

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MALVERN COMMUNITY BOARD  
HELD IN THE DARFIELD LIBRARY AND SERVICE CENTRE  
ON MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 3.30PM**

**PRESENT**

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

**ATTENDEES**

Mr S Gibling (Executive Director People, Culture and Capability); Ms S O'Connor (Senior Finance Business Partner); Mrs J Hands (Head of Legal and Risk); Mr J Richmond (Head of Sports and Recreation); Mr B Healy (Project Manager Major Projects), Mr M Allin (Senior Project Manager Capital Works), and Ms T Davel (Senior Governance Advisor)

**WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting,

The meeting was livestreamed.

**APOLOGIES**

None.

**IDENTIFICATION OF ANY URGENT OR GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mr Verry noted he wanted to talk about three matters:

- Public transport (ECan)
- Local Water Done Well
- Darfield and Kirwee wastewater levies and connections

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Harvey Polglase spoke on behalf of the Darfield Resident's Association, asking for a show of support from the Board regarding opposition to the rates increases proposed by the Council. He said the Christchurch City Council managed to review their rates based on inflation and it was reduced. He urged the Board to advocate to Council to do the same.

Board members said there was to be no consultation from Council with its communities on the Annual Plan.

Mr Polglase also asked for leadership from the Board in terms of sewerage in Darfield and Kirwee – he asked for a policy as to how people should connect to the pipeline or not. This should be communicated with the community and be consulted on.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Malvern Community Board held in the Darfield Library Meeting Rooms, on Monday 27 January 2025**

**Moved** – Mr Freeman / **Seconded** – Councillor Gliddon

*'That the Malvern Community Board confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Malvern Community Board held on Monday 27 January 2025.'*

**CARRIED**

## **ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING**

Actions updated.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **REPORTS**

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

*Chair - Mr Bruce Russell*

Mr Russell thanked the Board and staff for stepping up lately while he and his family are going through a challenging time.

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

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

**CARRIED**

### **2. Board Member Ms Sharn Nu'u**

Ms Nu'u tabled her report. She said there was no heritage or historical society in Darfield, the only towns in Malvern without one.

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

*'That the (tabled) report from Ms Nu'u be received for information.'*

**CARRIED**

### **3. Board Member Mr John Verry**

Much of Mr Verry's report will be discussed under general business.

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

*'That the (verbal) report from Mr Verry be received for information.'*

**CARRIED**

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

Mr Payne reported that at the last meeting of the Kirwee Residents association they discussed safety on Hoskyns road; speed and safety through Kirwee; the playground which was currently unsafe and needed to have some work done with it; a request for a dog park in Kirwee; and a community garden.

The West Melton Resident's Association discussed Hoskyns road safety; also ANZAC Day plaques to be finalised at Halkett; and EV charges at West Melton centre.

He said March is busy in Malvern with the market and fete; the Malvern A&P; field days in Kirwee and the Sister Cities meeting coming up. He added he would bring back a full report on the Sister Cities activities to the next Board meeting. The Board should still decide who from the Board will go to China / Japan.

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

*'That the (verbal) report from Mr Payne be received for information.'*

**CARRIED**

### **5. Board Member Mr Phil Freeman**

Mr Freeman noted the reserve management was a work in progress. CORDE and reserves team work on the maintenance.

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

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

**CARRIED**



## 6. Councillor Gliddon

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

*'That the report from Councillor Gliddon be received for information.'*

**CARRIED**

## 7. Financial Reporting

Staff went through the financial reports, line by line (see financial report included in the meeting agenda). Questions / comments from the Board included:

- Whether some of the underbudgeted funding could be repurposed.
- Whether the financials for the March Board meeting will reflect status to end of February 2025.
- The Board will meet with the finance team in the next month to discuss their draft budget and other financial matters.
- The fact the Board is relatively small and that comments from community members were raised about what services they were paying for compared to what they get from the Board.

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

*'That the Malvern Community Board receives for information the Malvern Community Board (MCB) Finance Report for the period 1 - 31 December 2024.'*

**CARRIED**

## 8. Executive Director's Report

### West Melton Carpark

Staff spoke about the project which involved the construction of new tennis and netball courts with lighting and fencing. The carpark will also be extended. Staff noted they had been working with local residents. They said that the design was to change and that the project will go out to tender this year. Some of the trees along the fence will remain and further planting will be undertaken. The Board thanked them for the work to date.

### Local Water Done Well

Council's head of Legal and Risk spoke to the Board about the consultation on the CCO in relation to Local Water Done Well. She told the Board about the history of water, how the legislation changed and why Council was consulting on this as an option. Consultation closes on 12 March at noon. There will be several drop-in sessions around the District on the matter.

Ms Hands said that two models were being looked at – an in-house delivery model and the establishment of a CCO. Council wanted to go ahead with a CCO and that is why consultation is necessary. There was a brief discussion with Board members asking questions for clarification. Mr Payne declared a conflict in that he works as consultant for Christchurch City Council on their 3 Waters project.

It was noted that Council had workshopped a vast amount of information on the matter and this was the best option for the Council – a joint CCO with other council was not an option and it might leave ratepayers funding more which was not acceptable to Council.

Ms Nu'u proposed a motion following the presentation, noting that the Community Board needs to prioritise time and resources to submit on the Your Water Done Well proposal.

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

*That the Malvern Community Board submit on the consultation and prioritises time to appoint someone as soon as possible to draft a submission.*

**CARRIED**

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

*'That the report from the Executive Director be received, for information'.*

**CARRIED**

## **SHEFFIELD POOL CONSULTATION AND AQUATICS OPERATIONS UPDATE**

Mr James Richmond presented his presentation noting the learn to swim and other programmes. He also said the women's only sessions are very popular. Mr Richmond noted the consultation in relation to Sheffield Pool will have hearings on Thursday 27 February with 14 people wanting to speak to the panel. The Board thanked him for his presentation (note PowerPoint presentation attached to minutes for reference).

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

*'That the Malvern Community Board receives the report 'Sheffield Pool Consultation and Aquatics Operations Update', for information.'*

**CARRIED**

## **DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC FORUM MATTERS**

None.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mr Verry spoke about the Local Water Done Well consultation document saying it was compressed due to the ultimate deadline; that the form bares a very close resemblance to that of the Representation Review; and asked whether the assets would be kept by Selwyn or shared across councils. He also noted the fact that it appears an in-house delivery model was off the table to which staff said it was still being considered and that the only option not viable was the status quo.

Staff replied to the questions confirming that any 'external entity', namely the Council Controlled Organisation, will be fully council owned, thereby remaining in public ownership. They also noted that the second option was the in-house option being presented for consultation.

Mr Payne wanted Council to give the Board the assurance that any accurate data on how people responded, should be made available to the Board to which staff said that as with any other consultation process, hearings and deliberations with documentation, will be made publicly available.

Mr Verry spoke about public transport and noted the Board would talk some more about the bus service proposed by ECan.

In relation to Darfield and Kirwee wastewater levies and connections he asked for a review of the matter with Mr Payne agreeing, asking what the costs will be, when it would be happening and that communication with communities will be important.

## **CLOSURE**

With no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting after thanking staff and Board members for attending and participating.

The meeting closed at 5.19pm.

DATED this 11 day of April 2025

  
**CHAIRPERSON**