



# Minutes

## Ohai Railway Fund Committee

Friday, 15 May 2026, 10am.

Southland District Council Otautau Office, 176 Main Street, Otautau

### PRESENT

Chairperson	Kevin Dixon
Deputy chairperson	Shane Robertson
Members	Alanna Barrett
	Kevin Curtin
	Cr Jaspreet Boparai
	Cr Michael Weusten

### APOLOGIES

Mayor Rob Scott

### IN ATTENDANCE

Committee advisor	Rachael Poole
Community liaison officer	Kathryn Cowie

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1 Opening

The Chairperson opened the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved

Moved Cr Boparai/Shane Robertson

To accept the apology for non attendance from Mayor Scott.

Carried

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.

Alanna Barrett shared an A4 poster on public meetings that she was holding in Ohai and Nightcaps, but as this is being done in a personal capacity and not as a member of the Ohai Railway Fund Committee no further action was taken.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved

Moved Shane Robertson/Cr Boparai

That the Ohai Railway Fund Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2026 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

7 Public participation

Rebecca Shaw and Trina Kemp from Takitimu Primary School BoT attended the meeting and spoke to the two applications they have made – playground equipment and a high jump mat.

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## Reports

### 8.1 Financial Report to 30 April 2026

Record No: R/26/4/114749

Report presented by Financial Accountant, Jo Hooper, Senior Accountant, Yolanda Normington via MS Teams. GM Finance and assurance, Anne Robson was also in attendance for this item.

This report details Ohai Railway Fund's financial position for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 April 2026. It also seeks feedback about classifying the Ohai Railway Fund reserves as either an unrestricted or restricted reserve. This will influence how the reserve should be invested and, as result, impact the interest earned on the reserve at the end of each year.

Resolved

Moved Chairperson Dixon/Alanna Barrett

That the Ohai Railway Fund Committee:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) provided feedback about the preferred classification of Ohai Railway Fund reserves for future investment as unrestricted reserve (e.g. balanced fund investment)

Carried

## 8.2 Ohai Railway Fund - individual applications

Record No: R/26/4/114685

Report presented by Community liaison officer, Kathryn Cowie

The purpose of this report is for the Ohai Railway Fund Committee to consider applications for the March 2026 round of individuals seeking grants to assist with tertiary study and international opportunities.

Resolved

Moved Chairperson Dixon/Cr Boparai

That the Ohai Railway Fund Committee:

- 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 and therefore not considered significant. On this basis the assessed level of significance indicates that the community is kept informed of the decisions made in this report, rather than engaged prior to this decision being made.
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 for this decision, and as required under section 79 that, it does not need any more information, option assessments, costs and benefits analysis before making this decision.
- d) receives applications from the following:
  - Greer Egan
  - Finn Excell
  - Kaden Boulter
  - Oliver Church
- e) approves a grant to Greer Egan \$1,500
- f) approves a grant to Finn Excell \$1,000
- g) approves a grant to Kaden Boulter \$1,000
- h) approves a grant to Oliver Church \$1,000

Carried

8.3 Ohai Railway Fund - organisation applications

Record No: R/26/4/114686

Report presented by Community liaison officer, Kathryn Cowie

The purpose of this report is for the Ohai Railway Fund Committee to consider five applications for the March 2026 round from four community organisations.

Resolved

Moved Chairperson Dixon/Shane Robertson

That the Ohai Railway Fund Committee:

- 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 and. On this basis the assessed level of significance indicates that the community is kept informed of the decisions made in this report, rather than engaged prior to this decision being made.
- c) determines that it has complied with the decision-making requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 for this decision, and as required under section 79 that, it does not need any more information, option assessments, costs and benefits analysis before making this decision.
- d) receives applications from the following organisations – Nightcaps Medical Trust, Takitimu Primary School (two), Te Oruanui Marae, Takitimu United Netball Club
- e) grants Nightcaps Medical Trust \$10,000 for operational costs

Moved Shane Robertson/ Alanna Barrett

That the Ohai Railway Fund Committee:

- f) grants Takitimu Primary School \$3,652 for a new high jump mat

Moved Cr Boparai/ Kevin Curtin

That the Ohai Railway Fund Committee:

- g) grants Takitimu Primary School \$25,000 for a new playground

Moved Kevin Dixon/ Shane Robertson

That the Ohai Railway Fund Committee:

- h) grants Te Oruanui Marae \$6,500 for building repairs and maintenance

Moved Kevin Dison/ Cr Boparai

That the Ohai Railway Fund Committee:

- i) grants Takitimu United Netball Club \$500 for new training equipment

Carried

8.4 Ohai Railway Fund - grants schedule

Record No: R/26/4/114714

Report presented by Community liaison officer, Kathryn Cowie

The purpose of the report is to provide the Ohai Railway Fund Committee with an alphabetical schedule of grant monies allocated since October 1993 for members' information.

Resolved

Moved Cr Weusten/Kevin Curtin

That the Ohai Railway Fund Committee:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

The meeting closed at 11am.

Confirmed on:

Signed: