



# Minutes

## Southland District Council

Wednesday, 26 November 2025, 10am  
Te Anau Club, Pop Andrew Drive, Te Anau

### PRESENT

Mayor	Rob Scott
Deputy mayor	Christine Menzies
Councillors	Jaspreet Boparai
	Don Byars
	Phil Dobson
	Paul Duffy
	Sarah Greaney
	Julie Keast
	Brian Somerville
	Jon Spraggon
	Michael Weusten
	Matt Wilson

### APOLOGIES

Councillor Tom O'Brien

### IN ATTENDANCE

Committee advisor	Fiona Dunlop
Chief executive	Cameron McIntosh

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1 Opening

The Mayor opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 Apologies

There were apologies from Councillor O'Brien.

Resolved

Moved Cr Boparai/Cr Weusten

That Council receive the apologies from Councillor O'Brien.

Carried

3 Leave of absence

Councillor Dobson advised of a leave of absence request for 8 - 12 December 2025

Resolved

Moved Mayor Scott/Cr Spraggon

That Council agree to the leave of absence request from Councillor Dobson of 8 – 12 December 2025

Carried

4 Conflict of interest

Councillor Dobson declared an interest in item 8.2 - District initiatives fund allocations - September 2025 funding round application 9 - Multi-purpose Turf Central Southland and would take part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Keast declared an interest in item 8.2 - District initiatives fund allocations - September 2025 funding round – application 5 – Citizens Advice Bureau and would take part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Greaney declared an interest in the public excluded item 9.2 - 'Te Anau Manapouri RFP process and rationale and would take part in discussion and voting.

5 Additional agenda items

There were no additional agenda items.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved

Moved Cr Somerville/Cr Dobson

That the Council confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

7 Public participation

There was no public participation.

Reports

8.1 Sport NZ rural travel fund allocations - September 2025 funding round

Record No: R/25/11/54059

Report presented by Community liaison officer, Kathryn Cowie.

The purpose of the report was for Council to allocate funding for the September 2025 round of the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund.

Resolved

Moved Cr Greaney/Cr Spraggon

That Council:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) notes that the matter or decision in this report is assessed as being of some importance based on Council's Significance and Engagement Policy and therefore is not significant. The assessed level of significance indicates that the community is kept informed of the decisions made in this report, rather than engaged prior to this decision being made.
- 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) Receives applications from the following:
  - Netball Fiordland
  - Fiordland Hockey Club
  - Winton Swimming Club

- Te Anau Cricket Club
- Menzies College
- Fiordland Swimming Club
- Te Anau Tennis Club

e) Approves the allocation of funds for the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund as follows:

1	Netball Fiordland	\$1,200
2	Fiordland Hockey Club	\$1,000
3	Winton Swimming Club	\$1,000
4	Te Anau Cricket Club	\$1,000
5	Menzies College	\$1,000
6	Fiordland Swimming Club	\$800
7	Te Anau Tennis Club	\$500

Carried

## 8.2 District initiatives fund allocations - September 2025 funding round

Record No: R/25/11/54647

Report presented by Community liaison officer, Kathryn Cowie.

The purpose of the report was for Council to allocate funding for the September 2025 funding round of the District Initiatives Fund.

Resolved

Moved Cr Spraggon/Cr Dobson

That Council:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) notes that the matter or decision in this report is assessed as being of some importance based on Southland District Council's Significance and Engagement Policy and therefore is not significant. The assessed level of significance indicates that the community is kept informed of the decisions made in this report, rather than engaged prior to this decision being made.
- 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) Receives applications from the following:
  1. Loss & Grief Support Trust

2. Te Araroa Trail
3. Fiordland Marine SAR
4. Waikaia Trails Trust
5. Citizens Advice Bureau Invercargill
6. Southern Cancer Society
7. Parent to Parent
8. Northern Southland Community Resource Centre Charitable Trust
9. Multi-purpose Turf Central Southland
10. Royal NZ Plunket Trust
11. Life Education Trust

e) Approves the allocation of funds from the District Initiatives Fund as follows:

1	Loss & Grief Support Trust	<b>\$7,500</b>
2	Te Araroa Trail	\$3,000
3	Fiordland Marine SAR	\$3,000
4	Waikaia Trails Trust	\$4,000
5	Citizens Advice Bureau	\$5,000
6	Southern Cancer Society	<b>\$0</b>
7	Parent to Parent	\$4,000
8	Northern Southland Community Resource Centre Charitable Trust	\$4,000
9	Multi-purpose turf Central Southland	\$3,000
10	Royal NZ Plunket Trust	<b>\$0</b>
11	Life Education Trust	\$4,000

Carried

Staff recommendations were moved with changes as **indicated**.

Public excluded

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

Resolved

Moved Mayor Scott/Cr Greaney

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

9.1 Southland Regional Heritage Committee

9.2 Te Anau Manapouri RFP process and rationale

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
Southland Regional Heritage Committee	s7(2)(g) - maintain legal professional privilege.  The report references legal advice obtained in relation to this matter, and previous advice provided in a public excluded report that has not yet been released.	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.
Te Anau Manapouri RFP process and rationale	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.  It will not be released until all commercial sensitivity has passed.	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.

Carried

Councillor Byars requested that his dissenting vote be recorded.

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The meeting went into public excluded at 10.51am.

(Councillor Byars left the meeting at 11.08am and returned at 11.11am.)

The meeting adjourned at 11.20am.

The meeting reconvened at 11.52am.

The meeting closed at 12noon.

Confirmed on:

Signed: