



Minutes

Ardlussa Community Board

Wednesday, 15 April 2026, 7pm

Riversdale Community Centre, 73 Newcastle Street, Riversdale

PRESENT

Chairperson	Richard Clarkson
Deputy chairperson	Ray Dickson
Members	Chris Dillon
	Clarke Horrell
	Raewyn Lindsay
	Grant McFelin
	Councillor Matt Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee advisor/customer support partner	Deborah-Ann Smith-Harding
Community partnership leader	Kelly Tagg

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

Chair Richard Clarkson declared a conflict of interest, however no pecuniary interest, with being involved with the erection of a helipad in Riversdale.

5 Additional Agenda items

There were no additional agenda items.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved

Moved Chair Richard Clarkson/Ray Dickson

That the Ardlussa Community Board confirms the minutes of the open meeting held on 11 February 2026 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

7 Public participation

There was no public participation.

Reports

8.1 Proposed emergency helipad - 26 Berwick Street, Riversdale

Record No: R/26/3/104013

Community partnership leader , Mrs Tagg presented the board with a draft deed of lease (lease) for the request made by the Lions Club of Riversdale Incorporated to construct an emergency helipad on Council land at 26 Berwick Street, Riversdale.

Chair Clarkson mentioned the application and location was endorsed by pilots and the Progress League has permitted the Riversdale Community Centre to supply the power for the LED lights required for the helipad.

This 33 year lease is the same standard wording applicable to the Winton Rotary Club for the helipad in Winton and clause 3.6 of the draft lease confirms that a new lease would have to be entered into if the Lions Club of Riversdale Incorporated falls into receivership.

Resolved

Moved Ray Dickson/Clarke Horrell

That the Ardlussa Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) provides staff with their feedback on the application and draft deed of lease between Council and the Lions Club of Riversdale Incorporated over a portion of 26 Berwick Street, Riversdale. For an emergency helipad.

Carried

8.2 Financial review for period ended 28 February 2026

Record No: R/26/3/108674

Community partnership leader , Mrs Tagg presented the Ardlussa Community Board financial information for the period ended 28 February 2026. Deputy chair Dickson referred to queried the “Waikaia general” account and why the mowing budget was reduce while the board anticipated increases in costs.

Resolved

Moved Clarke Horrell/Raewyn Lindsay

That the Ardlussa Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

8.3 Community board reporting

Record No: R/26/4/109253

Community partnership leader, Mrs Tagg informed the board of the community leadership, operational and Council activities in the board area and across the district.

Mrs Tagg also mentioned that more volunteers came out of the media coverage from the service award recognition event held for Rural Women New Zealand Forestry Scheme (Southland).

Mrs Tagg mentioned promoting the sustainable funding workshop being hosted by Community Trust South on Wednesday 22 April 2026, to help with practical tips to access funding to achieve strategies.

Mrs Tagg proposed that the board could convene a formal meeting on 29 April 2026 at 6pm, via video link in light of the fuel crisis), to consider the subdivision at 58 Kruger Street, Balfour in a Public Excluded forum.

Resolved

Moved Chair Richard Clarkson/Cr Matt Wilson

That the Ardlussa Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) receives the report titled "Community board reporting"
- c) **agrees to a formal meeting 29 April 2026, to consider the subdivision at 58 Kruger Street, Balfour in Public Excluded.**

Carried

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

8.4 Councillor update

Record No: R/26/3/108352

Cr Wilson provided the board with an overview of the matters that have been considered at Council and Finance and Assurance Committee meetings from 28 January 2026 to 25 March 2026.

At the end of the triennium, Cr Wilson informed the board that the gravel working group disbanded with the general consensus being that no consent application is required to protect a Council asset.

Cr Wilson mentioned the Council's submission to New Zealand Transport Agency regards the roading policy and bylaw will be coming to the boards for discussion as well as a management plan for reserves which impact McKee Park and Taylor Park.

Resolved

Moved Ray Dickson/Grant McFelin

That the Ardlussa Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

8.5 Chairperson's Report

Record No: R/26/1/1225

Chair Clarkson spoke to his report on the following matters:

- The trees in the Berwick Street reserve still need to be removed
- The faecal waste problem at Taylor Park will form part of the Freedom camping bylaws and an ongoing solution is being worked through with Southland District Council
- Balfour sections and sub-division process is ongoing (in Public excluded meetings)
- A meeting was held for the Helipad in Riversdale and Southland District Council will present a draft lease to occupy contract
- The workshop to be held in March 2026 was cancelled
- The Emergency Management Services meeting was cancelled

Chair Clarkson enquired if Council could give Trich Mackay weed spray as she who voluntarily sprays the bulbless curbs.

Resolved

Moved Cr Matt Wilson/Clarke Horrell

That the Ardlussa Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

The (open) meeting closed at 8.04pm

Confirmed on: 29 April 2026

Signed:

