

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
VINCENT COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD IN THE NGĀ HAU E WHĀ, WILLIAM FRASER BUILDING, 1 DUNORLING STREET,
ALEXANDRA
AND LIVE STREAMED VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 29 APRIL 2025
COMMENCING AT 10.02 AM**

PRESENT: Mr J Cromb (Chairperson), Dr R Browne, Cr L Claridge, Mr T Hammington, Mr D Johns, Cr M McPherson, Cr T Paterson

IN ATTENDANCE: P Kelly (Chief Executive Officer), S Righarts (Group Manager - Business Support), D Rushbrook (Group Manager - Community Vision), D Scoones (Group Manager - Community Experience), A Mason (Media and Marketing Manager), R Williams (Community Development Advisor) via Microsoft Teams, T Bates (Property Officer), G Bailey (Parks and Recreation Manager), S Reynolds (Governance Support Officer)

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

Note: Cr McPherson left the meeting at 10.03 am.

2 PUBLIC FORUM

Warren McSkimming - Otago Cricket (via Microsoft teams)

Mr McSkimming spoke to his application and the opportunity to once again bring the 'Super Smash' Tournament to Molyneux Park once again. He noted the good crowds at the previous games and the number of viewers logging on online and the opportunity having the games in Alexandra presents to showcase the region to all viewers. He thanked the community for their support and for locals engagement with the visiting players at community events held on the players rest days.

Warwick Tomlinson - Boys Brigade NZ (via Microsoft teams)

Mr Tomlinson outlined his role with Boys Brigade NZ and the objective of the Edge Workshop scheme to provide a fortnightly programme to six primary schools within the Vincent ward to offer students a hands on way of learning, instructed by volunteers who mentor the students. He described the requirement for a new covered trailer to allow the programme to continue in all weathers and ensure the programme could continue.

Mr Tomlinson then responded to questions.

Eve O'Brien - Central Otago Friendship Network

Ms O'Brien detailed the social sessions that the group provide in Alexandra, that help members find connection and friendship when they might find other social situations difficult. She explained that the group had ambition to form a similar group in Omakau & Ophir and that they were currently accessing needs in this community. The funds they requested would help the Alexandra service continue and allow the establishment of the Omakau & Ophir group.

Ms O'Brien then responded to questions.

Andy Davey – Winterstellar

Mr Davey spoke to his application noting that the group had found it challenging to work within the grant application parameters and that the timing for the grants deadlines were not aligned to the current work programme. He updated the board on the ambition to gain certification of the Central Otago International Dark Sky Reserve and outlined that he had received support from St Bathans, the Cambrians and Naseby communities on this project.

Mr Davey then responded to questions.

Tim Coughlan – Alexandra Blossom Festival – (application and accountability report)

Mr Coughlan spoke to his application for grant funding and noted that they had considered the feedback from the board at the last grants round. He detailed the economic and social benefits of the Blossom Festival and that the positive impact reached throughout the whole district. He noted the committees ambition to keep the ticket prices affordable for everyone, and that they provide free tickets for all primary-aged school kids in the town.

Mr Coughlan then responded to questions.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Johns
Seconded: Hammington

That the public minutes of the Vincent Community Board Meeting held on 18 March 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their obligations in respect of declaring any interests. There were no further declarations of interest.

It was noted that Cr McPherson was not present during public forum or for Item 25.3.2 and did not take part in the discussions or vote.

Dr Browne noted that he was no longer on the Manorburn Recreation Reserve committee and this would be removed from his declared interests.

5 REPORTS

25.3.2 2024/25 PROMOTIONS & EVENTS GRANTS APPLICATIONS - 2ND FUNDING ROUND

To consider the second round of the community grant applications and the promotions and events grants for the 2024/25 financial year.

There was discussion around whether it was possible to make the long standing community events a line item in the budget, instead of a contestable grant. It was noted that this would require a change to the Grants Policy and that this would need to be initiated by Council.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Paterson
Seconded: Hammington

That the Vincent Community Board

A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.

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- B. Approves a grant of \$24,500 To Alexandra Blossom Festival Inc. for clean-up, waste, fencing, sound screen technical and staging costs for the 2025 Alexandra Blossom Festival. The grant to be funded from the 2025-26 year Vincent Community Board Promotions and Events grants budget which includes \$9,500 remaining, from 2024- 25 year Vincent Community Board Promotions and Events grants budget.
- C. Declines the application for \$20,000 from Winterstellar Charitable Trust for operational expenses, project management and programme development.
- a. Encourages Winterstellar Charitable Trust to reapply in the next funding round should it be able to clearly define a project that is aligned with the purpose and criteria for a Promotions and Events grant and that delivers clear outcomes specific to the Vincent Board area.
- D. Approves a grant of \$5,000 to Otago Cricket Association Inc. for Super Smash Cricket December 2025 for equipment, scaffolding for build of sightscreens and camera towers. The approved grant to be funded from the 2025-26 year Vincent Community Board Promotions and Events grant budget.
- E. Notes that any grants approved for funding from the 2025 -26 financial year draft Long-term Plan budget are subject to budgets remaining unaltered and the approval and adoption of 2025-2034 Long-term Plan.
- F. Notes that it is each grant recipient's responsibility to obtain and/or have in place the appropriate consents, plans and licences (including resource consent, health and safety plans etc.) as required by legislation, agencies, property owners and/or individuals to undertake the projects.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Paterson
Seconded: Hammington

- G. Approves a grant of \$2,698 to the Central Otago Friendship Network for the Alexandra and Omakau Social Connection Support programme.
- H. Approves a grant of \$5,000 to Boys Brigade NZ Inc for the Edge Workshop Trailer.
- I. Notes that it is each grant recipient's responsibility to obtain and/or have in place the appropriate consents, plans and licences (including resource consent, health and safety plans etc.) as required by legislation, agencies, property owners and/or individuals to undertake the projects.

CARRIED

Note: Cr McPherson returned at 11.05 am and took part in the community grants discussion, item G – I of item 25.3.2. Mr Coughlan was present for item 25.3.3

25.3.3 ALEXANDRA BLOSSOM FESTIVAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT 2024 EVENT

To consider the promotion grant accountability report received from Alexandra Blossom Festival for the 2024 events.

The Board thanked the committee for all the work that they do for the community, and acknowledged the many volunteer hours that went into making the event a success.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Paterson
Seconded: Hammington

That the report be received.

CARRIED

Note: Mr Hammington left the meeting at 11.06 and returned at 11.08 am.

25.3.4 MANORBURN DAM RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN SUBMISSIONS

To receive and consider the written and verbal submissions on the draft Manorburn Dam Recreation Reserve Management Plan and recommending any changes to the final draft which will be presented to the Board for formal approval at its next meeting.

The following speakers presented an oral submission in support of their written submission.

Christine Williamson

Ms Williamson gave an overview of her submission and noted the beautiful landscape at Lower Manorburn, the history of the area, ice skating and the value of the area for horse riding. She also noted that she didn't believe suitable compliance could be offered to provide a freedom camping site and that she believed with additional amenity there should be provision for a public toilet.

Ms Williamson then responded to questions.

Joe Sherriff

Mr Sherriff spoke to his written submission and his particular interest in creating orienteering maps and the formation of multi-use tracks to make the area more accessible for bikes, horse riders and walkers.

Loretta Bush

Ms Bush spoke to her written submission, and noted that she agreed that she did not believe the reserve should be used for 4-wheel driving or freedom campers and that she fully supported the draft plan.

Anna-Marie Gilmour

Ms Gilmour noted that she had an affinity with the area and that she had been using the reserve since she was a child. She outlined that her and her young family enjoy the reserve for picnicking, horse-riding and many other recreational activities. She fully supported the draft Reserve Management Plan and believed an inclusive approach establishing combined tracks for horse-riders, bikers and walkers would mean that the area would be best utilised for the future.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Paterson

That the Vincent Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Receive and consider the written and verbal submissions on the draft Manorburn Dam Recreation Reserve Management Plan.
- C. That the Vincent Community Board accepts the draft Manorburn Dam Recreation Reserve Management Plan with suggested amendments.
- D. That the final draft Manorburn Dam Recreation Reserve Management Plan be presented to the Board for formal approval at its next meeting.

CARRIED

Note: Cr Paterson noted a conflict on item 25.3.5 and did not take part in the discussion or vote on the item. Cr Paterson left the room at 11.56 am.

25.3.5 MANUHEREKIA VALLEYS COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

To provide an update on progress with the Manuherekia Valleys Community Hub project.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Hammington

That the report be received.

CARRIED

Note: Cr Paterson returned at 12.01 pm

6 MAYOR'S REPORT

Her Worship The Mayor was not present for the meeting.

7 CHAIR'S REPORT

25.3.7 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair gave an update on activities and issues since the last meeting, see attached.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cromb
Seconded: Browne

That the report be received.

CARRIED

8 MEMBERS' REPORTS

25.3.8 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Members gave an update on activities and issues since the last meeting.

Dr Browne reported on the following:

- Attended a meeting of Keep Alexandra Clyde Beautiful.
- Attended a meeting of Alexandra and District Museum board.
- Attended a meeting of Central Otago REAP
- Chaired a meeting of the Creative Writers Circle.
- Gave a talk to Alexandra U3A.
- Attended an Elevate business group breakfast meeting.
- Met with a group of local residents at the Lower Manorburn Recreation Reserve.
- Attended a meeting of the Dunstan Friendship Club.
- Attended a CODC drop-in session on the LTP.
- Met with members of the Clyde Theatre Group to hear their views on future options for a theatre space.
- Spent a week in Sydney where I was interested to see that budgets for major projects typically devote 1% to public art.
- Laid a wreath on behalf of the Vincent Community Board at the Chatto Creek Anzac day ceremony.

Mr Johns reported on the following:

- Attended meetings of the Alexandra Football club and the Alexandra Rugby Club.
- Ran an Otago Men's Golf Club competition.
- Ran a Women's golf competitions, noting the strong numbers throughout the summer season.

Cr McPherson reported on the following:

- Attended the meeting at Ophir Hall and noted the impressive work undertaken by volunteers.
- Attended the ANZAC day ceremony in Alexandra.
- Attended Long-term Plan sessions.

Cr Claridge reported on the following:

- Reported on the recent Council meeting.
- Attended the meeting at the Ophir Hall.
- Attended Long-term Plan sessions
- Attended the ANZAC day service and gave a personal insight into the effects of war and the toil it takes on future generations.

Cr Paterson reported on the following:

- Had met with some of the Ophir Hall committee with regards to the potential divestment the hall.
 - Had attended three Long-term Plan sessions.
 - Laid a wreath at the Omakau ANZAC service.
 - Attended the opening of the Orkney Wetland which is part of the Thompson Creek catchment scheme and acknowledged all involved in this project.
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Mr Hammington reported on the following:

- Had attended the Blossom Festival AGM.
- Had attended a Promote Dunstan meeting, and attended the Clyde Food and Wine Festival on Easter Sunday, commenting that the significant rain in the morning cleared up and heralded a successful day.
- Attended ANZAC day parade and laid a wreath at the Clyde cenotaph.
- Attended Long-term Plan sessions.
- Had a conversation with the lease of the Clyde Railway Station and had encouraged them to get involved in the submission process.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cromb
Seconded: Browne

That the report be received.

CARRIED

9 STATUS REPORTS

25.3.9 APRIL 2025 GOVERNANCE REPORT

To report on items of general interest, receive minutes and updates from key organisations and consider the status report updates.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Paterson

That the report be received.

CARRIED

10 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 9 June 2025.

Cr Paterson and Cr McPherson noted they would be an apology for this meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.18pm

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