

**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, 3 MARCH 2026
COMMENCING AT 2:00 PM**

PRESENT: Ms A Harrison (Chair), Mr W Sanford, Ms R Anderson, Cr S Browne (via Microsoft Teams), Mr M Casey

IN ATTENDANCE: T Paterson (Deputy Mayor), P Kelly (Chief Executive Officer), Q Penniall (Group Manager - Planning, Infrastructure and Regulatory), S Righarts (Group Manager - Governance and Business Services), D Scoones (Group Manager - Community Experience), G Bailey (Parks and Recreation Manager), Z Zeelie (Team Leader Statutory Property), W Harris (Venue Director), G Chrystall (Community Experience Manager), S Reynolds (Governance Support Officer)

1 KARAKIA

Mr Casey gave a karakia to begin the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies but it was noted that Cr Browne was joining online and may have intermittent signal. It was also noted that Mr Casey would be an apology for early departure.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Kylie Murdoch & Shirley Calvert - Cromwell & Districts Community Trust, Project Lead – Project Tirau

Ms Murdoch provided an overview of the trust's work exploring potential options for the former polytechnic site on Molyneux Avenue, envisioning it as a community learning and wellbeing centre to support education, culture, health, and connection. She noted that a feasibility study was the next step to assess project viability and that Council and Ngāi Tahu involvement was hoped to support this stage, while the polytechnic had not yet confirmed whether it would sell the site, with a collegial partnership agreement seen as key to maintaining it for community use.

Ms Murdoch and Ms Calvert then responded to questions from attendees.

Gary Kirk - Mall Development

Mr Kirk noted that he had been involved with properties in the mall for many years and had previously attempted to revive it as a commercial developer. He was against spending more public money in the mall, suggesting that developing a complex along Murray Terrace would allow growth to occur naturally, with potential uses on the west side including youth facilities, a library, and council offices.

Mr Kirk then responded to questions.

Lisa Telle - Cromwell Dogs

Ms Telle provided an update, noting that the group was funding a report to obtain a second opinion on whether the trees in the Sandflat Road area needed to be felled. She noted that she would inform the board once this report was available.

Note: Cr Browne joined the meeting at 2.15 pm.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Casey
Seconded: Anderson

That the public minutes of the Cromwell Community Board Meeting held on 4 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

6 REPORTS

26.2.2 CROMWELL RACECOURSE RESERVE EVENT

To approve improvements at Cromwell Racecourse Reserve to enable large events to be undertaken within the reserve.

It was noted that the function aligned with the long-term aspirations for the reserve and that the required earthworks would not impact existing lease, with the all parties collaborating to ensure the successful delivery of the event.

Opportunities for long-term improvements to the reserve through collaboration between these groups were also noted.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Casey
Seconded: Sanford

That the Cromwell Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Recommends to Council its support of the proposed Wheels event at the Cromwell Racecourse Reserve and that Council provides its consent for the associated improvements under clause 5 of its lease with the Central Lakes Equestrian Club.

CARRIED

26.2.3 CROMWELL GOLF CLUB - REQUEST TO AUTHORISE BUILDING ALTERATIONS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS ON RESERVE LAND

To consider recommending to Council to grant permission to the Cromwell Golf Club Incorporated to:

1. Extend the current club house footprint
 2. Erect a new deck outside the club house
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3. Construct a new Pro Shop

on Recreation Reserve Section 4 BLK XCII Town of Cromwell, Cromwell Golf Course, 55 Neplusultra Street, Cromwell (pursuant to delegated authority), in accordance with Section 54(1) of the Reserves Act 1977.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Anderson
Seconded: Sanford

That the Cromwell Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Recommends to Council to approve the granting of the consent of the Minister of Conservation (under delegated authority), to extend the current club house footprint, erect a new club house deck and construct a new pro shop on Recreation Reserve, Cromwell Golf Course, 55 Neplusultra Street, Cromwell, in accordance with Section 54(1) of the Reserves Act 1977.
- C. Recommends to Council that consent is granted on the condition that a variation to the original 1981 Lease agreement with the Cromwell Golf Club is executed by the parties to insert the standard clauses for the removal of improvements at termination of the lease that are currently not provided for in the 1981 lease.
- D. Authorises the Chief Executive to do all that is necessary to give effect to the resolution.

