

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs. T Harris (Acting Chief Executive), K Mason (Executive Director Enabling Services), M England (Acting Executive Director Infrastructure & Property), Sean Tully (Advisor), Cameron Warr (Community Projects Manager), James Richmond (Manager – Active Selwyn), Kamal Narang (Head of Capital Works), Philip Millar (Major Projects Manager) and friend, Mesdames D Kidd (Executive Director Community Services & Facilities), Puamiria Parata-Goodall and Ma-Rea Clayton (Kaitohu Matua), Di Prendergast (Personal Assistant) and K Hunt (Executive Assistant)

The meeting was livestreamed.

The mayor spoke to the passing of Ann Hurford, Selwyn's first Mayor and first and only female Mayor to date. The Mayor acknowledged Ann's time as Mayor, noting this was post amalgamation. Councillors stood and had a minute of silence in respect.

The Mayor acknowledged and thanked Ms Megan McKay for joining Council, in this Te Taumutu appointed position as the Waikirikiri Rūnanga Council Committees representative.

Ms McKay presented her Mihi. Ms McKay acknowledged the work that had been done over several years by Council and Taumutu to create this role. Ms McKay thanked the heads of Taumutu for the guidance to put her name forward for the role. She is keen to bring a variety of skills and knowledge to the decisions that are made around this table. She is here on behalf of the community that should have a voice in all levels of Council.

APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

IDENTIFICATION OF ANY EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC FORUM

Bella Lammers and Father

Bella Lammers was introduced by her father, where he gave some background on Bella prior to her presentation.

Bella lives in Rolleston, and goes to the pool 5 times a week, she is a greenbelt in Karate and also works in Izone. Bella completed at the Special Olympics in June, thanks in part of the funding from Council.

Bella Lamers then spoke to her presentation.

Bella thanked council for supporting her in getting to Berlin. Before she went to Berlin she trained for many months, 5 days a week. She joined her team in Auckland, where they received their uniforms and then flew out to Munich. In Germany they did lots of training, but also had lots of parties hosted for them. Her team was hosted by 3 small towns close to Munich. Her team performed the Haka for them.

The Opening Ceremony was in a big stadium in Berlin and was amazing, with 200 countries represented. Bella competed in backstroke, freestyle and the relay team. Bella had to race every day, so was very busy, but had lots of support. They won a bronze medal in the relay, she came 4th in freestyle and 5th in backstroke. After there was a big party in the middle of Berlin, with 7,000 athletes from all over the world. She made lots of friends, not just with her teammates but with other teams. Bella wanted to go to Berlin to be famous and get on TV, and she achieved that. Bella said she is really proud of what she achieved, and thanked Council for their support to make her dreams come true.

The Mayor commented on all of Bella's hard work in relation to the training and traveling overseas. Council is very proud of her representing Selwyn, and so wanted to acknowledge her efforts.

In relation to a question from Councillor Mundt around Bella's future goals, Bella's dad stated that the National Games are held every 4 years, with the next games being held in Christchurch.

Councillors thanked Bella Lammers and her father for coming in to Council to speak to her experiences at the Special Olympics.

Miriam Eyles

Ms Eyles raised the issue with a library book available at our libraries for teens. It's called 'Welcome to Sex' by Dr Melissa King. It contains graphic pictures and is available for those children 10 years and above, but the authors have stated its suitable for mature 8 year olds. Ms Eyles said the book is not suitable for her 12 year old. It has graphic pictures and is not suitable for children of the age it is being released to. Ms Eyles stated she is unsure what library the book is available in, as she had readily gotten the book out via the online catalogue. This book and others like it should be removed from the library.

The Mayor thanked Ms Eyles for coming to speak to Council. He explained that no decision would be made at this meeting, as staff will consider the matter, and we will provide Ms Eyles with the outcome of that discussion.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Council held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 16 August 2023

Moved – Councillor Mugford / **Seconded** – Councillor Dean

‘That the Council confirms the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Council held on Wednesday 16 August 2023.’

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Council held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 6 September 2023

Moved – Councillor Dean / **Seconded** – Councillor Gliddon

‘That the Council confirms the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Council held on Wednesday 6 September 2023.’

CARRIED

MATTERS REQUIRING ATTENTION

Nothing discussed.

REPORTS

1. Mayor

Mayor’s Report – August 2023

The Mayor spoke to a late addition to his report being the Audit fees, and the sharing of the priorities with any incoming government, work has been done to identify the level of projects that sit above what just Selwyn ratepayers should/can fund for facilities and work that is the government responsibility and in many cases may require multiple agencies to deliver. This has been shared with the candidates in Selwyn.

He discussed the significant increase in Audit NZ fees proposal. The proposal tabled is a reduction in the original fees proposed. We wrote to Audit NZ about the fees that were originally proposed and stated they were not acceptable and asked a reassessment of the fees. Issue around fee increases has been raised with Audit NZ and the Auditor General. It was noted that fees had been flat for some time, and audits are becoming more complex, so auditors are no longer able to continue to absorb fees.

Consideration could be given to find another provider in the future, however it was not possible for do for this round due to the timeframes. However, should we seek another provider in the future, we would do collaboratively with other Councils as we would not want to be running in to similar issue with one major provider for Councils, creating similar issues with audit timeframes.

It was noted that Reforms such as RMA and 3 Waters will not alter costs, due to fees having been flat for some time and the audits becoming more complex.

Council has on a risk basis, undertaken a level of assurance ourselves, to ensure we are significantly prepared for the Audits. Have also raised concerns around continuity with Audit Managers. However Council is doing what it can to mitigate hours required by Auditors. Under legislation we are to be audited by Auditor General, with Audit NZ doing this on their behalf. But if we were to go out to tender, we would need the agreement of, and in partnership with the Auditor General. An annual audit is required under Audit Standards.

It was noted that Auditor General is well aware of issue on fees, as has been raised directly with them, as CE's have written to them. It was noted that staff from Auditor General's office will be in attendance at the Canterbury Corporate Forum meeting next week.

It was commented that Audit NZ has provided as much assurance as they can that they will meet the timeframes and that delays should not occur.

A discussion was held on the Canterbury Climate Change Work, who have asked for one Councillor appointment. Two Councillors had put their names forward being Councillors McInnes and Mundt, who are intending on sharing the role by splitting the appointment with Councillor McInnes being the appointed Councillor for the first 12 months, with Councillor Mundt doing the next 12 months. It was noted that both Councillors will receive the same information, however only one will attend the meetings. Continuity will be managed by having a good hand over.

Councillor Epiha noted he had an amendment to the meetings he has attended this month, being his attendance at the Southbridge Volunteer Fire Brigade Long Service Event to award Rob Roxborough the 25 year Long Service Award.

Moved – Councillor Mayor / **Seconded** – Councillor Epiha

'That Council receives the Mayor's Report for August 2023 for information as amended.'

CARRIED

2. Chief Executive

Chief Executive's Report

The CEO commented that staff have been asked to review the library books following the public forum item raised by Miriam Eyles We have asked staff to review library books as per public forum and will be reported on at next council meeting. Staff will incorporate

request of Councillors in relation to how staff deal with these types of books, potential cultural aspect, how broader community may respond to the book.

RMA framework reform were enacted. Spoke to one of the key points being the development of national plan framework, with engagement starting to occur. Period of transition which stretch well into the future.

In regard to the Economic Development, Council will be connecting and engaging with businesses, as to how to take Selwyn district to next level. Further information on this, this will come to councillors at a briefing session. We have invited some of the larger businesses to a stakeholder event and will be inviting smaller businesses to a future event. Brad Olsen will MC event. There will be a presentation as to our intent and we will be seeking feedback from business. There will be alignment to the Long-Term Plan as well as other strategies.

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

‘That Council receives the Acting Chief Executive’s report for information.’

CARRIED

The Ms Kidd introduced Ma-Rea Clayton (Kaitohu Matau) who is new to the Pou Ahurea team. Apologies were received from Atarau Hamilton-Fuller (Kaitohu) who is also new to the team who will work closely with iwi as part of that relationship team.

Ms Clayton gave a mihi and spoke to looking forward to what this may look like in the future.

GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC FORUM

This was covered in CEO section.

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

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

‘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	<i>Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7</i>	<i>Section 48(1)(a)</i>	
2.	Capital Works Report			
3.	Castle Hill AC Watermain Renewals			
4.	CORDE Directorship			

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:

4.	protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons;	Section 7(2)(a)
1, 2, 3	Enable the local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities; or	Section 7(2)(h)
1, 2, 3	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)
3.	Protect information where the making available of information – (i) Would disclose a trade secret; or (ii) Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of this information;	Section 7(2)(b)

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

CARRIED

The public meeting moved into Public Excluded at 2.04pm. The meeting resumed in open meeting at 3.05pm.

With no further business being discussed, the meeting closed at 3.05 pm.

DATED this 12 day of October 2023


CHAIRPERSON

PUBLIC MATTERS UNDER INVESTIGATION

Item	Meeting referred from	Action required / Status	Report Date
Flooding Sansbrook, Taumutu – presentation Tim Sanson, public forum; and Tom Gulliver, public forum	6 July 2022 28 June 2023	Council received a briefing from ECan's Councillors (May 2023). <i>Further meetings and a report, including presentation from ECan to the August Transport & Infrastructure meeting</i>	Ongoing
Community Centres, Halls and Libraries Network Plan	13 October 2021	Report on landbanking - buying land now for future community facilities Deferred until after LTP process.	Deferred until after LTP process.