

Selwyn District Council Guidance Notes for Triennial Election Rules

The following guidance notes have been issued to assist committees with interpreting the Council's management committee election rules. (This was last issued 10 November 2010)

What is a Committee of Council?	<p>A Committee of Council is defined as being either a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Centre/Hall Committee • Reserve Committee • Township/Community/Advisory Committee <p>No committee can be a Committee of Council if it has a separate legal entity in its own right. Such a committee with a separate legal status has its own rules for electing the committee and operating.</p>
Who can stand for election?	<p>Council has made this a very wide definition. If you are resident in the Selwyn District or a ratepayer you can stand for nomination.</p> <p>Refer to "<u>Eligibility; Employees of Council</u>" Rules 12 to 15, for guidance regarding employees of Selwyn District Council.</p>
Who can move or second nominations?	Residents and/or ratepayers can stand for nomination and a resident and/or ratepayer must second the motion
Who can vote?	Residents and/or Ratepayers of Selwyn District
What if a property is owned by a trust?	In such situations, the Trustees of the Trust need to nominate one of the Trustees to be the ratepayer for committee election purposes.
Who is a resident?	<p>A resident is an individual whose normal place of residence is Selwyn District.</p> <p>The best example is an individual who rents property (being a dwelling) in the District but they may for a number of reasons not be registered on the Selwyn election roll.</p> <p>Normal place of residency would be an individual who resides in the District for at least 50% of the year (being that for at least 183 days of the previous 365 days the individual slept in the dwelling)</p> <p>If an individual only resides in the District at the weekend, e.g., their dwelling is a bach or Fisherman's Hut, this would not be seen as satisfactory to indicate that the individual is a resident although the individual could of course be a ratepayer and therefore gets a vote.</p>

If you have any questions, regarding the election rules or guidance notes, please contact committees@selwyn.govt.nz

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