



Minutes

Ōreti Community Board

Monday, 16 February 2026, 5.32pm.
Winton Memorial Hall Supper Room, Meldrum Street, Winton

PRESENT

Chairperson	Margie Ruddenklau
Deputy chairperson	Blair Irwin
Members	Sue Allison
	Steve Turton
	Jamie Winsloe
	Councillor Brian Somerville

APOLOGIES

Alexis Halder
Ross Thomson

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee advisor	Fiona Dunlop
Community partnership leader	Karen Purdue

1 Opening

The Chairperson opened the meeting.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Alexis Halder and Ross Thomson.

Resolved

Moved Sue Allison/Jamie Winsloe

That the Ōreti Community Board receives the apologies.

Carried

3 Leave of absence

There were requests for leave of absence from Steve Turton for 5 March 2026 to 31 March 2026.

Resolved

Moved Jamie Winsloe/Sue Allison

That the Ōreti Community Board agrees to the leave of absence request from Steve Turton for 5 March 2026 to 31 March 2026.

Carried\Lost

4 Conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Additional agenda items

There were no additional agenda items.

Board approval for Councillors Dobson and Menzies to speak at the meeting

Resolved

Moved Chair Margie Ruddenklau/Blair Irwin

That the Ōreti Community Board agrees to allow Councillors Dobson and Menzies to speak during the meeting and to stay for the public excluded part of the meeting.

Carried

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved

Moved Steve Turton/Blair Irwin

That the Ōreti 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

Daniel Butler addressed the meeting on many items. Following his time to speak, the Board sought clarification on some of the concerns that he raised. Mr Butler was not willing to engage.

Reports

8.2 Community board reporting

Record No: R/26/1/3552

Report presented by Community partnership leader, Karen Purdue.

The purpose of the report was to inform the board of the community leadership, operational and Council activities in the board area and across the district.

Resolved

Moved Blair Irwin/Steve Turton

That the Ōreti Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

8.1 Winton RSA memorandum of understanding

Record No: R/25/11/55864

Report presented by Property advisor, Sara-Jane Fitzgerald.

The purpose of the report was for the Ōreti Community Board to consider the draft memorandum of understanding and provide feedback to guide staff, prior to Council entering into the memorandum of understanding with the Winton RSA regarding the use and occupation of three rooms the hall located at 186 Great North Road, Winton.

The Board were supportive of the memorandum of understanding.

Resolved

Moved Cr Brian Somerville/Steve Turton

That the Ōreti Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) **provided** staff with their feedback **and were supportive of the** draft memorandum of understanding between Council and the Winton RSA

Carried

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

8.3 Councillor update

Record No: R/26/1/3009

Report presented by Councillor Somerville.

The purpose of the report was 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.

Resolved

Moved Cr Brian Somerville/Sue Allison

That the Ōreti Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

8.4 Chairperson's Report

Record No: R/26/1/1232

Chair Ruddenklau presented her report which highlighted events that she had been involved with since the last Board meeting. The items covered in the report included the following:

- 16 December 2025 - Walked the walking track with Catriona Gower and Chris Klein (Environment Southland)
- Meeting with Central Bowling Club and members of the Ōreti Community Board
- 15–21 January – South Sea Spray, Te Anau
- 14 January – Meeting at Dipton Bridge with community members, staff, and elected members.
- Spoke with Radio New Zealand regarding Winton CCTV cameras
- Met with David Kean regarding Limehills Community Centre and Jubilee
- Met with Mark Thomson regarding McRae's Road closure and Kauana War Memorial

- Met with Mark Thomson (Co-Chair, Makarewa Headwaters Catchment Group) regarding Kōwhai Reach
- Met with Richard Kyte (Thriving Southland) regarding Kōwhai Reach.
- 5 February – Attended opening evening, Fiordland Arts Hub Waitangi Art Exhibition.

Also included with the chairs report was a letter in support of Southern REAP’s application to Lottery Grants for funding to redevelop the former Winton Senior Citizens building into a modern, compliant Community Hub.

Resolved

Moved Chair Margie Ruddenklau/Blair Irwin

That the Ōreti Community Board:

- notes the information contained in the report.
- endorses the letter of support from the chair for the Southern REAP application to Lottery Grants.

Carried

Public excluded

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

Resolved

Moved Cr Brian Somerville/Blair Irwin

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

9.1 Community service award nomination - September 2025 - confidential

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
Community service award nomination - September 2025 - confidential	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.	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

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The public were excluded at 6.14pm.

The meeting closed at 6.17pm.

Confirmed on:

Signed: