

**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, 26 MARCH 2026  
COMMENCING AT 2:07 PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** P Kelly (Chief Executive Officer) via Microsoft Teams, Q Penniall (Group Manager - Planning, Infrastructure and Regulatory), D Scoones (Group Manager - Community Experience), J Remnant (Community Facilities Manager), A Crosbie (Policy and Strategy Lead), Z Zeelie (Team Leader – Statutory Property), M Ridd (Statutory Property Officer), S Reynolds (Governance Support Officer)

## 1 APOLOGIES

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### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

**MOVED: DUNCAN**  
**SECONDED: MCAULEY**

THAT APOLOGIES FROM MR D HELM BE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED.

**CARRIED**

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## 2 PUBLIC FORUM

### Russ Haigh and Tania Murray - Public toilets in the town, streetscaping at the Railway Station

Mr Haigh and Ms Murray outlined their desire to have the former toilets at the Railway Station reinstated. They noted that the Railway reserve was the focal point for visitors and that they were reluctant to walk further up the street to use the new facilities. They expressed the view that reinstating this facility would encourage visitors to stay longer in the town and that they believed toilets were needed at both ends of the street.

Ms Murray also discussed the condition of the roses at the Railway Station, noting they had not received sufficient water and that irrigation had not been adequately managed.

The pair presented a concept plan for a proposed pump track on John Street and indicated that they would be applying for grants to support the project.

They then responded to questions, and the Board noted that its position on reopening the toilets at the Railway Reserve had not changed, and that no funding was available for this.

## 3 CONDOLENCES

The chair referred to the deaths of Janet Weatherall, Stuart Hore, Glenys Walker. Members stood for a moment's silence as a mark of respect.

#### 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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##### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Dowling  
**Seconded:** McAuley

That the public minutes of the Maniototo Community Board Meeting held on 12 February 2026 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

##### 26.2.2 REVIEW MANIOTOTO TRUST FUND GUIDELINES

To consider the administrative guidelines for the Maniototo Trust Fund.

It was discussed that there would be an opportunity to review the Chair of the fund at their next meeting.

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##### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Duncan  
**Seconded:** Dowling

That the Maniototo Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Agrees to amend clause 9 in the Guidelines Maniototo Trust Fund to read:  
*“The above guidelines will operate until the end of 2028, when the future usage of the Maniototo Trust Fund will be reviewed.”*

**CARRIED**

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Note: Ms McAuley left the meeting at 2.40 pm and returned at 2.43 pm.

##### 26.2.3 ROAD STOPPING POLICY

To consider providing feedback to staff on the proposed Road Stopping Policy.

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##### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Harris  
**Seconded:** Duncan

That the report be received and its contents noted.

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**CARRIED**

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## **7 MAYOR'S REPORT**

Her Worship the Mayor was an apology of the meeting so no report was presented.

## **8 CHAIR'S REPORT**

### **26.2.5 CHAIR'S REPORT**

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

- Had attended a recent Kyeburn Reserve Committee and noted that there was no appetite to survey the boundary and that the lease would be continued as it is, and they are working on the incorporation of their group.
- It was noted that Swinburn Road had been gravelled.

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## **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Harris  
**Seconded:** Duncan

That the report be received.

**CARRIED**

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## **9 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **26.2.6 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

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

Mr Dowling reported on the following:

- Noted that he had spoken at the Council meeting the previous day and thanked the Mayor and Councillors for holding their meeting in the Maniototo.
- Attended the successful Maniototo A&P Show, acknowledging the effort of all volunteers and organisers.
- Had received requests from community members for additional rubbish bins at the Stadium Reserve.
- Noted some frustration with the process for hiring sports fields in the ward, as it was seen as unnecessarily onerous for clubs run by volunteers. Staff advised that this process is being streamlined and will be publicly available soon.
- Noted that the sewage ponds were being de-sludged and that he had received some community comment regarding this work.
- Had been speaking with members of the Rail Trail Trust, who had been working with the Lions and were hoping to get the Goods Shed refurbished; they requested a letter of support from the Board to the Department of Conservation to encourage progress.

Ms McAulay reported on the following:

- Had met with members of the Lions and the Rail Trail Trust, and supported a letter of endorsement to recognise the great work they are doing; this support will help progress the project and ensure the protection of these Department of Conservation-owned assets for the community in the future.
- Noted the progress at the Patearoa Bowling Club regarding their project to create a multi-use community hub.
- Provided details about the kiosk soon to open at Kyeburn, celebrating the moa footprint discovery and outlining the research and work conducted since; noted that this will be a valuable community asset.
- Gave an update on the turf project, noting that the Ministry sale is still progressing and that the turf is on track to be ready for the 2027 hockey season.  
Noted that the new EV charger is now in place and is being well utilised.
- Observed that the new school speed signs are installed and will be operational soon.

Cr Duncan reported on the following:

- Provided an update on recent council meetings and workshops.
- Gave an overview of the Te Korowai process, noting that some of the feedback received was not constructive and that assessors appeared to be identifying issues that were not present.
- Discussed the workshop on rates, including how rates could be structured more fairly, particularly for commercial operations such as solar farms and gold mines, to ensure that rates and development contributions are aligned with community growth.
- Noted that the Otago Rail Trail experienced its second busiest period ever, and that the town is currently very busy.
- Outlined a proposal for a Men's Shed in the community, highlighting the potential benefits for many members of the community.
- Publicised the discussion on moa footprints at the Council meeting, with a presentation from Otago Museum, and noted the potential tourism opportunities arising from this.
- Commented that gold mining remains an ongoing topic of discussion.
- Highlighted the positive presentation from Film Otago Southland, recognising the considerable economic contribution of film productions to the region.
- Expressed thanks to staff who support elected members, particularly around contentious issues.

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## COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Harris

Seconded: Duncan

That the report be received.

**CARRIED**

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## 10 STATUS REPORTS

### 26.2.7 MARCH 2025 GOVERNANCE REPORT

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

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**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Harris  
**Seconded:** Duncan

That the report be received.

**CARRIED**

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**11 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 7 May 2026.

**The meeting closed at 3.13 pm**

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Unconfirmed