

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ON WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

**PRESENT**

Mayor S T Broughton; Councillors S N O H Epiha, L L Gliddon, R H Mugford, G S F Miller, M B Lyall, P M Dean, D Hasson, S G McInnes, E S Mundt, and N C Reid and Ms M McKay

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs S Mason (Chief Executive); Messrs. S Gibling (Executive Director People, Culture & Capability), R Love (Executive Director Development & Growth), T Harris (Executive Director Enabling Services), T Mason (Executive Director Infrastructure and Property), Matt McGrath (Chief Digital Officer), Tim Heine (Advisor to Mayor), R Allen (Head of Acquisitions, Disposals & Leasing), Ben Baird (Head of Strategy), George Sariak (Senior Strategy Planner), A Spanton (Environmental Team Leader), D Hayes (Strategic Open Spaces Lead), C Lammers (Senior Communications Advisor), R Raymond (Acting Communications Manager), J Azer (Policy Planner), Geoff Deavoll (Principal Planner); Mesdames A Sneddon (Chief Financial Officer), Puamiria Parata-Goddall (Pou Kaiāwhā – Executive Cultural Advisor), D Kidd (Executive Director Community Services & Facilities), S Carnoutsos (Acting Head of Marketing & Communications), N Cahill (Marketing Manager), K Attwood (Surface Water Lead), Elaine McLaren (Acting Head of Operational Delivery), R Phillips (Commercial Manager), Emma Larsen (Head of Planning), T Davel (Senior Governance Advisor), Kylie Hunt (Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive) and T Van Der Velde (PA to ED Enabling Services).

*The meeting was livestreamed.*

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for lateness were received in respect of Councillor Epiha.

**Moved** – Councillor Lyall / **Seconded** – Councillor Dean

*‘That the Council receives the apologies of lateness for Councillors Epiha, as notified.’*

**CARRIED**

**IDENTIFICATION OF ANY EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS**

None.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Miller noted his conflict for the Transwaste Canterbury Annual Report and the Central Plains Water Limited Annual Report

Councillor McInnes noted for the New Designation for Educational Purposes Report that she had a family member that was on the establishment board of the new school.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

### **Jens Christensen**

*Development of State Highway 1*

*(Refer to SH1 Rolleston transport improvements feedback form that was tabled)*

Mr Christensen advised he was presenting as an individual today, not as a member of the Rolleston Residents Association.

Mr Christensen advised that he is presenting as an individual today, not as a member of the Rolleston Residents Association. He is passionate about the growth in Selwyn and is eager to ensure that the traffic improvements for SH1, Rolleston township, and the industrial zone are handled correctly. The submission he tabled from July 2022 regarding SH1 improvements was sent to the Councillors, but Mr Christensen has not received a response. He discussed the submission and its appendices, which outline an alternative, safer access route in Rolleston that is also more future-proof. Mr Christensen would like to see a pause on NZTA's plans for the Dunns Crossing roundabout to consider this alternative option.

*'Councillor Mundt arrived in the chambers 9.05am'*

### **Kate Hodgins, Helena Parsons & Dave Laurie**

*Castle Hill Community Grid & Solar Project*

*Bill Heaps in attendance online*

*(Refer to presentation attached)*

Kate Hodgins spoke to the groups presentation. Community energy is essentially where communities could generate their own power, such as through wind, solar or hydro bringing a number of benefits for the community including reduced costs, building resilience, understanding and knowledge of your own electricity use and spend on power.

The speaker commented it is a complex and difficult area to navigate, system not set up for small community projects, and that is why Orion, Community Energy Network and Ara Ake have set up the Community Energy Activator of which the Castle Hill Community Energy project is a part of. Organisation and groups are learning from each other and the project group has a technical mentor Bill Heaps who joined the Council meeting online this morning.

Ms Hodgins spoke of their project aligning to the Selwyn District Council's Long Term Plan and spoke of the objectives which included to build resilience, improve sustainability and build community network. It was noted that Castle Hill Village is the main emergency hub for the basin. Ms Hodgins provided a slide listing energy options this could look like, rooftop solar batteries, ground based solar, community battery or include stations/other landowners, the scope is dependent on who is involved in the project. If Selwyn District Council is part of the project this will allow more options. Stakeholder consultation first part of process.



The project group have held survey and information sessions, which has had a positive response from the community. The presentation provided a list of opportunities for Council and how Council can support the project.

*'Councillor Epiha arrived in the chambers 9.21am'*

### **Calvin Payne**

#### *2024 Representation Review*

Mr Payne introduced himself mentioning his connections to the land, and his ancestors including Thomas Payne, who wrote a bestselling publication titled *Common Sense*. Mr Payne commented that his waka for the past two years has been the Malvern Community Board, and thanked Councillors for listening to the community and applying common sense based on the feedback received for the Representation Review engagement. Mr Payne expressed his disappointment that the initial proposal had not changed following this engagement, however he remains optimistic about future Representation Reviews and believes the Council can learn from this process. He suggested that for future engagements, it would be beneficial to avoid using closed questions, particularly regarding the Malvern Community Board.

Mr Payne highlighted achievements of the Malvern Community Board.

Mr Payne shared his experience of attending community meetings in other wards, noting that Councillors did not attend those sessions. Mr Payne spoke of discretionary funds for community groups which has increased this year, and also the free room hires for these groups.

When Councillor Mundt inquired about the ward associated with the community groups Mr Payne attended, he replied that they fall under the Springs Ward.

### **Rob Hunt:**

#### *West Rolleston Primary School Road Safety*

Mr. Hunt spoke about the recent feedback he has received from the community. He acknowledged the challenging position the Council is in due to NZTA's reduction in funding, which has affected some proposed infrastructure plans in the Long Term Plan (LTP).

Mr Hunt commented that it is not just the council that need to solve this issue, but the issue of traffic lights and safety of tamariki crossing roads remains a big issue.

Mr Hunt wanted to acknowledge council for the work they have done since the notice of the LTP funding gap with the workshops to put the plans on track again. He is here today to represent the diverse voices the community, highlighting that over 1,000 signed a petition supporting the plans. Although NZTA directed them back to Council, they acknowledged that the volume of traffic will increase significantly. We have ourselves here with a shared problem.

He mentioned that while the indicators from their September workshop look positive, they will continue to advocate for the importance of children's safety until plans are finalised.

When asked if Dunns Crossing Road would no longer serve as the main exit, whether traffic lights would still be needed to safely cross that road and Burnham Road, Mr Hunt replied that with the anticipated fast-tracking of housing development, traffic lights will be necessary in either scenario and should be implemented as soon as possible.

Mr Hunt also noted that correspondence has been sent to several Members of Parliament, but they have yet to receive a response.

Mayor Broughton has met with the principals of all primary and secondary schools and is working with Nicola Grigg's office to arrange meetings with Minister Simeon Brown and Minister Erica Stanford. Once dates are confirmed, they will be in touch with the schools about these discussions.

Councillor Miller inquired about the Ministry of Education's position. Mr Hunt responded that when the school was built, the growth in Rolleston was not anticipated

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **1. Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Council held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 11 September 2024.**

Amendments for the minutes: Councillor Bob Mugford to be included as in attendance.

Page 11, point 4 lists Councillor Dean as the Councillor from Rolleston Ward for the Assessment Panel, this is to be corrected to Councillor McInnes

**Moved** – Councillor Dean / **Seconded** – Councillor McInnes

*'That the Council confirms the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Council held on Wednesday 11 September 2024.'*

**CARRIED**

### **2. Minutes of the Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn Deliberations held in the Council Chamber on Friday 13 September 2024.**

**Moved** – Councillor Dean / **Seconded** – Councillor McInnes

*'That the Council confirms the minutes of the Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn Deliberations held on Friday 13 September 2024.'*

**CARRIED**

### **3. Minutes of the Representation Review Subcommittee held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 9 July 2024.**

Minor amendments were proposed and agreed to.

Page 37 diligent should be **That** not the ....questioned whether **that**  
Page 40 in West Melton should be **Malvern**.....with one of the subdivisions in **Malvern**

**Moved** – Councillor Dean / **Seconded** – Councillor McInnes

*'That the Council confirms the minutes of the Representation Review Subcommittee held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 9 July 2024.'*

**CARRIED**



**4. Minutes of the Representation Review Deliberations held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 10 October 2024.**

**Moved** – Councillor Dean / **Seconded** – Councillor McInnes

*'That the Council confirms the minutes of the Representation Review Deliberations held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 10 October 2024.'*

**CARRIED**

**MATTERS REQUIRING ATTENTION**

None.

**REPORTS**

**1. Mayor**

*Mayor's Report*

Mayor Broughton provided a summary of his report.

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

*'That Council receives the Mayor's Report for September 2024 information.'*

**CARRIED**

**2. Chief Executive**

*Chief Executive's Report*

The Chief Executive provided a summary of her report and noted the recent events she attended including the successful launch of the Economic Development Strategy, held last evening with over 90 people in attendance.

For the Policy Manual update, it was noted that projects below the CEO's financial delegation will be captured in the dashboard and Finance and Performance reporting and that if there was any doubt of whether a project was considered to be of significant interest to Council or the community, that these projects would be brought forward to Council for transparency.

**Moved** – Councillor McInnes / **Seconded** – Councillor Lyall

*'That Council receives the Chief Executive's report for information.'*

**CARRIED**

### 3. 2024 Representation Review

*Executive Director Enabling Services*

Tim Harris, Executive Director Enabling Services spoke to his report for the adoption of final proposal for notification for the Representation Review.

For completeness the resolution will be amended to include the following sentence:

iii. That two Malvern Councillors be appointed to the Malvern Community Board;

Mr Harris provided some background on the Representation Review Subcommittee and the spoke of a number of options the Subcommittee looked at as well as providing a summary of the engagement.

Mayor Broughton acknowledged that there were split views at the deliberations, however decisions were reached and today's meeting is to formally ratify those decisions.

Councillor Lyall commented that the proposed options fail to provide effective and fair representation and limits effective representation of communities of interest, therefore he does not support the decisions reached and will be voting against them.

Councillor Gliddon remarked that the community has been heard and their voices acknowledged.

Councillor Dean who was the chair of the Representation Review reflected on the process. He noted that in his view, the decision was influenced by patch protection, and the loudest voices, ignoring other voices. He indicated that Council may be compelled into conducting another Representation Review in the near future. Nevertheless, he emphasised the importance of holding themselves accountable for the choices Councillors made during the deliberation.

***Councillor Lyall voted against***

**Moved** – Councillor Hasson / **Seconded** – Councillor Mundt

*'That the Council adopts for public notification the following final proposal for representation arrangements for the local authority election to be held in 2025 and subsequent elections, until altered by a subsequent decision:*

- a. *That the Council comprise 11 members elected from four wards, and the Mayor, elected at large.*
- b. *That the four wards be known as Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward; Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward; Kā Puna Springs Ward; Tawera Malvern Ward.*
- c. *That the proposed boundaries of the four wards be as per the status quo shown on the map attached to this report (Appendix 1) and reflecting the following communities of interest:*

Ward	Communities of Interest
Ellesmere	Brookside, Burham, Burham Military Camp, Doyleston, Dunsandel, Greendale, Greenpark, Irwell, Killinchy, Lakeside, Leeston, Mead, Motukarara, Rakaia Huts, Sedgemere, Southbridge, Taumutu, West Rolleston
Malvern	Arthurs Pass, Castle Hill, Coalgate, Darfield, Glenroy, Glentunnel, Halkett, Hororata, Kirwee, Lake Coleridge, Sheffield, Springfield, West Melton, Waddington, Whitecliffs, Windwhistle
Rolleston	Rolleston (excluding West Rolleston)

Springs	Ladbrooks, Lincoln, Prebbleton, Springston, Tai Tapu, Weedons
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d. *That the population each member will represent is as follows:*

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Population per Member</b>	<b>% Dif from the quota</b>
Malvern	15,510	2	7,755	5.0%
Rolleston	29,980	4	7,495	1.5%
Ellesmere	13,420	2	6,710	-9.1%
Springs	22,330	3	7,443	0.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81240</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7,385</b>	

e. *That a Community Board be elected representing the Malvern Ward:*

i. *That the name of this Board be the Malvern Community Board;*

ii. *That the Malvern Community Board comprises five elected members;*

iii. *That two Malvern Councillors be appointed to the Malvern Community Board;*

iv. *That the Malvern Community Board have three subdivisions, namely the Hawkins, Tawera and West Melton Subdivisions, with the boundaries as shown in the map attached to this report (Appendix 2), and reflecting the following communities of interest:*

<b>Subdivision</b>	<b>Areas of Subdivision</b>
Hawkins	Darfield, Kirwee, Sheffield, Waddington
Tawera	Arthurs Pass, Castle Hill, Coalgate, Glenroy, Glentunnel, Hororata, Lake Coleridge, Springfield, Whitecliffs, Windwhistle
West Melton	Halkett, West Melton

iv. *That the population each member will represent is as follows:*

<b>Subdivision</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Population per member</b>	<b>% Dif from the quota</b>
Hawkins Subdivision	6,460	2	3,230	4.13%
Tawera Subdivision	3,050	1	3,050	-1.68%
West Melton Subdivision	6,000	2	3,000	-3.29%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,510</b>	<b>5</b>		

**CARRIED**

#### **4. CORDE 2024 Annual Report**

*Chief Financial Officer*

**Moved** – Councillor Lyall / **Seconded** – Councillor Gliddon

*‘That the Council receives the CORDE Limited Annual Report 2024, for information.’*

**CARRIED**



## 5. Transwaste Canterbury 2024 Annual Report

*Chief Financial Officer*

The Chief Executive noted that Transwaste Canterbury sent their apologies for the meeting and that they have been invited to the next public forum to provide an update in the November meeting.

**Moved** – Councillor Epiha / **Seconded** – Councillor Mugford

*'That the Council receives the Transwaste Annual Report 2024, for information.'*

**CARRIED**

## 6. Central Plains Water Limited (CPWL) 2024 Annual Report

*Chief Financial Officer*

Susan Goodfellow, Chief Executive Officer for Central Plains Water Limited provided an update. Ms Goodfellow also highlighted information in the 100 year plan around water supply and infrastructure.

Mayor Broughton noted that the AGM for CPWL is next Tuesday, which he will attend, he sought the endorsement of the Council to vote in favour of the three recommendations and the ability to add a proxy should Mayor Broughton not be available. There were no opposing views.

The Chief Executive for Selwyn District Council noted a correction to the cover report, for the first sentence, under background information, this should read: Mr Bruce Gemmell is an Independent Director and Audit and Risk Committee Chairman. Councillor Grant Miller is an Independent Director and Chairman, on the Audit and Risk Committee, and REM and Appointments Committee.

**Moved** – Councillor Dean / **Seconded** – Councillor Lyall

*'That the Council receives the Central Plains Water Limited (CPWL) Annual Report 2024, for information.'*

**CARRIED**



## **7. Confirmation of Committee Chairs & Membership**

*Executive Director of People, Culture & Capability*

There was discussion that some Subcommittee meetings may need to be held more frequently than others.

There was discussion around funding implications for industry experts. The Chief Executive responded that there is a budget for consultancy that sits in the Chief Executive cost centre as well as some experts that are interested in participating in a voluntary basis, as they have a vested interest in wanting to see the strategic progress.

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

*That Council:*

- (a) *notes the establish four new strategic priority subcommittees has concluded with the appointment of the four Chairs being:*
- *Chair Councillor McInnes Housing and Urban Development Strategic Priority Subcommittee*
  - *Chair Mayor Broughton Local Water Done Well Strategic Priority Subcommittee*
  - *Chair Councillor Dean Economic Development Strategic Priority Subcommittee*
  - *Chair Councillor Reid Climate Change and Sustainability Strategic Priority Subcommittee.*
- (b) *note that a request to Te Taumutu Rūnanga and Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga has been made about their preferred level of representation within each of the new Subcommittees;*
- (c) *note that Te Taumutu Rūnanga has appointed Megan McKay to preside on the four subcommittees.'*

**CARRIED**

## **8. Adoption of Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn**

*Senior Strategy Planner*

*'Councillor Dean left the Chambers 10.25am-10.28am'*

Robert Love, Executive Director of Development and Growth, commented that it is a momentous day for Selwyn District Council with the adoption of Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn. Ben Baird, Head of Strategy thanked the Executive team, Councillors and staff for their support and their time spent on Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn.

George Sariak, Senior Strategy Planner, outlined the process, the report and appendices. Links were circulated to a draft copy however the final copy version of Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn will be made live pending the decisions today.

Councillor Mundt commented that net zero and carbon net zero is still referenced in the document and raised her disappointment, she commented this is quite limiting on how it is comprehended by the community.

Councillors thanked staff, councillor and the community for being involved in the process.

**Moved** – Councillor Lyall / **Seconded** – Councillor McInnes

*‘That the Council:*

- a) Receives this report, including the recommendations of Hearing Panel set out in **Appendix 1** and further recommended changes by Council staff set out in **Appendix 2***
- b) Adopt the final version of Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn as the long-term overarching strategic direction for Waikirikiri Selwyn, underpinned by the Strategic Framework contained within **Appendix 3**.*
- c) Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to authorise ongoing design, performance and proofing refinements to Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn and supporting materials.*
- d) Endorses the proposed approach for early engagement on the Area Plans as set out in **Appendix 4**.’*

**CARRIED**

## **9. Gravel Reserves Disposal Proceeds Allocation Process**

*Strategic Open Space Lead*

*Head of Acquisitions, Disposals & Leasing*

Derek Hayes, Strategic Open Space Lead spoke to his report providing a summary.

It was agreed that the Economic Development Strategy Priority Subcommittee has authority to administer and allocate proceeds from the sale of Crown reserve land.

**Moved** – Councillor Miller / **Seconded** – Councillor Mugford

*‘That the Council:*

- a) Receives the report; and,*
- b) Endorses the proposed process, including panel, and criteria for assessing project eligibility for proceeds funding.’*

**CARRIED**

## **10. Public Initiated Water Race Closures**

*Surface Water Lead*

Kate Attwood, Surface Water Lead took report as read.

Councillor Gliddon stated that she is willing to move recommendations a and c, but proposed an alternative for b. She suggested that the Michin Road closure be considered within the context of the entire Sheffield Scheme closure, emphasising the importance of viewing the situation as a whole. Additionally, Councillor Gliddon



mentioned the agreement signed in 2016 with CPWL regarding stock water supply, which should also be taken into account.

Ms Attwood advised that b can be deferred. Therefore, it was agreed that recommendation (b) is deleted.

Councillor Hasson discussed the closures and strategic planning maps related to water races, which were last reviewed in 2012. She noted that the existing mapping does not accurately reflect the current flow of water races across the district. She requested an extension for the report and a reassessment of the mapping to provide a clearer understanding of what remains.

Mayor Broughton advised that two Councillors were to be nominated to hear submissions. A number of Councillors were interested. It was decided that Councillors would talk over lunch and decide who would sit on the hearing panel, once decided staff will be advised.

It was decided that recommendation (b) would be deleted.

**Moved** – Councillor Gliddon / **Seconded** – Councillor Mundt

*'That the Council:*

- a. Approve the closure of one length of water race, referred to as the Pound Road closure, consisting of approximately 2.3 km across the Selwyn District Council Stock Water Race Network;*
- ~~b. Does not approve the closure of one length of water race, referred to as the Minchins Road closure, consisting of approximately 6.32 km across the Selwyn District Council Stock Water Race Network; and~~*
- c. Forms a hearing panel, consisting of at least two Councillors to be nominated, to hear submissions and consider the proposals to close three sections of water race, referred to as the 684 Telegraph Road, 987 Telegraph Road, and Highfield Road closure applications respectfully that have received objections during the public consultation process.'*

**CARRIED**

## **11. New Designation for Educational Purposes - Far West Rolleston School**

*Policy Planner*

Mayor Broughton advised that the Director of Education for Canterbury informed him that the establishment of a new primary school and the school will be named Te Rau Horopito which will be open in Arbor Green January 2026. Te Taumutu Runanga have generously gifted the name.

Joseph Azer, Policy Planner spoke to his report and also confirmed the new name of the school.

**Moved** – Councillor McInnes / **Seconded** – Councillor Dean

*'That Council:*

- a) recommends to the Minister of Education that the Notice of Requirement D230003 for an educational facility on Lot 1 DP 588424, as contained in Record of Title 1118996, be confirmed as set out in Commissioner's report, as per s171(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991.*
- b) delegates to the Chief Executive Officer to undertake all necessary actions to give effect to the decision of the Minister of Education in relation to recommendation 1 above.'*

**CARRIED**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

None.

## **MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

## **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

**Moved** – Councillor Lyall / **Seconded** – Councillor Hasson

*'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:*

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	Date information can be released
1	Minutes	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)	
2	Castle Hill Purchase and Easement			On settlement of the various elements of the transaction as detailed in the



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 & 2	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)

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned between 10.53am – 11.16am.

The public meeting moved into Public Excluded at 11.16am. The meeting resumed in open meeting at 11.22am.

### **Public Forum Discussion:**

#### **Castle Hill**

The Chief Executive Officer commented that a briefing will take place in the new year

Discussion was held around the legislation for community solar usage which is restrictive. Councillor McInnes commented that the group is looking at the sharing of energy and making it more resilient. Council can look to get involved in an operational sense with the assets we have and it worth investigating.

The Chief Executive commented that they are looking at this at a regional level (Economic Development Group), this is a priority piece of work that the Canterbury Mayoral Forum has identified, looking at an energy inventory across Canterbury. The inventory will be completed March next year and then feedback will follow this will give a whole of Canterbury view around energy.

#### **Jens Christensen / Rob Hunt**

Councillor Miller commented that there is a lot of potential development with the Fastrack and industrial approval and agrees that there is an opportunity to review with the significant development. Piece of working around development and strategy in this space.

The Chief Executive Officer advised she has asked Tim Mason, Executive Director Infrastructure and Property and his team will consider the presenters comments today and look to see if there is opportunity.

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer have a meeting with NZTA in the next two weeks and will pick up this conversation.

Mayor Sam noted that the Minister is coming down to understand space requirement for schools and safety of kids will be part of the conversations.

### **Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding**

*KiwiRail and Selwyn District Council*

The Chief Executive Officer expressed her excitement about the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, highlighting how it aligns with the strategic partnerships the Council is forming with key businesses. She noted that this is a fantastic opportunity to collaborate with KiwiRail on their future planning and economic prospects, which supports the Council's Economic Development Strategy and offers mutual benefits for our community.

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

*'That Council approve the signing of the Strategic Memorandum of Understanding between Selwyn District Council and KiwiRail Holdings Limited.'*

**CARRIED**

With no further business being discussed, the meeting closed at 11.37 am.

DATED this 13 day of November 2024

  
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**CHAIRPERSON**