staff to complete prior to public consultation
- g) approve the draft Statement of Proposal and draft Local Alcohol Policy for public consultation, on the basis any further amendments recommended by Council at this meeting will be made prior to the documents being made publicly available for consultation.

7.3 Great South Letter of Expectation 2026/2027

Record No: R/25/8/37977

Democracy Advisor – Michal Gray was in attendance for the item.

The purpose of the report was to present the draft Great South Letter of Expectation 2026/2027 to Council for approval.

Council noted that providing Great South with a Letter of Expectation is an early opportunity for Council as a shareholder to provide guidance to Great South in setting out its priorities and activities for the upcoming year through the Statement of Intent 2026/2027.

In the new triennium, Council will have another opportunity to review the priorities and activities of Great South when they provide feedback on the draft SOI 2026/2027. This feedback must be considered by Great South by 1 May 2026 and Great South must deliver the final SOI 2026/2027 to the shareholders by 15 June 2026.

(During discussion, Councillor Keast returned to the meeting at 2.32pm.)

Resolution

Moved Cr Wilson, seconded Cr Duffy recommendations a to c, d with an addition (as indicated), e and f and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Great South Letter of Expectation 2026/2027”.**
- 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) approves the draft Letter of Expectation 2026/2027 as contained in Attachment A of the **officer's** report to guide Great South in its preparation of the draft Statement of Intent 2026/2027 with the addition of – Southland District Council sees an avenue for Great South to support the Local Government Commission work around the future of local government in Southland if required.
- e) Notes that in the new triennium Council will have a further opportunity to review and provide feedback on Great **South's draft Statement of Intent 2026/2027.**
- f) Notes that the draft Letter of Expectation 2026/2027 includes funding for **regional development that was budgeted in Council's Long Term Plan 2024-2034.**

Councillor Boparai requested that her dissenting vote be recorded.

(Councillor Frazer left the meeting at 2.45pm.)

7.4 Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs retrospective unbudgeted expenditure

Record No: R/25/7/35305

Community Leadership Manager – Jared Cappie and GM Customer and Community Wellbeing – Sam Marshall was in attendance for the item.

The purpose of the report was to provide an update on the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Community Employment Programme and gain approval for unbudgeted expenditure of \$220,000 (plus GST) in 2025/2026 associated with participating in the programme. This is to be funded from a grant to be received from Local Government New Zealand.

Resolution

Moved Deputy Mayor Menzies, seconded Cr O'Brien and resolved:

That Council:

- a) **receives the report titled "Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs retrospective unbudgeted expenditure".**
- 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) Approves unbudgeted expenditure of \$220,000 for delivery of the Mayoral taskforce for jobs community employment programme, undertaken by Great South to be funded from a grant received from Local Government New Zealand.

7.5 Colac Bay surfer statue project - unbudgeted expenditure request

Record No: R/25/8/38163

Community Partnership Leader – **Stella O'Connor** and GM Customer and Community Wellbeing – Sam Marshall were in attendance for the item.

The purpose of the report was for Council to approve an unbudgeted expenditure of \$105,000 to increase the budget for the Colac Bay Surfer Statue Project to \$140,000.

Acknowledging that \$11,000 is to be funded from the Ōraka Aparima reserve and interest from the Riverton property sales reserve if required.

Council noted that the Colac Bay surfer statue project is located on Council land and was originally budgeted in the 2022/2023 Annual Plan for a \$35,000 refurbishment (funded from a loan). Following condition assessments and community consultation, the collective view emerged that the statue is beyond repair and must be replaced. The remaining budget for the project is approximately \$31,325.

The replacement project has evolved into a collaborative initiative between Council and the Colac Bay Progress League, who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment through a significant fundraising campaign. The total project cost is now estimated at \$140,000 and is proposed to be delivered in two stages being funded from various sources.

Resolution

Moved Cr Ruddenklau, seconded Cr Boparai and resolved:

That Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Colac Bay surfer statue 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) notes that the Colac Bay Progress League have requested that Council continue with the delivery and management of the project and acknowledge that they remain a key partner in the process.

- e) agrees to the undertaking of design work before confirmation of the balance of funding by the Colac Bay Progress League.
- f) approves unbudgeted expenditure of \$69,000 excluding GST for the completion of stage one of the Colac Bay surfer statue. To be funded from a donation of the Colac Bay Progress League of \$58,000 and the remainder from the Oraka Aparima Community Board reserve and interest from the Riverton Property Sales reserve, if required.
- g) approves unbudgeted expenditure for stage two of the Colac Bay surfer statue, totalling \$40,000 excluding GST to be fully funded by the Colac Bay Progress League, subject to confirmation that full funding has been secured.

7.6 Ohai Recreation Reserve - Te Oruanui Incorporated

Record No: R/25/8/37723

Senior Property Advisor – Megan Cowley GM Customer and Community Wellbeing – Sam Marshall were in attendance for the item.

The purpose of the report was to inform Council of the happenings at the Ohai recreation reserve and the Council owned building that is situated on this land.

Council were requested to approve the transfer of the Council owned building to Te Oruanui Incorporated and to enter into a land lease with this same entity.

The Wallace Takitimu Community Board, at its meeting on 7 August 2025, resolved to recommend to Council that the building be transferred to Te Oruanui Incorporated and a deed of lease for the land the building sits on, be entered into with Te Oruanui Incorporated. Both of which are contingent upon Te Oruanui Incorporated paying a portion of the outstanding service charges.

Council noted that the Marae building (ex-rugby club building) on the Ohai recreation reserve defaulted into Council ownership when Te Oruanui Incorporated ended their land lease as the entity was dissolved.

Te Oruanui Marae Ohai Incorporated is a new entity that was set up, currently occupies the Council owned building on the Ohai recreation reserve and has been paying the service charges since 1 July 2023.

Te Oruanui Marae Ohai Incorporated originally requested that Council consider entering into a new land lease with them and to transfer the building to Te Oruanui Marae Ohai Incorporated. However, Te Oruanui Marae Ohai Incorporated has now arranged for the re-registering of Te Oruanui Incorporated. This over time will dissolve the current entity.

Resolution

Moved Cr Ruddenklau, seconded Deputy Mayor Menzies and resolved:

That Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Ohai Recreation Reserve - Te Oruanui Incorporated”.**

- 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) acknowledges the recommendation of the Wallace Takitimu Community Board and resolves that the ex-marae building located on the Ohai Recreation Reserve is transferred back to Te Oruanui Incorporated for \$1.00.
- e) delegates to the chief executive, the authority to execute any documents to achieve the transfer of the ex-marae building located on the Ohai Recreation Reserve.
- f) notes that the transfer is contingent on Te Oruanui Incorporated agreeing to pay \$6,540.38 in outstanding service charges.
- g) approves unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$2,000 plus GST to cover the legal costs and disbursements for the transfer of ownership of the Marae building back to Te Oruanui Incorporated, to be funded from the Ohai general reserve.

7.7 Spatial Plan Update - August 2025

Record No: R/25/7/35912

Intermediate Policy Analyst – Theresa Cavanagh was in attendance for the item.

The purpose of the report was to provide an update on the progression of the Spatial Plan project.

It was noted that the Rakiura / Stewart Island Community Spatial Plan is underway and the **Aparima & Ōraka / Riverton & Colac Bay Community Spatial Plan** are currently under discussion with the **Ōraka Aparima Community Board**.

(During discussion, Councillor Spraggon left the meeting at 3.17pm.)

Resolution

Moved Mayor Scott, seconded Deputy Mayor Menzies and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Spatial Plan Update - August 2025”.**

7.8 Management report August 2025

Record No: R/25/3/13461

Acting Chief Executive – Vibhuti Chopra was in attendance for the item and took the meeting through the management report.

The relevant staff for the business units being reported on were in attendance to answer questions.

(During discussion, Councillor Duffy left the meeting at 3.40pm and returned at 3.42pm.)

Resolution

Moved Mayor Scott, seconded Deputy Mayor Menzies and resolved:

That Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Management report August 2025”.**

7.11 Mayor's report

Record No: R/25/8/38589

Mayor Scott updated on the many events/meetings that he had been involved with during June to mid-August 2025.

Councillor Ruddenklau advised the new exhibition at Te Hikoi would be officially opened on Friday 29 August 2025.

Councillor Duffy advised that he had recently been invited to attend PolyFest. The Waihopai Toetoe Community Board had granted PolyFest funding from the Community Partnership Fund.

Councillor Keast advised that she had attended the Invercargill Citizens Advice Bureau AGM as part of her role as the Southland District Council representative.

Resolution

Moved Mayor Scott, seconded Cr Boparai and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Mayor'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 closed with a karakia whakamutunga as follows:

Kia hora te marino
Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana
Hei huarahi mā tātou i te rangi nei
Aroha atu, aroha mai
Tātou i a tātou katoa
Hui e! Tāiki e!

May peace be widespread
May the sea be like greenstone
A pathway for us all this day
Let us show respect for each other
For one another
Bind us all together!

The meeting concluded at 3.57pm.

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CHAIRPERSON:

