

DRAFT UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD IN THE LAKES CENTRE, OTEMATATA, NORTH OTAGO
ON MONDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 2:00 PM**

PRESENT: Member Calum Reid (Chair), Member Steve Dalley, Member Mike King,
Member Alan Pont, Member Karen Turner, Mayor Melanie Tavendale

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Hope (Director Support Services)
Harley Allen (Area Lead)
Allyson Woock (Governance Services Officer)

MEETING OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1:59pm and welcomed everyone present.

1 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED ACB 2026/001

Moved: Mr Alan Pont

Seconded: Mr Mike King

That the apology received from Ahuriri Ward Councillor Brent Cowles (for absence) be accepted.

CARRIED

This decision was unanimous.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members Alan Pont and Karen Turner declared an interest in Agenda Item 4.2. They also declared an interest in Agenda Item 4.5 specifically in relation to the old Kurow toilet block site.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were in attendance at the Public Forum.

4 DECISION REPORTS

4.1 MANSE ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

The report sought the Board's approval of the proposed pedestrian safety improvements on Manse Road in Kurow.

Member Karen Turner expressed her thanks for reaching this point. She emphasised that the initiative originated from the school approaching the Community Board with concerns, rather than being Board-initiated.

It was noted that some parents and community groups have raised concerns about parking availability as a result of the proposed safety amendments.

Area Lead Harley Allen responded to questions from members regarding potential alternative options for the safety improvements design.

Mr Allen emphasised that the design presented offers the highest level of pedestrian safety, though this requires compromises on other aspects such as parking availability.

Mrs Turner advised that the Waitaki Valley School has a new principal and queried whether they had been informed. Mr Allen confirmed he would reach out to the new principal.

Member Mike King suggested the school look into implementing a school patrol system at the proposed crossing point once it is created.

RESOLVED ACB 2026/002

Moved: Mr Steve Dalley
Seconded: Mr Mike King

That the Ahuriri Community Board approves the proposed safety improvements.

CARRIED

This decision was unanimous.

Director Support Services Paul Hope suggested Mr Allen contact the Communications & Engagement Team to prepare public messaging about the Manse Road safety improvements.

4.2 COMMUNITY BOARD GRANT APPLICATION FROM WAITAKI VALLEY COMMUNITY SOCIETY (ON BEHALF OF KUROW ENHANCEMENT GROUP) – WINE BARREL PLANTERS STREET BEAUTIFICATION

The report sought retrospective approval from the Board for funding already provided to support Kurow Enhancement Group's / Waitaki Valley Community Society's streetscape beautification project on Bledisloe Street, Kurow.

Member Karen Turner advised that the project to install ten half wine barrel planters was completed in December 2025, planted with bay trees and underplanted with begonias.

Mrs Turner noted that Meridian Energy, the primary funder, had raised concerns about ongoing plant maintenance. She confirmed that she and another community member have volunteered to look after the plants.

RESOLVED ACB 2026/003

Moved: Mr Steve Dalley
Seconded: Mr Mike King

That the Ahuriri Community Board grants retrospective approval for funding of \$316.25 (including GST) from the Ahuriri Community Board Discretionary Fund to the Waitaki Valley Community Society, contributing towards the installation of wine barrel planters on Bledisloe Street, Kurow.

CARRIED

Members Alan Pont and Karen Turner abstained from voting.

4.3 COMMUNITY BOARD GRANT APPLICATION FROM SOUTH ISLAND ROWING INC – RACE SPONSORSHIP AT THE 2026 MAADI REGATTA

The report asked the board to consider a community board grant application of \$500 plus GST from South Island Rowing Inc for race sponsorship at the 2026 Maadi Regatta.

It was determined that the request does not align with the Board's current priorities or available budget.

RESOLVED ACB 2026/004

Moved: Mr Steve Dalley
Seconded: Mrs Karen Turner

That the Ahuriri Community Board declines the request of \$500 plus GST from South Island Rowing Inc for race sponsorship at the 2026 Maadi Regatta.

CARRIED

This decision was unanimous.

The Board requested the Governance Services Officer contact the representative from South Island Rowing Inc to advise that their grant application was unsuccessful.

4.4 2026 AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The report sought confirmation of the 2026 Ahuriri Community Board meeting dates and times as adopted by Council on Tuesday 9 December 2025, and sought a decision on meeting locations/venues.

RESOLVED ACB 2026/005

Moved: Mr Mike King
Seconded: Mr Alan Pont

That the Ahuriri Community Board:

1. Confirms the 2026 Ahuriri Community Board meeting dates and times as adopted by Council on Tuesday 9 December 2025; and
2. If any significant date or time conflicts are identified, agrees to refer proposed amendments to the Chief Executive for approval.

CARRIED

This decision was unanimous.

RESOLVED ACB 2026/006

Moved: Mr Alan Pont
Seconded: Mrs Karen Turner

That the Ahuriri Community Board:

Agrees to continue rotating Ahuriri Community Board meeting locations between Otematata, Kurow, Duntroon, and Omarama for each of the five remaining Ahuriri Community Board meetings in 2026, as set out below:

Monday 13 April 2026 – Omarama Memorial Hall, 35 Chain Hills Highway, Omarama

Monday 8 June 2026 – Kurow Memorial Hall, 31 Gordon Street, Kurow

Monday 3 August 2026 – Duntroon Hall, 6 Livingstone Street, Duntroon

Monday 5 October 2026 – Venue and location to be confirmed at the August 2026 Ahuriri Community Board meeting

Monday 30 November 2026 – Otematata Community Centre, 1 West Road, Otematata

CARRIED

This decision was unanimous.

4.5 GENERAL BUSINESS

This new standing report provided an opportunity for members to raise ongoing issues for discussion, and to table new requests (such as for reports or information) for the Board's consideration.

Director Support Services Paul Hope introduced the report. He advised the Board that resolutions made in the General Business report will be added to the Council Resolution Register and Action List going forward, and that the Action List will be included in future Ahuriri Community Board agendas.

Members Alan Pont and Karen Turner declared an interest in the matter of the old Kurow toilet block site.

Kurow Island Boat Ramp

The first item in the General Business report for discussion was the Kurow Island Boat Ramp.

The Chair had previously requested a report on the boat ramp that clarifies and establishes agreement on maintenance responsibilities between the relevant agencies and investigates implementing a QR code payment system to assist with funding ongoing maintenance of both the boat ramp and the Kurow Island car park. This item was included in the General Business report to enable the Board to discuss and determine whether this was a priority before officers proceed with preparing a report.

It was agreed that a good starting point would be for a meeting to be set up between Waitaki District Council, Waimate District Council, and Environment Canterbury.

RESOLVED ACB 2026/007

Moved: Mr Calum Reid
Seconded: Mrs Karen Turner

That the Ahuriri Community Board requests officers contact Waimate District Council and Environment Canterbury to commence discussions on a way forward with the Kurow Island Boat Ramp, and involve the Ahuriri Community Board Chairperson.

CARRIED

This decision was unanimous.

Otematata Hall / Community Centre

The next item in the General Business report for discussion was the Otematata Community Centre.

It had been identified by the Ahuriri Ward Councillor that the area behind the centre requires attention, and practical solutions have been sought to tidy the area. Area Lead Harley Allen has developed a plan to address this. The item was included in the General Business report to enable the Board to discuss and resolve whether to proceed.

RESOLVED ACB 2026/008

Moved: Mr Steve Dalley
Seconded: Mr Alan Pont

That the Ahuriri Community Board:

1. Fully supports the tidy-up project behind the Otematata Community Centre and sets a budget of up to \$20,000 for Stage 1; and
2. Requests that the project priority is set in conjunction with the Ahuriri Community Board Chairperson and Board representatives from Otematata; and

3. Requests that officers investigate funding from the Otematata Hall Rate Fund and other sources of available funding and report back to the Board.

CARRIED

This decision was unanimous.

Old Kurow Toilet Block Site

The next item in the General Business report for discussion was the old Kurow toilet block site.

The Chair had requested a report on this matter recommending that Council assume ownership and maintenance of the assets being installed by the Waitaki Valley Community Society at the site. This item was included in the General Business report to enable the Board to discuss and determine whether this was a priority before officers proceed with preparing a report.

Member Karen Turner provided a project update on behalf of the Waitaki Valley Community Society. She advised that a concrete slab was scheduled to be poured at the site in late January 2026 but has been delayed due to uncertainty around permissions. Clarification of permissions is time-sensitive as the external funding awarded for the project has an expiry date.

