

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MALVERN COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD IN THE SHEFFIELD HALL
ON MONDAY 22 MAY 2023, COMMENCING AT 4.30PM**

PRESENT

Messrs K May (Chair), S Ellis, C Payne, and B Russell (Deputy Chair), Ms S Nu'u, and Councillor RH Mugford

ATTENDEES

Councillor LL Gliddon, Mr T Harris (Group Manager Development and Growth) and Mr OP Gosling (Assistant to Group Manager Community Services and Facilities).

Public Forum: Shaun Trestain, Cheyenne Webster, Michelle Webster, Sharon Kirkwood, Nev Croy, Jock Dawson, Brian Donnelly, Bill Woods, Kevin Brown.

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially those members of the public attending.

APOLOGIES

None.

IDENTIFICATION OF ANY URGENT OR GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC FORUM

The following people presented in the public forum portion of the meeting:

Brian Donnelly from the Locals Club -

- Asked about the future of community committees and the next steps.
- Asked about the accessibility of Darfield Pool for those who live in Sheffield and Springfield. Concern about going to the river instead of the pool and the associated drowning risks.
- Concerned about children crossing the road to the swimming pool.
- Locals Club would like to “*do the ANZAC service next year*” as there are enough local veterans.
- Stage two and three of the Waddington plantings were on Saturday. Brian thanked those involved and confirmed this planting project is now confirmed.

- Discussion of cycleway connecting Darfield, Sheffield, and Springfield as things “*cannot keep being taken away with nothing being replaced*”.
- Frisbee golf at the Sheffield Domain – permission is being investigated. Bike track between the trees at the Domain.

Sean Ellis asked which of the above comments had been submitted to the annual plan. Brian confirmed that none had been, but they will for the LTP. The Chair noted that the LTP is for larger projects. The cycle track between townships has been discussed for over ten years. Sean Ellis contributed that there is a Central Government fund to pay for these connections, and Councillor Mugford said Council is progressing this.

Nev Croy -

When the pool was closed some years ago, people went to the river, and there were two callouts of the fire brigade, and two of St Johns due to incidents in the river. Requested a quote for fibre glassing the pool instead. Mentioned that the Pool is a war memorial, and it would be unfair to the memory of veterans to close the pool.

Shaun Trestain –

The flood drains get blocked during high rain events, stopping “*60 to 70 percent of water from draining*”. Photos of his garden flooded were shared. Shaun contacted the Council during the flood events and claimed that “*the receptionists are liars, because I was never called back, as managers told me that they were never asked to call me.*”

Shaun read an email he sent to the Council requesting a follow up on communication to waterservices@selwyn.govt.nz. He has proposed a number of solutions to change the water race head wall grills that would stop the flooding of his property and the fire station including cutting the grills down, changing the grills to open cut, or installing a different grill. Shaun mentioned that he worked for CityCare Water and understands the solutions. Shaun has often cleared the grills to prevent the grills blocking. It was mentioned that the next tunnel down is at the school where there are no grills.

Action: Shaun raised a strong grievance with the level of customer service and staff responsiveness he has received through this issue. The Board noted it would be raised with staff.

Kevin Brown –

Kevin asked whether the Council could consider funding the Sheffield Pool from the Memorial fund as well as the Pool fund given it is also a memorial. Councillor Gliddon mentioned that she is continuing to discuss this with the aquatics manager, and that this will become a consultation item for the Long Term Plan. She confirmed that the ward Councillors and Community Board will advocate for the pool to stay open.

Kevin said that the pool numbers for the summer season 22/23 will be lower than usual due to poor weather and lifeguards not being provided on some occasions.

Michelle Webster discussed her concern with Aecom completing the reports on the pool due to the inaccuracies in their reports on halls.

Bill Woods –

Bill was displeased by the minutes of the previous MCB meeting that read that he was misquoted as saying he refused to send minutes of the Waddington/Sheffield Community Committee.

Bill Woods commended Cameron Warr for his prompt response.

Bill discussed two local drownings because there were no grills suggesting that they cannot be removed, in reference to the public forum speaker, Mr Shaun Trestain.

Sheffield Pool has been in operation for almost 70 years and the building code says that constructions are meant to last 50 years. Thus, it needs to be rebuilt.

When the funding of halls, reserves, and pools were reformed, the rating for Sheffield Pool was applied for to all of Selwyn. Because all of Selwyn pays for the pool, it should be a decision for the whole district.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Malvern Community Board held in the West Melton Community Centre, on Monday 24 April 2023.

Moved – Mr Calvin Payne / **Seconded** – Mr Bruce Russell

‘That the Board confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Malvern Community Board held on Monday 24 April 2023, as circulated.’

CARRIED

Matters arising

None.

Actions from Previous Meeting

Mr Russell Bruce to follow up on the issue with rubbish being left on the property adjacent to West Melton domain.

Moved – Mr Calvin Payne / **Seconded** – Mr Bruce Russell

‘That the actions from the previous meeting be resolved as current.’

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

REPORT FROM CHAIRPERSON

1. Monthly Report from the Chairperson

Mr Ken May attended the inaugural Springfield Community Association meeting following the discharge of the Springfield Township Committee.

He also presented on behalf of the Community Board to the annual plan hearing. He attended the representation review committee and will attend again on 14 June. The purpose of the Review, amongst other issues, is to determine the number of Councillors in the District and Ward boundaries.

Moved – Mr Ken May / **Seconded** – Mr Bruce Russell

‘That the report from the Chairperson be received for information.’

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

2. Board Member Mr Sean Ellis

Castle Hill Domain Plan has been passed onto an external consultant. This information had to be sought at great effort and Mr Ellis was disappointed with the flow of information from Council staff.

The bylaw about kea feeding was considered and Councillor Lydia Gliddon said that discussions with other Councils are underway to progress this matter. It was confirmed this is not a DOC area. An issue arising from this matter is the vermin being brought into the township.

The trees at Lake Coleridge Hall were discussed and the SimplyArb report was shared with board members.

Moved – Mr Sean Ellis / **Seconded** – Ms Sharn Nu’u

‘That it should be requested of Council that the trees at Lake Coleridge Hall be removed.’

CARRIED

Mr Ellis has been raising awareness of Snap, Send, Solve in Springfield for vandalism.

Mr Ellis said in relation to the change in easement on the corner in Whitecliffs for the pavement, he would like to see the timeline for the work. Councillor Mugford said that staff were working on this due to the requirement for acquisition.

Regarding the Clinton Street stock truck stopping and the drain not working properly, this was submitted as a Snap Send Solve report. The Hotel Owner will ask truck drivers not to park on Clinton Street. Ms Nu’u noted that residents would not like signage but soil and planting instead and requested feedback from Council on the actions planned.

Action: Feedback from Council on the Clinton Street stock truck stopping, planting and other actions.

Moved – Mr Sean Ellis / **Seconded** – Mr Calvin Payne

‘That the report from Mr Ellis be received for information.’

CARRIED

3. Board Member Ms Sharn Nu’u

Ms Sharn Nu’u read the items contained in her written report.

There will be a Darfield Residents Group Committee to elect the committee on Wednesday, 31 May.

Moved – Ms Sharn Nu’u / **Seconded** – Mr Sean Ellis

‘That the report from Ms Nu’u be received for information.’

CARRIED

4. Board Member Mr Calvin Payne

Mr Calvin Payne read the items of his written report.

Mr Payne commented on the fact the Board needs to have a separate meeting to discuss the Board’s strategy for the rest of the term. Particularly, the Board’s submission to the representation review should be considered. Ms Nu’u agreed that it is important for any committee to have a strategic plan.

Action: meeting of the Board and Ward Councillors to discuss the Board’s strategy for the rest of the term as well as their submission to the representation review committee.

Moved – Mr Calvin Payne / **Seconded** – Ms Sharn Nu’u

‘That the Malvern Community Board Members and Ward Councillors meet before the next Board meeting to discuss the Board’s strategy for the rest of the term and their submission to the representation review committee.’

CARRIED

Moved – Mr Calvin Payne / **Seconded** – Sean Ellis

‘That the report from Mr Payne be received for information.’

CARRIED

5. Board Member Mr Bruce Russell (verbal)

Mr Russell discussed the West Melton ANZAC service with over 400 attendees. The speaker’s address was highly commended. He also commended Rebecca Nelson, a Navy Lieutenant, who is a singer who “beautifully led the singing”.

Bruce discussed his technological difficulty and asked that members contact him on his personal phone rather than via email. He wanted to publicly thank David Ward, CEO, and Therese Davel, Committee Advisor.

Moved – Mr Bruce Russell / **Seconded** – Mr Calvin Payne

‘That the (verbal) report from Mr Russell be received for information.’

CARRIED

6. Councillor Bob Mugford (verbal)

Councillor Mugford attended the Coleridge Habitat Trust meeting. Over half a million dollars were available to spend through the Trust. It was decided at a recent meeting that the Trust could be applied to for funding by residents to undertake environmental projects.

Moved – Cr Bob Mugford / **Seconded** – Ms Sharn Nu’u

‘That the (verbal) report from Cr Bob Mugford be received for information.’

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

7. Group Manager Development and Growth

Manager’s Report – May 2023

Mr Tim Harris presented the manager’s report and said there was a specific focus on the development and growth of Selwyn District at a rate three times that of the national average and the planning implications of this for his group.

Ms Sharn Nu’u questioned how Council will construct facilities and provide services to townships before they grow without increasing rates for existing residents. Mr Tim Harris responded with reference to the District Plan and Long-Term Plan which allocate funding based on projected growth and the decisions of elected councillors. There are activity management plans that also support infrastructure to accommodate the growing population.

Mr Sean Ellis asked how Council would advocate to government for health services across the district. Mr Tim Harris said that Council’s role is facilitation, with the Health Hub in Rolleston having been a Council initiative. The medical centre in Darfield is also owned by Council.

Ms Sharn Nu’u discussed preventing rezoning until services are provided. Mr Tim Harris said that the rezonings are the product of independent commissioners who do assess the services available.

Correspondence to Mr David Ward from Greendale Residents’ Committee and Springfield Community Association confirming that Ken May and Sharn Nu’u, and Ken May,

respectively, are the MCB representatives at the residents' groups' meetings was tabled and accepted as true and accurate by the Board Members.

Action: It should be clarified that confirmation of representation to residents' groups will be appropriate if addressed to the CEO from the elected chairperson or secretary of a residents' group.

Moved – Mr Ken May / **Seconded** – Mr Bruce Russell

'That the Malvern Community Board receives the Manager's Report – May 2023 for information.'

CARRIED

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

8. Request for a Grant – Darfield Toy Library Incorporated

Actions: Two questions raised for staff were: if an organisation applies for funding one year can they apply again the following year, and if an organisation applies and there are no funds, can the following year's funds be drawn upon.

Councillor Bob Mugford confirmed that leftover funds can be carried over.

It was discussed that the toy library has lost the funding of Plunket.

Moved – Mr Calvin Payne / **Seconded** – Mr Bruce Russell

'That the Malvern Community Board grant \$1,739.34 from the Malvern Ward Discretionary Fund to assist the Darfield Toy Library Incorporated with the cost of annual operating expenses enabling them to meet their contractual obligations and continue to run the Toy Library for the Darfield Community.'

CARRIED

9. Request for a Grant – Kirwee Community Association

Mr Calvin Payne said that the Kirwee Community Association needs \$880 for the camera and there is ducting in place at the Thirsty Acres to support the security cameras. This will be linked to the police only for privacy reasons.

Ms Sharn Nu'u asked if the funding could be deferred to the next financial year and the funding allocated instead to the Darfield Food Bank that supports 40 families each week. Councillor Lydia Gliddon discussed that Council is working on funding this in a more structured way.

Mr Sean Ellis said that this request did not sit well with him considering the applications that the funding is usually granted for.

Moved – Mr Bruce Russell / **Seconded** – Mr Calvin Payne

‘That the application lie on the table until the next meeting and that the representatives in Kirwee investigate other funding options’.

CARRIED

~~*‘That the Malvern Community Board grant \$580 from the Malvern Ward Discretionary Fund to assist the Kirwee Community Association with the cost of installing a security camera on the Thirsty Acres building on the corner of State Highway 73 and Courtenay Road, Kirwee.’*~~

10. Discretionary Fund Financials

Deferred to the next meeting.

11. Committee Financials

Deferred to the next meeting.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE INFORMATION

12. Community Committee Minutes

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Qualitative Structural Assessment of Sheffield Pool was distributed.

The meeting closed at 6.18pm.

DATED this day of 2023



CHAIRPERSON