



Minutes

Southland District Council

Wednesday, 25 March 2026, 10.01am.
Council Chamber, Level 2, 20 Don Street, Invercargill

PRESENT

Mayor	Rob Scott
Deputy mayor	Christine Menzies
Councillors	Jaspreet Boparai
	Don Byars
	Phil Dobson
	Paul Duffy
	Sarah Greaney
	Julie Keast
	Tom O'Brien (via video link)
	Brian Somerville
	Jon Spraggon
	Michael Weusten
	Matt Wilson (via video link)

APOLOGIES

Councillor Dobson (early departure)

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee advisor	Fiona Dunlop
Chief executive	Cameron McIntosh

1 Opening

The Mayor opened the meeting.

Adjournment of meeting

Resolved

Moved Mayor Scott/Cr Boparai that the Council meeting adjourns until the conclusion of the Finance and Assurance Committee meeting.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10.02am and reconvened at 3.53pm.

(Councillors Boparai, Byars and Dobson were not present when the meeting reconvened.)

2 Apologies

There were apologies from Councillor Dobson for an early departure.

Resolved

Moved Cr Greaney/Cr Somerville

That Council accepts the apologies.

Carried

3 Leave of absence

Councillor Greaney requested leave of absence for 1 April 2026, 22 to 25 April 2026 and 14 – 25 May 2026.

Councillor O'Brien requested leave of absence for 26 to 30 March 2026.

(Councillor Byars returned to the meeting at 3.54pm.)

Resolved

Moved Cr Spraggon/Cr Menzies

That Council agrees the leave of absence requests.

Carried

(Councillor Boparai returned to the meeting at 3.55pm.)

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 Cr Byars/Cr Keast

That the Council confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2026 and 18 March 2026 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried\Lost

7 Public participation

There was no public participation.

Public excluded

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

Resolved

Moved Mayor Scott/Cr Menzies

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

9.1 Three waters - 17 A review

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
Three waters - 17 A review	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely	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

	unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. Contractor with current contract in place.	which good reason for withholding exists.
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Carried\Lost

The public were excluded at 3.55pm.

The meeting closed at 4.01pm.

Confirmed on: 1 April 2026.

Signed:

