MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Held in Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth

on Monday 23 March 2026 commencing at 3.00 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Tania Gibson (Chair)

Councillor Allan Gibson (Deputy Mayor), Councillor Paulette Birchfield, Councillor Peter Davy, Councillor Rex MacDonald, Councillor Robert Mallinson, Councillor Tim Mora, Councillor Jack O'Connor

IN ATTENDANCE: Joanne Soderlund (Chief Executive), Kurtis Perrin-Smith (Group Manager Operations), Kathryn Ruddle (Group Manager Corporate Services), Penny Kirk (Group Manager Community), Peter O'Sullivan (Group Manager Economic Development & Regulatory Services), Emma Topp (Business & Contracts Manager), Nelia Heersink (Community & Recreation Services Manager) Michael McEnaney (Regulatory Manager), Trish Jellyman (Democracy Advisor), Laura Mills (Communication and Engagement Manager), Megan Bourke (Communications Officer), Marina Tomasi (Engagement & Communication Officer), Amie Robinson (Solid Waste Officer) left meeting at 3.49pm, The Media

1 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1.1 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/027

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Jack O'Connor

That the apologies received from Cr Kate Kennedy and Kw Francois Tumahai 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

Cr MacDonald and Cr Birchfield both signalled that they will be declaring an interest in item 5.11 – West Coast Theatre Trust..

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/028

Moved: Cr Tim Mora
Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 February 2026 be confirmed as true and correct.

Motion Carried

2.2 RECEIPT OF MINUTES OF THE RISK AND ASSURANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 26 FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/029

Moved: Cr Tim Mora
Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

That the minutes of the Risk and Assurance Sub-Committee Meeting held on 26 February 2026 be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

2.3 RECEIPT OF MINUTES OF THE TENDERS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 26 FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/030

Moved: Cr Tim Mora
Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

That the minutes of the Tenders Subcommittee Meeting held on 26 February 2026 be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

3 LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

Refer page 25 of the agenda.

4 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

4.1 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

Refer page 26 of the agenda.

The GMO advised that options are now being work through for the Nelson Creek Water Supply. He will provide an update to Councillors once further information is to hand.

5 AGENDA ITEMS

L.1 LATE ITEMS:

1. **RICHMOND QUAY IMPROVEMENTS**
2. **ON STREET PARKING - PROPOSED CHANGES**
3. **PROVISION OF LOAN FUNDING FOR WATER SERVICES COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATION (WSCCO) SETUP AND ESTABLISHMENT COSTS**
4. **WSCCO CONSTITUTION, SHAREHOLDERS AGREEMENT AND BOARD APPOINTMENT PROCESS.**
5. **ROAD CLOSURE - WESTLAND CAR RALLY**

Refer to page 3 of the late agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/031

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That Council in accordance with Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act read with Standing Orders 9.12 the following be considered as a late item:

1. Richmond Quay Improvements.
2. On Street Parking – Proposed Changes.
3. Provision of Loan Funding for Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) Setup and Establishment Costs
4. WSCCO Constitution, Shareholders Agreement and Board Appointment process.
5. Road Closure - Westland Car Rally

Against Cr Mallinson

Motion Carried

5.12 RICHMOND QUAY IMPROVEMENTS

Refer page 5 of the late agenda.

Her Worship thanked members of the community who have taken the time to make submisions. 96 submissions were received with 82 of these in support of the proposal to alter part of Richmond Quay as a pedestrian prority street.

Mr Graeme Axford spoke to his submission. He is in agreement with the proposal but would like to see more car parking and more disabled pars.

Mr Graeme Ford spoke to his submission. He is not in favour of the road being closed as he is concerned that they may be a lack of parking.

Mr Phil McVicar spoke to his submission. He is in favour of the proposed green space area but is concerned about available parking for the disabled as there are three disabled parks near the current library but only two proposed at the new library.

Her Worship thanked the three speakers.

The GMO advised that options for increasing carparks are being considered.

Cr MacDonald asked if the comments about the grass surface from Fire and Emergency NZ (FENZ) are being investigated to ensure that the surface is hard enough for a fully laden vehicle to use.

The GMO advised that this is being investigated to ensure the area is fit for purpose and if not, then other options will be considered.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/032

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

That Council:

1. Receives this report, and
2. Thanks the submitters, and
3. Approves the proposal to alter part of Richmond Quay as a pedestrian priority street, with any modification being in line with the requirements of Fire and Emergency New Zealand, and
4. Declares that the area of Richmond Quay identified in the Summary of Proposal be a Pedestrian Mall, and
5. Directs Council staff to investigate options for seating, shade, and accessibility through the upcoming Long Term Plan process.

Carried Unanimously

L.3 WSCCO CONSTITUTION, SHAREHOLDERS AGREEMENT AND BOARD APPOINTMENT PROCESS.

Refer page 34 of the late agenda.

The CE advised that this report is a late item as staff were waiting for the outcome of Buller District Council's extraordinary meeting prior to proceeding with this report.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/033

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson
Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

That Council:

1. Approves the Shareholders' Agreement for the West Coast Water Services Council Controlled Organisation, as attached as Appendix 1;
2. Approves the Constitution for the West Coast Water Services Council Controlled Organisation, as attached as Appendix 2;
3. Authorise Mayor Tania Gibson and Deputy Mayor Alan Gibson (as Alternate) to execute the Shareholders' Agreement on behalf of the Council and delegate to the Mayor and Chief Executive the power to agree to any minor amendments to the Shareholders' Agreement prior to execution by the Council.
4. Approves the establishment of a joint Director Appointment Subcommittee and delegates to that subcommittee the authority to appoint the Establishment Board of Directors for the WSCCO; and
5. Appoints Mayor Gibson to the joint Director Appointment Subcommittee and confirms the appointment of Francois Tamahai on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and Paul Madgwick of Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio, and notes that Mayors of Buller and Westland District Councils are to also be appointed by the other Shareholding Councils.

Carried Unanimously

L.4 PROVISION OF LOAN FUNDING FOR WATER SERVICES COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATION (WSCCO) SETUP AND ESTABLISHMENT COSTS.

Refer page 97 of the late agenda.

The CE advised that not all of the funding may need to be drawn down. She confirmed that this borrowing does not affect Council's debt level.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/034

Moved: Cr Rex MacDonald
Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That Council:

1. Agrees to fund its share of the setup and establishment costs for the West Coast water services council-controlled organisation via debt up to a limit of $1.583 million. Noting any interest costs will be passed to the WSCCO along with the balance of any debt drawn down.

Carried Unamimously

5.13 ON-STREET PARKING - PROPOSED CHANGES

Refer page 103 of the late agenda.

Discussion took place on parking options in the CBD, as well as the scope of the consultation and parking wardens.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/035

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

1. Receives the report.
2. Approves the Statement of Proposal for changes to on-street parking to go out for public consultation for a period of one month.
3. Notes that final changes will come back to Council for approval as per the Traffic and Parking Enforcement Bylaw.

Carried Unanimously

L.6 ROAD CLOSURE - WESTLAND CAR RALLY

Refer page 116 of the late agenda.

Her Worship stated that this year is the 50th anniversary of this event and the event is massive for the accommodation and hospitality sector. She stated this is a huge event for the district.

Cr Gibson stated that the organisers have always ensured that the road is open for emergency vehicles and they are able to stop the event at any time. He stated this was one of the first rallies ever held in New Zealand.

Cr O'Connor stated that this event is a win win all round and is very good for economic development.

The GMO confirmed that a formal MOU in place for the rally which will mitigate any areas of concern.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/036

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

That Council

1. Approves the temporary closure of the following roads to ordinary vehicular traffic for the purposes of the Westland Car Rally on 28 March 2026, during the periods specified in the approved Traffic Management Plan, pursuant to section 342(1)(b) and Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974:

   (a) Kotuku Bell Hill Road (RP 0.600 to RP 10.100)

   (b) Bell Hill Road (RP 0.300 to RP 10.760)

   (c) Kumara Inchbonnie Road (Greenstone Bridge to Rothery Road intersection).

2. Notes that one objection was received and has been considered alongside the mitigation measures proposed by the organiser and Council officers.

3. Approves the closure subject to the following conditions:

   (a) A Traffic Management Plan approved by the Road Controlling Authority is in place prior to the closure.

   (b) Emergency services access is maintained at all times, in accordance with agreed protocols.

   (c) The organiser undertakes direct communication with affected residents prior to the event, including confirmation of closure times, access arrangements, and emergency contact details.

   (d) Statutory public notification requirements are met.

   (e) Council officers are authorised to finalise operational details and implement the closure.

   (f) Pre-event and post-event road condition inspections are undertaken by Council staff, with the organiser invited to attend.

   (g) Any event-related road damage (including ruts and gravel displacement) is reinstated by the organiser, at their cost, to the satisfaction of the Road Controlling Authority.

Carried Unanimously

5.1 MAYOR'S UPDATE

Refer page 27 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/037

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Rex MacDonald

1. That the Mayor’s activity report for the month of February 2026 be received.

Carried Unanimously

5.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UPDATE

Refer page 30 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/038

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

1. That the Chief Executive's update for the period 1 – 28 February 2026 be received.

Carried Unanimously

5.3 COMMUNITY REPORT

Refer page 33 of the agenda.

Her Worship congratulated Council's Mayors Taskforce for Jobs team who were ranked 4th in the country but have now moved up to 3rd place. She stated that it is pleasing to see that the team have been offered an extra tranche of funding as a result of their continued success.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/039

Moved: Cr Jack O'Connor
Seconded: Cr Paulette Birchfield

That Council:

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

Carried Unanimously

5.4 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Refer page 45 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/040

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That Council:

1. Receives the report and notes the contents.

Carried Unanmously

5.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT

Refer page 59 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/041

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

That Council:

1. Receives the report and notes the content herein.

Carried Unanimously

5.6 OPERATIONS GROUP REPORT

Refer page 69 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/042

Moved: Cr Jack O'Connor
Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

That Council:

1. Receives the report and notes the content.

Carried Unanimously

5.7 CAPITAL DELIVERY PROGRAMME 2025/26 - PROGRESS UPDATE

Refer page 84 of the agenda.

The GMO advised that other options are currently being looked at to support the team as extra help may be needed in order to keep the programme on track.

Cr Mallinson stated that he is very pleased with this report and noted the improved reporting.

The GMO advised that a paper on the CBD capacity investigation is likely to come to Council once the assessment reports have been reviewed as this will rely on discussions with property owners.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/043

Moved: Cr Jack O'Connor
Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That Council:

1. Receives this report and notes the content.

Carried Unanimously

5.8 NAMING OF UNNAMED ROADS - CONSULTATION DIRECTION

Refer page 90 of the agenda.

Cr Gibson commented that both proposed names are very fitting.

The GMC clarified how historic investigations around the selecting of appropriate names is carried out.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/044

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

That Council:

1. Receives this report.
2. Instructs staff to proceed with the two-week targeted consultation process as outlined, and report back to Council on the outcome of the consultation process, for Council to decide on the road naming.

Carried Unanimously

5.9 ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN FOR 2027-2037 LONG TERM PLAN

Refer page 96 of the agenda.

Her Worship thanked the Corporate and Strategic Planning Manager for her excellent work. She stated that it is great to see this being done in house.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/045

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson
Seconded: Cr Peter Davy

That Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Notes the Environmental Scan for 2027-2037 Long Term Plan.

Carried Unanimously

5.10 RATES REVIEW

Refer page 99 of the agenda.

Her Worship stated that a rates review will cost ratepayers money and at this stage Council does not have capacity within its resources to do this while staff are working on other reforms such as Local Water Done Well. It was agreed that while Council supports a rates review, now is not the right time to do this.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/046

Moved: Cr Tim Mora
Seconded: Cr Rex MacDonald

That Council:

1. Receives the report; and
2. Notes the current environment Council is operating in and agrees that now is not the right time to undertake a rates review; and
3. Commits to undertaking a full rates review when there is certainty around the current government reforms and their impact on local government.

Carried Unaminously

5.11 WEST COAST THEATRE TRUST

Refer page 112 of the agenda.

Crs MacDonald and Birchfield both declared an interest and took no further part in the discussion or decision and both left the room.

Discussion took place on the role of the Regent Theatre and the role it plays in the community.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/047

Moved: Mayor Gibson

Seconded: Cr Peter Davy

That Council:

1. That Council receives the report.

Moved: Cr Robert Mallinson
Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That Council:

2. Approves a funding grant of $50,000 to the West Coast Theatre Trust to be included in the 2026-2027 Annual Plan.

Carried Unanimously

6 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

6.1 DOCUMENTS EXECUTED UNDER THE COMMON SEAL OF COUNCIL

Refer page 120 of the agenda.

Cr O'Connor declared an interest as he is a member of the West Coast Cricket Association.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/048

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

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

1. Deed of Variation of Lease of Council Reserve Land between Grey District Council and the West Coast Cricket Association for the Harbour Endowment Reserve known as Part Reserve 1779 (LINZ Parcel No. 3688903 and Part Reserve 1426 (LINZ Parcel 3689619) known as Arthur Fong Park.
2. Deed of Variation of Lease of Council Reserve Land between Grey District Council and Blaketown Rugby Football Club Incorporated for the Harbour Endowment Reserve known as Part Reserve 1779 (Authority Parcel No. 9984 & 9987) and Part Reserve 1806 (Authority Parcel No. 9730) and Part Reserve 1426 known as McLean Park.

Carried Unanimously

7 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

7.1 RECEIPT OF MINUTES FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Refer page 121 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/03/049

Moved: Cr Rex MacDonald
Seconded: Cr Jack O'Connor

That

The Minutes of the following outside organisations be received:

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee held on 10 February 2025.

2. Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee held on 17 February 2026.

3. Minutes of the meeting of the West Coast Emergency Management Joint Committee held on 20 November 2025.

Carried Unanimously

8 IN COMMITTEE ITEMS

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

Agenda items 8.1 – 8.4

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 26/03/050

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

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 23 FEBRUARY 2026	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
8.2 - RECEIPT OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE RISK AND ASSURANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 26 FEBRUARY 2026	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
8.3 - RECEIPT OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE TENDERS	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 26 FEBRUARY 2026	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 s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	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
8.4 - IN COMMITTE 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 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 4.11 pm.

Confirmed

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T Gibson **Date**

Chairperson