



Minutes

Southland District Council

Wednesday, 8 April 2026, 10.01am.
Te Anau Bowling Club, 26 Luxmore Drive, Te Anau

PRESENT

Mayor	Rob Scott
Deputy mayor	Christine Menzies
Councillors	Jaspreet Boparai
	Don Byars
	Paul Duffy
	Sarah Greaney
	Julie Keast
	Tom O'Brien
	Jon Spraggon
	Michael Weusten
	Matt Wilson

APOLOGIES

Councillor Phil Dobson
Councillor Brian Somerville

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief executive	Cameron McIntosh
Committee advisor	Rachael Poole

1 Opening

The Mayor opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 Apologies

There were apologies from Councillor Philip Dobson and Councillor Brian Somerville.

Resolved

Moved Cr Menzies/Cr Keast

That Council receive the apologies.

Carried

3 Leave of absence

Recommendation

There were no requests for leave of absence.

4 Conflict of interest

Councillor Sarah Greaney stated that she has been named in some submissions as a member of the Fiordland Community Board but that as she has no pecuniary interest in the floating sauna activity. Cr Greaney stated that she has an open mind on item 8.1 Submissions hearing for a proposed license to occupy on Lake Henry, Ivon Wilson Park, Te Anay and that she will stay in the room but will not vote at the deliberations on this subject.

5 Additional agenda items

There were no additional agenda items.

6 Minutes for confirmation

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2026 were not confirmed at the meeting but would be confirmed at the Council meeting on 22 April 2026.

7 Public participation

There was no public participation.

Reports

8.1 Submissions hearing for a proposed Licence to Occupy on Lake Henry, Ivon Wilson Park, Te Anau

Record No: R/26/3/106941

Report presented by GM customer and community wellbeing, Sam Marshall, manager property services, Kevin McNaught and senior property advisor, Megan Cowley.

The purpose of the report was for Council to receive written submissions on the proposed Licence to Occupy for a commercial floating sauna activity on Lake Henry, Ivon Wilson Park, Te Anau, and to also hear from people wishing to speak to their submissions.

- 1 Nigel Reeves addressed the meeting in support of his submission.
- 2 Tammy Magness addressed the meeting in support of her submission.
- 3 Carrie Skilton addressed the meeting in support of her submission.
- 4 Vanessa Horwell addressed the meeting in support of her submission.
- 5 Nick Keizerwaard addressed the meeting in support of his submission.
- 6 Chris Morison addressed the meeting in support of his submission.
- 7 Lee Smillie did not address the meeting in support of her submission.
- 8 Edith Jones did not address the meeting in support of her submission.
- 9 Dr Ian Griffin addressed the meeting in support of his submission.
- 10 Wendy Holder addressed the meeting in support of her submission.
- 11 Murray Wilans addressed the meeting in support of his submission.
- 12 Shirley Mouat addressed the meeting in support of her submission.
- 13 Bill Jarvie did not address the meeting in support of his submission but will at the 22 April 2026 Council meeting.
- 14 Rosco Gaudin did not address the meeting in support of his submission.- (was called away on a fire call and subsequently has withdrawn his request to speak to his submission).
- 15 David Fortune addressed the meeting in support of his submission.
- 16 Madeleine Peacock addressed the meeting in support of her submission.
- 17 Shaun Cantwell did not address the meeting in support of his submission.
- 18 Erin Keeble addressed the meeting in support of her submission.
- 19 Jim Loose addressed the meeting in support of his submission.
- 20 Helen McFelin did not address the meeting in support of her submission.

Resolved

Moved Cr Boparai/Cr Greaney

That 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) receives the written submissions and hears oral presentations from submitters on the proposed Submissions hearing for a proposed Licence to Occupy on Lake Henry, Ivon Wilson Park, Te Anau
- e) notes that all feedback received in the submissions and hearing will be considered at Council's meeting on 13 May 2026, where it will deliberate on the submissions received.
- f) Thanks submitters who have spoken to their submissions at this meeting.

Carried

During the above report the meeting adjourned at 11.22am and reconvened at 11.37am and adjourned at 12.04pm and reconvened at 1.20pm.

The meeting closed at 1.35pm.

Confirmed on:

Signed: