MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Held in Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth

on Tuesday 28 April 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); Steve Adam (Water Services Manager); Paddy Blanchfield (Transport & Utilities Manager); Nelia Heersink (Community & Recreation Services Manager); Laura Mills (Communication and Engagement Manager), Megan Bourke (Communications Officer), Catriona Bayliss (Minutes Secretary)

1 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/051

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

That the apology received from Cr Kennedy 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.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/052

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

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

Carried Unanimously

2.2 RECEIPT OF MINUTES OF THE SPORT NEW ZEALAND RURAL TRAVEL FUND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 18 MARCH 2026

Cr O'Connor noted that this fund is available to assist with travel costs and with current increased fuel costs he encouraged those eligible to apply when the next funding round opens.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/053

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

That the minutes of the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Sub-Committee Meeting held on 18 March 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 9 APRIL 2026

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/054

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

That the minutes of the Tenders Subcommittee Meeting held on 9 April 2026 be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

3 LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

Refer page 27 of the agenda.

4 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

4.1 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

Refer page 28 of the agenda.

Nelson Creek Water Supply: Her Worship asked if there would be a report at the next Council meeting in relation to Council taking over management of this supply? The GMO advised that work is progressing and an update could be provided for the next meeting but it is unlikely the full information will be available.

5 AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 OUTCOME OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION: NGAHERE AREA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND - USE OF MONIES TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS NGAHERE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Refer page 29 of the agenda.

Mr Murray Hay, Chair of the Ngahere Community Services Group addressed the meeting.

Mr Hay advised that he represented a small group of people in the Ngahere area working to bring the area back to life. He referred to the feedback received and noted that over 90% of responses were in favour of the funding being approved, indicating there was strong support for the work proposed. He provided a brief summary of the projects proposed which includes a mural to tell the historic stories of the district.

Mr Hay added that having access to the infrastructure reserve funds is a game-changer for communities and he acknowledged the foresight Council had in setting these up.

Cr Gibson thanked Mr Hay for his input and acknowledged it was pleasing to see that only a portion of the funds available had been requested with much of the work being done by community volunteers.

In response to a query from Cr Mora Mr Hay advised that the surface of the tennis court needed a clean but once this was done it would be okay.

Cr Mallinson and O'Connor commented on the lowish response rate however noted that generally people speak out if against and as only two responses voted against they believed Council should support the request.

Discussion followed about the importance of making communities aware that the Infrastructure Funds were available and the process is to access these. To raise awareness the GMC suggested council staff could work with the communities look at ways to leverage the funds. The Mayor could also cover in her weekly community update.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/055

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

That Council considers the submissions received and;

1. Council approves the Ngahere Community Services Association's request for $69,133.25 from the Ngahere Area Infrastructure Reserve.

Carried Unanimously

5.2 MAYOR'S UPDATE

Refer page 40 of the agenda.

Council attendees at the Brunner Mine disaster were noted in the report and it was pointed out that Crs Davy and Mora had also attended.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/056

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

1. That the Mayor's activity report for the month of March 2026 be received.

Carried Unanimously

5.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UPDATE

Refer page 43 of the agenda.

Discussion took place on the meeting with LGNZ and the CE's Forum.

In addition to her report the CE advised that last month Council had approved the Coast Waters recruitment sub committee with the three mayors being involved, alongside two iwi representatives. The CE advised that it is now likely only one iwi representative will be involved.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/057

Moved: Cr Rex MacDonald
Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

1. That the Chief Executive's update for the period 1 – 31 March 2026 be received.

Carried Unanimously

5.4 COMMUNITY REPORT

Refer page 46 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/058

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson
Seconded: Cr Jack O'Connor

That Council:

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

Carried Unanimously

5.5 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Refer page 60 of the agenda.

Discussion took place on the NZTA subsidy and separation of services.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/059

Moved: Cr Robert Mallinson
Seconded: Cr Rex MacDonald

That Council:

1. Receives the report and notes the contents.

Carried Unanimously

5.6 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT

Refer page 76 of the agenda.

Cr Birchfield referred to the comment that Forest & Bird were applying for a strikeout to remove councils' appeal from the Environment Court and asked for background information. The CE said she understands Forest & Bird believe councils cannot appeal their own plan. The three councils have received QC advice however it appears this matter will proceed to the Environment Court.

Cr Birchfield noted that Forest & Bird are flush with funds and receive a substantial annual income. As a charitable trust they enjoy charity tax status and she hopes donors realise donations are going towards litigation costs silencing West Coast councils from the One Plan process and having a local voice and the cost of councils responding falls onto local ratepayers. This also means donations are not going into active conservation like habitat restoration or on the ground work.

Cr Mora referred to the economic development rate and said it would be useful to have a full list showing what this is spent on as there are many ways council supports economic development.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/060

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson
Seconded: Cr Paulette Birchfield

That Council:

1. Receives the report and notes the content herein.

Carried Unanimously

5.7 OPERATIONS GROUP REPORT

Refer page 86 of the agenda.

Her Worship referred to the upcoming plan for removal of the playground roof and asked that the community are kept informed when work gets underway.

Her Worship also asked for an update on the road that had been constructed on the hill above Tindale Road and the plan going forward? There are some concerned residents and it is important that they are kept informed. The CE advised that GDC is working with WCRC and currently awaiting geotechnical reports to assess the risk.

The GMO advised Cr Gibson that Atarau Rd is being monitored and is quite stable. Cr Gibson asked that an update on this be included in future monthly reports.

Her Worship referred to the Lydia St access to Grand Jeans track and closure of the footbridge while awaiting structural inspection. She noted there is a second access to the track and keeping in mind budget constraints, asked whether there was sufficient usage to replace this? The GMO advised that it is anticipated repairs can be done using materials on hand and the cost should be reasonably minimal.

The GMO confirmed to Cr Mallinson that updated reporting on the capital programme delivery should be available at the May meeting.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/061

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That Council:

1. Receives the report and notes the content.
2. Notes that; Council, with the assistance of the Dixon Park Redevelopment Committee, will shortly commence work to remove the existing toddler playground area shelter.

3. The shelter is being removed due to its current state, to ensure safety of users.
4. Council notes its thanks to the Dixon Park Redevelopment Committee for their assistance with this matter.

Carried Unanimously

5.8 NAMING OF UNNAMED ROADS - CONSULTATION OUTCOME

Refer page 101 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/062

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

That Council:

1. In accordance with Section 319(j) of the Local Government Act 1974, Council approves the naming of Gage Lane and Hahn Road.

Carried Unanimously

5.9 2026/2027 ANNUAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Refer page 105 of the agenda.

Her Worship noted that this year's Annual Plan, year two of the Long Term Plan (LTP), has no significant changes and therefore it would be disingenuous to consult as this would give the community an expectation Council may be able to adjust its work programme to accommodate requests and this would also have financial and rating implications.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/063

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

That Council:

1. Receive and note the contents of this report;
2. Confirm the recommendation to not undertake formal consultation on the 2026/2027 Annual Plan on the basis that the proposed Annual Plan includes no significant or material differences from Year 2 of the 2025-2034 Long Term Plan;
3. Note Council will adopt the final 2026/2027 Annual Plan prior to 30 June 2026; and
4. Agree to inform the community why consultation is not required, the proposed financial impact and Council's focus.

Against: Cr Mallinson

Carried

5.10 SUMMARY OF WORKSHOP #1 - 2027-2037 LONG TERM PLAN

Refer page 113 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/064

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson
Seconded: Cr Rex MacDonald

1. That Council receive and note the contents of the report.

Carried Unanimously

5.11 DRAFT CLASS 4 GAMING AND TAB BOARD VENUES POLICY

Refer page 144 of the agenda.