CARRIED

26.2.4 USE OF FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BANNOCKBURN CYCLE PATH CONNECTION

To consider the use of Financial Contribution Reserves to fund a shared path connection in Bannockburn (approximately 185m) to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists, in line with the opening of the Kawarau Gorge Cycle Trail.

It was noted that a physical barrier should be installed between the road and the trail to further discourage cyclists from using the road.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Anderson
Seconded: Sanford

That the Cromwell Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Approves the use of Financial Contribution Reserves to fund the design and construction of the Bannockburn shared path connection, up to a budget of \$300,000.

CARRIED

7 MAYOR'S REPORT

26.2.5 MAYOR'S REPORT

Her Worship the Mayor was an apology to the meeting so no report was presented.

8 CHAIR'S REPORT

26.2.6 CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Attended a Museum Trust meeting and noted the change in their governance structure and the collaboration discussed at the meeting.
- Completed a virtual tour of the facility by the lake, observed the rapid changes, and encouraged submissions on the hall naming discussion.
- Had a walk around at the Racecourse Reserve with the Wheels of Wanaka group and CLEC, discussing logistics and planning for the event, including potential benefits for long-term site leases.
- Met with the new franchise holder of a Cromwell gym, who expressed interest in exploring a comprehensive wellbeing centre.
- Attended the morning drop-in session for the hall naming at the Library and promoted the next session at that evening at the RSA Club.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Harrison
Seconded: Sanford

That the report be received.

CARRIED

Note: Cr Browne left the meeting at 3.05 pm and did not return.

9 MEMBERS' REPORTS

26.2.7 MEMBERS' REPORTS

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

Mr Sanford reported on the following:

- Attended the "Naming of Our Place" drop-in session at the library.
- Participated in BA5 business meeting at Alexandra Community House.
- Attended the club athletics day in Wanaka.
- Spoke with locals about Sandflat Road development and the Cromwell town centre.
- Attended the land development stakeholder session, noting the strong attendance.
- Completed his annual visit to the Water Park.
- Visited Queenstown, including a walk up Wye Creek and a dinner out.

Ms Anderson reported on the following:

- Had unfortunately had to spend some time at hospitals with sick family members.
- Spent time at the youth centre with participants of the BLAST programme, with 20 young people and acknowledged it as a highly valuable programme.
- Attended the drop-in session on the facility naming, which yielded interesting discussions.

Mr Casey reported on the following:

- Dog Walkers and Sandflat Road
 - Had been on a site visit on with Zoomies representative to understand their priorities and the focus on the triangle at the northern end of Sandflat Road.
 - Facilitated round table discussion with 6 local dog walkers who outlined the following preferences:-
 - To retain existing pine trees for shade; open to alternative tree options due to safety advice.
 - A willingness to consider increased dog registration fees to fund dog-related infrastructure.
 - Support for shared/integrated land use with dog walking coexisting with solar generation or passive leisure activities.
- Cromwell Promotions Group
 - Attended the first meeting with the group and received an overview of current and upcoming initiatives.
 - Discussed increasing lanterns at Light Up Cromwell from 1,000 to 2,500; FENZ had no concerns.
 - Noted that the group intends to reform from incorporated society to charitable trust.
 - Gave an overview of upcoming events: street party over Labour Weekend, cherry spitting event in December, and detailed a new potential autumn event.
 - Noted that they had lodged their grant application for the Cromwell Community Board.
- Cromwell and Districts Community Trust
 - Was an apology to their recent meeting.
 - Met with Shirley Calvert to discuss current trust projects, board funding and their priorities.
 - Noted the planned redevelopment of the former Cromwell Primary School.
- New Zealander of the Year Awards
 - Noted that he had been selected as a finalist in the Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year Awards, Sustainability category and that the winner would be announced 19 March.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Anderson
Seconded: Casey

That the report be received.

CARRIED

10 STATUS REPORTS

26.2.8 MARCH 2026 GOVERNANCE REPORT

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

Staff gave a presentation on the proposed updates to the Cemetery Bylaw, which are currently under development.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Sanford

Seconded: Casey

That the report be received.

CARRIED

11 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 7 April 2026.

12 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Anderson

Seconded: Sanford

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 the Cromwell Community Board Meeting held on 4 February 2026	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
26.2.9 - March 2026 Confidential Governance Report	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

CARRIED

The public were excluded at 3.27 pm and the meeting closed at 3.32 pm.

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CHAIR / /

Unconfirmed