

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST 2021 COMMENCING AT 1PM**

PRESENT

Mayor S T Broughton, Councillors, M A Alexander, J B Bland, S N O H Epiha, J A Gallagher, D Hasson, M P Lemon, M B Lyall, S McInnes, G S F Miller, R H Mugford and N C Reid

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs. D Ward (Chief Executive), K Mason (Group Manager Organisational Performance), S Hill (Group Manager Communication and Customers), D Marshall (Group Manager Property), M Washington (Group Manager Infrastructure), M Johnston (Chief Licencing Inspector), J Trewin (Strategy and Policy Planner), B Rhodes (Planning Manager), J Richmond (Manager Active Selwyn), M England (Asset Manager Water Services), and R Raymond (Communications Advisor); Mesdames D Kidd (Group Manager Community Services and Facilities), G Bowden (Manager Community Spaces), C Quirke (Manager Community and Economic Development), N Moen (Manager Arts, Culture and Lifelong Learning), K Waghorn (Senior Communities and Facilities Coordinator), E McLaren (Water Services Delivery Manager) and N Smith (Executive Assistant), and Ms T Davel (Governance Coordinator)

The meeting was livestreamed.

The Mayor opened the meeting with the karakia and Councillor Affirmation.

APOLOGIES

None.

IDENTIFICATION OF ANY EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Standing items were acknowledged, including Councillor Hasson in respect of the District Licensing Item.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Council held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 28 July 2021**

Moved – Councillor Alexander / **Seconded** – Councillor Lyall

‘That the Council confirms the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Council held on Wednesday 28 July 2021’

CARRIED

CURRENT MATTERS REQUIRING ATTENTION

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| Trade Waste soil testing | Council 7 July 2021 | Staff report back on soil sampling data at discharge level and around pivots | 8 September 2021 |
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REPORTS

1. Mayor

Mayor's Report

The Mayor asked Councillors for inputs into the submission to Waka Kotahi. He said this would be an investment for the future. The Mayor's report also addressed the signs 'Welcome to Waikirikiri / Selwyn' and speed around townships. He said speed and signage doesn't meet expectations of residents.

The Mayor said he had met with the other Mayors on the South Island and the leadership of Ngai Tahu to discuss where things were at in terms of the water reform issue. He said there was a variety of views as to whether or not this would be a good thing.

The Mayor said there would be a further meeting on 24 August and said communication with the community should continue. A working group with interested Councillors could meet weekly for 20 – 30 minutes and report back. Councillors who volunteered for this are Councillors Miller, Epiha and McInnes. The information will be shared with all Councillors.

The Mayor also mentioned the recently held Selwyn Awards, which turned out to be a great night with 450 people attending. It was a really smoothly run event and the Mayor thanked Kelsey Waghorn for her leadership in pulling together the team to make this such a big success. He said she went all out to showcase the best of the Selwyn District.

In response to comments from Councillors, the Mayor said any Councillor was welcome to attend any ward meetings with him. He added that his Personal Assistant had already been in contact with Councillors and if they wanted to have any involvement in attending meetings with him, they should contact her.

Moved – Councillor Lyall / **Seconded** – Councillor Miller

'That the Council:

a) Receives the Mayor's report for information; and

b) Appoint Councillors Epiha and Lemon as alternates for the Orion Ltd Annual General Meeting on Monday 23 August 2021.'

CARRIED

Notice of Motion

Councillors Miller and Alexander spoke to their notice of motion.

Councillor Miller said this was the single most important decision in the existence of the Council so far. Most people regard safe water, access to water as a fundamental right in New Zealand. It was his view that the Selwyn District Council has been providing timely and quality services. Councillor Miller said that the proposed entity seemed to be divorced from Selwyn's ideas. He added one size fits all does not apply to Selwyn. He added that over a decade worth of work would be lost around the water management issue. A unilateral decision also did not sit well with ratepayers. Geographically Selwyn was blessed with a flat topography

and there was an ability to transport and deliver, economically. Selwyn's past ratepayers have paid for this forward while other Councils may be paying for it backwards. A range of concerns included the growing relationship with Te Taumutu Runanga and how this may be affected by the water reform. Councillor Miller said he remained unconvinced that this was the correct way forward. He said he could not recall one example of a government reform of this scale that was successful.

Councillor Miller said there would be challenges for our communities and in particular chlorination, with these decisions being driven by the entity. He said there was a need for a lot more information, and that the community need to be more involved. He stressed that he perceived this as the number 1 issue Council would be facing and said if it was brought back to the basics of what a Council provides e.g. water, roads, sewerage, and rubbish, that this was one of the big four.

Councillor Alexander agreed noting not enough information has been received so far. He would not want to go ahead without asking his community. The community owns the assets, not the Council. He said there had been high rating increases to get these services into a good and appropriate place. He said he did not believe the figures presented by central government, nor the savings being predicted. He said there may well be savings in procurement but it won't be the 40% being predicted, and said it was insulting to staff. He said Council had an obligation not to give away ratepayer assets. It was theirs and they should be choosing. If the government takes it away they would have to answer at the next election.

Other Councillors agreed that Council had a statutory obligation to consult with its communities.

Moved – Councillor Miller / **Seconded** – Councillor Alexander

'That the Selwyn District Council will not agree to transfer any water, waste water, or storm water assets to any other entity without first undertaking full consultative process with the Selwyn community'.

CARRIED (Unanimously)

2. Chief Licensing Inspector

Joint District Licensing Committee and Chief Licensing Inspector Monthly Report 1 June 2021 – 30 June 2021

Councillor Hasson stepped away from the table.

Mr Johnston referred to an incident in Rolleston on May 15th noting the victim would be off work for a year, which shows how serious that incident was. He would be reporting back on the incident where a young girl was supposedly sold four bottles of bourbon. On a more positive note, Mr Johnston said the recent winter festival was a huge success.

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

'That the Council receives the report on the activities of the District Licensing Committee and the Chief Licensing Inspector for June 2021.'

CARRIED

Councillor Hasson stepped back to the table.

3. Group Manager – Community Services and Facilities

Community Services and Facilities Group Update

Group Manager Community Services and Facilities and staff presented two videos – one on the Selwyn Youth Council and one on the Selwyn Awards evening. Mrs Kidd noted the past year and a half with the COVID and opening of facilities, was not a typical year.

She spoke to the purpose of the blessing of Te Ara Atea, being to settle the building. There was also ongoing collaboration with the Ministry for Social Development to deliver a range of internships with Selwyn District Council. Mrs Kidd also told Council about workshop for community committees, intended to consider the current committees and whether they were an effective mechanism for Selwyn residents. The results will be summarised for a report to come to Council in a future meeting. Councillors will have a short briefing to review what their roles as hosts would be at these workshops.

Moved – Councillor McInnes / **Seconded** – Councillor Mugford

‘That Council receives the report Community Services and Facilities Group Update, for information.’

CARRIED

4. Strategy and Policy Planner

Private Plan Change 61 – Rezoning of Land in Darfield (East)

Staff noted the report was procedural and reflects the Commissioner’s decision. There was a brief discussion on availability of water and connection to sewerage with staff noting that the developer knows they should connect.

Moved – Councillor Lemon / **Seconded** – Councillor Gallagher

‘That the Council:

- a) accepts the recommendation of the independent Commissioner in regards to Plan Change 61 from Rupert and Catherine Wright to rezone land in Darfield;*
- b) pursuant to Clause 29(4) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, approves Plan Change 61 subject to the modifications described and for the reasons given in the Commissioner’s recommendation dated 7 July 2021;*
- c) approves the public notification of Council’s decision that establishes that the Operative Selwyn District Plan is deemed to have been amended in accordance with the decision in (b) above from the date of the public notice in accordance with Clause 11 of the Resource Management Act;*
- d) delegates the Team Leader Strategy and Policy to take any steps necessary to give effect to recommendation (b) and (c) above; and*
- e) delegates the Team Leader Strategy and Policy to take any steps necessary to give effect to make Plan Change 61 operative at the conclusion of the appeal period where no appeals are filed.’*

CARRIED

5. Asset Manager Water Services, and Water Service Delivery Manager *Water Services Monthly Update*

Staff went through their report noting emergency works have been completed after the recent flooding with only a few remediation issues waiting to be done during drier conditions. Initial flooding assessment have been undertaken and mitigation options will be presented to Council in due course.

Good progress was made with the Darfield pipeline with a lot of piping being delivered.

Staff also said the Water Services Bill 2nd reading recently went through Parliament and that they would bring any significant changes for Council to a subsequent Council meeting.

Moved – Councillor Alexander / **Seconded** – Councillor Gallagher

‘That the Council receives the report “Water Services Monthly Update” for information’

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

REGISTER OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED AND SEALED

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

‘That the following transactions and the fixing of the Common Seal under authorised signatures have been approved.’

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| 1 | Name of other party | Phillip Charles Shaw |
| | Transaction type | Deed of Licence |
| | Transaction description | Part RS 41684 Coaltrack Road, Coalgate 1.55 hectares |

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| 2 | Name of other party | Central Plains Water Limited |
| | Transaction type | Agreement to Grant an Easement |
| | Transaction description | Easements for Stage 2 of the CPWL Scheme |

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| 3 | Name of other party | Registrar-General of Land |
| | Transaction type | Land Transfer |
| | Transaction description | Pursuant to section 349 of the LGA 1974 – transfer of land to vest as road (Lot 5010 DP 472321) Shillingford Boulevard, Rolleston |

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| 4 | Name of other party | Charing Cross Farming Company Limited |
| | Transaction type | Deed of Licence |
| | Transaction description | Reserve 1508 Telegraph Road 2.0234 hectares |

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| 5 | Name of other party | Angus Alan Grant |
| | Transaction type | Deed of Licence |
| | Transaction description | Part Rural Section 42089 88 Weedons Road, Lincoln 7.8377 hectares |

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| 6 | Name of other party | David Stephen Cart & Karen Rita Cart |
| | Transaction type | Deed of Licence |
| | Transaction description | Lot 2 DP 433282 and Part Lot 1 DP76897 Horndon Street, Darfield 4.73 hectares |

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| 7 | Name of other party | Connetics Limited |
| | Transaction type | Deed of Licence |
| | Transaction description | Lot 3 DP 54850 Two Chain Road 2.4227 hectares |

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| 8 | Name of other party | Garrison Developments Limited |
| | Transaction type | Deed of Indemnity – vesting of reserve in Council subject to an existing easement |
| | Transaction description | Verdeco Park, Lincoln - Stage 6 |

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| 9 | Name of other party | Hororata Playcentre |
| | Transaction type | Deed of Renewal |
| | Transaction description | Part Reserve 954 Lot 8 corner Duncans Road and Hororata Road, Hororata |

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| 10 | Name of other party | West Melton Bowling Club |
| | Transaction type | Deed of Lease |
| | Transaction description | Part Reserve 3789 at West Melton Reserve 225m ² |

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| 11 | Name of other party | Alan Neil Bland and June Mary Bland |
| | Transaction type | Discharge of Mortgage |
| | Transaction description | 16 Pacific Drive, Rakaia Huts |

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| | Name of other party | Sheldon J Reed Trust |
| | Transaction type | Deed of Surrender of Licence |
| | Transaction description | Gallaghers Pit, Homebush Road |

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved – Councillor Lyall / **Seconded** – Councillor Reid

‘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 |
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| 1. | Public Excluded Minutes | <i>Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7</i> | <i>Section 48(1)(a)</i> | |
| 2. | Audit and Risk Chair appointment | | | 12 August 2021 |
| 3. | Director Appointment to CCHL Subsidiary Board | | | On a mutually agreed date |
| 4. | Selwyn Aquatic Centre Update | | | In conjunction with other reports as appropriate |
| 5. | Water Services Network Management | | | |

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:

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| 2, 3 | Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons; or | Section 7(2)(a) |
| 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 | Enable the local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities; or | Section 7(2)(h) |

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| 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 | 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) |
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2 that appropriate officers remain to provide advice to the Committee.'

The public meeting ended at 2.37pm for a brief break before moving into Public Excluded at 3pm.

The meeting resumed in open meeting at 3.43pm.

The meeting ended at 3.43pm.

DATED this 14 day of September 2021


MAYOR