

**CONFIRMED MINUTES**

**OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
HELD IN THE LAKES CENTRE, OTEMATATA, NORTH OTAGO  
ON MONDAY, 10 MARCH 2025 AT 2:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Member Alan Pont, Member Mike King, Member Calum Reid, Member Steve Dalley, Member Brent Cowles, Member Karen Turner

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Gary Kircher  
Paul Hope (Director, Support Services)  
Shannon Barlow (Executive Assistant; minute-taker)

**IN ATTENDANCE FOR SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS:**

**MEETING OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 2:00pm and welcomed everyone present.

**1 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Jerram from the Kurow Medical Trust recently discussed the development of a facility designed to future-proof the medical industry in the area. He provided an update, noting that the land for the medical centre has been secured, with plans to lease it. Concept plans for the hub are in progress, emphasising flexibility in healthcare delivery. The envisioned hub includes allied health and various services. The concept is with stakeholders, and additional funding is needed to move forward. The facility aims to be energy-efficient and capable of serving as an emergency response centre. Progress will pick up once more funding is secured. Major fundraising efforts are set to begin, with a comprehensive funding plan to involve the entire community. The project also includes a helipad, for which funding has been obtained, highlighting its significant benefits to the facility's profile.

Mike King, speaking on behalf of the Residents Association of Omarama Incorporated, addressed the issue of rubbish supply to the town centre and the Caravan dump station. The community feels that the current bins are not fit for purpose, especially as the town's population increases during holiday periods due to tourism. While the Waitaki District Council has provided additional bins over the holiday period, there is still insufficient capacity during busy weekends. It appears that Air BnB occupants on the A2O trail dispose of their rubbish in public bins, particularly from February to April.

A report will be prepared for the next meeting. The Chair will discuss the issue with the Recreation Specialist, Mr Hyde, emphasising the need for an additional bin collection. It may be worth considering the feasibility of having someone collect the rubbish and take it to the transfer station or have additional bins. Various solution styles need to be explored, as this is a domestic issue.

**4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

**4.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2024**

**RESOLVED ACB 2025/001**

Moved: Member Steve Dalley  
Seconded: Member Karen Turner

That the Ahuriri Community Board confirms the Public minutes of the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting held on 2 December 2024, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**5 MEMORANDUM REPORTS**

**5.1 BUILDING CONSENTS ISSUED IN THE AHURIRI WARD DURING NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2024 AND JANUARY 2025**

Mr Hope inquired about the value the members get from the current report and suggested including more useful information. He noted that major builds with a value threshold and resource consents would provide better insights into community developments, such as the number of homes being built. While members advised that the report remains useful, Mr Hope recommended graphing the growth or decline over the past 12 months and proposed a revised format. Mr Hope will seek preferences for future reporting, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED ACB 2025/002**

Moved: Member Mike King  
Seconded: Member Alan Pont

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

**5.2 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chair gave a verbal report. The Chair attended the Waitaki Valley Society meeting, where several matters were discussed. Will be in touch with Council regarding the Long Term Plan to address the future financial considerations of the Waitaki Valley Society.

**RESOLVED ACB 2025/003**

Moved: Member Mike King  
Seconded: Member Karen Turner

That the Ahuriri Community board receives and notes the information.

**5.3 COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS AND WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Mr Cowles discussed the notification of the District Plan Review Plan, noting that consultation is open and any concerns should be forwarded to the planning team. He attended the engagement plan days and the highlight was the amount of engagement we had in Duntroon. Mr Cowles mentioned that water in Ohau is now being treated by the new treatment plant and that the system is live and running well. Mr Cowles had a discussion on tourism infrastructure funding for the Alps to Ocean trail and the Geopark with Mr Doosey.

Mr Dalley took his report as read, he attended the Otematata Residence Association meetings, he addressed concerns regarding the maintenance contractor, Green by Nature. He noted that while the work gets done, it often requires follow-up and is not up to standard, taking too long to complete. He highlighted that certain assets are maintained on an as-needed basis, which raises questions about the variations in the contract with the contractor. Mr Dalley questioned whether the issues stem from the contract itself or the contractor's performance. Mr Dalley attended a meeting with the local MP with conjunction with Duntroon regarding the speed reduction in Duntroon.

There was a discussion regarding the maintenance in Otematata and Kurow, questioning if the new contract meets the required standards. It was advised that certain mowing tasks are performed on an as-needed basis. Mr Hope advised we need to see what the contract states and what is covered. We will look at the level of feedback from the community through the Snap, Send, Solve app. Mr Hope advised once the locality officer is fully briefed, they will be able to provide quicker and more accurate responses to any maintenance requirements. It was raised that the Snap Send Solve system's activity should be checked to determine if there are any glitches as there seems to be requests that remain open.

Mr King took his report as read, he attended the Lake Ohau Community Board meeting, he noted that the water system is operational and very tidy. He also participated in the bus tour for the Waitaki Long Term Plan.

Mr Pont gave a verbal report, attended the Whalen Lodge opening and the opening of the Kurow Island Disc Golf Course. Meet with Cadogan Engineering on-site regarding new seating in the children's park and meet with the Kurow Island Group to discuss recent vandalism and locking gates.

Mrs Turner took her report as read, also advised she has observed the same issues with contractors, particularly with mowing, and broken picnic tables which is taking too long to be maintained

**RESOLVED ACB 2025/004**

Moved: Member Mike King  
Seconded: Member Steve Dalley

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

**5.4 FLOODING - FOUR SQUARE**

Mr Hope spoke to the report, Waitaki District Council (WDC) investigated the stormwater system and found that the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) system lacks an outfall, causing backups during rain events. An interim solution could involve connecting the current NZTA system to the WDC pipe on the eastern side of Wynyard Street, though this may not handle heavy rain volumes. The WDC have a price from contractors to connect to their stormwater system which is \$8800 which would be an amenity fund project.

There was a discussion regarding the cost of the short-term fix, which amounts to \$8,800. It was agreed that this work should proceed immediately, utilizing the amenity funds.

**RESOLVED ACB 2025/005**

Moved: Member Steve Dalley  
Seconded: Member Karen Turner

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information, and endorses the completion of the work using the amenity rate funds to proceed with the repairs.

### **5.5 FINANCIAL REPORT TO AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD (MARCH 2025)**

Mr Hope spoke to the report, discussing what information in the report is useful for the community board. He spoke in more details about the projects that have been undertaken in the Ahuriri ward. Advised that the Duntroon wastewater project treatment plant upgrade are waiting for the revised wastewater standards to be released, which will greatly benefit that project. The Chair noted that he has approached the Hall Committee regarding its management being under the Waitaki Valley Society.

#### **RESOLVED ACB 2025/006**

Moved: Cr Brent Cowles  
Seconded: Member Alan Pont

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

### **5.6 COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT - LINKS TO COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA PAPERS**

The Mayor's report was presented at the Council Meeting on February 25th. Discussions regarding the St John shuttle service are progressing well. The Local Water Done Well discussions are ongoing, with Waitaki involved in two groups. An investigation into a joint council-controlled organisation (CCO) is in progress, and the Waitaki District Council (WDC) now joins councils from Clutha, Gore, Central Otago, Timaru, Waimate, and Mackenzie. Community consultation is planned for April or May. The District Plan Review has been notified, and the submission process has started.

Chief Executive, Alex Parmley's update was taken as read, a question around the Locality Officer was raised, Mr Hope advised that it would be a good opportunity to have a workshop around all the changes and introduce the Locality Officers to the Community Boards. The Chair said he will arrange a date in April to all meet including the Mayor and Mr Hope in Otematata, Mr Hope advised it would be useful to have the Contractor Reps come along as well to help us all work together. The Chair mentioned having a flowchart on what everyone does would be helpful.

Mr Hope advised that there has been a positive development with the Kurow and Duntroon Irrigation Company. The board has worked diligently to stabilize the financial position of the company. Additionally, the Lower Waitaki is considering a major development project. The Council, being the largest shareholder, is particularly interested in this project as it supplies all the water to the Oamaru Water Scheme. The Council is working closely with the company to determine the level of commitment required and to ensure the project proceeds smoothly.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

#### **RESOLVED ACB 2025/007**

Moved: Member Karen Turner  
Seconded: Member Mike King

**6 MEETING CLOSE**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 3:47PM.

TO BE CONFIRMED at the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting to be held on Monday, 12 May 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON