

**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, 5 NOVEMBER 2024  
COMMENCING AT 2.00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Ms A Harrison (Chair), Cr S Browne, Cr N Gillespie (via Microsoft Teams), Cr C Laws, Ms M McConnell (via Microsoft Teams), 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 Webster (Acting Group Manager - Planning and Infrastructure), G Robinson (Property and Facilities Manager), H Giles (Property and Facilities Officer – Cromwell), R Williams (Community Development Advisor), G Bailey (Parks and Recreation Manager), W McEnteer (Governance Manager), S Reynolds (Governance Support Officer)

## 1 APOLOGIES

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### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Browne  
**Seconded:** Laws

That apologies from Mr B Scott and apologies for lateness from Ms McConnell be received and accepted.

**CARRIED**

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## 2 PUBLIC FORUM

### Kate Seymour and Cheryl Sanders – Cromwell Cemetery

Ms Sanders spoke about the poor condition of the Cromwell Cemetery and referred to the Central Otago District Councils Cromwell Cemetery concept Development Plan which was published in January 2023. She reported on maintenance that had not been done, particularly referencing the damaged rabbit proof fence and lack of water on the reserve. They requested that past year maintenance budgets be made available to them so they could understand where money has been spent.

Ms Sanders then responded to questions.

### Rob Van der Mark – Sustainable Tarras

Mr Van der Mark spoke to the proposed Santana gold mine and outlined concerns the group had regarding the scale, appearance and location of the potential development. He noted that he believed the community is not suitably informed about this project and detailed the list of impacts on the local surrounds and the impacts. He asks that links with Council and the Tarras community are strengthened as this proposal progresses through the consent process.

Mr Van der Mark then responded to questions.

Billie Marsh –Tarras voice

Ms Marsh spoke regarding the Santana mine development and noted uncertainty this potential development had created amongst the Tarras Community. She requested that Cromwell Community Board interaction with residents is strengthened so their local voice is heard. She expressed her concerns around the fast track resource consent process and believed it will not allow sufficient time for feedback on the development.

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION****Moved: Sanford****Seconded: Browne**

That the public minutes of the Cromwell Community Board Meeting held on 17 September 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

It was noted that Mr Sanford's members report incorrectly stated that there were 160 people including supporters at the Lake Dunstan Marathon but it should have read 160 participants and supporters in attendance.

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**CARRIED****4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**5 REPORTS****24.10.2 BANNOCKBURN BOWLING CLUB - GRANT ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT**

To note the accountability report from the Bannockburn Bowling Club for the grant towards their new kitchen.

The Chair congratulated the group for their work in raising funds and bringing the project to fruition.

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**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION****Moved: Browne****Seconded: Sanford**

That the report be received.

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**CARRIED**

Note: With permission of the meeting, item 24.10.8 was moved forward.

Note: Ms McConnell joined the meeting at 2.34 pm.

Note: Craig Gilchrist from Mayors Taskforce for Jobs joined the meeting for item 24.10.8.

## 6 STATUS REPORTS

### 24.10.8 NOVEMBER 2024 GOVERNANCE REPORT

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

Craig Gilchrist joined the meeting and gave an update on the work that had been undertaken in the ward as part of 'The Mayors Taskforce for Jobs'.

A verbal update was given on the build progress at the Cromwell Memorial Hall.

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#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Laws  
**Seconded:** Sanford

That the report be received.

**CARRIED**

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### 24.10.3 CROMWELL GOLF CLUB - FUNDING REQUEST

To consider a request from the Cromwell Golf Club for financial assistance with the removal of trees and site reinstatement, using funds held in the Club's Fund Account.

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#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Laws  
**Seconded:** Sanford

That the Cromwell Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Recommends that the Board approves funding of \$14,000 from the Cromwell Golf Club fund to assist with the removal of the trees.
- C. Directs that this funding be subject to the provision of a copy of the invoice for the removal of the trees.

**CARRIED**

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### 24.10.4 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

To approve a schedule of Cromwell Community Board meetings for 2025.

