

**MINUTES OF THE DRAFT 2023 / 2024 ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS OF THE
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON MONDAY 8 MAY 2023 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT

Mayor Sam Broughton, Councillors, P M Dean, S N O H Epiha, L L Gliddon, D Hasson, M B Lyall, S G McInnes, R H Mugford, E S Mundt & N C Reid

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs. D Ward (Chief Executive), K Mason (Group Manager Enabling Services), T Harris (Group Manager Development and Growth), R Love (Head of Strategy and Policy), K Narang (Head of Capital Works), Y Li (Transportation Asset Planning Manager) S Tully (Advisor) and Mrs J Nicholson (Head of Programme and Performance), J Flowerday (Planning and Performance Specialist), N Smith (Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive) and Ms T Davel (Committee Advisor)

OPENING COMMENTS

Mayor Broughton opened the Hearings with a Karakia.

Mayor Broughton noted that Council is in the middle part of the process around setting the Annual Plan and picking up the work from the Long Term Plan as well as thinking about the year ahead. Council is also considering the cost of living conversations, increased growth for in the district and balancing the community wants with affordability.

Mayor Broughton said that today is a chance for the community to come and talk to Councillors about what they think is important or not important. He said that today is not about debating the issues, rather that will form part of the Deliberations on 31 May. Today is to listen and ask questions.

APOLOGIES

Mayor Broughton noted Councillor Miller's apologies for absence from the Hearings.

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

“That Council receive the apologies of Councillor Miller for absence.”

CARRIED

The Chief Executive acknowledged the input of staff leading up to today for the preparation of the agenda, and submission administration. He noted that the agenda for the Deliberations will be sent out ahead of that date and will include staff comments on each submission.

The Chief Executive noted that Council had received 113 submissions with 17 submitters due to speak to the Council today. He said that his role today is to acknowledge the submitters and identify the key points of each submission.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

RECEIPT OF SPEAKING SUBMISSIONERS

The following submitters spoke to their submissions in person (or via Zoom) at the Hearings.

Submission No. 88 – Mark Alexander

- Mr Alexander noted that he generally supports the Plan. He noted he submitted on ECan's Plan. He said it was unfortunate that Ashburton District Council did not go out for consultation this year.
- He noted support some projects being brought forward and also noted some items that he would like Council to consider in the LTP.
- Mr Alexander said that he was not sure there is enough funding for road maintenance based on work that people would like done. He referred to Two Chain Road saying it needs to be upgraded due to increased traffic.
- Reference to the District Park consultation was made with Mr Alexander saying this was supposed to start last year. He said it is an important facility for which Council needs to start planting on so there are mature trees to provide shelter. He also spoke to Reserve assets particularly noting Hororata Domain saying this should be rationalised with funds used in the Malvern Ward or across the District.
- Mr Alexander referred to Mead Hall asking if it is an important part of the facility network. He also referred to Sheffield Pool being another facility which is past its use by date saying it would be cheaper to put on a mini bus to take people to Darfield to use the pool there.
- Mr Alexander referred to two roading projects which were approved for in the last Annual Plan but have not started.
- Mr Alexander said he was a regular patron at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre and that all regular patrons were told at the pool that Annual Memberships would no longer be allowed. Instead a monthly membership was brought in which he said leads to a 30% increase in fees. He spoke to the reasons that staff have provided him about this change. He then asked for the justification for this change. He then noted that he goes to the hydro-pool every day for rehabilitation with this pool aiding to keep people mobile. He said he is upset that no discussion was held with patrons. He would like to see Council

stop this and allow more discussion to take place. Notes that consultation was not undertaken with Councillors either.

- Mr Alexander noted that he looks forward to receiving the answers to his questions.

Submission No. 70 – Alex Booker for Foodstuffs South Island Limited

- Councillors Lyall, Reid and Hasson left the room due a perceived conflict of interest in their role on the District Plan.
- Ms Booker who spoke on behalf of Foodstuffs South Island Limited noted the proposal for a Pak and Save in Rolleston which had been granted by Council.
- Support for bringing forward the work to Levi Road to install traffic lights was provided by Foodstuffs South Island Limited.
- Ms Booker noted that the new Supermarket is due to open in 2025. She confirmed that Foodstuffs South Island Limited is fully in support of the Annual Plan.

Submission No. 97 – Alex Booker for Birchs Village Limited

- Ms Booker who spoke on behalf of Birchs Village Limited is seeking to rezone the land as residential which is going through a separate process.
- Birchs Village supports the work at Kakaha Park and say it is great to see this asset as well as noting the benefit of the additional infrastructure. The also support the inclusion of Stage 2 arterial upgrade / cycleway.
- Ms Booker noted that there has been some indications from Council that the wastewater in Prebbleton has restricted capacity and that any investment needs to ensure capacity is future-proofed.
- Councillor McInnes said to Ms Booker that given inflation has increased, would Birchs Village support an increase in Development Contributions to she which she said that they need to be justified and if has been properly assessed, there would not be any opposition to that.

Councillors Reid, Lyall and Hasson returned to the room.

Submission No. 33 – Stu Begg, Kirwee Community Committee

- Mr Begg spoke to the need to put in a footpath near the Tavern as it is an awkward area for people to walk safely and there are a lot of people walking dogs and it is used a lot by children. He said the community committee would like the footpath extended down to Anson Street.
- Mr Begg said the Committee notes this as a health and safety issue and it is needed to keep people safe in the community.
- Mr Begg then spoke to the accessway to the water reservoir in Kirwee saying it is on the A & P Showgrounds where is where the Hall is as well. He said that the accessway has deteriorated and the A & P and Hall Committees have no surplus funds to fix this. Mr

Begg said that as it is a community water scheme and is visited at least once a day by contractors they feel that it would be nice to have some contribution by the Council to help maintain it, and also to put some money towards hopefully sealing it in the future.

- Mr Begg said that when the major pipework was done to the water scheme, there was an upgrade to two hydrants. When he approached contractors to have them identify hydrants, he was told that this was not going to be identified as it is on a private driveway to which he noted his disappointment. He has now put cats eyes on it. He also referred to some poor behaviour by contractor who ripped a cats eye on his driveway.
- Mr Begg said that Council and the community need to work together on this. The hydrant is an important emergency facility to fire fight so he was disappointed with that outcome.
- Mayor Broughton referred to the intersection and footpath that Mr Begg talked about. He said that obviously that intersection is dangerous and also noted the speed in which people come in quick from Tramway Road. Mr Begg said that intersection should be a stop sign. Mayor Broughton said that the State Highway is not under Council control. He then asked Mr Begg if the community thought about closing Tramway Road out to the highway.
- Mr Begg said that is a possibility but the community would not have any jurisdiction to do that. He suggest it may come through the LTP and may lead to a major overhaul of the intersection. He said the speed should not be 70kph saying that Kirwee is getting busier with the increase in population.
- Councillor Gliddon referred to the comments on a Tramway Road closure asking if that was an option, where would the Agricultural machinery go if they want to travel through. Mr Begg said she was correct and that many years ago someone decided to narrow all of the intersections which inhibits ability to make truck movements. He said if you shut this road off, it would not be practical and would likely cause big problems but that he endorses a stop sign, and speed restrictions.
- Councillor Reid asked for clarification as to who owns the access driveway to the showgrounds. Mr Begg said it was owned by the A & P Association and that Hall Committee has a separate identity.

Submission No. 43 – Jenny Gallagher for Courtney A & P Association

- Mrs Gallagher handed out document showing a map indicating the location of various aspects of the land owned by the A & P Association. She said that the usage has increased on the driveway since the water supply was put in.
- Mrs Gallagher said that the Kirwee Hall is community-owned and is located on A & P ground. She said of the money that they give to the District, they don't see any of this back into the community facility at all.
- Mrs Gallagher said that the only access into the water reservoir at present is on the A & Grounds. She noted the position of the Kirwee Reserve, but the accessway is through the A & P Grounds. She said that there is not a lot of parking facilities at the Reserve with people parking on the grass on a very busy day.
- Mrs Gallagher said she would like the Committee and the Council to work together to find a solution.

- Mrs Gallagher said that the last two years have not been the best for the A & P Shows due to COVID and then the rain came through last year. Gate takings are usually between \$10-15k and that last year they took in just over \$600.
- Councillor Mundt asked if the Committee had any quotes done by contractors. Mrs Gallagher said yes and noted the issues around affordability. She referred to one quote being a full quote for sealing, and the other quote was for maintenance.

Submission No. 86 – Ken May, Malvern Community Board (MCB)

- Mr May said that the MCB put together their submission and proceeded to run through the headings. He said that recycling is a bone of contention, and it would be good to have some recycling depots out in the community. Noted Hawkins may be a viable option for a trial.
- Mr May said that the Board feels pedestrian crossings are of concern in Springfield. It is a busy community with all the traffic from and to the Coast. Often the traffic does not adhere to the 50kph area, so it would be appropriate to have a pedestrian crossing. He said the same thing occurs in Sheffield and Darfield. He spoke to concerns in Darfield and asked why there is no pedestrian crossing. He said he understands these are the responsibility of Waka Kotahi but Council should be pushing them to do get done.
- Mr May spoke to aquatics in particular the Sheffield pool. The MCB notes the upgrades of the Darfield Pool and hopefully in the future, there is probably going to be a need for a bigger and better facility in Darfield which will negate some of the needs for the Sheffield Pool.
- Mr May spoke in general terms of roading. He noted Mr Begg's previous submission on the need for the footpath near the Tavern. He also said that street lighting at key intersections was also required as well as appropriate traffic controls at intersections.
- Mr May noted an issue in Darfield regarding trucks parking in the side streets particularly by the Darfield Hotel where the road is falling apart. He said that Mrs Thompson would be speaking to that issue this afternoon.
- MCB would like to see the a youth facility started in Darfield, but noted they do not have the issue with the kids these days, but need facilities for them. He also said the MCB hopes to get the Darfield Jail opened everyday.
- MCB is supportive of the pump tracks within the area.
- Mr May said the MCB would like to touch on Castle Hill and the discussion around Wilding Pines. He referred to the ECan and DOC Policies for removal of these trees. He said he is big fan of natives and that slow growing native trees roots cling to the ground whereas Wildings just fall over when there is a major storm. He said if Council wants to foster the idea of native trees being grown in public spaces, then it needs to start with within our own spaces. He referred to some Blue Gums causing concern in Coleridge with people not wanting to use the Hall in a high wind.
- The MCB is behind supporting the Council work and what you do, but feel it is the Board's obligation to advise Council when they see things that aren't going to plan.

Submission No. 45 – Alastair Joyce

- Mr Joyce said the Prebbleton Community Association did put in a submission in but did not ask to speak to it. This was about putting some red thresholds in through the Village. He referred to his concern with Trices Road speed limits.
- He said that intersection of Trices and Longstaffs is an extremely dangerous one with probably only 25% of cars stopping and there have been several dangerous accidents.
- He said that on Trices Road, where you come off at Springs road – the first section is 50kph, then it goes up to 60kph. Then when you go through the next section from Birches to Tosswills Road, it is heavily populated with a lot of parking on the side of the road noting trucks on this narrow carriageway. He said the most concerning part is further on heading towards Halswell, that has been resealed, but they didn't go right to the edge and it is gouging out already.
- He asked Council to please consider his submission which is not going to cost a lot to do and should be considered urgently, noting the Road to Zero campaign.
- Councillor Lyall said that Mr Joyce's submission was very well explained. He said he noticed the stop indicator signs going in and asked Mr Joyce if he thinks it is having an effect. Mr Joyce said he is not sure it does and noted many cyclists go through without stopping.
- Mr Joyce said that he noted speed management signs in the district need some maintenance. Councillor Lyall said they are solar powered. Councillor Lyall said that he believes that intersection is due for a bit of work.
- Councillor McInnes said it is great to have someone supporting a review of speed limits. She noted that a lot of speed indicators no longer show the speed cars are travelling, and they just tell you do slow down.
- Councillor Hasson referred to the use of Longstaffs Road through to Halswell, asking Mr Joyce if he has seen an increase in truck and trailer using this as a bypass. Mr Joyce said that if the speed limit drops in other areas, they will use this more as a bypass to not have to slow down. He said he wants to bring this to Council's attention as the community notices these things.

The meeting was stopped for a break at 10.22am and reconvened at 10.50am.

Submission No. 68 – Vanessa Moore

- Mrs Moore said this is her third submission to Council on this topic. She said she has been the manager at Kirwee Challenge for 25 years. She said there is concern about there being no public toilets at Kirwee on SH73. She said the closest toilet is two streets back from the main road.
- Mrs Moore said she was advised last year there was going to be more signage placed for the toilets. She said they are not adequate and the signs are very hard to see and people are still coming in to ask us where the toilets are. The signage needs to be better coming to and from Christchurch. She said that if signage is going to be put on the State Highway

then it needs to be where it can be seen noting that if drivers are coming from Darfield they have to turn to the left to see the signage.

- Mrs Moore said that her staff get abused frequently. People also tend to go behind the bushes across the road where there are plenty of shrubs and bushes, and while the trees have been cut back, there are still places to go. She said that 95% of people who stop to ask to use the toilet are not customers of the service station. Staff advise them that the closest toilet is three minutes away.
- Mrs Moore said the daily average of people who come in and ask staff about facilities has increased since her last submission. She noted a lot more tourists on the road since COVID. She said the average is 2-4 people which can increase to 7-8 especially in the weekend. She referred to the Fowler Reserve across the road saying it is well looked after and is a place to take a safe break. So when they need to use area, there is no toilet. She said she often sees toilet paper blowing around the reserve.
- Mrs Moore said she is concerned as to how the toilets are prioritised in the Selwyn area and why Kirwee is not a priority. She said there is a lot more demand there now. She said she knows there are two blocks in Darfield and a newly built in West Melton but if signage was better they would bother coming in to the service station and ask.
- She said that they are not asking for a toilet block and that just one unisex / wheelchair toilet is all that is needed. There is plenty of room for it to be installed on the Fowler Reserve and now that the pipe has now been installed along the Highway, it is a perfect place because it is right there on the Kirwee straight. She said there is parking already there and also an information area as well as rubbish bins and picnic tables.
- Mrs Moore said after her last submission she was told there was be funding applied in the next round of TIF, but is not sure how this has progressed. She referred to the demand for public toilets for travellers and tourists and that people want to keep NZ beautiful and clean – and this is also the case in Kirwee. She said that the abuse her staff are having to deal with is not ok. She said the toilet at the station is only for staff as it is behind a locked gate.
- Mayor Broughton said that there may be funding available in the next round of the Tourism Infrastructure Fund.
- Councillor Gliddon asked if Mrs Moore thought people would use the existing public toilets provided if better signage was installed. She said that it would help.
- Councillor McInnes said that she appreciated and supported Mrs Moore's submission. She asked in terms of truck drivers, if they are headed towards West Melton, would Mrs Moore still them be ok with them pulling over the Service Station side of the road. Mrs Moore said that this already happens and that there is a lot of room which they also own for them to do this. There is ample room for trucks and trailers so they can pull off the road safely.

Submission No. 101 – Marie Gray for Summit Road Society (via Zoom)

- Mrs Gray noted that the Society manages four reserves, including one in Selwyn. She said she was very pleased to see Council has targeted rates in your Annual plan as it helps fund this work.

- She referred to the support the Society provides to the ecological restoration of the Port Hills saying that planting does a lot of help with climate change, flooding protection etc. She noted the importance of investing in these projects as this will save money later on as the more resilience built now, the better for the future.
- Mrs Gray spoke to the intensive predator control away in Omaha bush and noted they are very excited for their Tai Tapu project saying there is now a community of trappers. She thanked Council for its involvement in Pest Free Banks Peninsula which is achieving some significant gains including hedgehog control.
- Mrs Gray said the Society is a huge fan of SNEF which has contributed to deer fencing. She said that she hopes the ecological targeted rate will help increase that fund. She noted that the Society would also like Council to help with the resourcing of staff time towards this work.
- Mrs Gray said that Council has been on the Summit Road Society of a number of years and has provided \$5k per year. She said the scale of the work is pretty extensive and this funding is very useful. She said the Society hopes the Council could double this to \$10k going forward to add to the work that they do.
- Mayor Broughton thanked Mrs Gray for her submission and the work that the Society do. He spoke to an upcoming predator free initiatives which Mrs Gray and the Society will be invited to.
- Councillor Mundt asked about access from Tai Tapu to Summit Road and who is the Society hoping to make that access available to. She also asked about goat control. Mrs Gray said that access is intended to be for the public on foot, but there may or may not be discussions on mountain bikers. She said the Society is working on plans to make that happen. With reference to goats, Mrs Gray said that they are captured by the programme Pest Free Banks Peninsula is running and it is a significant piece of work.
- Councillor McInnes thank the Society for taking the time to submit, as well as thanking them for all the work that Mrs Gray and the Society do.

Submission No. 67 – David Miller, Pest Free Banks Peninsula

- Mr David Miller and Mr John Williamson presented their submission. Mr Miller said that Mr Williamson and his team should be congratulated on their work. It was noted that the programme is three years in, and staff are getting fully into the implementation. Mr Miller said it is wonderful to give an update on progress and spoke to some points.
- Mr Miller said that the Trust is very grateful to Council who has been a signatory from the get go and have topped up with some funding assistance. He requested that Council do a wee bit more. This programme goes to 2050 but funding runs out in 2025. He said they are asking Council to lift their funding.
- Mr Miller said he was grateful to Council staff who are colleagues on the project management group. He said they need to see more going forward saying it is a social project which has a by-product of fabulous benefits for biodiversity.
- Mr Williamson provided an update on work. He said staff have been spending time on preparation, but now work is ramping up. He referred to dead pests as weasels,

hedgehogs, rats, pigs, cats, stoats and ferrets. Mr Williamson said that Taumutu often tell him they see more birds than they have ever seen before.

- Mr Williamson spoke to what a typical day looks like. This includes checking the server of the trap network. Staff then deploy DOC traps which are noded as well. He said this is working well for them, including servicing the traps and keeping them active. He noted that staff are concentrating on 55ha at Taumutu but ramping that up and moving into new territory all the time. Mr Miller said again that this is a very big scientific project as well as a social one.
- Mr Williamson spoke to the success of the rolling out the work and spoke in particular to hedgehog eradication work. He noted there are a lot of feral cats down in Kaitorete Spit – noting there is a line of traps set up which aims to catch them before they get out to Kaitorete.
- Mayor Broughton said that Council is thinking about what Pest Free Selwyn looks like and how Council can connect all the agencies and share this passion across all the other groups. Mr Miller noted a multi-group hui on 24 May and hopes that Council can be there.
- Councillor Mundt asked about rat migration. Mr Williamson said that rats are not a target of this project saying they live in a very small area and the amount of trapping required is much more intensive. He said there are other groups doing trapping around Te Waihora.
- Councillor Gliddon spoke about the Committee work she is involved in launching a pest free project and would it help Pest Free Banks Peninsula. Mr Miller agreed it would – he said all learnings they have gone through is in the public domain. He noted they have developed a world class GIS monitoring programme which others can learn from.

Submission No. 106 – Susie Newton, Castle Hill Community Association

- Mrs Newton noted difficulty getting the submission online and thanked staff for assisting her.
- She referred to the Hall saying it was established for 60 houses and that work on it has been in the LTP for a number of years. She said now there are 140 houses and the Hall is not fit for purpose anymore.
- Mrs Newton also said that the tennis court has been in the LTP and Annual Plan for resurfacing but this has not been done. She said that Castle Hill has a very nice subdivision but not sure where the Development Contributions have gone as there is no new infrastructure.
- Mrs Newton referred to an application for Night Sky reserve status saying it would be a valuable resource. She said that over five years ago, the street lighting was in the resource management plan and were told the lights would help with this, but they do not.
- Councillor Dean thanked Mrs Newton for her submission noting that Council had received a few submissions about the same points. He asked how many live permanently. Mrs Newton said she is not sure, but it is increasing every month. She said it used to be mostly holiday homes, but now there would be around 150 people. Some come for the winter or others come from summer. She said the street lights are incompatible with the Night Sky concept.

- Mrs Newton reiterated her comment about the tennis court.

Submission No. 112 – Nicky Snoyink, Forest and Bird

- Ms Snoyink spoke on behalf of Forest and Bird saying it is run primarily by volunteers with their mission being to do as much as they can within their powers to protect plants and animals. She said she was disappointed that the District Plan did not have more in there about biodiversity.
- The Biodiversity Working Group report was spoken to by Ms Snoyink saying that the Group produced a report over a couple of years. She referred to the recommendations and asked Council to consider implementing and resourcing these recommendations. She noted that preservation is a requirement of the RMA.
- She spoke to the Biodiversity Champions Group which needs to be reignited. She strongly recommends Council's involvement in this group. She also noted Council is also a signatory to the Regional Biodiversity Strategy.
- Ms Snoyink spoke to the biosecurity work on weeds (referred to as space invaders), which are deemed to spread and conquer other plants due to climate change. She said this is a massive risk for the country. She asked Council to allocate some resources to increase pest plant and pest animal control in order to help increase native biodiversity in the District.

Submission No. 111 – Dr Lionel Hume, Federated Farmers

- Dr Hume introduced Mr Carl Dean who spoke to their submission. He said that Federated Farmers would like to thank SDC for allowing them to submit on the Plan and that the submissions is made up of members' views.
- He noted the submission was largely in support, but noted they have some financial concerns. The key concern is that the operational expenditure is 15% greater than the previous year, and 16% greater than LTP budget. Mr Dean spoke to the increase in rates saying these the increase leads to big jump on LTP predictions.
- The average rate increase is 5.9%, and asked how is that made up considering the total rates increase are a lot more than that. He said that detail was not provided.
- In summary Mr Dean said that the submission support rates staying below inflation, they are happy with major projects, but they question the expenditure and how that is made up.

Submission No. 102 – Terry Anderson

- Was not able to attend.
- Submission received and key notes read by the Chief Executive.

Submission No. 66 – Wendy Thompson

- Mrs Thompson said she would like to address some key issues to be addressed in the upcoming financial year, these being remediation repair on Clinton Street in Darfield caused by trucks and trailers parking there; prevention future damage to this area and other areas where other trucks are park.
- She said that this is a serious matter in her mind which she first raised at the Malvern Community Board meeting in September 2022 with an outcome that staff would provide advice, but this has not occurred yet. She said she first raised this in 2020 and then again in 2022 and was told there was no budget for remediation work, so now asks that funds are set aside.
- Mrs Thompson said she was also told by staff that there is no way to stop trucks and trailers. She suggested two solutions being: strategic tree planting and some additional planting alongside the playground; or adopt a recommendation under the Council's Traffic Policy to disallow this parking.
- Mrs Thompson spoke to the work that her mother undertook on behalf of the Darfield including the development of Tussock Square. She said she finds it disheartening to see the street she lived on has been left to deteriorate. She said she appreciates that they live next door to a hotel, and expect to hear loud music, but does not expect to be living next to a truck stop. Mrs Thompson said she hopes that Council sees the merits of her submission.
- Councillor Hasson asked is there a car park at the back of the hotel where they can park to which Mrs Thompson said she is not sure if this is possible.
- Councillor McInnes asked how Mrs Thompson would think the residents of Clinton Street would feel if the road was sealed. Mrs Thompson said the smell is a concern as well as they have had cattle on board.
- Councillor Mundt asked what time of the day are they parking up. Mrs Thompson said that some will come in at the afternoon, some around 8pm or so. She talked about previous conversations she has had asking truck drivers to move along. Some leave quite early in the morning as well. It's not just outside the hotel, but also along the street.
- Mrs Thompson said she would like to thank the Community Board for their support.

Submission No. 99 – Dave Page

- Mr Page noted he is a resident of Verdecos Boulevard, Lincoln. He referred to concerns about safety and the need for road safety improvements. He said the intersection currently unsafe, and footpaths are not complete.
- He Spoke to the photos he handed out and what they referred to, noting issues with speed limits. The road design and layout are of concern.
- Mr Page referred to blind corners and unpaved footpaths and said that traffic calming seems plausible. He also noted that vegetation is causing visibility issues for motorists and pedestrians crossing the road.

- Mr Page said that pedestrians are having to cross the road a number of times due to unformed footpaths. Then spoke to the S Bend in the road which has a rural feel, but this is a urban road.
- Mr Page noted significant current road issues are the views of many people in that community. These issues are going to increase as other subdivisions come on stream. He spoke to further potential for the retirement village.
- Mr Page noted the benefits of footpaths and cyclepaths are that it will activate more cycling and walking, and safer facilities for pedestrians especially for children.
- Councillor McInnes said that she had spoken to Mr Page on the phone before. She followed it up with staff and they were working on some of this work. She said that Council should be able to come back to him on what is occurring. She noted that she had been for a ride around there and agreed it is not conducive for cycling.

The meeting for a break at 2.15pm and reconvened at 2.30pm.

Submission No. 31 – Andrew Wilson (via Zoom)

- Mr Wilson said he would like to thank Councillors and all involved for this process and said he does not think that people quite understand how much work is involved.
- Mr Wilson referred to West Melton roading and traffic calming around schools saying he would like to see more consideration around this and also throughout village with many more children around at the moment. He wondered if Council could run a trial on some traffic calming features.
- Mr Wilson spoke to an area on Weedons Ross Road intersection noting there is a gap between the roading upgrades which needs to be looked at.
- Mr Wilson then spoke to the Residents Association and support for it. He said that when the Association discovered that all of a sudden there is no funding, they were surprised because they had been told that funding was not going to be removed by the Mayor, but it had been.
- Mr Wilson said he would like to see Selwyn have New Zealand's largest art piece – across the district and spoke further to this.
- He then spoke to the lighting at the corner of Hoskyns and West Melton Road saying it is extremely dark particularly if Council is going to be putting in a new cycleway.
- Mayor Broughton said he apologised for putting the submitter wrong on the funding piece. He said thank you to Mr Wilson for the care of the community.
- Councillor Mundt referred to Mr Wilson's comments on the gap in work on Weedons Ross Road to which Mr Wilson again spoke to the gap between that point and where the road was upgraded last year saying it is an area with no adequate lighting.

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

Submission No. 1 – Hamish Crombie

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 2 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- It was noted by the Chief Executive that a number of submitters have asked their name to be withheld.

Submission No. 3 – Michael Flanagan

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 4 – Christine Mace

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 5 – Alan Rae

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 6 – Corrina McCulloch

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Would like Coalgate to have streetlights down each street.

Submission No. 7 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 8 – Steve Menzies

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Makes comments on an upgrade needed on Hoskyns Road.

Submission No. 9 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Noted rate increases should be held at 3%.

Submission No. 10 – Blair Templeton of Leeston-Southbridge Cricket Club

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- It was noted in their submission that the Club is in desperate need of changing rooms.

Submission No. 11 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Submits on rating increase.
- Would like the Darfield swimming pool heated.

Submission No. 12 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 13 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 14 – Norman Smart

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Supports the Annual Plan.

Submission No. 15 – Paul Clarke

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 16 – Alex Fletcher

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 17 – Megan Carpenter

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Referred to the opportunity to plant more trees and increase canopy coverage.

Submission No. 18 – Coryl Harris

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 19 – Nicola Sutton

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Supports the Annual Plan.

Submission No. 20 – Dave Bellett

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Refers to Park and Ride facilities.
- Noted that more money is required for repairs on dangerous roads.

Submission No. 21 – Doug McSweeney of Selwyn Sports Trust

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Currently receive funding from Council. Would like consideration to reviewing the strategic partnership.

Submission No. 22 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 23 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Noted there was very little mention of Coalgate and other townships in the Plan.

Submission No. 24 – Maryana Hamilton

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Made comments on chlorination.
- Referred to the number of pizza restaurants in Rolleston.

Submission No. 25 – Tim Schurr

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Provided positive comments about projects in West Melton.

Submission No. 26 – Ange Cawthray

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Concerned about traffic movements near her local primary school.

Submission No. 27 – Wayne Tibbles

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 28 – Jonathan Scott

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 29 – Paul Rosanowski

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 30 – Jane Huggins

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Spoke about art installations.

Submission No. 32 – Duncan Sherratt

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Requests facilities for Castle Hill.

Submission No. 34 – Steve Balchin

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Referenced the path near Cats Pyjamas Preschool which needs to be extended.

Submission No. 35 – Mark Jones

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 36 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 37 – Rachel Wiseman

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Castle Hill Village comments were received.
- The Chief Executive noted that on Sunday 26 February, he accompanied the MCB on a trip to Castle Hill where they met with members of the community and discussed extension of hall, maintenance of hall and toilets, gardens, stormwater swales, Craigeburn Bike Trails and a Dark Sky Reserve amongst others. Out of this we have a lot of submissions requesting the same.

Submission No. 38 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 39 – Anna Penn

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 40 – Belinda Margetts

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Would like to see more forest parks in Rolleston.

Submission No. 41 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 42 – J O'Connor

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Comments on West Melton projects.
- Says he is lucky to live close to Rolleston and town planners are doing a good job.

Submission No. 44 – Nicola Stokes

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Should be recycling station in her area due to no yellow bin service.

Submission No. 46 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Says the main road in Prebbleton needs an upgrade and referred to the bus stops needing an upgrade as well.

Submission No. 47 – Annabel Bassett

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Noted there was no mention of climate change in the Plan and wants to see some mitigation actions.
- Noted the need for some areas to have reticulated wastewater.
- Calls for consultation on cyclepaths with some analysis undertaken.

Submission No. 48 – Ellen Cavanagh

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Referred to the half pipe at Rosemerryn.

Submission No. 49 – Angela Hart of Prebbleton Community Association

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 50 – Caitlin Martin of The Cat's Pyjamas Preschool and Nursey

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Requests extension of footpath walkway around preschool as it would make it easier for people who have to tramp across the grass each day.

Submission No. 51 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Submits on an opportunity to have a world class Dark Sky status.

Submission No. 52 – Anna Thorpe

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Notes the need for Castle Hill to have Dark Sky status.

Submission No. 53 – Janet MacPherson

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Referred to the Dark Sky project.
- Notes hall in Castle Hill needs extending.

Submission No. 54

- Submission withdrawn

Submission No. 55 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 56 – James Broadbent

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Supports the Plan.
- Says that Castle Hill Hall is too small.
- Supports Castle Hill Dark Sky Reserve.

Submission No. 57 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Would like a public art policy.

Submission No. 58 – Rick Hill

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Notes to work which needs funding in Castle Hill.
- Also request assistance with Craigeburn Trail.

Submission No. 59 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 60 – Daniel Gainsford

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 61 – Russell Dalzell of Dunsandel Community Committee

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Referred to car park lighting.
- Would like taller planting in the swale.
- In the process of looking at flag poles which have not been included in the work programme.
- Noted roving secretary funding.

Submission No. 62 – Patricia Pullin

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Spoke to a memorial wall in Weedons Cemetery.

Submission No. 63 – Nathan Hawke of Orana Wildlife Park

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Requesting operational funding support for \$250,000 in our Annual Plan budget. Submission referred to the use of the funds.
- Submission concludes by inviting Councillors to visit Orana Park.

Submission No. 64 – Nancy Wright

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 65 – Murray Urquhart

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 69 – Peter Montgomery

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Spoke to the Dark Sky project
- Would like some funding put towards walking and cycling paths in Castle Hill.

Submission No. 71 – Philip Strang

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Feels the sealing of Perymans Road will lead to increased traffic and asks for it to be closed off.

Submission No. 72 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 73 – Liam O'Donoghue

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Spoke to Castle Hill work including extension to Hall.

Submission No. 74 – Nicki Jacobs

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Spoke to increasing the size of the Castle Hill Hall as it is well used.

Submission No. 75 – Andrew Scott

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Comments on infrastructure in Castle Hill and to prioritise Dark Sky community.

Submission No. 76 – Tim Ogle

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Spoke to projects at Castle Hill.

Submission No. 77 – Chris Burke

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Spoke about rejuvenation work on district war memorials.

Submission No. 78 – Paul Harrison

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Would like to see Castle Hill Hall extended.

Submission No. 79 – John Fink

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Strongly supports hall extension at Castle Hill, and designation of Dark Sky reserve.

Submission No. 80 – Sam Minnell

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Spoke to work required at Castle Hill

Submission No. 81 – Rebecca Minnell

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Spoke to work required at Castle Hill.

Submission No. 82 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Would like the word library added to Te Ara Ātea.
- Would like to see an art gallery in Rolleston.

Submission No. 83 – Rupert Tipples of Springston Community Committee

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Would like rubbish and recycling bins installed in the old Library reserve.

Submission No. 84 – Polly Miller

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Supports the Draft Annual Plan.
- Spoke to areas that need attention in Castle Hill.

Submission No. 85 – Colette Doughty

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Provided comments on improvement requirements at Castle Hill.

Submission No. 87 – Rebecca Skene

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Comments on basketball court and playground in Darfield near the Four Square.

Submission No. 89 – Conor Boyd

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Spoke to Castle Hill matters they would like developed and seen to.

Submission No. 90 – Ralph Brown JP of Greendale Residents' Association

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- The Association sees their role at working with Council as well as working independently for the betterment for the Greendale community.
- Spoke to specific community requests.

Submission No. 91 – Petra Watson

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 92 – Diane Coulbeck

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Submitter says that Council should deal with necessary items and not on luxury items.

Submission No. 93 – Allison Rosanowski

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Submitter provides comments on Darfield Swimming Pool and would like to see it covered.
- Noted funding for Sister Cities' committee and said that the Sister Cities Garden has been on the plan for several years.
- It was noted that most of the work of the Sister Cities Committee is undertaken by volunteers.

Submission No. 94 – Elene Anderson

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Does not agree with rates increase and notes that Council should defer some projects.

Submission No. 95 – Graeme Jacobs

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Supports several Castle Hill projects including hall extension and a Dark Sky Reserve initiative.

Submission No. 96 – Hugh Mingard

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Concerned with some roading issues in Lincoln including a need for a pedestrian crossing near the Lincoln Library.

Submission No. 98 – Idica Boyd

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 100 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Noted general rates.

Submission No. 103 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Supports plan and more work needed on pedestrian routes.
- Also requests pedestrian crossing from Lincoln Library to the shops across the road.

Submission No. 104 – Fiona McDonald

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Submission notes that the Village Hall extension and tennis court are priorities for Castle Hill and have been promised for years.

Submission No. 105 – Name Withheld

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Require sustainable growth – not taking a piecemeal approach.

Submission No. 107 – Emma Stead for Springfield Community Association

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- It was noted that Springfield welcome signs are required and the Association would like Council to assist with an investment of \$10k noting that additional funds are being sought from elsewhere.
- The submission notes the plan for the Pump Track for which an investment by Council of \$5k is also being sought.

Submission No. 108 – Moneel Pratap of Rolleston Residents' Association

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.

Submission No. 109 – Ivan Robertson

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Spoke to rates increase.

Submission No. 110 – Neville Jones

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- Spoke to the need to increase funding around biodiversity work.

Submission No. 113 – Nick Kirk of Te Waihora Ellesmere Trust

- Read and accepted submission, noting key points.
- It was noted that the Trust is in the process of appointing a new project manager
- The submission also spoke to funding requirements.

The meeting stopped for lunch at 11.58am and reconvened at 1.30pm to take other speakers.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Hasson referred to the submission from Mr Ivan Robertson about land being rezoned by Rateable QV. She noted there were about 3-4 people affected by this situation and asked for an update on this as she believes this is going through a Court Case at present. To this the Group Manager Enabling Services confirmed that three or four ratepayers put in a formal objection to their valuation. He noted that staff will come back to the appropriate committee to report on this. He also confirmed there are court proceedings.

Councillor Reid said it was her who had spoken to Mr Robertson after he talked to staff to which she told him it is a QV issue. She asked if he understands the issue. Mayor Broughton noted that he has had a number of other people contact him regarding the same issue. It was noted that revaluations are every three years.

Councillor Mugford referred to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF) and asked if Councillors could receive a list of the toilets going in in the future and approximately when this would take place. The Group Manager Infrastructure and Property said that there was an item in Wednesday's Committee agenda regarding Rounds round 5, 6 and 7. He said that the Kirwee facility is the one being applied for in the current round of funding which is due to go in today. He noted that Council has done very well in securing funding through TIF.

Councillor McInnes noted the various requests for funding. She said that a lot of them are independent trusts but believe this Council should be funding to the point where it is our duty to fund them entirely. She referred to the funding forum which was the other day saying it was great. She said if people who have been applying us for funding here didn't attend, that was a shame. Councillor McInnes asked is the Community Fund budget big enough and how good is Council at referring people to other funds. She said it would be good if staff responses include something around increased funding.

RECEIPT OF ALL HEARING SUBMISSIONS

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

"That Council receives Submissions Numbers 1 to 113 at the Draft 2023 / 2024 Annual Plan Hearings held on Wednesday 8 May 2023."

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CLOSING COMMENTS

Mayor Broughton noted that Council has two days set aside for deliberations, the first being on Wednesday 31 May and then the week following on Wednesday 7 June. He said this allows Councillors to consider anything on 31 May, which allows them the ability to come back a week following to receive further advice from staff if required.

Mayor Broughton said that if Councillors had any concerns around advice provided by staff through the submissions process to direct these to the Chief Executive and to please allow staff the respect to do that.

The Chief Executive acknowledged what has been a good process from conception many months back, through development of the Draft Annual Plan, the community sessions which were held at today's Submission Hearings. He said there have been good questions asked and complimentary comments to the process from submitters.

The meeting closed with a karakia.

With no further business being discussed, the meeting closed at 2.40pm

DATED this day of 2023

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CHAIRPERSON