



Attendees: Craig Blackburn, John Foster, Susan Thornley, Chris Thwaites, Lucy Cookson, Margaret Cross, Sean Rooney, Ian Evans, John Verry (SDC), Floss Handy, Nat Mannering, Adrian Mannering Michael Oakley, Chris Thwaites, Floss Handy

Minute Secretary: Cindy Driscoll

Apologies

Kate Foster, Marty Gameson, Phil Freeman, Ruban Serra, Bex Lambie, Samuel Wiltshire

Welcome to Floss Hardy who is replacing Barty Doak as the Hororata Fire Brigade Rep.

1. Previous Minutes – 31 March 2026

2. Moved: Jenni Carter

Seconded: Susan Thornley

3. Matters Arising

a. Civil Defence Bin

i. Margaret Cross has spoken with Playcentre and is awaiting further information.

ii. Ongoing communication to continue.

b. Tennis Courts

i. Playground bark has been completed.

ii. Tree roots are affecting the courts.

iii. Awaiting a maintenance date.

iv. Lucy Cookson to follow up.

c. Speed Limit Change

i. Proposal to move the 60km/h speed limit boundary 600m further out from Duncans Road.

ii. **Motion:** The Committee supports the proposed speed limit change on Hororata Road.

Moved: Lucy Cookson

Seconded: Margaret Cross

Carried unanimously

iii. Cindy to advise the Malvern Community Board and submit on behalf of the Committee.

iv. Community members are encouraged to make individual submissions.

v. A suggestion was raised that a 50km/h limit may be more appropriate and can be included in submissions.

vi. Thanks were extended to Bex Lambie for progressing the matter.

d. Domain Tree Planting

i. Charlotta (SDC Ranger) is seeking community feedback on future tree planting locations within the Domain.

ii. Nat Mannering and John Foster will meet with Charlotta onsite.

- e. Walkway Maintenance
 - i. Trees and vegetation have been sprayed, however dead material remains.
 - ii. Options to make the area easier to maintain will be investigated.
 - iii. Have asked to have walkway down Thwaites road end cleared.
- f. Playcentre Site
 - i. Playcentre has been advised there will be no charge for site clearance.
 - ii. The site must be left clean and free of rubbish.

4. Correspondence

- a. No correspondence was tabled.

5. Finance

- a. The Finance Report to 30 April 2026 was presented.
- b. Key Points
 - i. Hall income for FY26: \$7,420
 - ii. Hall expenses for FY26: \$15,581
 - iii. First lucerne cut from the endowment paddock generated \$3,995 (ex GST)
 - iv. Go Hororata account balance: \$943
- c. Residents Committee Fund Application
 - i. Opportunity identified to apply to the Selwyn District Council Residents Committee Fund.
 - ii. **Motion:** Apply to the SDC Residents Committee Fund for \$1,000.

 Moved: Margaret Cross
 Seconded: Craig Blackburn
 Carried unanimously
 - iii. Funding may contribute towards additional community security cameras, particularly around Domain entrances.

6. Finance Report Accepted

- Moved: Craig Blackburn
- Seconded: Susan Thornley

7. Malvern Community Board Update – John Verry

- a. Proposed Malvern Community Board targeted rate increase to approximately \$26–\$27.
- b. Rates increase currently estimated at 4.5%, plus approximately 4% associated with Selwyn Water.
- c. Malvern Area Plan projections:
 - i. Population: 226 → 332 by 2055
 - ii. Dwellings: 101 → 148 by 2055
- d. Council staff have been asked to prepare Long-Term Plan scenarios based on a 0% rates increase.
- e. Selwyn Water Update
 - i. Adrian and Nat attended the Selwyn Water community engagement session in Darfield.
 - ii. Feedback was positive, with staff appearing open, transparent and knowledgeable.

- iii. Selwyn Water is currently reviewing asset information and establishing accurate baseline data.
- iv. Drinking water remains the top priority.
- v. The website and communication channels were viewed positively.

John Verry left the meeting at this point

8. Domain

- a. Project Update
 - i. Horse boxes and wash-down area nearing completion.
 - ii. Consideration is being given to relocating the water tank near the Scout Den to the hanger paddock, was questioned if this was the right location.
 - iii. The Committee questioned whether connecting water to the existing location may be more practical or moving to horse area.
 - iv. Floss Handy to seek advice from the Hororata Fire Brigade regarding optimal access for fire appliances.
 - v. Future Budget Next year's budget focus will be on developing and enhancing Domain entrances.
 - vi. Water Supply Cindy to contact Council regarding the current status of the well, including consent and water supply matters.
- b. Security Cameras - Quote received for Domain security cameras.
- c. User Agreements
- d. SDC is developing agreements with both the trotting trainers and Bangor Pony Club.
- e. The Committee wishes to review agreements before they are finalised.
- f. Ballooning Canterbury
 - i. **Motion:** Write a letter of support for Ballooning Canterbury to launch from the Hororata Domain.

Moved: Jenni Carter

Seconded: Floss Handy

Carried unanimously

- ii. The letter will be sent directly to Council to encourage greater community use of the Domain.

9. Community / Village

- a. Concerns were raised regarding blocked drainage at 2581 Bealey Road. A Snap Send Solve report has been lodged but no response has been received.

10. Hororata Hall Project

- a. Project Overview
 - i. Resource consent work is progressing.
 - ii. Expressions of Interest (EOI) for builders have closed, with nine submissions received.
 - iii. Current thinking is to tender Stage One (new build component) separately from future stages.
- b. NZMCA Rally
 - i. The NZMCA Canterbury Motorhome Rally was held over King's Birthday Weekend.
 - ii. The event was well attended and successful.
 - iii. Appreciation was extended to SDC for allowing use of the Domain.
 - iv. The group paid a hall hire fee.

- c. Incident During Rally
 - i. A local resident entered the hall and confronted NZMCA committee members during the event.
- d. The Committee expressed disappointment, noting this behaviour does not reflect the welcoming nature of the Hororata community.
- e. Craig Blackburn will contact NZMCA to determine whether any further action is desired.

11. Group Updates

- a. Hororata School / Playcentre
 - i. Tenancy agreement is nearing completion.
 - ii. Additional days have been incorporated into the agreement to allow for future growth.
 - iii. Playcentre continues to work through funding and compliance requirements, including fencing and facilities.
 - iv. Pack-up requirements for the current site have been provided.
 - v. Relocation timeframe remains uncertain.
- b. Parish
 - i. The Parish will celebrate its 150th Anniversary on Sunday 19 July.
 - ii. The Committee has been formally invited.
 - iii. Service at 10.30am followed by lunch in the hall.
- c. Rifle Club
 - i. Membership continues to grow:
 - a. 23 regular shooters
 - b. 12 youth members
 - ii. Strong results are being achieved in interclub competitions.
 - iii. Members will compete at the Oamaru competition, the largest in the Southern Hemisphere.

12. RSA

- a. Thanks were extended to the community for supporting the ANZAC Day service.
- b. Special acknowledgement was given to Ian Evans for organising the event.

13. General Business

- a. No additional business was raised.

14. Meeting Closed 8.50pm