



# Minutes

## Fiordland Community Board

Tuesday, 28 April 2026, 1pm.

Fiordland Community Events Centre, Supper Room, 20/22 Luxmore Drive, Te Anau

### PRESENT

Chairperson  
Deputy chairperson  
Members

Diane Holmes  
Julie Burgess  
Sarah Greaney  
Marilyn Hunter  
Nick Robertson  
Luke Thomas  
Monique Van Rensburg

### APOLOGIES

### IN ATTENDANCE

Community partnership leader    Stella O'Connor  
Committee advisor                    Rachael Poole

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1 Opening

The Chairperson opened the meeting.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Leave of absence

Resolved

Moved Chair Diane Holmes/Luke Thomas

Leave of absence has been granted to Cr Sarah Geaney 14 May – 25 May 2026

Leave of absence has been granted to Nick Robertson 14 May – 26 May 2026

Leave of absence has been granted to Julie Burgess 22 May – 25 June 2026.

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 Sarah Greaney/Luke Thomas

That the Fiordland Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2026 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

7 Public participation

Martin Silva spoke to the board to inform them that a group of neighbours to the Waterpark are looking to form a group and would like this group to be considered as a stakeholder on decisions involving the Waterpark area. Notes appended to the minutes.

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## Reports

### 8.1 Lions Park, Te Anau - reconfirmation of name

Record No: R/26/3/108664

Report presented by Property advisor, Sara-Jane Fitzgerald via MS Teams. Bruce Campbell and John Turner from the Te Anau Lions Club spoke briefly on the history of the Te Anau Lions Club. Chair Holmes thanked them for attending the meeting and for the great work that the Lions have completed for the Fiordland area.

The purpose of this report is for staff to present the Fiordland Community Board with Council's knowledge on the historic background information behind the naming of Lions Park, Te Anau and for the board to reconfirm this name.

Resolved

Moved Cr Sarah Greaney/Nick Robertson

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) notes that the matter or decision in this report is assessed as being of some importance but not significant based on Council's Significance and Engagement Policy and therefore no engagement will be undertaken.
- 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 historic background information on the naming of Lions Park, Te Anau.
- e) confirms that the land at 15 Mokonui Street, Te Anau known as Lions Park remains to be officially known and referred to as Lions Park.

Carried

## 8.2 Chairperson's Report

Record No: R/26/1/1227

Chair Holmes presented this report.

The purpose of this report is for the chair to update the board on activities they have been involved with since the previous meeting.

Board members are also able to provide an update on any recent events and issues of relevance and interest to the community board.

Chair Holmes spoke on the following:

Emergency scenario based training to help with preparedness to happen

Te Anau Rugby Club application for a new bund and Te Anau Football Club request for a new home – look to meet with both clubs and the rugby club onsite and discuss the multiuse of the area.

Cr Greaney gave an update on the Te Anau Airport Manapouri

- airport event cancelled due to fuel crisis
- request for service document nearly ready to be publicly available
- new website going live in June 2026
- new signage to go up at the entrance to the airport.

Ms Burgess gave an update on Manapouri

- water scheme is on its way to Manapouri
- floating pontoon for Lake Manapouri has been consented
- shop leases have been sold, new leasee's excited
- vandalism of trees and moving earth for "jumps" – communication via social media on safety aspects
- 500 plants have been planted on the foreshore
- quotes for the electrical system upgrade within the hall to happen before looking to add a generator switch.

Resolved

Moved Chair Diane Holmes/Monique Van Rensburg

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 1.55pm and restarted at 1.57pm.

8.3 Councillor update

Record No: R/26/3/108354

Report presented by Cr Greaney.

This report is to provide the community 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 including:

- submissions on Bills – there have been a number coming from Central Government
- Taumata Arowai update, concern around proposed regulation and the cost to meet the regulations vs the number of users on a scheme able to meet this cost
- Quarterly risk report highlighted the adverse event that Fiordland are currently working closely with Emergency Management Southland on, the amount of change that is coming from Central Government and the financial risk around the three waters uncertainty.

Resolved

Moved Cr Sarah Greaney/Luke Thomas

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

8.4 Community board reporting

Record No: R/26/4/110045

Report presented by Community partnership leader, Stella O'Connor

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.

Waterpark survey feedback has been received, Ms O'Connor will summarise and email the board the feedback and then share with the community. Cr Greaney asked that the history of Frank's Dell is incorporated into future plans.

Resolved

Moved Luke Thomas/Julie Burgess

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

During the above report, Julie Burgess left the meeting at 2.35pm and returned at 2.36pm and Nick Robertson left the meeting at 2.38pm and returned at 2.43pm.

8.5 Financial review for period ended 28 February 2026

Record No: R/26/4/109452

Report presented by community partnership lead, Stella O'Connor.

The purpose of this report is to review the Fiordland Community Board financial information for the period ended 28 February 2026 (contained within attachment A).

Resolved

Moved Julie Burgess/Luke Thomas

That the Fiordland Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

Public excluded

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

Resolved

Moved Chairperson Holmes/ Cr Greaney

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

7.1 Community facilities contracts

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:

Carried

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
Community facilities contracts	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.  Decision on awarding contract.	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.

The public were excluded at 2.42pm.

The meeting adjourned at 2.42pm and reconvened at 2.56pm.

The meeting closed at 3.27pm.

Confirmed on

APPENDED

Good afternoon, Chair and Board members. My name is Martin Sliva, and I'm here representing myself and several like-minded residents living in the immediate neighborhood of the Te Anau Water Park. We were pleased to see that **345 people** participated in the survey and are eager to see the final results. It is very promising that the majority of the community wants to protect the park's natural character."

### **The Need for Notification**

While the survey showed a clear community preference for keeping the park 'wild' and avoiding large-scale development, those of us who live right next door have a unique stake in its future. Our primary request today is for a **formalized notification process**. We want to ensure that as the Board and Council staff moves from survey evaluation to actual planning or maintenance, the neighbors are proactively notified well in advance of any proposed changes before they are finalized.

### **A Partnership Proposal**

To make this easier for the Council, while we are currently an informal collective, we are exploring **formalizing into a non-profit trust**. Our goal is to be a constructive partner for the Board - helping as volunteers to maintain the park, assisting with securing funding via grants and sponsorships to minimize Council investment, and providing a direct line of consultation for this 'wild sanctuary' we all value. We ask that the Board recognizes us as a key stakeholder for all future Water Park discussions.

We love this park for the same reasons the rest of Te Anau does - its calm, its nature, and its simplicity. We just want to make sure the people who live beside it are part of the team looking after it. Thank you for your time.