



# Minutes

## Wallace Takitimu Community Board

5 February 2026, 4.04pm.

Southland District Council Otautau Office, 176 Main Street, Otautau

### PRESENT

Chairperson	Tony Philpott
Deputy chairperson	Colin Lawry
Members	Shelley Hitchcox Edwin Mabonga Gretchen Wilson Lester Wilson
Councillor	Jaspreet Boparai

### APOLOGIES

### IN ATTENDANCE

Committee advisor	Rachael Poole
Community partnership leader	Kelly Tagg

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1 Opening

The Chairperson opened the meeting.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Leave of absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

4 Conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Additional Agenda items

There were no additional agenda items.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved

Moved Colin Lawry/Edwin Mabonga

That the Wallace Takitimu Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

7 Public participation

Susan Ricketts spoke at the meeting on ratepayer advocacy.

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Reports for Recommendation

8.1 Otautau Tennis Courts resurfacing project - unbudgeted expenditure request

Record No: R/26/1/1105

Report presented by community partnership leader, Kelly Tagg

The purpose of this report is for the Wallace Takitimu Community Board to consider whether it wishes to recommend to Council that unbudgeted expenditure be approved in order to proceed with the resurfacing of four of the Otautau tennis courts.

Resolved

Moved Colin Lawry/Edwin Mabonga

That the Wallace Takitimu Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) notes that the matter or decision in this report is assessed as some importance based on Council's Significance and Engagement Policy . On this basis an online survey was completed to gauge community views on resurfacing the courts.
- 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) recommends to Council that unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$30,000 plus GST, to be funded from the Wallace Takitimu general reserve, be approved so that the asphalt resurfacing option for the Otautau tennis courts can proceed with an expected life span of 30 years.

Carried

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Reports

9.1 Transfer of lease from Otautau Bowling Club Incorporated to Scouts Association of New Zealand

Record No: R/26/1/1804

Report presented by community partnership leader, Kelly Tagg

To seek the board's feedback on a request received to Council from Otautau Bowling Club Incorporated to transfer their lease over 20 Rye Street, Otautau, to Scouts Association of New Zealand.

Resolved

Moved Gretchen Wilson/Lester Wilson

That the Wallace Takitimu Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) provides feedback to staff regarding the Otautau Bowling Club's proposal to Council for their registered lease over 20 Rye Street, Otautau to be transferred to the Scouts Association of New Zealand.

Carried

9.2 Community board reporting

Record No: R/26/1/1702

Report presented by community partnership leader, Kelly Tagg

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.

Resolved

Moved Shelley Hitchcox/Gretchen Wilson

That the Wallace Takitimu Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) receives the report titled "Community board reporting"

Carried

9.3 Chairperson's Report

Record No: R/26/1/1241

Chairperson Philpott spoke to this report.

Chair Philpott gave a brief update on activities that he has been involved with since December.

Colin Lawry mentioned that he has been approached on a number of occasions about access to fresh water by people walking the Te Aroha trail and asked in the board could look into a public water fountain/tap being installed in front of the Otautau Plunket rooms.

Ms Tagg will speak with staff and if feasible will look to bring a report to a later meeting.

Resolved

Moved Chair Tony Philpott/Cr Jaspreet Boparai

That the Wallace Takitimu Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

9.4 Councillor update

Record No: R/26/1/2987

Councillor Boparai spoke to this report.

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 mid November 2025 to 28 January 2026.

Cr Boparai updated the board on the draft submissions from Central Government that Council is currently considering and making submissions on.

Resolved

Moved Cr Jaspreet Boparai/Colin Lawry

That the Wallace Takitimu Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

The meeting closed at 4.43pm.

Confirmed on