MINUTES OF THE CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Held in Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth

on Wednesday 21 October 2026 commencing at 4:00pm

PRESENT: Mr Andrew Ross (Chair)

Councillor Tim Mora, Councillor Kate Kennedy

IN ATTENDANCE: Penny Kirk (Group Manager Community), Marina Tomasi (Engagement & Communications Officer), Trish Jellyman (Democracy Advisor)

1 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1.1 APOLOGIES

Two late apologies were received prior to the commencement of the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Moved: Mr Andrew Ross

Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That the apologies received from Kay Costley and Eli Maiava be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Motion Carried

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

Mr Ross declared a conflict of interest in the Left Bank Gallery Choir, SuperBrain, Tu Kaha Events Committee, West Coast Theatre Trust and West Coast Society of Arts funding applications.

Cr Kennedy declared a conflict of interest in the Runanga Village People and SuperBrain applications.

1.4 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 MAY 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CCS 26/10/010

Moved: Cr Tim Mora
Seconded: Cr Kate Kennedy

That the minutes of the Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Sub-Committee Meeting held on 27 May 2026 be confirmed as true and correct.

Carried Unanimously

3 AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME: APPLICATIONS 2026- 27 FUNDING ROUND ONE

Refer page 8 of the agenda.

The following speakers addressed the meeting.

Left Bank Art Gallery Choir made a presentation to the meeting and spoke to their funding application.

West Coast Pipes and Drums performed for the meeting and players spoke to their funding application. Cr Kennedy noted that this group now has 16 active participants.

West Coast Theatre Trust representative Dane Oates addressed the meeting and spoke to his funding application.

Runanga Village People representative Jan Flinn addressed the meeting. She advised that their funding application is for koha for artists to perform at their event which is called "Water Colour Guide to Coal Creek Falls".

SuperBrain group, Cary Lancaster and his troupe performed for the meeting.

Due to multiple conflicts of interest relating to decisions to be made for the allocation of funding, it was agreed that the meeting would be adjourned until 4pm on Wednesday 28 October.

The meeting adjourned at 4.45pm

The meeting reconvened at 4pm on Wednesday 28 October

PRESENT:	Mr Andrew Ross (Chair)
	Councillor Tim Mora, Councillor Kate Kennedy, Eli Maiava (via Zoom)
IN ATTENDANCE:	Penny Kirk (Group Manager Community, Trish Jellyman (Democracy Advisor), Laura Mills (Communications Manager)
Apology	**Kay Costley**

Moved: **Cr Tim Mora**
Seconded: **Ms Eli Maiava**

1. That the sub-committee receives the report.
2. That the Sub-Committee considers the applications from:

1. Baroque Music Community & Education Trust of NZ – "Baroque Oboe Concert Tour 2027" – Declined
2. Grey Main School "Grey Main School Musical Production" - $1,204.00
3. The Left Bank Art Gallery Choir "Choral Performance for the Costume and Textiles Aotearoa New Zealand Symposium 2027" - $1,200
4. The West Coast Society of Arts "Mural the Public Toilet Block in Town Square"- $750
5. West Coast Pipes and Drums Inc "West Coast Pipes and Drums" - $1,155.00
6. SuperBrain Trust "A Christmas Story Musical" - $2,500.00

CONFIRMED

7. Tu Kaha Events Committee "Grey District Waitangi Day Picnic" - $1,000.00
8. Southern Cancer Society Trust "Bags of Hope" - $952.00
9. West Coast Theatre Trust "Westerly Music Festival" - Declined
10. Andre Staiger "Sound + Soul – Blackball Vibes" - $1,992.00
11. Runanga Village People "Runanga Art Project" - $1,000.00

Carried Unanimously

The following speakers addressed the meeting.

Tu Kaha Events Committee "Grey District Waitangi Day Picnic"
The Chairman declared an interest as he is the Chair of this committee. He took no further part in the discussion or decision.
Jackie introduced herself to the meeting and explained the event that they are seeking funding for. She advised that the biggest cost has been the hangi and road closure. She advised that they have a lot of volunteers who assist on the day, which they are very grateful for.

Andre Staiger "Sound + Soul – Blackball Vibes"
Andre addressed the meeting. He advised he has run winter events over the past couple of years. He is expecting around 600 people to attend this event and is hoping it will be a brilliant day for everyone. He stated that there are around 60 volunteers assisting with this event. He confirmed that any profit is split between all performers and they all get the same amount.

The GMC explained the reason for charging for road closure and advised that the LGA states that anything that is not a core service cannot be funded and this includes events. She stated that it is likely that Council will no longer have funding for any types of events.

All speakers left the meeting and funding applications were considered.

Discussion took place on the wide range of projects that have been applied for.

1. Baroque Music Community & Education Trust of NZ – "Baroque Oboe Concert Tour 2027" - Declined
Refer page 14 of the agenda.
This application was declined. It was agreed that this project is not locally driven.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CCS 26/10/011

Moved: Cr Tim Mora
Seconded: Ms Eli Maiava

That the Baroque Music Community & Education Trust of NZ – "Baroque Oboe Concert Tour 2027" – application be declined.

Carried Unanimously

2. Grey Main School "Grey Main School Musical Production" - $1,204.00

Refer page 58 of the agenda.

All agreed to fully funded.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CCS 26/10/012

Moved: Cr Tim Mora
Seconded: Ms Eli Maiava

UNCONFIRMED

That Grey Main School "Grey Main School Musical Production" be awarded $1,204.00.

Carried Unanimously

3. The Left Bank Art Gallery Choir "Choral Performance for the Costume and Textiles Aotearoa New Zealand Symposium 2027" - $1,200.00

Refer page 67 of the agenda.

The Chairman declared a conflict of interest. He left the room and took no further part in the discussion or decision.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CCS 26/10/013

Moved: Cr Tim Mora
Seconded: Ms Eli Maiava

That the Left Bank Art Gallery Choir "Choral Performance for the Costume and Textiles Aotearoa New Zealand Symposium 2027" be awarded $1,200

Carried Unanimously

4. The West Coast Society of Arts "Mural the Public Toilet Block in Town Square"- $750.00

Refer page 78 of the agenda.

The Chairman declared a conflict of interest. He left the room and took no further part in the discussion or decision. The GMC also left the room.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CCS 26/10/014

Moved: Cr Tim Mora
Seconded: Ms Eli Maiava

That The West Coast Society of Arts "Mural the Public Toilet Block in Town Square" be awarded $750

Carried Unanimously

5. West Coast Pipes and Drums Inc "West Coast Pipes and Drums" - $1,155.00

Refer page 91 of the agenda.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CCS 26/10/015

Moved: Cr Tim Mora
Seconded: Ms Eli Maiava

That West Coast Pipes and Drums Inc "West Coast Pipes and Drums" be awarded $1,155.00.

Carried Unanimously

6. SuperBrain Trust "A Christmas Story Musical" - $2,500.00

Refer page 112 of the agenda.

The Chairman declared a conflict of interest. He left the room and took no further part in the discussion or decision.

Discussion took place. It was noted that SuperBrain are a Charitable Trust. It was agreed that any future funding applications must contain more detailed financial records.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CCS 26/10/016

Moved: Cr Tim Mora
Seconded: Ms Eli Maiava

That SuperBrain Trust "A Christmas Story Musical" be awarded $2,500.00

Carried Unanimously

7. Tu Kaha Events Committee "Grey District Waitangi Day Picnic" - $1,000.00

Refer page 127 of the agenda.

The Chairman declared a conflict of interest. He left the room and took no further part in the discussion or decision.

It was confirmed that Council funds the road closure for Waitangi Day.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CCS 26/10/017

Moved: Cr Tim Mora
Seconded: Ms Eli Maiava

That Tu Kaka Events Committee "Grey District Waitangi Day Picnic" be awarded $1,000.00

Carried Unanimously

8. Southern Cancer Society Trust "Bags of Hope" - $952.00

Refer page 144 of the agenda.

Ms Maiava commented that there are around 500 local children kids contributing art relating to this project.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CCS 26/10/018

Moved: Cr Tim Mora
Seconded: Ms Eli Maiava

That the Southern Cancer Society Trust "Bags of Hope" be awarded $952.00.

Carried Unanimously

9. West Coast Theatre Trust "Westerly Music Festival" – Declined

Refer page 161 of the agenda

The Chairman declared a conflict of interest. He left the room and took no further part in the discussion or decision.

The applicant advised that he required the project to be fully funded ($7,000.00) otherwise it wouldn't go ahead. It was agreed that there are insufficient funds available therefore the application was declined.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CCS 26/10/019

Moved: Cr Tim Mora
Seconded: Ms Eli Maiava

That the funding application from West Coast Theatre Trust "Westerly Music Festival" be declined.

Carried Unanimously

10. Andre Staiger "Sound + Soul – Blackball Vibes" - $1,992.00

Refer page 187 of the agenda.

It was noted that the costings for this event are high. Cr Kennedy stated that it is great to see these sorts of events happening outside of the main centres as they are very good for the regions and small places.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CCS 26/10/020

Moved: Cr Tim Mora
Seconded: Ms Eli Maiava

That Andre Staiger "Sound + Soul – Blackball Vibes" be awarded $1,992.00.

Carried Unanimously

11. Runanga Village People "Runanga Art Project" - $1,000.00

Refer page 202 of the agenda.

Cr Kennedy declared a conflict of interest. She left the room and took no further part in discussion and decision.

Ms Maiava commented that this project is a great way to grow the arts in grow small places. It was noted that this group is already up and running and further funding will provide funds for what this group is already doing.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CCS 26/10/021

Moved: Cr Tim Mora
Seconded: Ms Eli Maiava

That the Runanga Village People "Runanga Art Project" be awarded $1,000.00

Carried Unanimously

4 SUB-COMMITTEE RESUMES IN OPEN MEETING

CLOSURE OR RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS IN OPEN MEETING.

The meeting concluded at 4.55pm

Confirmed

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AR Ross **Date**

Chairperson