Due to the time sensitivity, it was agreed that an update could be provided to the Board outside of the usual meeting process.

RESOLVED ACB 2026/009

Moved: Mr Steve Dalley

Seconded: Mr Mike King

That the Ahuriri Community Board:

1. Requests officers to fully investigate the history of the old Kurow toilet block site and identify any unresolved issues that need to be brought back to the Board, otherwise the Board supports the project developed for this site by the Waitaki Valley Community Society; and
2. Requests that this matter be resolved by the end of February 2026.

CARRIED

Members Alan Pont and Karen Turner abstained from voting.

Richie McCaw Statue

The final item in the General Business report for discussion was the Richie McCaw Statue.

The Chair had requested a report recommending that Council assume ownership and maintenance of the statue once installed. This was included in the General Business report to enable the Board to discuss and determine whether this was a priority before officers proceed with preparing a report.

Member Alan Pont provided an update on the statue project, advising that the statue was being made at the time of this meeting and that an unveiling ceremony is planned for 22 March 2026.

He advised that the stonemason has recommended yearly maintenance of the statue once installed. Mr Pont noted that the Waitaki Valley Community Society understood Council had initially agreed to undertake maintenance, however this has not been formalised. He further advised that the statue will be located on private land.

Director Support Services Paul Hope requested that the Waitaki Valley Community Society submit a formal letter to the Board requesting that Council assume ownership and maintenance of the statue.

Mr Hope also advised that the Society should submit a separate letter to Council requesting traffic management support, specifically to close the car park for the unveiling ceremony in March.

RESOLVED ACB 2026/010

Moved: Mr Alan Pont
Seconded: Mrs Karen Turner

That the Ahuriri Community Board requests a report in response to the request from Waitaki Valley Community Society to discuss the ownership, maintenance, and other issues for the long term future of the Richie McCaw statue.

CARRIED

This decision was unanimous.

It was raised that road cones have been placed on the newly sealed car park at the Omarama Memorial Hall to prevent trucks from using it as a turning point. Director Support Services Paul Hope requested that the Area Lead implement simple physical solutions to mitigate this issue, rather than relying on the cones permanently or using signage, to protect the new seal. He noted that signage is easily ignored.

5 MEMORANDUM REPORTS

5.1 BUILDING CONSENTS ISSUED IN THE AHURIRI WARD DURING AUGUST 2025 TO DECEMBER 2025

The report provided the Ahuriri Community Board with a list of building consents issued in the Ahuriri Ward during August to December 2025.

RESOLVED ACB 2026/011

Moved: Mr Mike King
Seconded: Mr Steve Dalley

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

This decision was unanimous.

5.2 FINANCIAL REPORT TO AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD (FEBRUARY 2026)

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

Chair Calum Reid raised the matter of the Annual Plan/Budget process, noting that the Board needs to submit items for consideration. Mayor Mel Tavendale advised that if there is no public submission process this year, it will be important to utilise internal avenues through community boards to ensure they remain informed and have an opportunity to provide feedback on the Annual Plan.

RESOLVED ACB 2026/012

Moved: Mr Steve Dalley
Seconded: Mr Alan Pont

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED
This decision was unanimous.

5.3 REPORTS OF THE CHAIR, MEMBERS, AND AHURIRI WARD COUNCILLOR

The report shared updates from the Ahuriri Community Board Chair and Members, and the Ahuriri Ward Councillor, for the information of communities in the Ahuriri Ward.

RESOLVED ACB 2026/013

Moved: Mr Mike King
Seconded: Mr Alan Pont

That the Ahuriri Community Board receives and notes the information.

CARRIED
This decision was unanimous.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

6.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE AHURIRI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2025

RESOLVED ACB 2026/014

Moved: Mrs Karen Turner
Seconded: Mr Mike King

That the Ahuriri Community Board confirms the Public minutes of the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting held on 10 November 2025, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED
This decision was unanimous.

CHAIR CALUM REID INVITED MAYOR MEL TAVENDALE TO GIVE THE BOARD AN UPDATE ON COUNCIL'S RECENT ACTIVITIES.

7 MEETING CLOSE

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 4:15pm.

TO BE CONFIRMED at the Ahuriri Community Board Meeting to be held on Monday 13 April 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON