



Oraka Aparima Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Oraka Aparima Community Board held in the Riverton Senior Citizens Room, Corner Bath Road and Princess Street, Riverton on Tuesday, 12 August 2025 at 6.30pm.
(6.38pm – 8.24pm)

PRESENT

Chairperson	Michael Weusten
Deputy chairperson	Neil Linscott
Members	Emma Gould
	Troy Holiday
	Eve Welch
	Councillor Don Byars

APOLOGIES

IN ATTENDANCE

Community partnership leader	Stella O'Connor
Committee advisor	Rachael Poole
Mayor	Rob Scott
GM customer and community wellbeing	Sam Marshall

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 Eve Welch, seconded Deputy chairperson Linscott **and resolved:**

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

6 Public participation

James Jubb spoke to the board on behalf of the Aparima Trails Trust and shared their proposal (attached) for the Taramea Trail.

Sandy Gillett spoke about developing and Asher and Dasher track on Moores Reserves to recognise Dave and Dawn Asher. (attached)

Carole Elder gave an update on the fundraising for the Colac Bay Surfer Statue, currently they have a lotto number raffle happening and have a number of ideas for their next round of fundraising.

Reports

7.1 Colac Bay surfer statue project - unbudgeted expenditure request

Record No: R/25/6/29807

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor presented this report and asked the Ōraka Aparima Community Board to consider recommending to Council the approval of 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.

Resolution

Moved Chairperson Weusten, seconded Deputy chairperson Linscott **and resolved:**

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

- 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) **recommend to Council that it 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) **recommend to Council that it 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.**

7.2 Project scope approval Taramea Bay playground stage two

Record No: R/25/7/33424

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor presented this report and was seeking formal approval from the Oraka Aparima Community Board for the final scope of works for stage two of the Taramea Bay development, following a comprehensive community engagement process and workshop sessions with the board

A robust engagement process was undertaken between January and July 2025, including surveys, workshops, and onsite visits. The draft scope has been reviewed and refined with input from the board and community stakeholders. Final approval will enable procurement to proceed.

As part of the scoping the Board have asked for safety around the pedestrian crossing is investigated.

Resolution

Moved Eve Welch, seconded Troy Holiday **and resolved:**

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) receives the report titled "Project scope approval Taramea Bay playground stage two".**
- 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) approve project scope for Taramea Bay playground stage two.**
- e) recommends that increased safety and lighting of the pedestrian crossing, inclusion of a "Ninja Warrior" style course and BBQ placements are considered as part of this project.**

7.3 Oraka Aparima Community Board submission on Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy Review 2025

Record No: R/25/7/34042

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor spoke to this report, which was to ratify the submission that was lodged on behalf of the board. The board had previously discussed the information that they wanted to be included in the submission via email.

Resolution

Moved Chairperson Weusten, seconded Troy Holiday **and resolved:**

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) receives the report titled "Oraka Aparima Community Board submission on Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy Review 2025".**
- b) ratifies the submission on the Dog Control Bylaw and Dog Control Policy Review 2025 (included with this report as Attachment A) that was lodged with Council on 14 July 2025.**

7.4 Roding bylaw, policy and policy procedures' review

Record No: R/25/7/35877

Community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor spoke to this report and explained that this was an opportunity for the board to give feedback on the roading documents which will assist staff to identify issues and propose options for Council before undertaking public consultation.

The board will request that staff attend a workshop in September so they can have a better understanding of what is permitted for each of the bylaw and policies being reviewed prior to giving any feedback.

Resolution

Moved Troy Holiday, seconded Cr Byars **and resolved:**

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) receives the report titled "Roding bylaw, policy and policy procedures' 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) request that staff attend a workshop in September prior to the board providing feedback for the review of the Roding Bylaw 2008 (Revision 3 2024), Roding Policy 2008 (Revision 1 2015) and Roding Policy Procedures 2008 (Revision 1 2015).**

7.5 Community board reporting

Record No: R/25/7/35206

Community partnership leader, Stella O'Connor spoke to this report and informed the board of the community leadership, operational and Council activities in the board area and across the district:

- still waiting on a response from Waka Kotahi in reply to the letter that was sent in regards to the footpath by the bridge
- shared walking signage has been installed on the bridge by Waka Kotahi
- staff have given proofs for the World War II plaques at Thornbury to Annette Horrell

Resolution

Moved Deputy chairperson Linscott, seconded Eve Welch **and resolved:**

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled "Community board reporting".**

7.6 Chairperson's report

Record No: R/25/7/35857

Chair Weusten spoke to this report and shared that as a Board there was a great amount of work completed over the last three years and thanked them for their hard work and commitment to their communities. Chair Weusten also thanked staff for their assistance and time over the triennium.

Chair Weusten invited Mayor Scott to say a few word. Mayor Scott commented that it is great to see the public attending the Bord meetings and he hopes that that will continue.

Mayor Scott thanked the Board for their commitment to the community board role and stated that Community boards are Council's biggest asset and the community to Council connection is invaluable and it has been great to see the board's passion for their area and their inclusiveness of their communities with their board area.

Resolution

Moved Chairperson Weusten, seconded Deputy chairperson Linscott **and resolved:**

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

- a) **receives the report titled "Chairperson's report"**
- b) **requests clarification on the developer and financial contributions for developments and what is classified as a development through a workshop with staff in September 2025.**

7.7 Councillor update

Record No: R/25/7/36101

Councillor Byars spoke to this report and thanked Chair Weusten for his work as Chair of the Board. Councillor Byars also spoke about the pre election report showing projects that are happening in the Oraka Aparima Community that the board are not aware of (explained that the report pulls the projects from the Long Term Plan) and that the Inhouse water model was a well rounded process and a good result.

The Board gave thanks to Cr Byars for his role as Councillor.

Resolution

Moved Cr Byars, seconded Troy Holiday **and resolved:**

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

a) receives the report titled "Councillor update".

7.8 Valedictory speeches

Record No: R/25/7/30982

Chair Weusten invited Eve Welch to say a few words as she is not res-standing in the upcoming election.

Ms Welch said thank you and that a lot of good work has been completed over the last three years. Local government is a curious beast, Oraka Aparima is a great community to be a part of and thanked staff, special mention to Mark Day.

Resolution

Moved Eve Welch, seconded Cr Byars **and resolved:**

That the Oraka Aparima Community Board:

a) receives the report titled "Valedictory speeches".

b) thanks Eve Welch for the service she gave to the Oraka Aparima community.

The meeting concluded at 8.24pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record of a meeting of the Oraka Aparima Community Board held on 12 August 2025.

DATE: 9 September 2025

CHAIRPERSON:



Attachments – Public Participation

Taramea Bay Coastal Trail

Connecting our community and creating visitor attractions

An Aparima Riverton Trails Trust initiative



Introduction

The Aparima Riverton Trails Trust (ARTT) was formed in late 2024 to provide a network of off-road trails in the Riverton Aparima region. Initial plans include looking to enhance and connect existing trail networks from Te Hikoi to Taramea Bay with the potential in future to continue along the South Coast to capture the beauty of our area. Also to connect our existing assets and provide further recreational opportunities for locals, and tourist alike. In addition to the proposed Taramea Bay Coastal Trail, our plans include the creation of a 5km loop trail around the township with extensions to Te Wai Korari and Templeton's Flax Mill Museum.

Taramea Bay Coastal Trail Stage One

Providing a safe and enjoyable trail network is the primary goal of the ARTT. The existing trail connecting the community from the town side of the bridge to the Taramea Bay playground and proposed pump track is in need of finishing and upgrading in order to provide a corridor off the road for our community and visitors to travel safely between the two zones. The infrastructure is 70% complete, it just needs a couple of areas connected and the current trail surface upgraded to make it more bike and pushchair/wheelchair friendly.

The areas that need track upgrades are from Howells Memorial Park past the Coastguard and through to Pilot Reserve. A down ramp is required to replace the existing steps, so that the trail continues through to Taramea Bay playground. This trail would only require a new top layer of finer gravel to bring it up to cycle trail status. We have met with Mark Day the Community Facilities Manager at SDC and he is very supportive of our ideas.

