

**MINUTES OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
GREYTOWN COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD AT THE WBS ROOM, GREYTOWN TOWN CENTRE, 89 MAIN STREET, GREYTOWN
ON WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 2026 AT 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Ms Louise Brown (Chair), Mrs Jo Woodcock, Mr Neil Morison, Cr Martin Bosley, Cr Simone Baker, Mrs Diane Mackenzie

APOLOGIES: N/a

IN ATTENDANCE: Siv Fjærestad (Advisor, Community Governance)

PUBLIC FORUM: Jill Greathead and representatives of South Wairarapa Whenua Advisory Group

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS: This meeting was held in the WBS Room, Greytown Town Centre, 89 Main Street, Greytown. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 7.00pm to 7.58pm.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

Cr Baker opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mrs Woodcock disclosed conflict of interest as a member of the South Wairarapa Whenua Advisory Group.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND TRIBUTES

Mrs Woodcock acknowledged the passing of Lorraine Hall, local business woman and Trustee of Greytown Heritage Trust, who was key in the successful campaign against a proposal for a vehicle access route off Main Street and also offered her home multiple times to for visits to help raise heritage funds for Cabbage Tree Cottage.

Ms Brown acknowledged Greytown Rugby winning the Wairarapa Bush Premier division grand final against Carterton.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms Greathead, coordinator of the South Wairarapa Whenua Advisory Group provided an overview of the social impacts of the Greytown Solar Industrial Power Scheme, on the Greytown Community.

Representing Section 2.74 submitters who opposed this development in the Environment Court, she noted that while the final decision was made on 28th May 2026, a range of social impact concerns remain unresolved, and that a wellbeing impact analysis would be of importance should the request for consent of solar farm come to the Council.

Ms Greathead requested that the Board consider to review SWAAG's social impact and wellbeing submission and take appropriate action.

6 ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members were reminded of their conflict of interest during discussion.

Action for the Board: Read and acknowledge the submission and wellbeing analysis provided.

7 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 MINUTES OF THE GREYTOWN COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2026

Cr Bosley left the meeting at 7.19pm due to being unwell.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION GCB2026/20

Moved: Mr Morison

Seconded: Ms Brown

The Greytown Community Board resolved to accept that the minutes of the Greytown Community Board meeting held on 24 June 2026 are confirmed as a true and correct record, subject to the following changes requested on **Item 11.1: Ms Smith provided an update on the Greytown Bore** – *"The pump to the bore has been successfully replaced and the bore appears to be in a better state than originally expected, pending confirmation on wording from Ms Smith"*.

CARRIED

9 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising.

10 DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

10.1 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Foreshadowed amendment by Ms Brown in relation to recommendation 3; to change to the wording from "Community Board Development Fund" to "Community Programme Fund". And further, to update the numbering, to create two separate recommendations; 3; to revoke Resolution GCB 2026/18, Point 2, and a separate resolution 4; to approve the updated expenditure for Greytown Community Board's Arbor Day.

The Board discussed the types of expenses fitting under the individual budgets and noted that funds cannot roll over the following financial year.

The Board discussed timing of the upcoming grants round to ensure dates are considered and conducive to enabling the community to plan ahead and apply for funding for projects.

Actions for Ms Fjærestad:

Seek confirmation from Grants and Funding Advisor regarding how many grants rounds the Board should have in the 2026-2027 financial year.

Seek clarification on budget headings.

Seek clarification on whether training funding could be repurposed should the training, travel and accommodation not be required, and subsequently funds not be used by a certain time of the financial year.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION GCB2026/21

Moved: Mrs D Mackenzie

Seconded: Mr N Morison

That the Greytown Community Board, as part of the substantive resolution:

1. Receive the Income and Expenditure Report outlining the status and purpose of funds available for the 2026-2027 Financial Year.
2. Agree to retrospectively allocate the amount of \$677 from General Operating Expenses for the purpose of the 2026 Volunteer Expo, as agreed unanimously by e-mail.
3. Revoke Resolution GCB 2026/18, Point 2, for Arbor Day Expenditure, made on 24 June 2026.
4. Approve the expenditure for Greytown Community Board's Arbor Day to the amount of \$675, from the \$10,000 Community Programmes Fund.
5. Note any operational expenditure should be approved in formal meetings prior to spending, according to Council financial policy.
6. Defer the next funding round to after 2 September 2026 meeting.

CARRIED

11 CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

11.1 CHAIRPERSON UPDATE

Ms Brown reflected on the recent events Arbor Day and Matariki and the relationships that are nurtured through these events.

The Board is working to ensure timely and good engagement around clearly defined issues and questions in the Community Plan engagement.

Other updates included continued workshops on Emergency Preparedness, the need to hold a Parks and Reserves Stakeholder meeting and developments within local groups such as Compassionate Greytown, Greytown's Tree Advisory Group and Friends of O'Connor's Bush.

Members noted that amalgamation conversations are moving fast, and that there is an opportunity to support anyone who may need assistance with technology to participate in the Amalgamation survey, through posting on social media and computer access in the library.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION GCB2026/22

Moved: Cr S Baker

Seconded: Mr N Morison

That the Greytown Community Board resolve to Receive the “Chairperson Update” report

CARRIED

12 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

Cr Baker closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 7.58pm.

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Confirmed as a true and correct record.

..... (Chair)

..... (Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

..... (Date)