

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MALVERN COMMUNITY BOARD  
HELD IN THE DARFIELD LIBRARY AND SERVICE CENTRE MEETING ROOMS  
ON MONDAY 24 JULY 2023, COMMENCING AT 5PM**

**PRESENT**

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

**ATTENDEES**

Councillor LL Gliddon, Mr T Harris (Group Manager Development & Growth) and Mr O Gosling (Executive Assistant).

Tony (on behalf of Harvey, Chair, Darfield Community Association), Vanessa Murray (of Hororata)

**WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**APOLOGIES**

None.

**IDENTIFICATION OF ANY URGENT OR GENERAL BUSINESS**

None.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Tony of Darfield Community Association attended in the place of the Chairperson Harvey Polglase. There was extensive discussion at their first meeting on 8 July about chlorination in Darfield water.

Murray England (Acting Group Manager Infrastructure and Property) asked about the reasoning for the request for an urgent scientific examination of the water. Tony said that this came from both sides of the debate as to provide information to the community. There is a need for simple information to be provided in a factsheet format. Mr England suggested that an independent review may not be necessary as the testing is already done independently. The regulation requires that all water is chlorinated unless there is an exemption from Taumata Arawai. Council has undertaken several unsuccessful exemption requests. Council has resubmitted the

exemption request for Rakaia Huts and if this is successful, there will be an understanding of the full time and cost resourcing required for further exemption applications.

Tony asked why Darfield is number nineteen on the priority list. Mr England explained that 160km water network that provides a complexity and a greater uncertainty of the water quality at any point of the network.

Tony mentioned that the Medical Officer of Health said that there was no proof of the Darfield sewerage system posing a risk to the water source. Mr England said the Ministry of Health is no longer the authority and Taumata Arawai has taken a different view. He said that recent ground water testing has not indicated any contamination.

Vanessa Murray spoke of the water system in Hororata. She said the community has accepted that they need to boil water constantly. Her complaint is with the supply of water considering she cannot give her livestock water. Ms Murray said the water was turned off last Monday and has not been turned on again. She said this is a constant issue with more than 10 instances per year. Ms Murray pays for four units of water and would like to know where it is. She also said that the communication about water supply stoppages is inadequate. She has also complained that the water is dirty.

Mr England confirmed that Ms Murray is on the Hororata water supply, and the water comes from the Selwyn River at Glentunnel. He explained that regulations require that water is stopped when tepidity rises until it clears. This means that there are more sudden stoppages. A solution is to ECAN for a consent to pump more water, which is being processed. In addition, water from Darfield is being diverted to Malvern Hills to reduce the demand on Hororata's water supply.

Ms Murray said that there should be a well for water in Hororata as was planned years ago.

Ms Murray said that the lack of water is also affecting heating as many have wet-back fires which cannot be operated without water. Mr England said that a decision to turn the water on will be made tomorrow given tepidity levels. Bottled water or a tanker may be supplied as part of the Emergency Management response.

Ms Murray asked that greater notice of the location of sandbags could be provided as there is a lack of information.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Malvern Community Board held in the Darfield Library and Service Centre, on Monday 26 June 2023.**

Mr Ellis said that he was misquoted in the June meeting because he did not question the recycling idea going ahead, he just wanted it in every town and did not want a system set up to fail. This will be corrected.

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

*'That the Board confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Malvern Community Board held on Monday 26 June 2023, as circulated.'*

**CARRIED**

## **Matters arising**

None.

## **Actions from Previous Meeting**

None.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received from Mr Harvey Polglase on behalf of the Darfield Residents' Association. These were spoken to in Public Forum.

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

*'That the Malvern Community Board receive the notices of motion from the Darfield Residents Association, for information.'*

**CARRIED**

## **REPORT FROM CHAIRPERSON**

### **1. Monthly Report from the Chairperson**

The Chairperson spoke to his report and there was discussion by the Board.

There was discussion of the visibility of action points by Ms Nu'u. It was clarified that actions are captured by the minute taker and passed to ELT and to operational staff for response. It makes the task of a minute taker much easier if an action point is clearly identified by the speaker.

Action point: follow up on the plan for removal of trees on Tramway Road.

As Acting Chief Executive, Tim Harris sent a letter to Kowai Domain Board.

Action Point: Ask for a no engine braking sign on the west side of Springfield.

**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**

Mr Ellis spoke to his report with discussion.

Action Point: The compliance team will follow up around the tiny house on the Pall Mall St and the domain in Springfield.

Action Point: Follow up with an update on the footpath in Whitecliffs.

Action Point: Explain why Greendale has received a basketball hoop and Springfield was declined.

Ms Gliddon said that ECan is presenting to Council about an update on swale.

Action Point: Update on whether the Tawera Domain footpath will be completed as part of the annual plan funding.

**Moved** – Mr Sean Ellis / **Seconded** – Mr Bruce Russell

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

**CARRIED**

### **3. Board Member Ms Sharn Nu’u**

Ms Nu’u spoke to her report.

She is aware that a staff member of Council is meeting with the Darfield Foodbank.

Ms Nu’u said that in addition to her report, she attended the Arts Committee on 19 July in place of Sean Ellis.

**Moved** – Ms Sharn Nu’u / **Seconded** – Mr Ken May

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

**CARRIED**

### **4. Board Member Mr Calvin Payne**

Mr Payne spoke to his report.

He noted that he had omitted from his report that he has begun IOD training.

He will prepare a list of issues for the August meeting with many issues relating to signage and lighting on the roads around West Melton and Kirwee.

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

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

**CARRIED**

## 5. Board Member Mr Bruce Russell

Mr Russell spoke to his written report.

He made note of the rain at the West Melton bowling club which flooded and stopped use. There are plans to connect the bowling and rugby clubs to the sewerage system,

Action Point: Mr Russell requested an update on the connection of the bowling club to the sewerage system.

**Moved** – Mr Bruce Russell / **Seconded** – Ms Sharn Nu'u

*'That the report from Mr Russell be received for information.'*

**CARRIED**

## 6. Councillor Bob Mugford (verbal)

Mr Mugford went to a midwinter dinner in Coalgate and a workshop at Lake Coleridge.

Action Point: The old MCB brochure will be reproduced and shared with the Board.

**Moved** – Councillor 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 – July 2023*

Mr Tim Harris took his report as read.

Council supported all apart from the last, LGNZ remits for the upcoming AGM.

**Moved** – Mr Tim Harris / **Seconded** – Mr Ken May

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

**CARRIED**

## REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

### 8. Request for a Grant – Rolleston Scouts

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

*‘That the Board:*

- a) let the report lie on the table; and*
- b) receives clarification on the number of beneficiaries of the funding and whether the individuals have previously received funding. The application will be reconsidered with this information.’*

**CARRIED**

~~*‘That the Malvern Community Board grant \$218.75 from the Malvern Ward Discretionary Fund to assist the Rolleston Scouts with the cost of sending up to 60 youth and up to 15 volunteer leaders to the National Scout Jamboree to be held in Hamilton in December 2023.’*~~

### 9. Request for a Grant – TM Dance World Showcase Team

The Board voted for option one to accept the application.

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

*‘That the Malvern Community Board grant \$1,200 from the Malvern Ward Discretionary Fund to assist TM Dance World Showcase Team with the cost of attending the Showcase National Dance Championships, to be held on the Gold Coast in Australia from 13 to 23 January 2024.’*

**CARRIED**

### 10. Request for a Grant – Arthur’s Pass Association

The Board voted to move option two to decline the application.

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

*‘That the Malvern Community Board ~~grant~~ decline an amount of \$689 from the Malvern Ward Discretionary Fund to assist the Arthur’s Pass Association with the cost of organising Mountain Film Festival to be screened in the Village.’*

**CARRIED**

## 11. Request for a Grant – Coalgate Residents Committee

The Board voted for option two to decline the application.

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

*‘That the Malvern Community Board ~~grant~~ decline an amount of \$2,000 from the Malvern Ward Discretionary Fund to assist Coalgate Residents Committee with the cost of placing security cameras within its township.’*

**CARRIED**

## 12. Request for a Grant – Emilee Wissel

The Board voted for option one to accept the application.

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

*‘That the Malvern Community Board grant \$500 from the Malvern Ward Discretionary Fund to assist Emilee Wissel with the cost to undertake a World Challenge Expedition to Nepal to undertake volunteer work and trekking in the Himalayas from 28 November to 20 December 2023.’*

**CARRIED**

## 13. Request for a Grant – Hope West Melton Presbyterian Church

Mr Russell made note that the Hope Church has funds but there is no liquid cash. He supports the application because of the positive impact on the community.

The Board voted for option two to decline the application.

**Moved** – Mr Ken May / **Seconded** – Mr Sean Ellis

*‘That the Malvern Community Board ~~grant~~ decline an amount of \$1,100 from the Malvern Ward Discretionary Fund to assist the Hope West Melton Presbyterian Church with the cost for the China to be used at their high tea event as these resources are currently unavailable on the 7 October 2023.’*

**CARRIED**

## 14. Discretionary Fund Financials

There was no discussion of the Discretionary Fund Financials.

Mr Payne asked that staff continue to provide the statement of financial performance to the Board monthly as occurred previously but was not received in July. This will assist with the Board’s planning.

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

*'That the Malvern Community Board receive the financial report, for information.'*

**CARRIED**

## **COMMUNITY COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

### **15. Community Committee Minutes**

None.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mr Bruce Russell asked that a visit to Bathurst site be included in the agenda of future meetings.

Mr May discussed the historic informal meetings the Board would have in local cafes, increasing accessibility of the Board to the community.

Action Point: The former practice of having mid-month public forum sessions in various locations in the Ward will be revisited by the Board.

The meeting closed at 6.31pm.

DATED this                      day of                      2023



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**CHAIRPERSON**