

**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, 2 JUNE 2026 COMMENCING  
AT 2:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Mr W Sanford (Chair), Ms R Anderson, Cr S Browne, Mr M Casey

**IN ATTENDANCE:** T Alley (Mayor), P Kelly (Chief Executive Officer), Q Penniall (Group Manager - Planning, Infrastructure and Regulatory), D Rushbrook (Regional Deals Lead), D Scoones (Group Manager - Community Experience), G Robinson (Property and Facilities Manager), B Winders (Project Manager – Cromwell Special Projects), R Williams (Community Development Lead), B Sharland (Strategic and Corporate Planner), W McEnteer (Governance Manager)

**1 KARAKIA**

Mr Casey read a karakia to begin the meeting.

**2 APOLOGIES**

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**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Sanford**  
**Seconded: Anderson**

That the apology received from Ms Harrison be accepted.

**CARRIED**

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**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

Michelle O’Connell and Sheryl Kernahan - Bannockburn Recreation Reserve Committee Inc.

Ms O’Connell noted that the recreation reserve had an excellent summer, in which a maintenance programme that was carried out. That included checking the trees and some other planting to mitigate a particularly boggy area in the reserve. She noted that there are also plantings along the northern border where was a new subdivision planned. Further work was noted which included making an information hub and that the tennis court is due a resurface.

Carolyn Squires - Lindis Honey

Ms Squires introduced herself and her business which is adjacent to the pines on Sandflat Road. She noted that part of the property contained holiday lets and that there could be issues of dust and excessive noise as the trees absorb a lot of the noise from the motorsport facilities nearby. On the issue of dust, she noted that there should be some sort of dust mitigation should the trees be felled. Ms Squires then responded to questions.

Lisa Telle - Cromwell Dog Walking Group

Ms Telle noted their petition which has 880 signatures. She discussed the item that would be before the Board later in the meeting and noted that the item still had the dog walking provision removed. She offered the group’s assistance with any help that council needed to keep the area open to dog walkers, such as erecting signs or removing problem trees. Ms Telle then responded to questions.

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Browne**  
**Seconded: Casey**

That the public minutes of the Cromwell Community Board Meeting held on 5 May 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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**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**

**26.5.2 PETITION FROM CROMWELL DOGS**

To accept attached petition from Cromwell Dogs.

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**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Casey**  
**Seconded: Browne**

That the petition be noted.

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**CARRIED**

**26.5.3 BANNOCKBURN FORESTRY HARVEST**

To consider the findings from the Forestry Report provided by Laurie Forestry Ltd and confirm the progression to continue or delay the Harvest of Sandflat Road Forestry Block - LOT 3 DP 403966 (57ha).

After discussion it was agreed that the dog walking status should be permanently rescinded and that there should be signage erected to warn of the danger of entering the forestry block.

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**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Casey**  
**Seconded: Anderson**

That the Cromwell Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
  - B. Recommends to Council to delay harvesting of the block until the future use of the land is determined.
  - C. Recommends to Council to keep the dog walking status removed to ensure public safety while reducing the exposure to risk.
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- D. Recommends to Council to install adequate signage.
- E. Notes the Cromwell Dog Community's request for off-leash dog walking areas as part of Long-term Plan 2027-37 considerations.

**CARRIED**

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#### **26.5.4 CROMWELL TOWN CENTRE - STEERING GROUP**

To appoint a Cromwell Community Board member to the Project Steering Group (PSG) for the Cromwell Town Centre.

After discussion it was agreed that there should be two representatives to ensure that at least one is always present at the meetings.

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#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Sanford**  
**Seconded: Casey**

That the Cromwell Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Appoints Cr Browne and Ms Anderson as the Cromwell Community Board members to the Cromwell Town Centre Project Steering Group.
- C. Approves the Terms of Reference for the Project Steering Group.

**CARRIED**

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Note: With the permission of the meeting, item 26.5.12 was moved forward.

#### **26.5.12 GRANTS BUDGET RECOMMENDATION FOR THE LONG-TERM PLAN 2027/37**

To consider the provision of community board grants and confirm the value of relevant grant budgets.

It was noted that the original figure did not include inflation, and so was changed to reflect the revised number.

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#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Browne**  
**Seconded: Anderson**

That the Cromwell Community Board

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Recommends to Council a total of \$52,860 be allocated through the LTP budget process for Community Grants for each year of the 2027/37 LTP, adjusted annually for inflation.
- C. Recommends to Council a total of \$112,295 be allocated through the LTP budget process for Promotions & Event Grants for each year of the 2027/37 LTP, adjusted annually for inflation.

**CARRIED**

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#### **7 MAYOR'S REPORT**

## 26.5.5 MAYOR'S REPORT

Her Worship the Mayor gave an overview of her recent activities in the ward:

- Noted the continuation of Regional Deals work.
- Discussed the Head Start process for Simplifying Local Government and asked that the community complete the public survey currently on the Otago Mayoral Forum website.
- Discussed progress on regional health services was a key development, with the release of the Clinical Services Plan and significant investment signalled for Central Otago and Queenstown Lakes.
- Noted a number of meetings with Ministers, fellow Mayors, and our local ORC representatives, as well as hosting the zone 5 and 6 conference with Mayor Dan Gordon in Christchurch.
- Noted that Long-term Plan work had continued, with Cromwell priorities including the town centre, growth, recreation, tourism and economic development, strategic partnerships, Sandflat Road and Māori Point Road sealing and community infrastructure such as a dog exercise areas.
- Noted the Cromwell Town Centre had been identified as a key consultation topic for the Long-term Plan, and that earlier that morning there was a walk around for Council and CCB members.
- Noted that the work had continued on Te Puna Mahara Cromwell Memorial Events Centre, including a brand and vision workshop.
- Noted the progress on the Cromwell Museum, with staff working with the museum trust on governance, transition arrangements and moving into the new facility.
- Met with the new Chief Executive of the Otago Polytech, Andrew McSweeney, alongside local boss John Christie.
- Had a tour of 13 Inniscourt Street, and noted this will be open to the public for a look through in coming weeks.

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## COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Sanford  
**Seconded:** Anderson

That the Cromwell Community Board receives the report.

**CARRIED**

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## 8 CHAIR'S REPORT

### 26.5.6 CHAIR'S REPORT

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

Mr Sanford reported on the following:

- Attended school camp at Puketeraki Marae.
  - Attended a Tracks and Wheels meeting.
  - Attended a tour of Te Puna Mahara | Cromwell Memorial Events Centre.
  - Attended a football match on the previous Sunday.
  - Attended the town centre workshop earlier in the day.
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**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**Moved:**           **Sanford**  
**Seconded:**       **Browne**

That the report be received.

**CARRIED**

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**9 MEMBERS' REPORTS****26.5.7 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

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

Ms Anderson reported on the following:

- Attended the Cromwell Speedway AGM.
- Attended a meeting of Old Cromwell Inc.
- Attended a tour of Te Puna Mahara | Cromwell Memorial Events Centre.
- Attended the Cromwell Rowing Club end of season gathering.
- Attended the Cromwell Town Centre walk around.

Mr Casey reported on the following:

- Noted that Deputy Prime Minister David Seymour visited his farm to announce a solar regulatory review, in conjunction with the Ministry for Regulation.
  - Met with Chris Bishop and Simeon Brown in Queenstown to discuss the Ratepayer Assistance Scheme (RAS) and EV policy.
  - Announced as a finalist for Rural Champion of the Year at the Primary Industry Summit Awards.
  - Appeared on the Rural Exchange Podcast.
  - Hosted New Zealand Geographic at my farm for an upcoming solar article, including interviews and photography.
  - Participated in a live podcast with the Mountain Club in Queenstown.
  - Attended the Electrify Queenstown event, including:
    - Participated in an energy political debate
    - Met with Minister Watts to discuss RAS and climate policy
    - Met with Matua Jones to discuss LNG and RAS
    - Referred to as a “good lobbyist” on stage by Chloe Swarbrick and Shane Jones
    - Attended a dinner with Chris Hipkins and eight others, which included Megan Woods, with discussion covering a wide range of policy matters including energy and the Ratepayer Assistance Scheme
  - Attended the key handover for Te Puna Mahara | Cromwell Memorial Events Centre
    - Recorded a podcast for Federated Farmers on solar
    - Met with the New Zealand Initiative regarding the Ratepayer Assistance Scheme
    - Met with David Seymour and the Ministry for Regulation regarding the Ratepayer Assistance Scheme
  - Attended the Murihiku Regional Conference, and spoke on solar, electrification opportunities for New Zealand, and the Ratepayer Assistance Scheme.
  - Attended the Beef and Lamb conference in Christchurch
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Cr Browne reported on the following:

- Noted the sports facilities in central Otago and the community that organises it.
- Gave a summary of the recent Council meeting.

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#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Anderson  
**Seconded:** Browne

That the report be received.

**CARRIED**

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### 10 STATUS REPORTS

#### 26.5.8 JUNE 2026 GOVERNANCE REPORT

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

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#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Sanford  
**Seconded:** Browne

That the report be received.

**CARRIED**

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### 11 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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

### 12 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

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#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Anderson  
**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	Commercial sensitivity

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	information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	
<b>26.5.9 - Bannockburn Road Acquisition and Legalisation Project - Valuation Recommendation</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
<b>26.5.10 - Bannockburn Industrial Development - Sale &amp; Purchase (Lot 3)</b>	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	To enable commercial activities
<b>26.5.11 - June 2026 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

**CARRIED**

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The public were excluded at 3.46 pm and the meeting closed at 4.18 pm.