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#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Browne  
**Seconded:** Laws

That the Cromwell Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
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B. Adopts the proposed 2025 meeting schedule for the Cromwell Community Board.

**CARRIED**

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## **7 MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **24.10.5 MAYOR'S REPORT**

Her Worship noted that she was delighted to be in the job and excited to be attending her first Cromwell Community Board meeting. She outlined the challenges that elected members had ahead particularly around water infrastructure and how decisions in this space will affect ratepayers. Her Worship acknowledged the work of board members in championing the ward as Cromwell faces opportunities and difficulties due to being one of the fastest growing populations in the country.

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### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Browne**

**Seconded: Laws**

That the Cromwell Community Board receives the report.

**CARRIED**

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## **8 CHAIR'S REPORT**

### **24.10.6 CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair will give an update on activities and issues since the last meeting.

- Had been lucky enough to enjoy an overseas trip to visit family so had been out of the district for much of the time since the last meeting.
  - Had spoken on the districtisation at the September Council meeting and looked forward to further discussions on this matter.
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### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Harrison**

**Seconded: Laws**

That the report be received.

**CARRIED**

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## **9 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **24.10.7 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

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

Cr Laws gave an update on the following:

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- Gave an update on the LGNZ Zone 5/6 conference noting the good speakers and informative event.
- Updated the board on the September and October Council meetings.
- Attended a Cromwell Community House meeting.
- Attended a Council workshop on the Long-term Plan.
- Noted her excitement around the opening of the new Wooing Tree cellar door facility.

Cr Browne gave an update on the following:

- Had attended a session at Goldfields School with students who had undertaken a project on keeping water ways clean and enjoyed the students passion and engagement on civic issues.
- Attended a session on sports provision in Cromwell and the future projections and looks forward to this information being distilled and used in future planning.
- Attended the Cromwell Kāhui Ako.
- Attended the Cromwell Half Marathon event, noting the success of the event.
- Attended the Cromwell Fire Brigade Celebration of 150 years of service.
- Attended Polyfest in Queenstown.
- Attended the LGNZ Zone 5/6 conference.
- Attended the Building Better Confidence noting the work to be done to improve building standards to encourage sustainability and less waste in this industry.
- Had sat on the panel of the recent Assessment Committee meetings to disperse money for the arts and rural travel.
- Noted that she was regrettably an apology for the Tarras Community Action Plan meeting due to another meeting commitment.

Mr Sanford reported on the following:

- Attended the Highland Events and Webbs Orchard Rogaine
- Met with Friends of Cromwell Cemetery.
- Attended Cromwell Districts Community Trust Strategic workshop
- Attended the Cromwell Business Network breakfast.
- Attended the Business South 'Beer n Yarn' event.
- Attended the Race Day Event at Highlands
- Attended Goldfields School kids Duathlon
- Attended the Blossom Festival parade, followed by the Cromwell Speedway event.
- Attended the Cromwell Fire Brigade open day.
- Attended Cromwell Fireworks event at Old Cromwell Labour Weekend
- Noted that he is moving office space in the Mall.
- Noted the ceased publication of Crux, and noted their contribution to New Zealand media would be missed.

Ms McConnell gave an update on the following:

- Noted that she had travelled out of district and recently completed the Heaphy Track.

Cr Gillespie gave an update on the following:

- Gave an update on September and October Council meetings, specifically noting the passionate submissions in relation to museum funding and the progress of the decision making towards the consultation stage of the Long-term Plan.
- Attended the Cromwell Fire Brigade open day and acknowledged the support from the local community and the special evening event celebrating the 150 years of service to the community.

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**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Sanford  
**Seconded:** Laws

That the report be received.

**CARRIED**

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**10 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 9 December 2024.

**11 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**


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**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Laws  
**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
<b>24.10.9 - Bannockburn Industrial Subdivision Recommendation for Funding</b>	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities  s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	To enable commercial activities  To enable commercial or industrial negotiations
<b>24.10.10 - November 2024 Confidential Governance Report</b>	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

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**CARRIED**

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The public were excluded at 3.24 pm and the meeting closed at 4.07 pm

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