

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 2021 COMMENCING AT 1PM**

**PRESENT**

Mayor (S T Broughton), Councillors, M A Alexander, J B Bland, S N O H Epiha, J A Gallagher, D Hasson, M P Lemon, M B Lyall, S McInnes, G S F Miller, R H Mugford and N C Reid

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs. D Ward (Chief Executive), K Mason (Group Manager Organisational Performance), S Hill (Group Manager Communication and Customers), M Washington (Group Manager Infrastructure), D Marshall (Group Manager Property), T Harris (Group Manager Environmental and Regulatory Services), M England (Asset Manager Water Services), B Charlton (Regulatory Manager), B Rhodes (Planning Manager), A Boyd (Solid Waste Manager), R Love (Team Leader Strategy and Policy), and S Tully (Mayor's Advisor), Mesdames D Kidd (Group Manager Community Services and Facilities), J Lewes (Strategy and Policy Planner), E McLaren (Water Service Delivery Manager), R Carruthers (Strategy & Policy Planner), A Ross (Water Services Asset Planner), and N Smith (Executive Assistant) and Ms T Davel (Governance Coordinator)

Inspector Peter Cooper from the New Zealand Police was in attendance for the Public Forum.

Mr Tim Carter was in attendance.

The meeting was livestreamed.

Councillor Lemon opened the meeting with the karakia and Councillor Affirmation.

**APOLOGIES**

None

**IDENTIFICATION OF ANY EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS**

None identified.

## **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Standard conflicts were applied to this meeting. Councillor Hasson raised a potential conflict of interest around PC 73 but staff advised that there appeared to be no conflict. The Mayor ruled that there was no conflict of interest as this was a procedural issue.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Inspector Peter Cooper gave Council an update on what the Police see, hear and feel in the community. He said they valued the communication and relationships with Council and were keen to keep it strong. He said there was a new focus around gangs noting they were increasingly sophisticated in terms of organised crime.

Inspector Cooper said there were a number of different gangs in the Selwyn District and the Police were focusing on building resilience in communities, looking at ways to stop young people from becoming involved and joining gangs.

Inspector Cooper said that 2020 was another bad year on the roads around Selwyn with people dying due to speed at intersections specifically. He said the police were doing a great job attending at the crashes but he would prefer his staff not to have to go out to any crash.

He said crime overall was down 1% compared to 2020 but there was another side to what Police were facing currently, which was up to 51% increase in family harm and 21% increase in mental health issues. He said it appeared the rural parts of Canterbury were places where people go when they decide to take their own lives. In terms of family harm there were increasingly more problem children at home and parents of 14 and 15 years olds call the police to help when they can't control the children.

In terms of drugs, Inspector Cooper said Canterbury leads the country in the manufacture and use of drugs. He said it was very uncommon to catch someone during manufacturing. The two drugs of choice at the moment remain ecstasy tablets and methamphetamine. The former seemed to be something students are involved with while methamphetamine seemed to be something middle classes got involved in, e.g. lawyers, teachers, accountants.

Inspector Cooper said they did not see a lot of young gang members but as the population increases this may still happen. Gangs involve young people by offering them jobs as apprentices to sell meth at \$1000 per day.

Overall, he told Council they could be lucky to live in a safe community and the Police wanted to keep it that way. He added the 105 number and CrimeStoppers were both good avenues to report information to.

The Mayor thanked Inspector Cooper for his honesty and said he appreciated the partnership between Council and the Police.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Council held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 24 February 2021**

**Moved** – Councillor Lyall / **Seconded** – Councillor Epiha

*‘That the Council confirms the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Council held on Wednesday 24 February 2021’*

**CARRIED**

## CURRENT MATTERS REQUIRING ATTENTION

Reduction of speed limits – interim review	Council 24 February 2021	Staff to report back on possible interim review on speed limit reductions	14 April 2021
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## REPORTS

### 1. Mayor

#### *Mayor's Report - February 2021*

The Mayor provided an update on recent meetings he had including Rural / Provincial and 3 Waters. He said the proposed changes to the Resource Management Act (RMA) is creating a lot of uncertainty in the sector. The Chief Executive added that 67 Councils provided over 14 000 line items on the 3 Waters issue and Central Government is expected to make further announcement in May 2021. The Mayor said it was clear that some think this will impact only Councils but actually it would impact communities. LGNZ was working hard to ensure everyone in the sector is upskilled on the conversations.

The Mayor provide some insights from a recent Canterbury Mayoral Forum (CMF) tour around the transport hub idea. He said Mayors will have more feedback at their next CMF meeting. The Regional Transport Committee (RTC) is expected to take over this piece of work. He added that during the tour it was clear Selwyn was leading the way in this space.

**Moved** – Mayor Broughton / **Seconded** – Councillor Lyall

*'That Council receives the Mayor's report for February 2021, for information.'*

**CARRIED**

### 2. Chief Licensing Inspector

#### *Joint District Licensing Committee and Chief Licensing Inspector Monthly Report December 2020*

*Councillor Hasson stepped away from the table due to a standing conflict of interest.*

**Moved** – Councillor Miller / **Seconded** – Councillor Lemon

*'That the Council receives the report on the activities of the District Licensing Committee and the Chief Licensing Inspector for December 2020.'*

**CARRIED**

### 3. Chief Licensing Inspector

#### *Joint District Licensing Committee and Chief Licensing Inspector Monthly Report January 2021*

**Moved** – Councillor Miller / **Seconded** – Councillor Lemon

*'That the Council receives the report on the activities of the District Licensing Committee and the Chief Licensing Inspector for January 2021.'*

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Hasson moved back to the table.*

#### 4. Chief Executive

*Alternative Hearings Panel Member to the Bylaw for Keeping Animals, Poultry and Bees*

**Moved** – Councillor Alexander / **Seconded** – Councillor Epiha

*‘That the Council agrees to the appointment of Councillor Jenny Gallagher as an alternate member of the Hearings Panel for the Selwyn District council Bylaw for Keeping Animals, Poultry and Bees.’*

**CARRIED**

#### 5. Strategy and Policy Planner

*Private Plan Change 59 – Rezoning of Land in West Melton*

Staff updated Council on the background of the Private Plan Change, noting it will continue along the usual statutory process with notice served on all submitters. An appeal period will be allowed, and failing any appeals received the plan change will be deemed operative.

There was a brief discussion about a potential missed opportunity of an underpass with staff saying it would never have worked due to the angles of land around the area. Councillor Miller disagreed noting it was an engineering issue which could be fixed. Councillors and staff spoke out against an underpass noting these were inherently unsafe and that with traffic lights and people crossing above ground, at least they would be safe visually.

**Moved** – Councillor Alexander / **Seconded** – Councillor Mugford

*‘That the Council:*

- a) accepts the recommendation of the independent Commissioner in regards to Plan Change 59 from GW Wilfield Limited to rezone land in West Melton;*
- b) pursuant to Clause 29(4) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, approves Plan Change 59 subject to the modifications described and for the reasons given in the Commissioner’s recommendation dated 25 February 2021;*
- c) approves the public notification of Council’s decision that establishes that the Operative Selwyn District Plan is deemed to have been amended in accordance with the decision in (b) above from the date of the public notice in accordance with Clause 11 of the Resource Management Act;*
- d) delegates the Team Leader Strategy and Policy to take any steps necessary to give effect to recommendation (b) and (c) above; and*
- e) delegates the Team Leader Strategy and Policy to take any steps necessary to give effect to make Plan Change 59 operative at the conclusion of the appeal period where no appeals are filed.’*

**CARRIED**

## 6. Strategy and Policy Planner

*Private Plan Change 73 Rolleston – Decision on how to consider the Private Plan Change Request from Rolleston West Residential Ltd*

Staff noted this private plan change relates to 2 parcels of land on the western side of Rolleston. It was currently zoned as living zone 3 but the request is to change this to a living zone providing for medium density. Staff said this was a procedural plan change rather than one with a strategic impact. Councillor Hasson asked whether it could be accepted in part or whether it needed to be accepted as a whole. Staff said the same reasons would apply to not accept in part, as would when not accepting the whole. In their opinion there is no reason not to accept. The Mayor said he agreed that there was no reason to reject or delay this any further.

**Moved** – Councillor Alexander / **Seconded** – Councillor Lyall

*‘That, in respect to Plan Change 73 to the Operative Selwyn District Plan lodged by Rolleston West Residential Ltd, Council resolves to accept the request for notification pursuant to Clause 25(2)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.’*

**CARRIED**

## 7. Group Manager Infrastructure

*Ellesmere Wastewater Treatment Plant: Issues and Options Update*

After staff summarised the report and options, Councillors congratulated them on their work, noting it was a pragmatic outcome.

**Moved** – Councillor Lemon / **Seconded** – Councillor Miller

*‘That the Council receives this report Ellesmere Wastewater Treatment Plant: Issues and Options, for information.’*

**CARRIED**

## 8. Group Manager Infrastructure

*Selecting the appropriate level of Asset Management: Policy Review and Update*

Councillor Miller said he thought the auditors brought this up three years before asking Council to move from ‘intermediate’ to ‘advanced’. He expressed concern that staff are recommending Council keep the status quo due to funding issues. He said this was critical to the organisation and wanted staff to investigate.

Councillors agreed that the matter should be brought before the Audit and Risk Subcommittee to determine whether the auditors had noted this before. The Subcommittee will report back to Council.

**Moved (as amended)** – Councillor Lyall / **Seconded** – Councillor Epiha

*‘That the Council approves:’*

- 1) *The recommendation to leave the Appropriate Levels of Asset Management previously adopted as:*

<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Intermediate</i>
<i>Five Waters</i>	<i>Intermediate</i>
<i>Community Facilities</i>	<i>Core</i>
<i>Solid Waste</i>	<i>Core</i>

- 2) *The Asset Management Policy (2021) for inclusion in the Policy Manual; and*
- 3) *The policy be referred to the Audit and Risk Subcommittee for review and report back to Council.*

**CARRIED**

**9. Asset Manager Water Services and Water Service Delivery Manager**  
*Water Service Monthly Update*

Staff updated Council on recent progress, noting the website will be updated with testing results. Staff said that Environment Canterbury also has a mapping site and that there will be a link to that site, on Council's website.

Council's Communications Team will work on having information about this in the Council Call.

**Moved** – Councillor Lemon / **Seconded** – Councillor Reid

*'That the Council receives the report Water Services Monthly Update for information.'*

**CARRIED**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**REGISTER OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED AND SEALED**

**Moved** – Councillor Bland / **Seconded** – Councillor Gallagher

*'That the following transactions and the fixing of the Common Seal under authorised signatures have been approved.'*

1	Name of other party	Central Plains Water Ltd
	Transaction type	Agreement to Grant an Easement
	Transaction description	Rights to convey water, electricity and telecommunications – Stage 2 Reserves 1460 and 1556

2	Name of other party	Selwyn Dog Training Club Incorporated
	Transaction type	Deed of Renewal and Variation of Lease
	Transaction description	Rural section 40441 Rolleston Dog Park



3	Name of other party	Rolleston Land Developments Limited
	Transaction type	Deed of Indemnity
	Transaction description	Dedication of road on subdivision - East Maddisons Road, Rolleston

4	Name of other party	Transpower NZ Ltd
	Transaction type	Licence to Occupy Road Reserve
	Transaction description	Unformed legal road off Davies Road, Glenroy

5	Name of other party	Isaac Construction Ltd
	Transaction type	Deed of Licence
	Transaction description	Part Reserve 263, Shands Road, Prebbleton Intersection Upgrades Stage 1

6	Name of other party	The Ferngrove Trust
	Transaction type	Licence to Occupy Unformed Legal Road
	Transaction description	Bealey Road – Unformed Legal Road and Part Road Reserve

7	Name of other party	McCarthy Contracting Ltd
	Transaction type	Deed of Renewal of Lease
	Transaction description	Lot 2 DP 365486 - 27 Hamptons Road, Prebbleton

8	Name of other party	Tony Richard Matthews
	Transaction type	Deed of Licence to occupy to 31 March 2021
	Transaction description	Transfer of Deed of Licence from Jane Caitlin Ayres to Tony Richard Matthews following sale of Hut 77 Upper Selwyn Huts

**CARRIED**

## **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

**Moved** – Councillor Lyall / **Seconded** – Councillor Mugford

*‘That the public be excluded from the following proceedings of this meeting. The general subject matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason of passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:*

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>	<b>Date information can be released</b>

1.	Public Excluded Minutes	<i>Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7</i>	<i>Section 48(1)(a)</i>	
2.	Three Waters Stimulus Grant Delivery Progress			

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

1	Enable the local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities; or	Section 7(2)(h)
1, 2	Enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations); or	Section 7(2)(i)

2. *that appropriate officers remain to provide advice to the Committee.'*

**CARRIED**

**Moved** – Councillor Alexander / **Seconded** - Councillor Mugford

*'That the Council resolve to extend the meeting time beyond 2 hours as per standing orders 4.2'.*


**CARRIED**

The public meeting ended at 2.47pm for a brief break before moving into Public Excluded at 3.00pm.

The meeting resumed in open meeting at 3.11pm.

The meeting ended at 3.11pm.

DATED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021

  
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 MAYOR