



# Minutes

## Southland District Council

Wednesday, 1 April 2026, 10.05am.

Council Chamber, Level 2, 20 Don Street, Invercargill

### PRESENT

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

### APOLOGIES

Councillor Don Byars  
Councillor Sarah Greaney

### IN ATTENDANCE

Committee advisor	Fiona Dunlop
Chief executive	Cameron McIntosh

1 Opening

The Mayor opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 Apologies

There were apologies from Councillor Don Byars and Councillor Sarah Greaney.

Resolved

Moved Cr Spraggon/Cr Keast

That Council accept the apologies.

Carried

3 Leave of absence

Councillor Somerville requested a leave of absence Wednesday 8 April 2026.

Councillor Duffy requested a leave of absence from 4 May 2026 to 29 June 2026.

Resolved

Moved Cr Somerville/Cr Menzies

That Council approves the leave of absence requests.

Carried

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 Keast/Cr Spraggon

That the Council confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2026 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

## 7 Public participation

There was no public participation.

## Reports

### 8.1 Forecasted financial position for the year ending 30 June 2026

Record No: R/26/3/106161

Report presented by Senior accountant, Joanie Nel with Finance Business Partner Lead, Susan McNamara and GM Finance and Assurance, Anne Robson in attendance.

The purpose of the report was to get Council approval for the forecasted year-end financial result and approval for unbudgeted expenditure requests and the deletion and deferral of a number of projects.

Resolved

Moved Cr Dobson/Cr Boparai

That the Council:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) notes that the matter or decision in this report is assessed as being administrative but not significant based on Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
- 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) Approves the following retrospective unbudgeted expenditure and associated funding source (attachment C)

Business Unit	Expense	Amount	Funding source
Rec Reserves Oreti	Miscellaneous grant to Lochiel Hall Society for floor repairs	\$1,783	Reserves
Community Housing Collective	FHOUS014 (Community Housing – internal paint two units)	\$9,418	Loan met from loans not now required on projects P-11494 (Community Housing - replace roof) and P-11490 (Community Housing -

			exterior repaint 25 units)
Water supply Tuatapere	Ultra violet system replacement needed to maintain levels of service and meet ongoing compliance standards	\$115,155	Loan met from loans not required on other projects

- e) Approves the following unbudgeted expenditure and associated funding source (attachment C)

Business Unit	Expense	Amount	Funding source
Dog and Animal Control	Legal costs on prosecutions	\$44,900	Additional infringement income
Southland Joint Mayoral Fund	Miscellaneous grant – wind event	\$94,536	Grant income
Information services	Software licence fees	\$75,000	Reserves
Community facilities	Consultants	\$100,000	Reserves
District water	Maintenance as a result of storm costs	\$130,000	Loan
Resource consent processing	Peer reviews on technical reports	\$198,000	General recoveries
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Roading – district wide	Routine drainage charges	\$300,000	NZTA/reserves
Roading – district wide	Seal Rd resurface renewal	\$300,000	NZTA/reserves
Roading – district wide	Structure component renewal	\$200,000	NZTA/reserves
District sewerage	Maintenance as a result of storm costs	\$130,000	Additional Rental Income
Wheelie bins	Waste disposal volume costs	\$120,000	Reserves
Parks & Reserves Stewart Island	Interpretation panels	\$9,330	Grant income
Septic Tank cleaning Woodlands	Septic tank cleaning	\$1,000	Reserves
Community Housing Collective	FHOUS028 (Community Housing – 6 Pioneer Place refurbishment)	\$45,000	Loan
Community Housing Collective	FHOUS029 (Community Housing	\$50,903	Loan

	- 10 Pioneer Place refurbishment)		
Community Housing Collective	P-11470 (Edendale Community Housing - 56 Seaward Road repairs)	\$25,962	Loan
Information Management	Consultants	\$67,500	Loan
District Sewerage	District wide wastewater strategy planning - WEPS	\$200,000	Loan
District Sewerage	Stewart Island - Wastewater Oxidation Pond Desludging	\$260,000	Loan
Sewerage scheme Winton	Winton Wastewater - Aerator renewal	\$120,000	Loan
District Stormwater	District Wide stormwater improvements	\$227,550	Loan

- f) Approves the deferral of the following items to future years as indicated (attachment D)

Business unit	Project/Item	Amount	Year deferred to	Funding Source
Cemetery Riverton	Purchase land to increase Riverton cemetery	\$205,836	2026/2027	Reserves
Water supply Eastern Bush	Eastern Bush water supply upgrade stage 1	\$100,000	2026/2027	Loan
Hall Colac Bay	Colac Bay Hall - Pile fasteners, ramps and paths	\$12,240	2026/2027	Reserves
Harbour	Riverton T Wharf replacement - demolition & construction	\$50,000	2026/2027	Loan
Parks & Reserves – Colac Bay	Colac Bay Surfer statue refurbishment	\$90,000	2026/2027	Loan
Parks & Reserves – Te Anau	Te Anau Basin Development Project	\$377,837	2026/2027	Loan
Parks & Reserves – Wallacetown	Wallacetown Recreational Project	\$70,000	2026/2027	Grants
Parks & Reserves - Winton	Winton Great North Road Development	\$20,000	2026/2027	Reserves
Water supply Takitimu	Te Anau Rural Water Takitimu Scheme -	\$150,000	2026/2027	Loan

	Switchboard & pumps & new bore			
Sewerage Scheme Balfour	Balfour wastewater Consent renewal and replacements multi-year project	\$46,266	2026/2027	Loan
Sewerage Scheme Gorge Road	Gorge Road wastewater consent renewal	\$95,000	2026/2027	Loan
Sewerage Scheme Monowai	Monowai Wastewater resource consent renewal & investment	\$60,000	2026/2027	Loan
Sewerage Scheme Nightcaps	Nightcaps Wastewater treatment upgrade multi-year project	\$50,000	2026/2027	Loan
Sewerage Scheme Te Anau	Te Anau wastewater removal of sludge from geobags onsite at WWTP	\$25,000	2026/2027	Loan
Sewerage Edendale/Wyndham	Edendale/Wyndham Wastewater treatment plant - consent renewal preparation	\$50,000	2026/2027	Loan
Stewart Island Jetties	Stewart Island Rakiura Golden Bay Wharf renewal	\$29,000	2026/2027	Loans, grants
Stewart Island Jetties	Rebuild Ulva Island Jetty	\$60,000	2026/2027	Loans, grants
Stormwater Drainage Te Anau	Te Anau Stormwater Lakefront discharge improvements multi-year project	\$150,000	2027/2028	Loan
Stormwater Drainage Te Anau	Te Anau Stormwater upgrade	\$250,000	2026/2027	Loan
Public conveniences	District wide toilets renewal preparation	\$101,600	2027/2028	Loan
Public conveniences	District wide toilets renewal preparation	\$37,596	2026/2027	Loan
District refuse sites	Solid Waste - Otautau closed landfill protection works	\$1,000,000	2026/2027	Loan
Information Centre	Lumsden information centre exterior & interior repaint and various repairs	\$30,000	2026/2027	Loan

- g) Approve the bringing forward of the following project budgets from future years (attachment E)

Business unit	Project	Amount	Funding source
Community housing	FHOUS003A now called "Community housing units refurbishment" from "Internal repaint community housing" for the refurbishment of unit at 50A King Street Otautau	\$60,000	Loan
Sewerage scheme Stewart island	Wastewater consent renewal	\$25,000	Loan
Stewart Island Jetties	Millers Beach refurbishment	\$11,774	Loan
District Sewerage	Purchase of additional SCADA for Te Anau to take advantage of pricing	\$100,000	Loan

- h) Approve the budget reduction of the following project budgets for the 2025/2026 financial year (attachment F)

Business unit	Project/ comments	Account	Funding source	Forecasting variance
Street works Waikaia	FFOOT100 – Otta Seal Upper Newburn Road	Improvements	Loan	\$55,000
Property Sales	Budget reduced due to spatial plan review	Commission and Levies	Reserves	\$108,583
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Water Supply Mount York	Mt York Rural water consent renewal preparation- multi year	Water acquisition	Loan	\$25,000
Water Supply Takitimu	Te Anau Rural – Takitimu consent renewal	Water acquisition	Loan	\$25,000
Community Housing Collective	Exterior repaint 25 units	Maintenance Project	Loan	\$72,166
Community Housing Collective	Roof replacement	Buildings – Renewal	Loan	\$59,117

Information management	District wide digitisation projects	Consultants	Loan	\$67,500
District Water	Multi-year project for water plant dosing & monitoring instrumentation	Water – Renewal	Loan	\$115,155
District Sewerage	District wide wastewater main reticulation network renewals multi year project	Sewerage – Renewals	Loan	\$100,000
Sewerage Scheme Balfour	Balfour wastewater consent renewal & replacements	Sewerage - Acquisition LOS	Loan	\$100,000
Sewerage Scheme Stewart Island	Stewart island wastewater-replacement of deteriorating wet wells or refurbishment	Sewerage – Renewals	Loan	\$380,000
Sewerage Edendale/ Wyndham	Edendale/Wyndham wastewater treatment plant consent renewal preparation	Sewerage - Acquisition LOS	Loan	\$100,000
Stormwater Drainage - Ohai	Ohai Stormwater - Investigations and renewals	Stormwater – Renewal	Loan	\$227,550

- i) Receives and agrees to the forecasted changes to Council’s year-end financial performance and position as detailed in attachment A and B
- j) Notes that approximately \$915,000 of footpaths will be carried forward at year end at which time the towns and related budgets will be known in detail

Carried

Public excluded

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

Resolved

Moved Mayor Scott/Cr Spraggon

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

9.1 Rakiura Energy - unbudgeted expenditure for land purchases

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
Rakiura Energy - unbudgeted expenditure for land purchases	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.  s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	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

The public were excluded at 10.11am.

The meeting closed at 10.50am.

Confirmed on:

Signed on: