

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MALVERN COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD IN THE WEST MELTON COMMUNITY CENTRE MEETING ROOM
ON MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2023, COMMENCING AT 4PM**

PRESENT

Messrs C Payne, and B Russell (Interim Chair), Ms S Nu'u

ATTENDEES

Mrs S Mason (Chief Executive) and Ms T Davel (Committee Advisor)

WELCOME

The Interim Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including those in public forum, Harvey Polglase and John Verry. The Chair also introduced everyone around the table.

APOLOGIES

Councillor Gliddon submitted an apology.

Moved – Mr B Russell / **Seconded** – Mr C Payne

'That the Malvern Community Board receive the apology from Councillor Gliddon, for information.'

CARRIED

IDENTIFICATION OF ANY URGENT OR GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None new.

PUBLIC FORUM

Harvey Polglase

Mr Polglase noted he represents the Darfield Resident's Association and spoke about chlorination in Darfield. He said they had previously raised issues with the Council regarding chlorination but know they are number 19 on the list with any change potentially several years away. He told the Board that both Napier and Hastings had installed de-chlorination stations because of public pressure. Their systems were quite sophisticated and costly but Darfield wasn't looking at something of that kind. He said filter stations would be a good start and it is estimated it would cost \$1,000 for the filter with a further \$450 every six months to maintain this. Also, a bit of stainless steel for a stand and signage and hook-up to plumbing. The Residents'

Association thought Tussock Square is the ideal site. Mr Polglase also said that it would attract tourists going through the area.

Mr Polglase noted the Residents' Association would be keen to do it themselves if council didn't want to and he was sure they could get sponsorship from businesses in the community to assist them. If Council would pick up the maintenance costs, that would be ideal. Only one was needed for Darfield and what the envisage was people coming to fill their containers with pure, dechlorinated water.

The Chief Executive said they wouldn't be the first or last group to ask for potential different ways to deal with chlorination in the water and suggested a submission to the LTP process.

The Chief Executive also added she would ask her team to find out from Napier how they got around their responsibilities in terms of Te Mata Arowhai.

Lastly Mr Polglase said they were progressing with the Christmas in the park, and the Christmas light trail. He said it was a laborious process to apply for permission to hold the event and they were required to have a safety plan and public liability insurance. He doesn't understand why they need this. The Chief Executive asked him to forward the email from Council staff to her to follow up.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Malvern Community Board held in the Darfield Library and Service Centre, on Monday 18 October 2023.

Mr Russell noted an amendment to the minutes on page 8, item 8 – *Springston* to be changed to *Springfield*.

Moved – Ms S Nu'u / **Seconded** – Mr C Payne

'That the Board confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Malvern Community Board held on Monday 18 October 2023, as circulated.'

CARRIED

Actions from the Last Meeting

The Board spoke about their presence at recent events and said they would consider paying for a site to have a more prominent position at events, rather than being tucked away where no-one can see them when they have free access.

They noted they should be making application to events and having sites early enough. Ms Nu'u said the purpose of having a stall or presence at an event is to have a presence in the community and provide opportunities for community residents to speak to the Board.

Ms Nu'u also added the Board could consider sponsoring an additional site for any other community organisation that might be struggling.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board considered a letter from Darfield High School in respect of a discretionary funding grant for the annual prize-giving of the school. Correspondence was received late and the matter is being discussed and decided retrospectively.

Mr Russell provided brief background to the matter and said the Board has always given \$500 for the school to use. He said in this instance he will ring the principal and apologise that the Board did not get a request in time. It will be decided by the Board at a time when the budget is discussed so it can be added to the budget for future.

REPORT FROM CHAIRPERSON & BOARD MEMBERS

1. Monthly Report from the Chairperson

Mr Russell spoke about the Sister Cities event regarding Yubetsu that happened recently. He said he would like all the actions for the visit to be recorded for future so the Board can ensure we know what its responsibilities are. He said he felt embarrassed about what the Board's responsibilities were as they all felt a little bit in the dark about it.

He also said the Board was responsible for a plaque for the tree that they planted and that he would need to get a quote for that.

Moved – Mr B Russell / **Seconded** – Mr C Payne

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

CARRIED

2. Board Member Ms Sharn Nu'u

Ms Nu'u spoke about parking in Darfield and said Council needed to look at the safety in the area. There was no designated wheelchair car park apart from one around the corner. People often stop in the middle of the car park to allow disabled passengers to exit a vehicle but that then stops the traffic through flow. Regarding the submission from a resident on the matter, the Chair said Ms Nu'u should invite her to speak to the Board at a future meeting.

The Chief Executive said people should encourage residents to submit on the LTP and the Board could consider endorsing those submissions.

Ms Nu'u spoke about reserves in Darfield which appear extremely overgrown and despite snap/send/solve there was no action. The Chief Executive asked her to send the information to her office.

Ms Nu'u also asked who was responsible to change the time on the Darfield township clock. The outcome (the following day) was that the Reserves Team at Council will in future take responsibility for the maintenance of the township clock.

Moved – Mrs S Nu'u / **Seconded** – Mr C Payne

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

CARRIED

3. Board Member Mr Calvin Payne

On several operational matters raised it was noted that residents should be encouraged to either contact Council directly or the Board member should email the information through to the Chief Executive. The purpose of the Board meetings was to have governance discussions and not get involved in operations.

Regarding the gum trees in Lake Coleridge, the Chief Executive said Council's policy was not to cut down trees if they were healthy. However, Council will consider the majority opinion of the community. The petition submitted in August had several duplicate names and it needs to be established exactly how many people signed the petition.

The Chief Executive noted she would be speaking to the Civil Defence team member who had been in contact with both the Board and the residents up in Lake Coleridge.

Moved – Mr C Payne / **Seconded** – Ms S Nu'u

'That the report from Mr Payne be received for information.'

CARRIED

4. Councillor Lydia Gliddon

In the absence of Councillor Gliddon this report was taken as read.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

5. Chief Executive

Chief Executive Report – November 2023

The Chief Executive spoke about Council's decision to bring all the multiple different funds into one fund with one panel to make decisions. It would have a consistent process with set criteria. There will be representation on the panel from each ward and it would be important to improve transparency and good practice around ratepayers' money. The Board will continue to see the application and would be able to guide the representative as to which of the applications the Board supports. The one fund will have a larger sum of money attached to it which means it will provide better opportunities for people with larger projects, for example.

Moved – Ms S Nu'u / **Seconded** – Mr C Payne

'That the Malvern Community Board receives the Manager's report, for information'.

CARRIED

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

6. Request for a Grant – Poppy Freeman

Moved (as amended) – Mr C Payne / Seconded – Ms S Nu'u

'That the Malvern Community Board grant \$500 from the Malvern Ward Discretionary Fund to assist Poppy Freeman with the cost of travel to Kappl, Austria, in January 2024 to compete in the World Jr Freeride Championships.'

CARRIED

7. Discretionary Fund Financials and Report

Moved – Mr C Payne / Seconded – Ms S Nu'u

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

CARRIED

DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC FORUM MATTERS


Not applicable.

GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

With there being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.18pm. The Interim Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and wished them all the best for the Christmas.

DATED this 26 day of February 2023



CHAIRPERSON