

**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, 28 APRIL 2026
COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM**

PRESENT: Mr J Cromb (Chairperson), Mr T Hammington, Mr J Moffitt, Ms K Sanders

IN ATTENDANCE: T Alley (Mayor), P Kelly (Chief Executive Officer), L Fleck (Group Manager - People and Culture, Acting Group Manager - Community Vision), J Muir (Group Manager - Three Waters), Q Penniall (Group Manager - Planning, Infrastructure and Regulatory), S Righarts (Group Manager - Governance and Business Services), D Scoones (Group Manager - Community Experience), A Mason (Media and Marketing Manager), A Lines (Risk and Procurement Manager), B Sharland (Corporate & Strategic Planner), A Crosbie (Policy and Strategy Lead), S Reynolds (Governance Support Officer)

1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cromb
Seconded: Hammington

That apologies from Cr M McPherson be received and accepted.

CARRIED

2 PUBLIC FORUM

Alexandra District Club - Pat Cooney

Mr Cooney, Chair of the Alexandra District Club Inc. (ADC), spoke regarding the lease renewal for the land at 2 Kenmare Street, currently occupied by the Alexandra Croquet Club (ACC). Mr. Cooney expressed a preference for the fifteen-year renewal but raised significant concerns regarding the rental calculation, arguing that the annual rent should be based specifically on the croquet facility's income rather than the ADC's total revenue. He stated that if the Council insisted on using the ADC's income for the calculation, the ADC would withdraw from negotiations to allow the ACC to negotiate a direct lease based on its own financial activities.

Alexandra Croquet Club - Graeme Martin and Barney Mills

Mr Martin began by giving an apology from Marion Peyton, club President.

He provided an overview of the history of the land at 2 Kenmare Street, noting its 92-year association with croquet use. He advised that the Alexandra Borough Council had originally resolved in 1934 to purchase the land specifically for croquet. He explained that the current clubrooms were located on a landlocked title resulting from a bequest by a former member, Mrs Burgess, with the estate settlement ensuring continued use of the land for its intended purpose. He stated that he was not in favour of the relocation of the club.

They then responded to questions.

Winterstellar Charitable Trust - Andy Davey

Mr Andy Davey spoke in support of his grant application for "Winterstellar," a night sky event held on 4 July at Central Stories, aligned with the winter school holidays and the Saturday prior to

Matariki. He advised that the Central Otago Dark Sky Group had now been formed, chaired by Monique Kelly, with the long-term aim of establishing a Dark Sky Reserve across the region. He outlined an educational pilot project with Terrace School involving sky quality meters and noted plans to involve an astro-tourism expert. He acknowledged some overlap with other Matariki events but stated that funding was required to cover venue costs and travel expenses for facilitators.

Mr Davey then responded to questions.

Wool On Creative Fashion Society Inc - Jane Avery

Ms Avery, Event Producer for the Woolon Creative Fashion Event 2026, presented in support of a grant application to fund audio-visual, lighting, and staging services for their 2026 event at the Alexandra Bowling Club.

She outlined the event's growing national profile and its focus on celebrating wool as a sustainable material, from local producers through to designers nationwide. She advised that a new three-year strategy had been developed with a focus on community outreach and youth engagement, including a pilot programme at Clyde School and collaboration with the Southern Stars Stage Academy. She noted a record number of junior designer entries and outlined a related "Wool on Sunday Expo" at Central Stories featuring workshops and trader stalls following the main catwalk shows.

She advised that, while prize funding was secured through local sponsorship, Council support was required to ensure the event's continued delivery and promotion of Central Otago.

Ms Avery then responded to questions.

Veterans Cricket Otago - Lindsay Hewitson and Claire Edginton

Mr Hewitson spoke in support of the grant application for the National Over 60's Cricket Tournament, noting that veterans' cricket was a rapidly growing sport with grades now spanning from under 40's to over 70's. He advised that Central Otago had been allocated the tournament for both 2027 and 2028, with 12 teams to compete across six grass wickets including Molyneux Park, Alexandra, Cromwell, and Otarehua. He estimated that the event would inject at least \$250,000 into the local economy through accommodation and related services, noting that participants were self-funded and often extended their stays to engage in local activities such as cycling.

He highlighted positive feedback from the hospitality sector following previous veteran events and urged Council to support the application to help establish the region as a regular host for the tournament.

Mr Hewitson then responded to questions.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Hammington
Seconded: Moffitt

That the public minutes of the Vincent Community Board Meeting held on 17 March 2026 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.

5 REPORTS

26.3.2 2025-26 COMMUNITY AND EVENTS & PROMOTIONS GRANT APPLICATIONS - 2ND FUNDING ROUND

To consider the second round of the community and promotions & events grant applications for the 2025/26 financial year. To consider applications to the 2026/27 year promotions and events grant.

A discussion followed on the merits of each grant application, with each application considered individually.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Sanders
Seconded: Hammington

That the Vincent Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance
- B. Approves a grant of \$5,000 from the 2025-2026 financial year promotions and events budget to Veterans Cricket Otago for the National Interprovincial over 60's cricket tournament 2027 ground and wicket hire, changing room and toilet hire – with the approved grant to be managed as an internal fund transfer between the promotions and events budget and the appropriate parks budgets.
- C. Approves a grant of \$9,990 from the 2025-2026 financial year promotions and events budget to WoolOn Creative Fashion Society Inc. for audio visual, lighting and staging services at WoolOn 2026.
- D. Approves a grant of \$ \$10,000 from the 2025-2026 financial year promotions and events budget to Winterstellar Charitable Trust for Matariki Under the Central Otago Sky 2026 events.
- E. 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

26.3.3 LONG TERM PLAN 2027/37 - PROJECT UPDATE

To consider an update on the Long-Term Plan 2027/37 project progress.

It was noted that the process was progressing to schedule and that work was being undertaken with activity managers and their budget holders.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Moffitt
Seconded: Hammington

That the report be received and its contents noted.

CARRIED

6 MAYOR'S REPORT

26.3.4 MAYOR'S REPORT

Her Worship the Mayor reported on the following:

- Noted that it had been a busy and productive period across the Vincent Ward and for Council more broadly.
- She noted ongoing focus in Alexandra on long-term infrastructure and growth matters, particularly wastewater planning, and advised that progress was being observed at both the Ngāi Tahu subdivision and William Hill Estate developments.
- She also noted community concern regarding the closure of several longstanding shops in the main street and advised that, while it was not directly the Board's role to ensure business success, there was scope to consider how town presentation and vibrancy could be supported, referencing examples such as an empty shop revitalisation initiative undertaken by the Waitaki District Council.
- In Omakau, she reported that the 70-year celebration of WS Hickey & Son Wool Merchant had been well attended and had showcased the wool industry through exhibition and a fashion show.
- In Clyde, she noted that the Earnsclough Castle redevelopment had featured on Grand Designs and acknowledged the contribution of the owners in restoring the property, as well as noting that Oliver's had been placed on the market and recognising the owners' contribution to the local arts and cultural sector.
- At a wider Council level, she advised that elected members had been managing a full agenda, including preparation for government reforms, water services work, regional deal negotiations, and maintaining financial resilience.
- She noted that the upcoming Long Term Plan would be significantly different from previous plans and that preparatory work had already commenced for early engagement in the new year.
- She advised that she would be attending the LGNZ Zone 5 and 6 Conference in Christchurch later in the week with Mayor Dan Gordon, with a programme including Ministers, Mayors, and sector representatives, and described it as an opportunity for South Island collaboration.
- She concluded by thanking Board members for their continued commitment.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cromb
Seconded: Sanders

That the Vincent Community Board receives the report.

CARRIED

7 CHAIR'S REPORT

26.3.5 CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- He congratulated Marco and Ryan on their achievement in renovating Earnsclough Castle.
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- He also congratulated Gordon Bailey, Parks and Recreation Manager, on being recognised as an Associate of Honour of the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (RNZIH).
- He noted the ANZAC Day commemorations held at both Ophir and Alexandra.
- He noted ongoing subdivision activity and significant growth within the district, advising that it was not limited to Cromwell and was positive to see locally.
- He acknowledged concern regarding the closure of shops in the main street and also suggested consideration be given to creative ways to repurpose or activate commercial spaces.
- He congratulated Anna Harrison and the Cromwell Community Board on the new facility, noting success of the new memorial gardens and noted the significant asset to the wider district.
- He reported that the Play Advocates visit had taken place, noting that they had been surprised by the size of the district and ward, and advised that he looked forward to the final strategy being released.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cromb
Seconded: Moffitt

That the report be received.

CARRIED

8 MEMBERS' REPORTS

26.3.6 MEMBERS' REPORTS

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

Mr Moffitt reported on the following:

- Attended a walk-through of the Half Mile planting project and noted that the work being undertaken was of a high standard and that those involved were very passionate about the project.

Mr Hammington reported on the following:

- Reported that the Promote Dunstan Clyde Food and Wine event had been successful and that they attracted approximately 2,000 attendees.
- He noted the opening of the Cromwell Memorial Gardens, including the installation of the touchstone at the war memorial, describing it as a moving tribute to long-term thinking and noting that the site looked excellent.

Ms Sanders reported on the following:

- She noted that community outreach work being undertaken by herself and Mr Moffitt was progressing well, with sessions planned for late May and early June.
 - She advised that discussions had been held regarding the street naming process and hoped these discussions could be progressed through a workshop.
 - She noted that she would be travelling to Christchurch the following day for the LGNZ Zone Conference and that she was looking forward to this opportunity.
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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cromb
Seconded: Hammington

That the report be received.

CARRIED

9 STATUS REPORTS

26.3.7 APRIL 2026 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: Sanders
Seconded: Hammington

That the report be received.

CARRIED

10 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 8 June 2026.

11 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cromb
Seconded: Hammington

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Plain English Reason
Continental Minutes – 17 March 2026	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	Commercial sensitivity
26.3.8 - Omakau Camping Ground Management Review	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out,	To enable commercial activities

	without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	
26.3.9 - Proposal to dispose of Lots 3 and 4 DP 428116 (Old Mutton Town Road Oxidation Pond Site)	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	Commercial sensitivity
26.3.10 - Consideration of Future Use of Endowment Land at 2 Kenmare Street Alexandra	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	Commercial sensitivity
26.3.11 - April 2026 Confidential Governance Report	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	Commercial sensitivity

CARRIED

The public were excluded at 11.23 pm and the meeting closed at 12.34 pm

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