



Minutes

Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board

Thursday, 9 April 2026, 8.45am.
Stewart Island Pavilion, Ayr St, Oban

PRESENT

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| Chairperson | Aaron Conner |
| Deputy chairperson | Daniel Meads |
| Members | Mike Douglass Aaron Joy Emma Simpson-Boyce Andrea Young Councillor Jon Spraggon |

APOLOGIES

IN ATTENDANCE

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| Committee advisor | Kirsten Hicks |
| Community partnership leader | Karen Purdue |

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

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Additional Agenda items

There were no additional agenda items.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved

Moved Cr Jon Spraggon/Daniel Meads

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2026 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board confirms the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 12 March 2026 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

7 Public participation

Katherin Bradford Culp spoke to the Board (via Teams) about StoryMap.

Reports

8.1 Community update

Record No: R/26/3/103977

There were no speakers in Community update.

8.2 Councillor update

Record No: R/26/3/108361

Report presented by Councillor Jon Spraggon.

This report was 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.

Cr Spraggon spoke about waste management, and the fact that the Stewart Island operation is being considered in conjunction with the greater Southland district.

Resolved

Moved Cr Jon Spraggon/Mike Douglass

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

8.3 Community board reporting

Record No: R/26/3/106911

Report presented by Community partnership leader, Karen Purdue.

The purpose of this report was to inform the board of the community leadership, operational and Council activities in the board area and across the district.

Matters of further discussion included:

- Visitor levy subcommittee membership
- information panels
- Miro Crescent staff house
- sewer ponds sludge removal
- concern regarding the state of roads prior to resealing
- request for an update on the Ulva Island wharf.

Resolved

Moved Daniel Meads/Andrea Young

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report
- b) receives the report titled “Community board reporting”.

Carried

8.4 Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board - applications to the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Fund 2026

Record No: R/26/3/106912

Report presented by Community partnership leader, Karen Purdue.

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board to submit two funding applications to the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Fund.

Resolved

Moved Mike Douglass/Emma Simpson-Boyce

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura 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 is not considered significant.
- 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) agrees to the submission of an application of \$100,000 to the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Fund to start the process of redeveloping the Golden Bay wharf.
- e) agrees to the submission of an application of \$10,000 to the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Fund for interpretation panels
- f) delegates authority to the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board chair to approve any changes to the application before submission.

Carried

8.5 Financial review for period ended 28 February 2026

Record No: R/26/3/107777

Report presented by Finance business partnering lead Susan McNamara.

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

The board asked what the amount of \$5596 in Financial contributions could be utilised for?

Resolved

Moved Daniel Meads/Mike Douglass

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

8.6 SIESA fuel unbudgeted expenditure

Record No: R/26/3/108153

Report presented by Finance business partnering lead, Susan McNamara.

The purpose of this report is for the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board to recommend to Council unbudgeted expenditure and funding for additional costs of fuel that are currently being incurred due to international conditions.

The board noted that the proposed unit increase is temporary, and may need adjustment in the near future. Due to the required process for notifying consumers, price increases will start in June 2026.

Resolved

Moved Cr Jon Spraggon/Daniel Meads

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura 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 moderate importance but not significant based on Council's Significance and Engagement Policy with no engagement as the expenditure is needed to maintain the existing generation capacity.
- 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) recommends to Council to approve unbudgeted expenditure of \$250,000 for increased fuel costs during 2025/2026 to be funded from SIESA reserves.
- e) recommends to Council to approve the increase in the price per kWh by an additional 4 cents per unit.

Carried

8.7 Proposed endorsement of the Golden Bay Masterplan

Record No: R/26/3/107169

Report presented by Community partnership leader, Karen Purdue.

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement of the Golden Bay Masterplan from the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board.

Resolved

Moved Aaron Joy/Daniel Meads

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura 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 moderate importance but not significant based on Council's Significance and Engagement Policy and therefore is not considered significant. The assessed level of significance indicates that the community is kept informed of the decision made in this report.
- 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) endorses the Golden Bay masterplan.

Carried

8.8 Chairperson's Report

Record No: R/26/1/1235

Report presented by Chairperson Aaron Conner.

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.

Matters of discussion include:

- Boat park – Members would like to know how the roading bylaw which affects parking is progressing? It was suggested that the area be coned off following sealing, and before painting, to prevent the area being used. Also any random objects which have been placed on the church land (which backs onto the boat park) need to be removed.
- Energy/electricity – The pressure is on to get this project moving. The application for Government funding has been sent. It is hoped to fast track this process. Change of land ownership and subdivision is currently underway. Resource consent was lodged

this week. There is some concern regarding the presence of a stag beetle onsite. A tender is out for clearing the site. The tender for installation of the solar farm has been signed but not yet announced.

- Butterfield Beach – a toilet for this area needs to be added to the annual/long term plans.
- Leonard Street traffic calming – the board would like to see the painted option applied.
- Predator Free Rakiura update – following the completion of carcass monitoring, the restrictions for meat taking have been lifted. There is no further on-ground work planned for this year.
- Traill Park – Heath Allen is to build new goal posts. The storage room has been emptied of traps. It would be useful to have storage shelves and more secure doors installed. These would be used by Emergency Management (who will be attending the next workshop). There needs to be a new Community Response plan.
- Golden Bay Road walking track – this will be discussed with the Stewart Island Rakiura Visitor Levy subcommittee on 4 May.
- Stewart Island News article – This will mention that the parking bylaw draft is out for consultation, sealing, traffic enforcement, and information panels.
- Mowing – a contract change will be in force 1 July 2026.
- Pavilion acoustics are very poor, despite the best efforts of IT. Should the board meet in a different venue?
- Board email addresses – only some boards have been loaded.
- Next meeting – Thursday 11 June, 9.45am at the Pavilion.

Resolved

Moved Chair Aaron Conner/Daniel Meads

That the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

The meeting closed at 10.47am

Confirmed on