



# Minutes

## Fiordland Community Board

23 February 2026, 1.02pm.

Fiordland Community Events Centre, Supper Room, 20/22 Luxmore Drive, Te Anau

### PRESENT

Deputy chairperson	Julie Burgess
Members	Marilyn Hunter
	Nick Robertson
	Luke Thomas
	Monique Van Rensburg
Councillor	Sarah Greaney

### APOLOGIES

Diane Holmes

### IN ATTENDANCE

Community partnership leader	Stella O'Connor
Committee advisor	Rachael Poole

1 Opening

The deputy chairperson opened the meeting.

2 Apologies

Recommendation

There were no apologies.

3 Leave of absence

Resolved

Moved Cr Sarah Greaney/Luke Thomas

That the request for leave of absence from Diane Holmes (17 February to 31 March) is approved.

Carried

4 Conflict of interest

Item 8.5 Community partnership fund applications – January 2026 funding round had the following conflict of interest declared and stated they would not vote on the respective applications for funding.

- Marilyn Hunter – Fiordland Women’s Club (member)
- Monique Van Rensburg – Coffee group (member)
- Sarah Greaney – Te Anau Ukulele Group (sponsor), Fiordland Women’s Club (host) and Te Anau Football Club (sponsor).

5 Additional Agenda items

There were no additional agenda items.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved

Moved Luke Thomas/Nick Robertson

That the Fiordland Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

7 Public participation

Alyssa Harrington from Kidney Health NZ spoke to the board on their application to the Community Partnership Fund for community testing in Te Anau.

Jackie Knowles from Te Anau Ukulele Festival spoke to the board on their application to the Community Partnership Fund for their bi-annual festival.

The meeting adjourned at 1.28pm and recommenced at 1.31pm.

Reports

8.1 Te Anau Airport Manapouri Update - January 2026

Record No: R/26/2/5430

Report presented by Councillor Sarah Greaney

A copy of the latest Te Anau Airport Manapouri newsletter, created by Great South, was attached as an update.

Resolved

Moved Cr Sarah Greaney/Marilyn Hunter

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

8.2 Councillor update

Record No: R/26/1/3001

Report presented by Councillor Sarah Greaney.

This report is to provide the community board an overview of the matters that have been considered at Council and Finance and Assurance Committee meetings from 13 November 2025 to 28 January 2026.

Cr Greaney gave the board an overview of Council's risk management profile, which risks are increasing, stabilising and decreasing.

Resolved

Moved Cr Sarah Greaney/Monique Van Rensburg

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

Item 8.5 was brought forward in the agenda.

8.5 Community partnership fund applications - January 2026 funding round

Record No: R/26/2/4392

Report presented by community liaison officer, Gordon Crombie

The purpose of this report is for the Fiordland Community Board to allocate funding for the January 2026 round of the Fiordland Community Partnership Fund.

Resolved

Moved Luke Thomas/Nick Robertson

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) notes that the matter or decision in this report is assessed as administrative based on Council's Significance and Engagement Policy and is therefore 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. Fiordland Community Garden Charitable Trust
  2. Big Bay Awarua Conservation Trust
  3. Te Anau Ukulele Festival Charitable Trust
  4. Fiordland Womens' Club
  5. Mararoa Dog Trial Club
  6. Kidney Health New Zealand
  7. Fiordland Land Search and Rescue
  8. Te Anau Clay Target Club
  9. Te Anau Football Club
  10. Fiordland College Board of Trustees
  11. Waitutu Incorporation
- e) Declines a grant of \$1,400 to Fiordland Community Garden Charitable Trust to assist with the cost of garden/sustainability workshops.
- f) Declines a grant of \$5,000 to Big Bay Awarua Conservation Trust to assist with the costs of ecosystem restoration at Te Hokiauau/Big Bay.

- g) Approves a grant of \$5,000 to Te Anau Ukulele Festival Charitable trust to assist with the costs of the 2026 festival.
- h) Approves a grant of \$1,000 to Fiordland Womens' Club to assist with the costs of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.
- i) Approves a grant of \$4,000 to Mararoa Dog Trial Club to assist with costs of upgrading club facilities to cater for hosting the South Island Championships and other events.
- j) Approves a grant of \$3,000 to Kidney Health New Zealand to assist with costs of facilitating a two day kidney testing programme in Te Anau.
- k) Approves a grant of \$632.50 to Fiordland Land Search and Rescue to assist with the costs of an aviation radio necessary for safe drone operations.
- l) Declines a grant of \$5,000 to Te Anau Clay Target Club to assist with the costs of hosting the Sporting Nationals in 2027, and asks them to reapply during the May 2026 round.
- m) Approves a grant of \$1,500 to Te Anau Football Club to assist with the costs of football equipment.
- n) Approves a grant of \$1,500 to Fiordland College Board of Trustees – Fiordland College Netball 'A' team to assist with the costs of participating in the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament.
- o) Declines a grant of \$700 to Waitutu Incorporation to assist with the costs of the Dark Sky Experience.

Carried

### 8.3 Community board reporting

Record No: R/26/2/4371

Report presented by community partnership leader, Stella O'Connor

The purpose of this report is to inform the board of the community leadership, operational and Council activities in the board area and across the district. Activities spoken about included:

Te Anau Waterpark survey received 325 submissions, report to come to next meeting

Lakefront concept survey strong themes coming through of support for the wider path and ensuring that mitigation is included for the extreme lake levels.

Cr Greaney requested that Rotary and families who have installed memorial seating are approached and their feedback is respected prior to anything being decided around the seating.

Staff are looking at the feasibility of public toilet being located near Steamers Wharf, this would be a district funded project if it goes ahead.

Resolved

Moved Nick Robertson/Cr Sarah Greaney

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

#### 8.4 Chairperson's Report

Record No: R/26/1/1226

Report presented by deputy chair Burgess.

The purpose of this report is for the chair to update the board on activities they have been involved with since the previous meeting.

Board members are also able to provide an update on any recent events and issues of relevance and interest to the community board.

Deputy Chair Burgess shared that the Manapouri Hall has been painted and is looking great. Ms Burgess shared an update from the Manapouri Weedbusters. (included at the end of the minutes)

Resolved

Moved Luke Thomas/Monique Van Rensburg

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

The meeting closed at 3.29pm.

Confirmed on