MINUTES OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
GREYTOWN COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD AT THE WBS ROOM, GREYTOWN TOWN CENTRE, 89 MAIN STREET, GREYTOWN
ON WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 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 Fjaerestad (Advisor, Community Governance)
PUBLIC FORUM:	Frank Van Steelsen and Josje Neerincx from South Wairarapa Whenua Advisory Group (SWAAG)
CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:	This meeting was held in the Forum, Greytown Town Centre, 89 Main Street, Greytown. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 7.00pm to 8.01pm.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

Ms Brown 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

Cr Bosley acknowledged The Offering won the supreme winner title at the Great New Zealand Toastie Takeover 2026 with their "Holy Smoke" sandwich.

Mr Morison acknowledged Greytown Football premier men's team who won the Capital Premier League championship.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Frank Van Steelsen and Josje Neerincx from Wairarapa Eco Farm, from the South Wairarapa Whenua Advisory Group, spoke on the topic of *Concerns regarding the selection process and public accountability of the Greytown Solar Farm Community Liaison Group (CLG).*

SWWAG requested to film their presentation and Item 6: Actions from Public Participation, for purposes of reporting back through social media on their activities to the members of their group.

SWWAG raised concerns regarding the CLG formation process, transparency, accountability, publication of membership and Terms of Reference, ongoing monitoring of the CLG, and public access to CLG information.

The public participants requested specifically to receive an e-mail in response to the following question: *Does SWDC have the formal authority to intervene, dissolve, or reform the CLG if it is proven that the developer's selection process was biased or if the group fails to operate as a genuine feedback loop?*

6 ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

In response, it was advised that:

- The CLG is administered by Far North Solar (FNS) under Consent Condition 12 and is still being established. The group comprises nine members thus far: six community members, one SWDC councillor (Cr Isaacs), one Far North Solar representative, and an independent chair.
- Membership details and the Terms of Reference will be published once approved through the CLG minutes and, under Consent Condition 12, are required to be available before the next meeting. The Terms of Reference are developed by the CLG and are not approved by Council.
- The Greytown Community Board does not have a monitoring role over the CLG. Accountability is provided through reviews at the first, second, and third anniversaries of the commencement of the consent.
- CLG minutes and Terms of Reference are expected to be published on the project website.
- There is no Court direction or consent requirement requiring information or meeting records to be sent directly to all affected properties.
- SWDC does not have the power to intervene, dissolve or reform the CLG. Consent condition 12 a. ii does require the promotion of the flow of information to the community. If over time it became evident that there was no flow of information, then the Council could look to review the condition.

Action for Ms Brown and Ms Fjaerestad: to provide the answer to the latter question under public participation to Josje Neerincx and Frank Van Steelsen via e-mail.

7 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 MINUTES OF THE GREYTOWN COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 22 JULY 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION GCB2026/23

Moved: Mrs Mackenzie

Seconded: Mr Morison

That the minutes of the Greytown Community Board meeting held on 22 July 2026 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

9 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising.

10 DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

10.1 LONG-TERM PLAN 2027-37

Ms Fjaerestad spoke briefly to Ms Ansell's report, and offered to take any questions back to Ms Ansell.

The Report outlines the LTP process and has been provided to all three Community Boards and the Māori Partnership Committee.

Council is required to have a Long Term Plan in place at all times, which is reviewed every three years, with annual plans adopted in the intervening years. The LTP process includes a statutory consultation period, supported by information on proposed budgets, rates, options, hearings, and deliberations.

There are two opportunities for the Board to provide input into the LTP.

The first is an informal review of the current LTP, with feedback to officers requested by the end of September 2026. This review focuses on Years 3-9 of the current plan and considers whether existing priorities remain appropriate or if changes need to be considered. To support this process, officers have provided Boards with a list of current projects and commitments.

The second opportunity for Board input is through a formal submission on the LTP. The recommendation is that, in early 2027, the Board pass a resolution to make a submission as part of the formal consultation process, including identifying submission topics, the author of the submission, and the member(s) nominated to speak at hearings.

Ms Brown noted that the Board is currently in the process of engagement for purposes of developing a Community Plan, and expects that this will likely be part of the Board's submission to the LTP.

With regards to the review, the Board is focused in their Community Board plan to ensure that that which was promised to the Board through the LTP, comes to fruition in the next few years.

