

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
MANIOTOTO COMMUNITY BOARD  
HELD IN THE RANFURLY SERVICE CENTRE, 15 PERY STREET, RANFURLY  
AND LIVE STREAMED VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2025  
COMMENCING AT 2.00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Mr R Hazlett (Chair), Cr S Duncan, Mr D Helm, Ms R McAuley

**IN ATTENDANCE:** T Alley (Mayor), P Kelly (Chief Executive Officer), Q Penniall (Acting Group Manager - Planning, Infrastructure and Regulatory), R Williams (Community Development Lead), A Mason (Media and Marketing Manager), G Bailey (Parks and Recreation Manager), A Crosbie (Policy and Strategy Lead) via Microsoft Teams, P Morris (Chief Financial Officer), P Keenan (Capital Projects Programme Manager), E Nazar (Project Manager), A Lines (Risk and Procurement Manager), S Reynolds (Governance Support Officer)

## 1 APOLOGIES

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### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

**MOVED: HAZLETT**

**SECONDED: DUNCAN**

THAT APOLOGIES FROM MR M HARRIS BE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED.

**CARRIED**

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## 2 PUBLIC FORUM

### Tania Murray - John Street

Ms Murray spoke regarding abandoned vehicles on the street and berm outside 7 John Street, noting the matter had been raised with the Board over many years without resolution. She stated the property owner appeared to be in breach of consent conditions, and that neither the owner nor Council were willing to fund a fence, and she requested that direct pressure be applied to the owner.

She further requested consideration of installing flag poles on Charlemont Street and expressed support for adoption of the unofficial Maniototo flag, designed by a local young person, to promote community pride and to enhance the street frontage.

Ms Murray then responded to questions.

### Russel Haig - Access to the toilets at the Railway Station

Mr Haig spoke on two matters. He requested a letter of support to the Department of Conservation for the removal of approximately ten poplar trees from the Railway Reserve site, noting that Rail Trail Trustees Ken Gillespie and Colin Stevenson had identified the trees for felling.

Mr Haig also requested the reopening of the old toilets at the Railway Station, citing increased visitor numbers and that the Maniototo Café and the railway station were the main attractions in the area and that visitors tended not to walk further down the street to access the new facilities.

### Dave Brady - Grant Application - Naseby Vision

Mr Brady spoke in support of Naseby Vision and the Dark Sky event to be held in September 2025, coinciding with the anticipated International Dark Sky accreditation for Naseby. He advised that this accreditation, the result of ten years' work, would generate new revenue streams for the area. He outlined the planned event, including partnership with Tūhura Otago Museum to provide a

planetarium, and noted increasing visitor interest in the night sky and the potential for growth in this sector.

#### Bill Morris - Grant Application - Taiari Wai River Festival

Mr Morris spoke in support of the funding application for the festival to be held at Patearoa School, on 10 January 2026, noting that as in previous years, they had strong community support and wished to expand the event. For the 2026 event the programme would include a kite-flying activity for children in the domain, along with talks promoting engagement with and support of the natural environment. Funding was requested for the provision of portable toilets.

### **3 CONDOLENCES**

The chair referred to the deaths of Sandy Parker and John Stringer. Members stood for a moment's silence as a mark of respect.

### **4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Helm  
**Seconded:** Duncan

That the public minutes of the Maniototo Community Board Meeting held on 7 August 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

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### **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **6 REPORTS**

#### **25.4.2 CONSIDERATION OF THE PROVISION OF A CHAIRPERSON'S GRANTS FUND**

To consider making provision for a Chairperson's Fund for the Maniototo Community Board's Community and Events and Promotions Grants.

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#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Duncan  
**Seconded:** McAuley

That the Maniototo Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
  - B. Agrees in principle to establish a Chairperson's Fund.
  - C. Authorises the Maniototo Community Board Chair to approve applications under the Chairperson's Fund in accordance with the Grants Policy.
  - D. Notes the Chairperson's Fund enables a grant of up to \$1000 per application, and the total amount a Chair could allocate is \$2500.
  - E. Notes that this funding is not ringfenced and is dependent on the amount remaining after each funding allocation round.
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- F. Notes that applications will be assessed by Council staff to ensure they meet the grants' criteria, and that the outcome will be reported at the next meeting of the Maniototo Community Board.
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**CARRIED**

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#### **25.4.3 PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS GRANT APPLICATIONS 2025-26 FIRST ROUND**

To consider the first round of the community and events and promotion grant applications for the 2025/26 financial year.

Discussion followed, with members noting the significant demand for grants in this round, and that it would be beneficial to utilise the Promotions and Events Grants reserves to support these applications. Access to these reserves were subject to approval from Council.

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#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** McAuley  
**Seconded:** Helm

That the Maniototo Community Board

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

B. Approves a grant of \$1,219 to Upper Taieri Wai Inc (Tiaki Maniototo) for the 2026 Taieri Wai River Festival event to cover portaloo hire costs.

- I. The approved grant is subject to approval from Council to fund this grant from Maniototo promotion and event grant reserves.

C. Approved a grant of \$5,000 to Naseby Vision for Planetarium hire, venue hire, entertainment, marketing and promotion costs for a Night Sky community celebration event to be held in September 2025.

- II. Approves an additional grant of \$1,000 subject to approval from Council to fund this grant from the Maniototo promotion and event grant reserves.

D. Requests Council to approve the overspend of the 2025-26 financial year promotions and events budget to the amount of \$2,219 to be funded from underspent 2024-25 year funds currently held in reserves.

E. Notes that it is the 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 require by legislation, agencies, property owners and/or individuals to undertake the projects.

**CARRIED**

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#### **7 MAYOR'S REPORT**

#### **25.4.4 MAYOR'S REPORT**

Her Worship the Mayor presented a report, see attached.

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#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Helm  
**Seconded:** Duncan

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That the Maniototo Community Board receives the report.

**CARRIED**

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## **8 CHAIR'S REPORT**

### **25.4.5 CHAIR'S REPORT**

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

- Discussed the heritage lights on the main street and noted that the bulbs had now been replaced.
  - Noted that the sprinklers at the rugby club had been repaired and that new grass seed had been laid.
  - Observed the progress at the Oturehua Domain, stating that it is looking good, the trees had been removed and that plumbers were installing a new septic system.
  - Had met with some farmers to review the state of the tracks at Falls Dam. Requested that this road could be included as part of the review of maintenance on gravel roads.
  - Noted that there had been a lack of communication with regards to roading and that he hoped this could be improved in the future.
  - Noted that Hills Creek Stock Irrigation scheme was soon to be in use, and acknowledged the input from those involved in getting this scheme established.
  - He thanked the board for their work over the past year, noting that believed they had served as an effective conduit to staff and had supported communication within the area.
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### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Hazlett

**Seconded:** Helm

That the report be received.

**CARRIED**

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## **9 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **25.4.6 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

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

Cr Duncan reported on the following;

- Noted he was fortunate to have a look around the Cromwell Memorial Hall, and thought it was spectacular and that Council would need to make sure it could be funded correctly
  - Met with Otago Regional Council to look at the gravel bar at the Styx Bridge, and the option to lower the river with potential to be able to access gravel from the river.
  - Attended some of the hearing for the solar farm consent, and had observed strong discussion on both sides, and that he was interested to see how this progresses.
  - Attended a fire at St Bathans, noting that there was potential for the fire to have gathered pace with lots of overgrown bush land that is maintained by the Department of Conservation. He thinks this should be addressed coming into summer, as it was a high risk area, very close to the settlement.
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- Noted the Local Government Elections coming up, reminding candidates that everyone had the same objective and that it is a challenging time for those running.
- Had been alarmed to hear that school bus routes in the area are in such a poor state of repair that they could be putting children's safety at risk, and asked that Go Bus could be contacted to investigate and fix up problem areas.

Mr Helm reported on the following:

- Noted that the farming calendar had been busy.
- Had attended some of the hearing for the solar farm and commented on the strong community interest.
- Had attended the Meet the Candidates evening at the Rugby Club.

Ms McAuley reported on the following:

- Noted the frustrations that the boil water notice had caused in the community, but that it was good that a solution had been found.
- Noted that New Zealand Curling association had organised a series of school holiday camps at the Naseby Adventure Park and that this sector of their business was thriving.
- Also noted that Naseby had hosted the Great Naseby Water Race, hosting over 250 entries and their supporters, noting the success of this event.
- Noted the success of the inaugural 'Ale Trail' event and that they had raised over \$7,000 for the Otago and Southland Rescue Helicopter trust.
- Thanked the board for this term, noted that she had learnt a lot and was proud of their achievements, and that she hoped she would be back at the table for another term.

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#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Helm  
Seconded: McAuley

That the report be received.

CARRIED

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## 10 STATUS REPORTS

### 25.4.7 SEPTEMBER 2025 GOVERNANCE REPORT

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

Staff gave a verbal update on Ranfurly & Patearoa protozoa barriers projects.

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#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Helm  
Seconded: McAuley

That the report be received.

CARRIED

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**11 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 4 November 2025.

**The meeting closed at 3.33 pm**

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CHAIR / /

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER / /

Unconfirmed