

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
CROMWELL COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD IN THE CROMWELL SERVICE CENTRE, 42 THE MALL, CROMWELL
AND LIVE STREAMED VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 2025
COMMENCING AT 2.00 PM**

PRESENT: Ms A Harrison (Chair), Mr B Scott, Cr S Browne, Cr N Gillespie, Cr C Laws, Ms M McConnell, Mr W Sanford

IN ATTENDANCE: T Alley (Mayor), P Kelly (Chief Executive Officer), S Righarts (Group Manager - Business Support), D Rushbrook (Group Manager - Community Vision), D Scoones (Group Manager - Community Experience), L van der Voort (Group Manager - Planning and Infrastructure), G Bailey (Parks and Recreation Manager), G Chrystall (Facility Experience Manager), Z Zeelie (Team Leader – Statutory Property), P Keenan (Capital Projects Programme Manager), R Williams (Community Development Advisor), Q Penniall (Infrastructure Manager), H Laverick (Roading Asset Engineer), D McKewen (Systems and Corporate Accountant), S Reynolds (Governance Support Officer)

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 PUBLIC FORUM

Ian Dee - Central Otago Pony Club

Ian Dee the President of Central Otago Pony Club commented on the Draft Recreation Reserve Plan for the Racecourse Reserve and stated that he believed that under the current proposal the club would not be left with enough land to operate a full equestrian cross country course. He also noted that the course attracts a large number of riders from across the country and that there would be costs incurred by removing the existing cross country.

Mr Dee then responded to questions.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Scott
Seconded: Browne

That the public minutes of the Cromwell Community Board Meeting held on 10 February 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their obligations in respect of declaring any interests. There were no further declarations of interest.

Cr Laws noted that she had a conflict with Item 25.2.8 did not take part in the discussions or vote on this item.

Cr Gillespie's noted that the he had been involved with the consent approval on behalf of Contact Energy for item 25.2.5, but given that he is no longer an employee of this organisation he took part in the discussion and did voted on this item.

5 REPORTS

25.2.2 DRAFT CROMWELL RACECOURSE RECREATION PLAN

To consider approving the Cromwell Racecourse Recreation Plan for consultation.

It was noted that this process does not commit the board to any funding but progresses it to the public consultation stage.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: **McConnell**

Seconded: **Scott**

That the Cromwell Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Approves in principle the Draft Cromwell Racecourse Recreation Plan and seek public feedback on the Plan through the Cromwell Racecourse Recreation Reserve Management Plan consultation process.
- C. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to all that is necessary to give effect to the resolution.

CARRIED

25.2.3 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PREPARE A RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

To request that the Cromwell Community Board resolve to notify its intention to prepare a Reserve Management Plan for the Cromwell Racecourse Reserve.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: **Laws**

Seconded: **Browne**

That the Cromwell Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Agrees to prepare a Draft Reserve Management Plan for the Cromwell Racecourse Reserve legally described as Lot 1 Deposit Plan 301554 Cromwell District, comprising 91.4629 hectares, being part Certificate of Title 64/76.

CARRIED

25.2.4 CROMWELL HALL OPERATING DECISIONS

For the Board to receive a progress report on the 'go live' operations of the Cromwell Memorial Hall and make regular recommendations to Council on how the Cromwell Memorial Hall could operate.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Gillespie
Seconded: Sanford

That the Cromwell Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Recommends to Council that the Cromwell Memorial Hall will be a Council run facility for the first three years of operation with a review to be completed in the 2030-2040 Long-term Plan.
- C. Appoints Board member Sarah Browne to be an advisor to the Cromwell Memorial Hall project team.
- D. Notes the resolution from Council's 30 October 2024 meeting, "To fund the Cromwell Museum within the new Cromwell Memorial Hall complex with funding to come from Council".
- E. Notes that the Board will receive a regular summary of activities and updated timeline on operational progress to the facility opening in July 2026.
- F. Notes that the operations team is working towards achieving five key communication outcomes.
- G. Notes the Board has been presented with the forecast financial model and notes the importance of paying down the loan as soon as possible to reduce impact on rates, through land sales.

CARRIED

Note: Ali Ballentine and Helen Scoles joined the meeting for item 25.2.5

25.2.5 OLD CROMWELL LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT PLAN

To consider the extension to the area contained in the Management Agreement between Central Otago District Council, (the Council) and Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) for the maintenance and management of the Lakefront of the Old Cromwell Township to provide for the subsequent extension of the Lease agreement between the Council and Old Cromwell Incorporated for the reconstruction of a replica Chinese Village.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: McConnell
Seconded: Laws

That the Cromwell Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
 - B. Agrees to apply to Land Information New Zealand to amend the Management Agreement of the Lakefront of the Old Cromwell Township to include the extended area as indicated in blue on Figure 1 of this report.
 - C. Agrees to the variation to the lease agreement between Council and Old Cromwell Incorporated to include the extended area.
 - D. Agrees to Old Cromwell Incorporated to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Cromwell & Districts Community Trust to enable the construction of the replica Chinese Village.
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- E. Notes that the agreement is subject to the proposal complying with the Land Information New Zealand/Council management agreement and the Council/Old Cromwell Incorporated lease.
- F. Authorises the Chief Executive to do all that is necessary to give effect to the resolution

CARRIED

25.2.6 CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALL AT OLD CROMWELL TOWNSHIP

To consider the request for permission from Old Cromwell Incorporated (Lessee) to construct a retaining wall at the eastern entrance to the Cromwell Heritage Precinct as indicated on Figures 1 to 3 of the report.

