

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL**Held in Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth****on Monday 26 January 2026 commencing at 3:00pm**

PRESENT: Mayor Tania Gibson (Chair), Councillor Allan Gibson (Deputy Mayor), Councillor Paulette Birchfield, Councillor Peter Davy, Councillor Kate Kennedy, Councillor Rex MacDonald, Councillor Robert Mallinson, Councillor Tim Mora, Councillor Jack O'Connor, Kaiwhakahaere Francois Tumahai

IN ATTENDANCE: Joanne Soderlund (Chief Executive), Kurtis Perrin-Smith (Group Manager Operations), Penny Kirk (Group Manager Community), Peter O'Sullivan (Group Manager Economic Development & Regulatory Services), Neil Engelbrecht (Finance Manager), Nelia Heersink (Community & Recreation Manager), Paddy Blanchfield (Transport & Infrastructure Manager), Cath Wilson (Health & Safety Manager), Ayush Yadav (Senior Utilities and Infrastructure Engineer), Trish Jellyman (Democracy Advisor), Laura Mills (Communication and Engagement Manager), Megan Bourke (Communications Officer)

Her Worship welcomed everyone to the first Council meeting of the year.

1 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1.1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

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.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION **OCM 26/01/001**

Moved: **Cr Allan Gibson**

Seconded: **Cr Kate Kennedy**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 December 2025 be confirmed as true and correct.

Carried Unanimously

3 LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

Refer page 19 of the agenda.

4 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

4.1 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

Refer page 20 of the agenda.

5 AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 MAYOR'S UPDATE

Refer page 21 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/01/002

Moved: Cr Jack O'Connor

Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

1. That the Mayor's activity report for the month of December 2025 be received.

Carried Unanimously

5.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UPDATE

Refer page 24 of the agenda.

Discussion took place on Hon Tama Potaka, Minister for Conservation, recent announcement regarding stewardship land.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/01/003

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

1. That the Chief Executive's update for the period 1 – 31 December 2025 be received.

Carried Unanimously

5.3 COMMUNITY REPORT

Refer page 27 of the agenda.

Cr O'Connor commented that the membership figures for the library are impressive as they show that around 20% of our population is a member of the library.

Discussion took place on how the solar projects for community halls originated.

Her Worship stated that it is pleasing to see that Grey District's Mayor Taskforce For Jobs (MTFJ) has been asked to participate in a national campaign next month.

The GMC advised that Council's MTFJ is sitting in the top 25% nationally which shows the great work they are doing.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/01/004

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That Council:

1. Receives the Community Report and notes the content herein.

Carried Unanimously

5.4 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Refer page 28 of the agenda.

Discussion took place on the capital programme spend.

Cr O'Connor stated that it is great to see rate debt collection has been brought back in house as this will save money. He thanked staff for their work in this area.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/01/005

Moved: Cr Robert Mallinson

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

That Council:

- a) Receives the report and notes the contents.

Carried Unanimously

5.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT

Refer page 52 of the agenda.

Discussion took place on the Small Stand-alone Dwellings Building Consent Exemption recently announced by Government.

Discussion took place on parking infringements.

Discussion took place on the use of external planners / contractors to process building consents and the Building Satisfaction Survey.

The GMEDRS responded that Council is still using contractors due to being short staffed. He is trying to recruit an intermediate planner and is also considering employing a graduate planner.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/01/006

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr Jack O'Connor

That Council:

1. Receives the report and notes the content herein.

Carried Unanimously

5.6 OPERATIONS GROUP REPORT

Refer page 59 of the agenda.

Discussion took place on Atarau Road erosion.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/01/007**Moved: Cr Tim Mora****Seconded: Cr Kate Kennedy**

That Council:

1. Receives the report and notes the content.

Carried Unanimously**5.7 TASMAN VIEW, ARNOTT HEIGHTS & ROADING RAINFALL DAMAGE - FUNDING REQUEST**

Refer page 70 of the agenda.

Discussion took place on the emergency works and NZTA emergency funding.

Her Worship stated that the costs for repair works caused by weather events are unexpected, are unbudgeted but have to be paid for.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/01/008**Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson****Seconded: Cr Rex MacDonald****That Council:**

1. Receives this report and notes the content.

Moved: Cr Robert Mallinson**Seconded: Cr Rex MacDonald**

2. Approves debt funding of \$105,000.00 to cover Councils Share of Roothing Emergency works due to storm damage in the 2023/2024 years.
3. Approves the use of \$521,271.00 from the Roothing Reserve to cover the remaining balance of the unbudgeted Emergency Roothing works due to storm damage in the 2023/2024 years.

Carried Unanimously**6 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS****6.1 DOCUMENTS EXECUTED UNDER THE COMMON SEAL OF COUNCIL**

Refer page 75 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/01/009**Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson****Seconded: Cr Rex MacDonald**

That the following documents be executed under the Common Seal of the Council:

1. Agreement for the Sale and Purchase between Grey District Council Incorporating the Greymouth Harbour Board pursuant to the Local Government (West Coast Region) Reorganisation Order 1989 (Vendor), and Kyle Kohe-Lyons and Paige Nicole Smith (Purchaser) for 2 Rigg Street, Blaketown, Greymouth.

2. Lease of Council Reserve Land between Grey District Council and Kotuku Combat Sports for a Harbour Board Endowment Reserve known as Part Reserve 1426 (LINZ Parcel No. 3689619) known as Arthur Fong Park measuring approximately 104.8 square metres.

Carried Unanimously

7 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

There were no reports from outside organisations during the reporting period.

8 IN COMMITTEE ITEMS

That the public is excluded from this part of the meeting in relation to:

Agenda items 8.1 – 8.3

The general subject 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(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

RESOLUTION OCM 26/01/010

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
8.1 - CONFIRMATION OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2025	s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
8.2 - IN COMMITTEE MATTERS UNDER ACTION IN COMMITTEE	s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for

	has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest	which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
8.3 - RECEIPT OF MINUTES FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

Carried Unanimously

9 COUNCIL RESUME IN OPEN MEETING

CLOSURE OR RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS IN OPEN MEETING.

The meeting concluded at 3.53 pm

Confirmed

T Gibson

Chairperson

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Date