

# **MINUTES**

## **REPRESENTATION REVIEW DELIBERATIONS - ROLLESTON MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2015 AT 7 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

### **In Attendance**

Councillors S G Walters (Acting Mayor), M A Alexander, J B Bland, S T Broughton, D Hasson, P S Hill, D P McEvedy, M Lyall and J B Morten

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received for absence from Mayor Coe, Councillor Miller and Barnett. Councillor Broughton was an apology for lateness.

### **Welcome**

The Chief Executive provided a summary of issues raised in respect of today's hearings making reference to the resolution from the meeting of 26 August 2015 that this matter go out for consultation.

Councillor Alexander - noted that the resolution needed to include the retention of first past the post as the electoral system and no proposal for a Maori ward.

Councillor McEvedy - keep 'Selwyn Central'. People identify with that name. As the District grows boundaries will likely change and possible names changes may occur then.

Councillor Lyall supported Councillor McEvedy's views

Councillor Hasson - why change what is not broken. Also need to consider that Rolleston when you look at Selwyn is the major town in the District. It puts the name change out of kilter.

Councillor Broughton – keep 'Selwyn Central'. Haven't been inundated for change.

Councillor Alexander – I proposed the change as much as to provoke debate. I support the call to turn minds to the next electoral wards going forward for possible name changes.

Councillor Hill – retention of 'Selwyn Central'.

Councillor Walters provided the overview that most Councillors are in support of the retention of the name 'Selwyn Central'.

The Chief Executive noted that it is appropriate to reflect back on the pre consultation period referring to the resolution namely (f) noting the retention of

Malvern Community Board, its name and its composition as well as the 2 subdivisions.

Councillor Broughton – it was clear what the community wanted – I'm in support.

Councillor McEvedy - I agree

Councillor Alexander – I have support for the Board and should note the delegations matter raised in submissions. Should the Board have more delegations if there is not a Board in each ward?

He noted that he endorsed everything that was done the other day.

The Chief Executive queried if there was any requests to include Boards from other wards in the resolution.

Councillor McEvedy - no

Councillor Broughton - nothing from Springs or Ellesmere so don't include. But perhaps add that into the resolution. He also noted to have the correct map in the Council report.

Councillor McEvedy - Some councillors indicated for and against but not much support

**Add 'That there be no Community Boards in Springs or Ellesmere Wards'**

Councillor Bland - of the opinion that there should be Community Boards in every ward or none at all. There is a rift of personalities with SCCB. MCB is stable and dynamic. Councillors have supported the SCCB and most people support the Selwyn Central Community Board retention. MCB have a lot of support. Is the support for MCB enough to keep the Board? He requested more debate around the retention of the Community Boards

Councillor Hill – Also requested more debate on this issue. He indicated that the decision should be made on need for a Community Board and not the current performance.

Councillor Hasson – we have a split view with regards to SCCB and strong support for MCB. With the role of community committees as it is; will that diminish the role of Community Boards? She stated that more delegations have been given to Christchurch Community Boards as they asked for it; and they are also increasing the number of councillors. The roles of Community Boards include getting involved in beautification, Christchurch West Melton water zone committee. I just wonder if it's the demographics, and staff dealing with the growth. This needs debating around delegations and if the West Melton, Weedons and Rolleston residents associations' will be looked after by Council.

Councillor Alexander – I was a member of Selwyn Central area committee. 12 years ago it was proposed to abolish both Boards and they appealed to Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ). They were successful in retention of both Boards. Comment

was made about the number of submissions for the retention of Malvern Community Board. He noted that there was very little of quality mentioned. He referred to the Chief Executive's comments last week at the CPW public meetings and noted that many of the representation review submissions gave little evidence of the value of the Boards to the communities. He noted that he struggled to work on the numbers due to lack of quality in submissions. He advised the meeting that very few submissions were received in light of populations in both Selwyn and Malvern.

He considered that SCCB in the last 2 terms has struggled in its primary role. It's not about funding and he noted that money comes from the general rate but the Board do not acknowledge that. He indicated that the primary role of the Board is advocacy and whether can he see any member stepping up into this role. He struggles to see any current member being able to step up. He also noted that the township committees have the same problem. They have 1 or 2 members that drive them. Not convinced that the abolishment of the Board would be noticed.

We have not seen Community Boards given proper delegations in his time here of 21 years. He also noted that he struggled to see how some SCCB members could have the opinion that ward councillors do not do a good job.

If retained they have great potential to advocate for the district plan. MCB have produced the numbers but not quality. He thinks the 2 councillors' argument is unrealistic as other councillors could pick up meetings. He supports the proposal reluctantly.

Councillor Lyall – In 2008 he noted that he ran a petition to re-establish Community Boards in Springs and Ellesmere but it didn't fly. He noted that he is disappointed that we don't have all or nothing. Agrees with Mr Christensen. If have Boards, we have in all wards and some delegations or not at all. We have provided more support for our township committees and we struggle to get people on those township committees as the areas are growing. It is all about communication. Maybe then MCB will reflect in the future on their continued existence.

Councillor Morten – Find it difficult to add to what has been said. I can't disagree with what is in the proposal. He noted that he supported the recommendation

Councillor McEvedy – In the same boat with Councillor Morten. No real reason to keep SCCB and no real case has been established for its retention. Malvern needs and deserves a Community Board to help due to geographical location. SCCB has some committees and already the Rolleston Residents Association is well established. I see that something has to give. People want to see who they have voted for, not someone that thinks they can do a better job. Supports the lack of SCCB with regret

Councillor Walters – It appears that we have more councillors in support for the initial proposal

Councillor Walters – appropriate that views be expressed. I can see the role of what a Community Board should be doing. Need people with strong voice to build it up. I haven't seen that to build a strong voice. It's not to say that some people haven't

tried. There are 4 communities that have residents committees. She noted there was no submission from Halkett or West Melton committees. Rolleston have submitted against the retention of SCCB. Weedons have submitted in support of the retention of SCCB. She indicated that she is supporting the disestablishment of SCCB. In conjunction with that, we need to consider how we meet needs of committees across the District. Burnham military camp is proposed to move into the Ellesmere ward. This will need consideration.

The Chief Executive summed up noting the weight of numbers to support Council's proposal. The paper to the Council meeting of 28 October will reflect that and comments from submissions will be included.

*Deliberations closed at 7:30pm*