

MINUTES OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL**Held in Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth****on Tuesday 20 January 2026 commencing at 3:00pm**

PRESENT: Cr Jack O'Connor (Chair), Councillor Kate Kennedy

IN ATTENDANCE: Peter O'Sullivan (Group Manager Economic Development & Regulatory Services),
Shanelle Simpson (Animal Control Officer), Trish Jellyman (Democracy Advisor)

Cr O'Connor welcomed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1.1 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ACCCC 26/01/001

Moved: Cr Jack O'Connor

Seconded: Cr Kate Kennedy

That the apology received from Cr Paulette Birchfield be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Carried Unanimously

1.2 UPDATES TO THE INTERESTS REGISTER

There were no updates to the Interest Register.

1.3 IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS IN THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

1.4 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

2 AGENDA ITEMS

2.1 OBJECTION TO MENACING DOG CLASSIFICATION UNDER SECTION 33B (1) (A) (B) DOG CONTROL ACT 1996

Refer page 6 of the agenda.

[REDACTED] advised that on the day of the second incident when he let his dog out of the truck, he looked both ways but did not see his neighbour and nor did his dog [REDACTED]. He stated that [REDACTED] then bit the neighbour, [REDACTED] apologised to the neighbour at the time.

██████ has now purchased a muzzle for his dog which he puts on the dog each time he takes him out. He acknowledged that █████ can be a handful but █████ thinks that by fitting the muzzle on his dog, this should solve the problem.

The Animal Control Officer (ACO) advised that if the Committee resolves to hold up the menacing dog classification then the dog must be muzzled when off the property, he must be on a led when in public and must be desexed. It was confirmed that █████ has been desexed.

██████ advised that he has now built fences around the property and the property is completely secure. He confirmed that █████ is not microchipped.

The ACO advised that the menacing dog classification stays in place for the life of the dog, and is in place no matter where the dog resides (New Zealand wide).

██████ stated that he doesn't want his dog to hurt anyone and hopes he doesn't have to be put down. He doesn't want his dog to cause any more problems.

Cr O'Connor confirmed that there is no risk of █████ being put down at this time but the risk is if he escapes and attacks someone else.

The ACO stated that █████ is a threat as per the conclusion outlined in the report. She advised that it is important that the dog owners be proactive and are responsible dog owners.

Cr O'Connor thanked █████ and █████ for attending. They left the meeting at 3.33pm.

The meeting adjourned at 3.33pm and reconvened at 3.35pm.

The ACO advised that she would arrange for the dog to be microchipped and she would pass on the necessary legal information and requirements to the dog owner.

The Committee came to the decision that the appeal against the classification of the menacing dog would be upheld in accordance with section 33B (2) of the Dog Control Act 1996 and in considering the objection under subsection (1), the objection to the classification be upheld.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ACCCC 26/01/002

Moved: Cr Jack O'Connor

Seconded: Cr Kate Kennedy

That the Animal Control Committee:

1. The Committee receive the report and,
2. In accordance with section 33B (2) of the Dog Control Act 1996 (committee) in considering the objection under subsection (1) may uphold or rescind the classification.
3. The committee must have regard to:
 - (a) The evidence which formed the basis for the classification; and
 - (b) Any steps taken by the owner to prevent any threat to the safety of persons or animals; and
 - (c) The matter relied on in support of the objection; and
 - (d) Any other relevant matters.
4. In accordance with section 33B (2) of the Dog Control Act 1996 (committee) and in considering the objection under subsection (1) the Committee declined the objection and upheld the classification.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting concluded at 3.38 pm.

Confirmed

J O'Connor

Chairperson

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Date

Unconfirmed