

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
VINCENT COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD IN THE OMAKAU RUGBY CLUBROOMS, 13 ALTON STREET, OMAKAU
AND LIVE STREAMED VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2026
COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM**

PRESENT: Mr J Cromb (Chair), Mr T Hammington, Cr M McPherson, Mr J Moffitt

IN ATTENDANCE: T Alley (Mayor), P Kelly (Chief Executive Officer), D Scoones (Group Manager - Community Experience), L Fleck (Group Manager - People and Culture, Acting Group Manager - Community Vision), Q Penniall (Group Manager - Planning, Infrastructure and Regulatory), S Righarts (Group Manager - Governance and Business Services), D Scoones (Group Manager - Community Experience), Z Zeelie (Team Leader – Statutory Property), M Ridd (Statutory Property Officer), A Symon (Property and Facilities Officer), G Bailey (Parks and Recreation Manager), M Burnett (Parks Officer – Strategy/Planning), W McEnteer (Governance Manager), S Reynolds (Governance Support Officer)

1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cromb
Seconded: Hammington

That apologies from Ms K Sanders be received and accepted.

CARRIED

2 CONDOLENCES

MEMBERS STOOD FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO REMEMBER LYNLEY CLARIDGE. CR MCPHERSON SPOKE ABOUT HER COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY, HER WILLINGNESS TO GO THE EXTRA MILE FOR THOSE SHE REPRESENTED, AND NOTED THAT SHE HAD LEFT A SIGNIFICANT HOLE IN THE COMMUNITY.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Jo Ridder and Dawn Gray – Central Otago Netball Centre Inc. Lease

Ms Ridder and Ms Gray spoke on behalf of the Netball Centre and outlined the events held at the courts each year. It was noted that the Netball Centre was planning to resurface the courts and wished to have its lease secured prior to undertaking this significant and costly work.

They advised that they felt they had not been well treated in the past and expressed a lack of confidence in Council's ability to resolve issues, particularly in relation to storage containers being placed within their area. It was further noted that the 1990 lease covered an incorrect land area, and they requested that this be corrected.

They then responded to questions from members.

Tracy Paterson – Central Otago A&P Show Update

Ms Paterson spoke on behalf of the Show Committee in her role as Vice President. She expressed the Committee's gratitude for the ongoing support from the Vincent Community Board and outlined

the details of the upcoming show, scheduled for Saturday 14 February. She invited all young people to attend and noted that children could participate in the rides for free.

Ms Paterson also highlighted the changes made to accommodate the revised site plan due to construction for the Omakau Hub. She advised that world champion curler Jed Neville, a previous recipient of the Show Scholarship, would officially open the show.

Lindsay McCormack – Water and Roding condition on Racecourse Road

Mr McCormack stated that the condition of Racecourse Road was poor and noted the high level of usage, with hundreds of vehicles attending events at the racecourse. He advised that the culverts, which had recently been renewed, had not been cleared and had become both a safety risk and a fire hazard. He also noted that the area behind the Commercial Hotel was a fire hazard.

Mr McCormack then responded to questions. It was noted that members would inspect the road following the meeting.

Andy Davey – Lauder and St Bathans

Mr Davey spoke as CEO of the Winterstellar Trust, noting the uniqueness of Central Otago's dark skies and the growth of astro-tourism in the region. He highlighted the importance of protecting these skies for the future and advised that the Trust wished to form a working group to ensure ongoing progress of this work.

He noted that the Trust had engaged with local groups and had received strong community support. He referenced the total solar eclipse expected in July 2028 and responded to questions from the board.

Pete Sleeman - Omakau Reserve Committee

MR SLEEMAN THE SECRETARY OF THE RESERVE COMMITTEE, ADVISED THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS CONSIDERING COMBINING OPERATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY HUB AND WAS CURRENTLY ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO STREAMLINE THE GROUP. HE NOTED THAT THE RESERVE WALKING TRACK HAD BEEN WELL USED BY VTHAT THE COMMITTEE PLANNED ADDITIONAL PLANTING AND THE INSTALLATION OF SEATING. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE NEED FOR MORE REGULAR MAINTENANCE OF THE AREA.

MR SLEEMAN ALSO ADVISED THAT THE FACILITIES REQUIRED REVIEW, PARTICULARLY REGARDING THE FUTURE LOCATION OF THE KITCHEN, LAUNDRY, AND STORAGE AS THE EXISTING BUILDING IS REMOVED.

MR SLEEMAN THEN RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS. STAFF NOTED THAT FUNDING HAD BEEN ALLOCATED IN THE LONG-TERM PLAN FOR A REPLACEMENT OF KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY FACILITY.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Hammington

That the public minutes of the Vincent Community Board Meeting held on 18 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.

Mr Hammington noted a change to his declarations and this would be updated.

6 REPORTS

26.1.2 COMMUNITY POLICE UPDATE - CONSTABLE HENRY CACCIA-BIRCH

Constable Henry Caccia-Birch was an apology to the meeting so no update was given.

Note: Andrew Paterson joined the meeting for item 26.1.3

26.1.3 AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE OMAKAU HUB PROJECT

It was noted that construction commenced in December 2025, but irrigation flooding caused delays to the project. Additional delays had occurred due to coordination between the architect and services, and the contractor had since assumed responsibility for any design changes. Work was anticipated to resume on site the following week and despite delays the project was still expected to be completed by February 2027.

It was also noted that despite the initial delays the project was tracking under budget; however, any further delays would require drawing on the contingency. Mr Paterson thanked the Board for their support and expressed hope that it would not be necessary to use the Vincent Community Board reserves. He also advised that the Committee hoped for further community contributions to assist with both the build and ongoing operational costs. It was further noted that the current hall and kitchen and laundry facilities would not be demolished until a replacement facility was ready.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Hammington
Seconded: Moffitt

That the report be received and its contents noted.

CARRIED

26.1.4 GRANTING OF NEW LEASE TO NETBALL CENTRE INCORPORATED AT MOLYNEUX PARK RECREATIONAL RESERVE

To consider granting a new lease to Central Otago Netball Centre Incorporated (the Netball Centre) on an area of 7,304 m² more or less of the land known as Molyneux Park Recreational Reserve being legally described as all of Lot 3 DP 21404 contained in Record of Title OT13B/231 and part of Lot 2 DP 21404, contained in record of Title OT13B/230.

Discussion followed on the removal of trees on the northern boundary of the lease area, which would help address issues with ice on the courts during winter. The removal was agreed in principle; however, the proposal would be included in the Long Term Plan for funding and consultation.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Moffitt

That the Vincent Community Board

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

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- B. Recommends to Council to grant (pursuant to the Instrument of Delegation dated 12 June 2013) the Minister of Conservation's consent in terms of Section 54 (1) of the Reserves Act 1977 to granting of a lease to the Netball Centre on leased areas indicated on Figure 2 of the report of the Molyneux Park Recreational Reserve, being 7,304 m² more or less legally described as being all of Lot 3 DP 21404 contained in Record of Title OT13B/231 and part of Lot 2 DP 21404, contained in record of Title OT13B/230 on the following terms and conditions:
- Commencement Date: 1 July 2023
 - Term: Fifteen (15) Years
 - Right of Renewal: One (1) right of renewal for another Fifteen (15) years
 - Rental: \$260 Plus GST per annum
 - Rent review frequency every Five (5) years
 - Rent review dates: 1 July 2028, 1 July 2033, 1 July 2038, 1 July 2043, and 1 July 2048
 - Outgoings 100%
 - Final Expiry Date: 30 June 2053
 - Cancellation Clause: Five (5) years advanced notice of cancellation.
- C. Authorises the Chief Executive to all that is necessary to give effect to the resolution.

CARRIED

26.1.5 ALEXANDRA GOLF CLUB SHED

To approve in principle, granting Alexandra Golf Club Ltd permission to erect a relocated greenkeepers storage shed on Recreation Reserve Section 3 SO 524226, Alexandra Golf Course, 118 Clyde-Alexandra Road, Alexandra (pursuant to delegated authority), in accordance with Section 54(1) of the Reserves Act 1977.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cromb
Seconded: Hammington

That the Vincent Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Recommends to Council to approve in principle, consent of the Minister of Conservation (pursuant to delegated authority), to the erection of a relocated greenkeepers storage shed on Recreation Reserve, Alexandra Golf Course, 118 Clyde-Alexandra Road, Alexandra), in accordance with Section 54(1) of the Reserves Act 1977.
- C. Recommends to Council, on the condition that a variation to the original 1984 Lease agreement with the Alexandra Golf Club is executed by the parties to include the new shed as a listed improvement on the premises and additionally to insert the standard clauses for the removal of improvements at termination of the lease that are currently not provided for in the 1984 lease
- D. Authorises the Chief Executive to do all that is necessary to give effect to the resolution.

CARRIED

26.1.6 APPOINTMENTS TO SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

To appoint community board representatives to sub-committees and other community organisations where necessary.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Moffitt
Seconded: Hammington

That the Vincent Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Appoints the following community board representatives as liaisons for the 2025–2028 triennium:
 - Alexandra District Museum Inc: Martin McPherson
 - Clyde Historical Museum Committee: Tony Hammington
- C. Agrees to trial a transition from individual member appointments for other organisations to a sector-wide engagement model.
- D. Appoints Karla Sanders and Jim Moffitt to lead the development and delivery of these meetings during the 2026 trial period.
- E. Reaffirms its ongoing support for all community organisations and invites feedback from any group regarding this trial model.
- F. Directs the Chief Executive to communicate these decisions to the relevant groups.

CARRIED

26.1.7 ATTENDANCE AT THE ZONE 5&6 CONFERENCE

To consider giving permission for Karla Sanders to attend the Zone 5&6 Conference.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Moffitt

That the Vincent Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Recommends to Council to approve Karla Sanders attendance at the Zone 5 & 6 Conference in Christchurch.

CARRIED

7 MAYOR'S REPORT

26.1.8 MAYOR'S REPORT

Her Worship the Mayor reported on the following:

- Welcomed everyone back following the holidays, and it was observed that all schools had resumed, which was positive news for local parents.
- Attended the St Bathans Community Fete and described it as a successful event, thoroughly enjoyed by attendees, particularly the “gold dig” for children, egg and spoon races, and tug-of-war.
- Noted that the Vincent Rally was held over the weekend and that the event had relocated from Galloway to Omakau, and that the new location was which was well received. A couple of accidents occurred, but feedback was largely positive, with attendees praising the condition of Central Otago roads.
- Noted several significant projects progressed in the ward for 2026, including upgrades to Little Valley Road Bridge, developments at the Manuherekia Hub, and the planned establishment of a new turf in Alexandra, with fundraising efforts ongoing.
- Noted the Vincent ward By-election was underway with voting papers being delivered to letterboxes and encouraged all residents in the ward to have their vote.
- Outlined the current challenges and opportunities from proposed government reforms, including the simplification of local government and potential rates capping, which were expected to affect council operations and preparation for the 2027 - 2037 Long-term Plan.
- Discussed ongoing work continuing on the establishment of the new water entity, with Bruce Gemmell appointed as Establishment Chair and Fiona Smith as Programme Director. Noted that a workshop was scheduled later in the week to review the draft shareholders agreement with partner councils.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cromb
Seconded: Hammington

That the Vincent Community Board receives the report.

CARRIED

8 CHAIR'S REPORT

26.1.9 CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Welcomed everyone back after the holiday break.
 - Noted that it was exciting to have a new model for engaging with the community and expressed hope that community groups would work with the board to support the change.
 - Outlined the upcoming priorities for the board, including consultation on 14 reserve management plans and the boards involvement with the museum strategy and input into the 2027 – 2037 Long-term Plan, emphasising the need to balance community aspirations with financial realities like rates capping.
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- Announced his appointment to the LGNZ Young Elected Members Committee and the Community Board Executive Committee, expressing his intent to use these roles to advocate for the community board model at a national level.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cromb
Seconded: Moffitt

That the report be received.

CARRIED

9 MEMBERS' REPORTS

26.1.10 MEMBERS' REPORTS

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

Cr McPherson reported on the following:

- Gave an update on the recent Council meeting. Discussed the positive feedback from the Te Korowai programme, along with progress on the road access agreement for the Bendigo Mine project. It was also noted that Councillors would be making submissions on various national reforms and that the changing environment highlighted the need for a review of rates.

Mr Moffitt had nothing to report.

Mr Hammington reported on the following:

- Attended the Omakau Wetlands Open Day and noted the impressive work carried out by the community. It was highlighted as a strong model that could potentially be replicated in other areas.
- Attended a replanting day at the Half Mile and noted the average age of volunteers, expressing concern about the sustainability of these groups into the future.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cromb
Seconded: Hammington

That the report be received.

CARRIED

Note: Cr McPherson left the meeting at 11.21 am and returned 11.25 am.

10 STATUS REPORTS

26.1.11 FEBRUARY 2026 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 the Riverside Park development. It was noted that the contractor would no longer be involved in Stage Two, and that the next stage would be re-tendered. The design was nearing completion and would be submitted for consent shortly.

Staff also gave an introduction on the Central Otago Play Innovation Hui and outlined the timeline for the Play Strategy work.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cromb
Seconded: Hammington

That the report be received.

CARRIED

11 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 17 March 2026.

The meeting closed at 11.42 am.

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