

DRAFT UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD IN THE DUNTROON COMMUNITY HALL, DUNTROON
ON TUESDAY, 1 JULY 2025 AT 2:00 PM**

PRESENT: Chairman Calum Reid, Member Alan Pont, Member Mike King, Cr Brent Cowles

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Gary Kircher
Alex Parmley (Chief Executive)
Paul Hope (Director Support Services)
Arlene Goss (Governance Services Lead)
Erik van der Spek (Network Manager)
Lindsay Hyde (Recreation Specialist)
Allyson Woock (Governance Services Officer)
Jan Keeling (Duntroon Hall)

MEETING OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at **1.57pm** and welcomed everyone present.

1 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED ACB 2025/015

Moved: Member Mike King
Seconded: Member Alan Pont

That the apologies received from Members Karen Turner and Steve Dalley be accepted.

CARRIED

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Jan Keeling asked to speak regarding the Duntroon Community Hall. She said all the small halls are struggling to meet costs and she wanted to know if there was anything happening as a result of the Long Term Plan survey asking for community views on local halls. She said even the cost of supplying power to the hall was more than the hall made per day in hire income.

She suggested that council consider the rating boundaries for hall costs.

The school needed the hall to continue, but there was no money from the education department to help maintain it. The school was making a \$500 annual donation.

The chairman said he had discussed this matter with Cr Cowles. He asked Jan Keeling to prepare an ongoing maintenance plan and come back to the council with this. They needed to consider how to fund this down the track.

Cr Cowles said the Hampden Hall had the same issues and did an asset management plan, which informed them on what rates would need to be collected over the life of the hall to keep it maintained. This plan also helped them when they approached Lotto for funding.

The chairman asked Jan to get her committee together and put a submission to council to increase the rates to whatever it needs to be. He thanked her and she left the meeting.

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

4.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 12 MAY 2025

RESOLVED ACB 2025/016

Moved: Mr Mike King

Seconded: Mr Alan Pont

That the Ahuriri Community Board confirms the Public minutes of the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting held on 12 May 2025, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

5 DECISION REPORTS

5.1 OHAU PLANTING PLAN

The purpose of this report was to provide the Ōhau Community with forward funding to assist them with landscaping in the Ōhau area.

Lindsay Hyde took the floor and introduced the main points in his report. He was looking for confirmation he could go ahead and use the available funds.

Discussion took place on various sources of funding.

RESOLVED ACB 2025/017

Moved: Member Calum Reid

Seconded: Member Alan Pont

That the Ahuriri Community Board:

1. Carries over the balance of the money available for planting to occur in the 2025/2026 financial year.
2. Agrees for officers to work with the community on a plan that will help achieve the objectives of the development plan.

CARRIED

5.2 PADDY'S FLAT MAINTENANCE

The purpose of this report was to approve the use of Kurow Amenity funds to enable the Kurow Creek drainage system to function as intended.

A system of drainage channels designed to receive flood water from the Diggers Gully and Cattle Gully catchments near Kurow requires maintenance to ensure the system operates as planned. Council currently does not hold a budget for maintenance and operation of stormwater systems in Kurow.

Remedial works were estimated at a cost of \$25,000 to rectify current issues, and an annual budget of \$4,000 to maintain the system.

This issue has been ongoing since 1993 when the first flood happened.

Erik van der Spek introduced this report and outlined the issues with the lack of maintenance of the drainage network.

The Mayor asked if there was potential for a local contractor to do this work on contract to council. Or a community group. Would the Alps2Ocean contractor be interested. Mr van der Spek said staff have had four quotes, all very close to each other in price.

Discussion took place on the history of this matter and previous attempts to address this problem.

RESOLVED ACB 2025/018

Moved: Mr Alan Pont

Seconded: Cr Brent Cowles

That the Ahuriri Community Board:

1. APPROVES up to \$25,000 towards remedial works on the Kurow Creek drainage system from Kurow Amenity funds, and
2. APPROVES up to \$4,000 annually from Kurow Amenity funds for routine maintenance of the Kurow Creek's (Paddy's Flat) drainage system from Amenity funds.

CARRIED

6 MEMORANDUM REPORTS

6.1 FINANCIAL REPORT TO AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD (JULY 2025)

This report updated the Ahuriri Community Board on financial matters and activities within the Ahuriri ward.

Paul Hope apologised for a Waihemo table being accidentally attached to the Ahuriri Report.

The finance report showed a reasonable amount of work being undertaken over the last six months.

Was it possible to get an understanding of how much was spent and how much still to go, so they could get an idea of where projects are at?

