

**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, 12 FEBRUARY 2026
COMMENCING AT 2:00 PM**

PRESENT: Mr Harris (Chair), Mr L Dowling, Cr S Duncan, Mr D Helm, Ms R McAuley

IN ATTENDANCE: T Alley (Mayor), P Kelly (Chief Executive Officer), Q Penniall (Group Manager - Planning, Infrastructure and Regulatory), S Righarts (Group Manager - Governance and Business Services), D Scoones (Group Manager - Community Experience), A Crosbie (Policy Lead), S Reynolds (Governance Support Officer)

1 APOLOGIES

THERE WERE NO APOLOGIES.

2 PUBLIC FORUM

Russ Haigh and Tania Murray – the need for more EV charges in the town

MR HAIGH AND MS MURRAY THANKED COUNCIL STAFF FOR AGREEING TO CONSTRUCTING A BOUNDARY FENCE AT 9 JOHN STREET, NOTING THAT IT WOULD IMPROVE THE STREET'S APPEARANCE. THEY ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A PUMP TRACK AT THE CORNER OF JOHN STREET AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EXPLORING FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT.

THEY ALSO DESCRIBED PLANS THEY HAD FOR INSTALLING A FLAG POLE IN THE RAILWAY STATION GARDEN. AND DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OUTSIDE THE RAILWAY STATION, POINTING OUT NEAR-MISSES, AND NOTED THAT AN ASSESSMENT HAD BEEN COMPLETED, EXPRESSING HOPE FOR PROGRESS FROM NZTA. ADDITIONALLY, THEY HIGHLIGHTED THAT THE EV CHARGER HAD BEEN OUT OF SERVICE FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS AND EMPHASISED THE NEED FOR A SECOND CHARGER TO IMPROVE RELIABILITY FOR TRAVELLERS.

3 CONDOLENCES

The chair referred to the deaths of Bev Claridge, Winton Amies, Nica Davis, Tracy Parker, Bill Morice. Members stood for a moment's silence as a mark of respect.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Helm
Seconded: Dowling

That the public minutes of the Maniototo Community Board Meeting held on 27 November 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

6 MAYOR'S REPORT

26.1.2 MAYOR'S REPORT

Her Worship the Mayor reported on the following:

- Noted the busy start to the year, with proposed Central Government reforms providing significant work for elected members.
- Provided an update on Southern Water, noting positive progress in this area.
- Outlined the cohesive approach of fellow Mayors from nearby districts, noting an appetite for change and hope to continue working together throughout 2026 to make improvements.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Duncan

Seconded: Helm

That the Maniototo Community Board receives the report.

CARRIED

7 CHAIR'S REPORT

26.1.3 CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Noted that the hospital extension is nearly complete and that it was positive to see this progress.
- Observed that some sealing work had been completed in the town.
- Provided an overview of the planned work at Patearoa to extend the bowling club and create an alternative space for social functions, replacing the hall which is no longer fit for purpose.
- Noted that there had been some complaints about broom, and that it had been a poor season for spraying.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Harris

Seconded: Helm

That the report be received.

CARRIED

8 MEMBERS' REPORTS

26.1.4 MEMBERS' REPORTS

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

Mr Dowling reported on the following:

- Noted that the reserves are looking really good, irrigation is working well, and pre-season rugby has started.
- Noted that he is planning to schedule a zoom meeting with Helios Energy to give the board an opportunity to have an update on their work in the ward.
- Discussed trees at the rugby grounds and when replanting would occur. It was noted that this issue has been raised several times, and that some public messaging on this could be useful to confirm that plans are in place for winter planting.
- Noted that it had been a good summer, with lots of people around, which was very positive.

Ms McAulay reported on the following:

- Noted that the town had been really busy over the holiday period, and that the main street was looking great with the addition of some new murals and that the planting along the street was also looking good.
- A regular dog walker asked if there could be an opportunity to address dog waste near the dog walking area around the stadium. It was noted that there are no rubbish bins anywhere on the reserve and that adding a bin in this area would be helpful.
- It was discussed that a new sign is needed to indicate the swimming pool and playground, as a previous sign had been removed. It was also noted that the school sign is completely obscured by a tree, and asked that this was addressed.
- Noted that Plunket parents expressed thanks for the financial support for the swim programme, with over 40 children participating. The coaching was excellent, and the programme's importance to encourage children to learn to swim was recognised.

Mr Helm reported on the following:

- Noted that he was looking forward to the show in a couple of weeks and that it had been a good season for farming.

Cr Duncan reported on the following:

- Provided an update on recent Council meetings, noting the media coverage around the mine development. Mentioned participation in an interesting workshop on risk, and observed that while some risk is necessary, the liability for Council is significant.
- Attended a meeting with the Wilding Conifer Group.
- Discussed whether weed spraying could be rethought and whether local contractors could be subcontracted for greater effectiveness. Noted that farmers have been spraying their own verges, and that a rebate system could be considered.
- Noted the heavy workload for elected members and the Mayor, given the significant reforms happening at Central Government level.
- Noted that he is looking forward to show season, that agriculture is going very well, and that there has been significant activity on the Rail Trail, with many Australian visitors and a busy atmosphere.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Harris

Seconded: Duncan

That the report be received.

CARRIED

9 STATUS REPORTS

26.1.5 FEBRUARY 2025 GOVERNANCE REPORT

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

Staff provided an introduction to the Community Plan, noting that it will be revised in 2026. It was noted that the plan was last completed in 2007 and that the community will be consulted throughout the process.

Staff also informed the board that there were currently no applications for community grants and that the application closing date for this round was Sunday 1 March 2026.

Staff also gave an update on the Play Strategy work, noting the Play Strategy Hui was coming up and that all elected members were invited to the session on March 19 at 1 pm in the Alexandra Chambers.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Harris
Seconded: Duncan

That the report be received.

CARRIED

10 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 26 March 2026.

The meeting closed at 3.10 pm

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