The cap on the number of gaming machines as well as the number of venues was discussed with it noted the purpose of the policy is to reduce harm and a reduction in the number allowed would still allow opportunity for new businesses.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Receives the report; and
2. Council approves a proposed reduced cap on gaming machines and venues in the Grey District in the Draft Policy;
3. Council adopts the Draft Class 4 Gaming and TAB Board Venues Policy and Summary of Proposal for public consultation; and
4. Notes the consultation period will be from 29 April 2026 to 29 May 2026, with a report to come back to Council at the ordinary meeting on 29 June 2026.

Cr Mora proposed the following amendment to point 2 of the recommendation:

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Tim Mora
Seconded: Cr Rex MacDonald

2. That Council approves a proposed reduced cap to 75 on gaming machines and to 10 venues in the Grey District.

Against: Cr Gibson; Cr Birchfield

Carried

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/065

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That Council:

1. Receives the report; and
2. Council approves a proposed reduced cap to 75 on gaming machines and to 10 venues in the Grey District in the Draft Policy;

Against: Cr Gibson; Cr Birchfield

Carried

and

3. Council adopts the Draft Class 4 Gaming and TAB Board Venues Policy and Summary of Proposal for public consultation; and
4. Notes the consultation period will be from 29 April 2026 to 29 May 2026, with a report to come back to Council at the ordinary meeting on 29 June 2026.

Carried Unanimously

5.12 OUR SPACES PLAN

Refer page 159 of the agenda.

Cr O'Connor declared an interest.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/066

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That Council:

1. Receives the *Our Places – Regional Spaces and Places Plan 2026*; and
2. Endorses the key issues and strategic priorities identified for the Grey District; and
3. Agrees that the Plan will be used to inform future Council decision-making, planning and investment in spaces and places; and
4. **Supports** a collaborative, regional approach to the planning and provision of spaces and places across the West Coast; and
5. Notes that further work will be undertaken to prioritise and rationalise Council's spaces and places network.

Carried Unanimously

6 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

6.1 DOCUMENTS EXECUTED UNDER THE COMMON SEAL OF COUNCIL

Refer page 164

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/067

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson
Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

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

1. Lease of Conservation Reserve under Council control and management for land at 10 Hawken Street, Rapahoe, between Grey District Council (Lessor) and Rapahoe Beach Holiday Park Ltd (Lessee) and Jason Miles Fletcher (Guarantor) for the land Reserve 1000 (LINZ Parcel No. 3696802) known as Rapahoe Camping Ground measuring approximately 0.8268 hectares, as outlined in red on the plan attached.
2. Deed of Sublease between Grey District Council (Landlord) and Richmond Glass (2014) Ltd (Tenant) and Glenys Ann Glover and Michael John Glover (Guarantor) for the property situated at 33 Lord

Street, Greymouth being legally described as part of Part Section 197 Block 30, Greymouth or Mawhera 31 Māori Reserve and Part Section 198 Block 30 Greymouth or Mawhera 31 Māori Reserve.

3. Deed of Sublease between Grey District Council (Sublessor) and Rockgas Limited (Sublessee) for property at Lord Street, Greymouth, being Part Section 197 Blk 30, and being all the land comprised in record of title WS5C/1253 (Westland Registry). Subleased premises the part of the land comprising of an approximate area of 1,032m^2 as shown for identification purposes as the approximate area shown outlined in red in the plan attached at The Third Schedule.

Carried Unanimously

7 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

7.1 RECEIPT OF MINUTES FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Refer page 167 of the agenda.

Cr Birchfield declared a conflict as a member of staff attending the Greymouth Rating District Joint Committee meeting.

Cr O'Connor referred to the action that the Westone Quary Land River Sea report be circulated to councillors and queried whether this had been done. The CE confirmed this had been circulated to councillors who were members of the Joint Committee and the GMO advised he would provide this to all.

RESOLUTION OCM 26/04/068

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

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The Minutes of the following outside organisations be received:

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee held on 4 March 2026.

2. Minutes of the Greymouth Rating District Joint Committee Meeting held on 25 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 – 8.3

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 26/04/069

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 MARCH 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 TENDERS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 9 APRIL 2026	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
8.3 - 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 4.09 pm.

Confirmed

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T Gibson **Date**

Chairperson