The chief executive said there was work underway to introduce a reporting system that reflected this information and this would come to the future community board.

Delegations held by the board increased this term from \$5000 to \$50,000.

There was discussion about having a workshop before the end of the term to talk about the next board round. What did they want to pass onto the future board? It would be good to discuss this.

The chairman complimented the work of the locality officers, who have been really good and are responsive.

They decided to hold a workshop in August.

RESOLVED ACB 2025/019

Moved: Cr Brent Cowles

Seconded: Mr Mike King

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

6.2 MEMBER REPORTS

The purpose of this report was to convey reports from the Ahuriri Community Board Members and the Ahuriri Ward Councillor for the information of communities throughout the Waihemo Ward.

The chairman read out a report from member Karen Turner, who was an apology for the meeting.

He also read out his own report as follows:

12th May - 2 Monthly meeting at Omarama Hall

27th May - Meet with Eric and contractors to look at maintenance expectations around Kurow, Otematata, and Omarama. Contractors had been doing a good job.

6th June - Go over the Paddy's Flat Flood issues, with an engineer, and contractors. Passed on the original maintenance plan drawn up by Ecan, for funding.

12th June - Discussion with Duntroon Community Hall Chair about funding possibilities for a new roof, but also look at a bigger maintenance plan for the LTP.

12th June WVCS monthly meeting. Discussion on projects around the town and progress. Good discussion on the Kurow Boat ramp issues. The chairman suggested that a QR code could be used to collect money to maintain this asset. The boat club had said they were happy to put money into the maintenance of the boat ramp.

Cr Cowles also tabled his report to the community board as follows:

28 April - LTP Financial Discussions
29 April - PAR and Council Meetings
30 April – Omarama Airport Directors Interview
6 May - Council Briefing /Workshop Day
8 May - Extraordinary Council Meeting
8 May - Waitaki Lakes Shorelines Authorities Committee Meeting
13 May - Sub-Committee meetings, workshops & Briefings
14 May – Geopark Strategy Meeting
16 May - Otago Regional Growth Summit
19 May - Local Water Done Well community meeting – Otematata
20 May - Governance Team Session
27 May - PAR & Council Meetings
28 May – Combined Councillor Webinar – Southern Water Done Well
28 May – Waitaki Whitestone Geopark Trust Meeting
3 June - Briefings/Workshop – Zoom
4 June - Workshop with Southern Water Done Well (SWDW)
5 June – Tourism Waitaki Shareholder Sub-Committee Meeting
5 June - Meet with Whalan Lodge representatives.
10 June – Workshops
10 June – Airport Briefing
11 June – Meet with Property - Waitaki Valley Health Hub

Cr Cowles said there was a new director appointed to the Omarama Airfield. He had also attended the Waitaki Lakes Shoreline Authority Meeting. Biodiversity and lake weed were major issues. The community meeting in Otematata on the future of three waters had a good turnout with good feedback from the community.

RESOLVED ACB 2025/020

Moved: Mr Mike King
Seconded: Mr Alan Pont

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

6.3 BUILDING CONSENTS ISSUED IN THE AHURIRI WARD DURING APRIL AND MAY 2025

The purpose of this report was to provide the Board members with a list of building consents issued in the Ahuriri Ward during April and May 2025.

RESOLVED ACB 2025/021

Moved: Cr Brent Cowles

Seconded: Mr Mike King

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

6.4 COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT - LINKS TO COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA PAPERS

The purpose of this report was to provide links to agenda papers and any related attachments for recent Council Meetings and events, for the information of Community Board members and their Ward communities.

The Mayor spoke about his report, which was attached to the agenda.

He summarised the current situation with the water services delivery plan and rural water schemes. Discussion took place on the history of water services reorganisation since 2013, and other factors affecting the big picture.

Chief executive Alex Parmley then spoke about his report. He said the organisation continues to be under pressure and will be for some time, but progress is being made.

He spoke about the changes to customer services and a new case management approach. The customer service portal was still to come. The project management team is now managing all projects to a higher standard.

The LTP was adopted with the lowest rates rise in Otago. Even if the water services remain in house there will be big changes ahead.

Election nominations open on Friday.

The new events centre build is going well. There is a roof shout on Thursday for people who have contributed. Not all the funds have been raised yet to cover the costs of the project. Hopeful of good news soon. An announcement will be made this Thursday.

Mike King asked for statistics on how many people are registering their dogs online and how many are going into the office.

7 MEETING CLOSE

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.31pm.

TO BE CONFIRMED at the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting to be held on Monday, 8 September 2025.