It was noted that no building consent was required for this work and was within the scope of the Councils management agreement with Land Information New Zealand.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Browne
Seconded: Sanford

That the Cromwell Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Approves the request from Old Cromwell Incorporated for the construction of a small retaining wall at the eastern entrance to the Cromwell Heritage Precinct as shown in Figures 1 to 3 of the report.
- C. Authorises the Chief Executive to do all that is necessary to give effect to the resolution.

CARRIED

25.2.7 UPDATE ON CROMWELL WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND BOREFIELD UPGRADE

To provide the Cromwell Community Board with information regarding the Cromwell water treatment plant and bore field upgrade.

Recommendations

That the report be received.

Note: Cr Laws declared a conflict with this item and did not take part in the discussions or vote on the item.

25.2.8 ROAD NAME APPROVAL REPORT - WOONG TREE STAGE 5 AND 6

To consider a request to name two new roads within the Woong Tree Development, Cromwell.

Discussion followed on the relevance of the current naming list and it was requested that the list was reviewed on a regular basis.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Browne
Seconded: McConnell

That the Cromwell Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Agrees that the two new roads within the Wooing Tree Development be named Petrichor Court and Muller Court.
- C. The board requested that the Cromwell Area Road Naming Option list was reviewed and that the alternative names in the report were considered as part of this process.

CARRIED

Note: Ms Harrison left the meeting at 2.59 pm and Mr Scott assumed the chair.

25.2.9 SPEED MANAGEMENT CONSULTATION PROPOSAL

To consider and provide feedback on the updated speed limit proposals for the Cromwell Ward.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Laws
Seconded: Sanford

That the Cromwell Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Recommends the proposed speed limits for the Cromwell Ward to Council.

CARRIED

25.2.10 CROMWELL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

To consider the financial performance overview as at 31 December 2024.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Sanford
Seconded: McConnell

That the report be received.

CARRIED

6 MAYOR'S REPORT

25.2.11 MAYOR'S REPORT

Her Worship the Mayor gave an update on activities and issues since the last meeting, see attached.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Laws
Seconded: McConnell

That the Cromwell Community Board receives the report.

CARRIED

Attachments

1 Mayors Report

Note: By permission of the meeting item 25.2.13 was moved forward.

7 MEMBERS' REPORTS

25.2.13 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Members gave an update on activities and issues since the last meeting.

Ms McConnell reported on the following:

- Noted that she had an interesting discussion with a new appointment at Contact Energy.

Cr Laws reported on the following:

- Attended the recent community meeting about the Racecourse Reserve.
- Attended the Wanaka A & P show.
- Attended a meeting of Old Cromwell Incorporated and noted that McNulty House needs some upkeep and asked staff to look at options for repairs. She noted that the committee do a large amount to maintain the building and the grounds and believes that the funding for this should come from council.

Mr Sanford reported on the following:

- Attended a meeting of the Friends of Cromwell Cemetery.
- Attended a Business South session with the Prime Minister.
- Attended the Wanaka A & P Show.
- Attended a working party in Naseby with work colleagues to remove some wilding pine trees.
- Visited the water park for the first time.
- Is on the board of the Automobile Association local branch and had attended a meeting of this group.

Cr Gillespie reported on the following:

- Gave an update on a recent Hearings Panel meeting.
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- Noted the work done by Council on Regional Deals and looked forward to an update in this space and clarified that this does not lead to amalgamation.
- Gave an update on recent Council meetings including the extraordinary Council meeting and the additional information for the Long-term Plan documentation.
- Had lunch with the Prime Minister noting his focus on economic growth.
- Given the recent serious road accidents in the community, Cr Gillespie acknowledged his thanks to all members of the community who have attended these events and the number of people who are affected by these tragic events.

Cr Browne reported on the following:

- Had spent some time on various school camps with her children and noted the fantastic offerings at the Tūhura Otago Museum.
- Attended the Dunstan Zone athletics competition, and noted that Molyneux Park looked impeccable for the event.
- Attended a couple of 'Huddl' workshops, and outlined the beneficial information shared at these sessions.
- Toured the Cromwell Memorial Hall with the 'Women in Construction' group and acknowledged the excitement around the build as it takes shape.
- Attended the Creative Communities funding round.
- Noted the extensive comment on social media and she considered the best way to communicate with these groups. She stated that she had attempted to communicate as much as possible with all members of the community and wanted to stress her availability to respond to queries.

Mr Scott reported on the following:

- Attended a meeting of the Friends of Cromwell Cemetery.
- Participated in Bayley's Charity Golf Course.
- Declined an invitation to lunch with the Prime Minister.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: **McConnell**

Seconded: **Sanford**

That the report be received.

CARRIED

Note: Ms Harrison returned to the meeting at 3.40 pm and resumed the chair.

Note: Mr Scott left the meeting at 3.41 pm and returned at 3.43 pm.

8 CHAIR'S REPORT

25.2.12 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair gave an update on the following:

- Noted that she was delighted to have a walkthrough of the Cromwell Memorial Hall and discussed the exciting changes at the site and public interest in the project.
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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Sanford
Seconded: Laws

That the report be received.

CARRIED

9 STATUS REPORTS

25.2.14 MARCH 2025 GOVERNANCE REPORT

To report on items of general interest, receive minutes and updates from key organisations and consider the status report updates.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Scott
Seconded: Browne

That the report be received.

CARRIED

10 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 6 May 2025.

11 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Gillespie
Seconded: Browne

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Plain English Reason
Confidential Minutes of Ordinary Board Meeting	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	Commercial sensitivity

<p>25.2.15 - March 2025 Confidential Governance Report</p>	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p>	<p>Commercial sensitivity</p>
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CARRIED

The public were excluded at 3.47 pm and the meeting closed at 3.49 pm.

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