

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MALVERN COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD IN THE DARFIELD LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE MEETING ROOM
ON MONDAY 26 AUGUST 2024 AT 4PM**

PRESENT

Messrs. B Russell (Chairperson), J Verry (Deputy Chairperson), C Payne, and P Freeman; Ms S Nu'u, and Councillor R Mugford

ATTENDEES

Mr S Gibling (Acting Chief Executive) and C Bennet (Governance Coordinator)

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including the youth observer.

The meeting was livestreamed.

APOLOGIES

None.

IDENTIFICATION OF ANY URGENT OR GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Graeme Dawson

Flooding in Springfield

Mr Dawson spoke briefly about his concerns regarding flooding in Springfield. He is Chair of the Springfield Resident's Association, and they will be holding their next meeting shortly. At that meeting the Association will compile a list of questions relating to their concerns about the flooding in their area and they will be sent to Council. A staff member will attend the next Malvern Community Board meeting, and they will provide the response then.

PRESENTATIONS FROM SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL STAFF

Draft Castle Hill Village Reserves Management Plan

Open Spaces Planner

Mr Derek Hayes, Open Spaces Planner, highlighted the key points of the report. The Board congratulated staff on the report, they were very impressed with its content and level of detail. The Board encouraged staff to continue to engage with the Castle Hill Village community.

Moved – Mr Verry / Seconded – Mr Freeman

‘That the Malvern Community Board, under the delegated authority approved in terms of the Local Government Act 2002 (s.53), recommends to the Council that the Castle Hill Village Reserves Management Plan be adopted.’

CARRIED

Climate Survey – Community Perceptions and Engagement

Head of Strategy and Policy

Mr Ben Baird, Head of Strategy and Policy, provided a presentation on the Climate Survey Report commissioned by Council. There was a discussion about the methodology of the report and a concern was raised about the number of rural residents surveyed. The Board reinforced their desire to be included in the process when Council are developing plans with a climate change and sustainability focus. Staff said that the plans will be brought back to the Board for their information. Council is currently in the early stages of recruiting specialist staff into the area of climate change and sustainability.

Moved – Mr Verry / Seconded – Mr Payne

‘That the Malvern Community Board, receive the Climate Change – Community Perceptions and Engagement presentation, for information.’

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Malvern Community Board held in the Darfield Library and Service Centre, on Monday 22 July 2024.

Moved – Mr Verry / Seconded – Mr Payne

Information to be provided to the Board after Mr Chris Stewart spoke in public forum at the July meeting about power pole placement on the Cass Straight, Arthur’s Pass.

‘That the Malvern Community Board confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Malvern Community Board held on Monday 22 July 2024, as amended.’

CARRIED

ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

Action plan updated.

CORRESPONDENCE

Darfield Residents Association – Rate Rises

The Board said some members of the public have expressed their concern to them about the increasing cost of living and the pressure that the recent rates rise is having on them. There

was a discussion about the ability of some members of the district to remain living in the community due to their financial situation.

Moved – Mr Verry / **Seconded** – Mr Payne

‘That the Malvern Community Board on behalf of the Darfield Residents Association request Council to review proposed costs, expenditure, timing of projects, and asset sales with a view to limiting future rates increases to affordable levels at the next Long Term Plan.’

CARRIED

Darfield High School – End of Year Prize Giving

It was agreed that Ms Nu’u and Mr Russell will attend the Darfield High School prize giving.

Moved – Mr Verry / **Seconded** – Mr Freeman

‘That the Malvern Community Board receives the correspondence from Darfield High School, as circulated.’

CARRIED

REPORTS

1. Monthly Report from the Chairperson

Chair - Mr Bruce Russell

Mr Russell attended the Community Board Conference in Wellington last week. He said it was a very successful event and he was feeling energised. Mr Verry and Mr Payne who both also attended agreed. He reinforced the importance of the Board needing to stand up and represent the people of the Malvern ward.

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

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

CARRIED

2. Board Member Ms Sharn Nu’u

Ms Nu’u advised that she had been involved in several sporting events in the community recently.

Moved – Ms Nu’u / **Seconded** – Mr Freeman

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

CARRIED

3. Board Member Mr Calvin Payne

Mr Payne began by saying he found the Community Board Conference to be a positive experience. He attended a very moving talk on the Whakaari White Island disaster response as part of the conference programme. This was a reminder for him that local people have local knowledge which is vital especially in an emergency. Mr Payne also attended the recent gathering to celebrate the return of the Hororata Hall to the community.

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

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

CARRIED

4. Board Member Mr Phil Freeman

Mr Freeman tabled his report at the meeting. He was very pleased to have the Hororata Hall back in community ownership. He commended the community on all the hard work and commitment that they have shown to make this happen.

Moved – Mr Freeman / **Seconded** – Mr Verry

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

CARRIED

5. Board Member Mr John Verry

Mr Verry provided a draft document on roles and delegations which he would like discussed at the upcoming Board workshop. He also expressed how much he enjoyed the Community Board Conference. He was pleased to see how invigorated the Board are currently, and he emphasized the importance of working hard for their community.

Moved – Mr Verry / **Seconded** – Mr Freeman

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

CARRIED

6. Councillor Mugford

Councillor Mugford provided a verbal report. He has recently attended the AGM for the Sister Cities committee. It was great to see the Hororata Hall back with the community. This was achieved because of the goodwill shown by the community and them working closely with Council. He commended the excellent work done by those people who were part of Castle Hill Reserves Panel.

Moved – Councillor Mugford / **Seconded** – Mr Payne

'That the verbal report from Councillor Mugford be received for information.'

CARRIED

7. Chief Executives Report

In the Chief Executive's absence her report was taken as read.

Moved – Mr Russell / **Seconded** – Mr Verry

'That the report from the Chief Executive Officer be received, for information.'

CARRIED

DISCRETIONARY FUND APPLICATIONS

Request for a Grant – Brooke Bennett

Moved – Ms Nu'u / **Seconded** – Mr Verry

'That the Malvern Community Board recommend \$250 from the Malvern Community Board Discretionary Fund be granted to assist Brooke Bennett with the cost of participating in the Swimming New Zealand Tri Series in Hamilton.'

CARRIED

Request for a Grant – Chase Gallagher

Moved – Mr Verry / **Seconded** – Councillor Mugford

'That the Malvern Community Board recommend \$500 from the Malvern Community Board Discretionary Fund be granted to assist Chase Gallagher to participate in a school history trip to Europe.'

CARRIED

Request for a Grant – Ceilidh Event

Moved – Mr Russell / **Seconded** – Mr Verry

'That the Malvern Community Board do not recommend \$1049 from the Malvern Community Board Discretionary Fund be granted to assist parents of students from Darfield High School to organise a fund-raising Ceilidh event.'

CARRIED

Request for a Grant – Darfield High School Trip to Japan

Moved – Ms Nu'u / **Seconded** – Mr Freeman

'That the Malvern Community Board recommend \$1500 from the Malvern Community Board Discretionary Fund be granted students from Darfield High School to travel to Japan on a school trip.'

CARRIED

Request for a Grant – Maggie McConnochie

Moved – Mr Freeman / **Seconded** – Mr Payne

'That the Malvern Community Board recommend \$500 from the Malvern Community Board Discretionary Fund be granted to assist Maggie McConnochie to travel to Scotland to compete in solo bagpiping competitions.'

CARRIED

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

8. Malvern Community Board Financials and Budget

Mrs Sarah O'Connor, Finance Business Partner, attended the meeting to assist the Board interpreting the information provided by the finance team. She understands that the Board are wanting increased clarity and a more detailed level of financial reporting, and she is working to ensure this occurs. More information will be provided at the next meeting especially around the support charges attributed to the Board.

Moved – Mr Verry / **Seconded** – Mr Freeman

'That the Malvern Community Board receive the Financial Statements, for information.'

CARRIED

DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC FORUM MATTERS

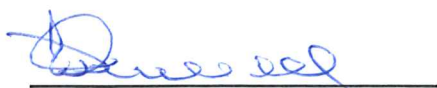
Staff will be at the next meeting in Springfield to address the concerns raised by Mr Dawson in public forum.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Board will further discuss how they can support the proposal of Ms Liezel Nel to have a regular night market in Darfield.

With there being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.00pm.

DATED this 15th day of October, 2024



CHAIRPERSON