Ms Brown has e-mailed and requested an action from Ms Ansell:

While recognising that there is a legislative requirement to develop a LTP, can officers provide:

- A more detailed understanding of the extent to which the Long Term Plan will be taken into consideration or have impact;
- Information on what the focus of the plan will be on;
  once the new unitary council is established.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION GCB2026/24

Moved: Ms Brown
Seconded: Cr Bosley

The *Greytown Community Board* resolved to:

1. Receive the Long-Term Plan 2027-37 Report.
2. Agree to review the current project plan for years four through to nine of the existing LTP and provide feedback to officers by the end of September 2026.

CARRIED

10.2 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Ms Fjaerestad took the report as read, highlighting the recommendations for the Board to consider.

Members noted that the Board would like to run two rounds of grants over the 2026-2027 Financial year and that budgets for training and professional development cannot be repurposed. Ms Brown noted an amendment to recommendation 2, replacing the wording about considering dates for the next grant funding round with a decision to hold two grant rounds, with grant decisions to be made at the Board's meeting on 25 November 2026.

Action for Ms Fjaerestad: To circulate to the Board, information on the upcoming LGNZ Ākona's micro-credentials available for elected members, with registrations due on 4 September 2026.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION GCB2026/25

Moved: Cr Bosley
Seconded: Mr Morison

The Greytown Community Board resolved to:

1. Receive the Income and Expenditure Report.
2. Agree to two rounds of grants with decisions on grants to be made at the board's meeting on 25 November 2026.
3. Note any operational expenditure should be approved in formal meetings prior to spending, in accordance with the Council financial policy.

CARRIED

11 INFORMATION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

11.1 ACTION ITEMS

Updates to actions included:

Item 6, 24 June 2026 regarding data from Metlink: **Ms Fjaerestad:** to circulate the information from Mr Fairbairn to the Board.

Item 11.1, 24 June 2026 regarding heritage lights: **Ms Brown** to send the photos taken to Ms Smith, and for **Ms Smith** to follow up with NZTA to remove and reaffix the cover.

Item 11.1, 24 June 2026 regarding accessible parking: **Ms Smith** to provide the status of this item, including what is the bylaw relevant to this item, and if this bylaw needs to change.

10.1, 22 July 2026 regarding grants rounds: this item has been actioned and can be closed.

12 CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

12.1 CHAIRPERSON UPDATE

Ms Brown spoke to her report, providing an update on the following topics:

Community Plan Engagement

The Board has recently met with Lions to discuss with the community engagement, including key topics of the engagement.

The topics of bench seats, barrels and shelter have been incorporated into the Community Plan Engagement as it is part of the Cultural Heritage Development of Main Street.

The survey is drafted and at the point of being reviewed by the Board, and this will then be published and made available to the public who can participate by submitting their feedback online and/or via hard copy surveys. The Board will also e-mail it directly to the groups that they have engaged with so far.

Arbor Reserve Beautification and Reserve Status

The Lions expressed support for the Arbor Reserve Beautification. This raises the need for the Reserve Status to be addressed; the sooner the name has been verified, the sooner work can be started on the Reserve.

Amalgamation and Community Voice

The community is asking what is the community voice going to look like after amalgamation and that there appears to be significant support for the concept of a Community Council.

Upcoming Events and Publicising

Emergency Preparedness : Each community board is now running a different activity and supporting the other Board’s activities.

Ms Brown invited members to support these development and publicising of activities including setting a date for the Parks and Reserves Meeting.

Councillor’s Corner

- Central Government funding for Cape Palliser Road for the next three years, has been granted from NZTA.
- SWDC has met with marae regarding the waste water treatment plant to co-design what this may look like.

- Councillors are attending workshops in preparation for the Long Term Plan consultation.

Community Boards' Community Programmes Budget

The three Community Board Chairs have discussed the shared Community Programmes Fund and to streamline any allocation processes concerning this budget, propose that each Board may apply for up to one third of the fund, at $3,333.00.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION GCB2026/26

Moved: Cr Baker
Seconded: Mr Morison

That the Greytown Community Board receives the "Chairperson Update" report.

CARRIED

13 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

Ms Brown closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 8.01pm.

Type here for Appendices if required

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

.. (Chair)

.. (Date)

.. (Chief Executive)

.. (Date)