The other area in question is the creation of a footpath on the roadside verge of the one way section of Towack Street. This is to link the existing footpath on Bay Road from the bridge to the new part of the trail at Howells Memorial Park to be created. The road verge to the estuary side of the road as per photos below has scope to create a footpath with minimal infrastructure required. One section would require a retaining wall with the remaining requiring resurfacing.

This trail would provide not only a safe but a picturesque link to the new playground and potentially to Howells Point. It would be a fantastic attraction for locals and visitors to get out and explore the area. A great link to our current points of historical interest with interpretation panels erected and council waterfront infrastructure assets.



Coastguard trail



Pilot Reserve



Taramea Bay Trail



Towack st entrance



Towack st



Howell's Memorial Park



Proposed Taramea Bay Coastal trail



Towack St road current road verge

Taramea Bay Coastal Trail Stage Two

The goal would be to continue the trail created in stage one all the way to the cattle stop at Howells Point using existing trails on parks and reserve land and the addition of tracks on the beach side of the road verge to link the existing trails together into one trail from Te Hikoī to Howells point.

What we are requesting from the Oraka Aparima Community Board

ARTT is seeking an agreement in principle of support from the Oraka Aparima Community board to facilitate the trail upgrade for stage one. Funding could potentially come through current trail maintenance funds for existing trail upgrade with additional funds to complete the new infrastructure required from other streams. Further funding for stage two could be sought through the next LTP submissions in 2026. We have the support from the SDC Roding Team to assist in the design of the footpath on Towack St highlighted in the map included.

We at ARTT see this as a great start to show the local community and visitors a stunning part of our Riverton coastline. The Taramea Bay Coastal Trail will connect our community to council assets and showcase our rich history through interpretation panels in areas of significance. The main benefit is to get people out enjoying the outdoors and getting active in a positive way.

10.8.25

Proposed Asher's (or D.Asher's) track

My name is Sandy Gillett and I am on the Projects committee for Riverton Lions.

Firstly, I'd like to thank the Riverton Community Board for allowing me to speak at your meeting tonight, so I can tell you about our proposal to create some new tracks at the bottom of Mores Reserve. All Council owned land as far as I know. Will check this.

2 years ago my son (now 13) suggested it would be a good idea to make Asher's (or D. Ashers) tracks at the bottom of Mores Reserve, as recognition for all the time and effort Dawn and especially Dave have spent in the area.

Leasing Ashers farm up Richard street we see many people walking and cycling up and down the road to and from Mores Reserve, along with many vehicles. It is a relatively narrow road with several "blind corners".

I see a neat opportunity to create 1 to 4 short tracks. From where the bush starts by the Pound, I'd like a Mountain bike and probably separate walking track either side of Richard street in the bush. The East side looks to be only about 100m up to Kings Track and the west side maybe 300m up to the toilets / car park.

There is already an "unofficial track" either side of Richard Street used by some locals, Pest Busters and Dawn. The bush is not too dense, no really big trees in the way, no major water ways and the terrain looks fun but not too steep for the tracks I envisage.

I have talked to Riverton Lions (Projects committee and Directors), Don (Riverton Pest Busters), Roger Baily (Local cycle trail advocate), Troy Holiday (local Mountain bike Enthusiast), Dawn Asher (Inspiration, local), Dave Howard (Southern Land Development, Bluff Mountain bike park), Llyne and Bill Grove (Aparima School Teacher and Dr respectively) and others. I have had 100% support for the tracks, however one person was concerned it may increase vehicles on an already busy road. Some just like the idea, others want to know when help is needed to "make it happen"

I have walked and enjoyed the Mores Reserve tracks myself and with friends and family. I have also enjoyed the Mountain bike trails at Sandy Point and the Mountain bike park at Bluff, where I was particularly impressed with the signage and variety of trails to suit different skill levels and challenge. I am not great on a bike or at navigation and found the signs very helpful so I could challenge myself without getting snookered.

I see this as a separate project to the proposed "high grade cycle and walking trails" planned near the Riverton township on gentler ground. Roger Baily was kind enough to discuss these briefly with me. Both have their own merit and an overlap of the "great outdoors interest and health benefits"

Any question's and suggestions are welcome,
Thank you all for listening, and I look forward to hearing your views.
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