

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2025 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM**

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The meeting was livestreamed.

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

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CARRIED

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PRESENTATION BY HON NICOLA GRIGG MP

The Honourable Nicola Grigg, MP, told Council of some of the recent and current central government developments.

Ms Grigg noted she had been working hard with her cabinet colleagues given the approaching budget day. She was pleased to have brought some of her senior colleagues, including Transport, Health and Education amongst others, to the District recently.

She is aware that as a central government, the focus must be on economic growth, and the funding for services that come from that. She said it was important to combat the rising cost of living, reducing of inflation and reducing interest rates to mortgage holders across the country and of course also this district. There were ongoing conversations about delivery of infrastructure and how the Crown might best fund that, including through public private partnerships. She said the focus is on attracting offshore investors and trying to deliver services to the public as they should expect. With the current fiscal constraints and the economy being in recession Ms Grigg said everyone would have to be creative going forward.

The past 18 months were spent on legislative reform especially around the Resource Management Act and Public Works act. The focus is to wind back onerous regulatory barriers, and the red tape that people complain about with the need to expedite the delivery of housing and infrastructure.

Finally, Ms Grigg referred to the fast track approvals act and the number of developments that have sought and been granted approval, and it's fantastic for the district. Admittedly it puts pressure on local infrastructure and council. Selwyn is well represented by an ambitious and energised Mayor, and she said she does appreciate it.

The Mayor thanked Ms Grigg for address Council today.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 1. Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Council held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 19 February 2025.**

Moved – Councillor Mugford / **Seconded** – Councillor Gliddon

'That the Council confirms the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Council held on Wednesday 19 February 2025.'

CARRIED

MATTERS REQUIRING ATTENTION

None.

REPORTS

1. Mayor

Mayor's Report

The Mayor referred to his report for information and added that the Representation Review Hearings were held earlier this morning. The final day for a decision from the Local Government Commission is 10 April.

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

'That Council receives the Mayor's Report February 2025 for information'

CARRIED

2. REPORT BACK FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

2.1 Malvern Community Board

Mr Russell spoke to council and thanked the Mayor and councillors for the opportunity to attend council meetings. He said he was impressed with Mr Gibling's ability and his encouragement in dealing with the Community Board as lead ELT staff member. He also thanked council staff in general, noting that while on many occasions they are criticised, the people he deals with are doing well to keep the community board in a good position. Board members remain actively engaged with their community and associations. Working with several associations outside the Malvern Ward, e.g. Lincoln, Leeston and others to talk about the benefits of community boards. March was busy with A&P shows, and a quiz night, raising \$3000 for the ANZAC memorial. The Board met to discuss the budget which will be formally considered next week at its meeting. They want to ensure value for money. Board members are also involved in the LWDW consultation as well as the ECan public transport proposal and have submitted to both consultation processes.

Mr Russell noted he was concerned that the DRA put in a submission to abolish the Board. He said the Board is working together harmoniously and while they only have six months left of this triennium, they have a lot to accomplish and will prove its worth.

2.2 Economic Development

The Chairperson noted the last meeting and thanked staff for the work, specifically due to the short turnaround between the last 2 meetings. At the last meeting Lincoln uni and Orion presented on a joint energy plan. It also led to the establishment of a cross sector steering group and planning was underway to support maori economic development and long-term energy plans. They also adopted a prioritisation tool and endorsed investment and divestment decision trees. He thanked the members of the subcommittee and the staff for the immense amount of work.

2.3 Housing and Urban Development

No meeting was held since the last council meeting, but there was a good discussion on the Resource Management Act Consenting and Other Matters Amendment Bill.

2.4 Climate Change and Sustainability

The Chairperson said her subcommittee looked at the climate change policy for review; as well as draft emissions reduction plan and a sustainability plan. She noted she was in the process of organising a meeting for April to consider these plans again. She added that the Selwyn Residents and Business climate change survey results were in and it was interesting to see all the responses.

2.5 Local Water Done Well

The Mayor noted the hearings that will be held the next day. He thanked Councillors Lyall and McInnes for fronting a public meeting in this space. He said everyone would by now have received and read the submissions and over the next 10 days would be the big decision period.

2.6 Finance & Performance

No report back.

The Mayor noted for information that although there may not be feedback every month, it will always be part of the agenda to provide the space for anyone to give feedback.

Moved – Councillor Reid / **Seconded** – Councillor Dean

‘That Council receives the feedback from Subcommittee Chairpersons, for information’

CARRIED

3. Chief Executive

Chief Executive’s Report

The Chief Executive went through her report and responded to questions on health and safety requirements particularly the obligations of councillors in this space.

The wording around delegations will be tidied up slightly as only the Council has some of the delegations as noted, and not the Chief Executive.

Moved – Councillor Gliddon / **Seconded** – Councillor Epiha

‘That Council:

(a) Receives the Chief Executive’s report for information:

(b) Delegates the functions, powers and duties of the local authority under the Local Government Act to the Chief Executive in relation to the Fast Track Approval Act 2024.

CARRIED

4. Notice of Motion

Councillor Debra Hasson

Councillor Hasson noted her notice of motion could be used as a template going forward. Staff noted a prioritised plan was underway.

Moved – Councillor Hasson / **Seconded** – Councillor Reid

The request is that the following, including sub-clauses (a -b) be placed on the Council agenda 19 March 2025 for discussion and, if passed, that a staff report be written for the Council meeting to be held 16 April 2025.

a) The Council requests a report regarding the need for a prioritised plan that gives staff the flexibility within Council's Annual Plan/Long Term Plan to purchase suitable land for the extension of the Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant at short notice.

b) This action is delegated to the Chief Executive.

CARRIED

5. Chief Digital Officer

Digital LTP Update

The Chief Digital Officer went through his presentation. He reiterated there was an AI policy in place and will soon be replaced with a Modern Workplace policy, which will come to Council for approval soon. Council agreed they would appreciate further training in this space and to maximise the technology available. Staff would invite Councillors to a training workshop.

Moved – Councillor Epiha / **Seconded** – Councillor McInnes

'That the Council receives for information the report "Digital LTP Update".

CARRIED

6. Ordering of Candidate Names on Voting Documents

Chief Executive Officer

Moved - Councillor Mugford / **Seconded** – Councillor Reid

'That Council resolves that the names of the candidates at the 2025 triennial Selwyn District Council elections and any subsequent by-elections until further notice, are arranged on voting documents in random order.'

CARRIED

Cr Mundt against

7. Disestablishing a committee of Council – Westview Special Fund Committee

Chief Executive Officer

The Chairperson of the Committee told Council that the Committee had done well over the past couple of years funding many projects. He thanked the members and staff for their work.

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

‘That Council resolves to disestablish the Westview Special Fund Committee with effect from the day of this council meeting, being 19 March 2025.’

CARRIED

8. Central Plains Water Joint Settlor Committee Terms of Reference AND Central Plains Water Trust Annual Sustainability Report

Chief Executive Officer

Councillor Miller stepped back from the table due to a conflict of interest.

Councillor Gliddon told the Council that this will provide guidance for a future council coming in. She noted that Mr Wanhalla resigned from the Trust and that she has written to Runanga for a replacement. Councillor Gliddon noted the difference between the Joint Settlers Committee and the Trust. She said the Joint Settlers Committee were the Christchurch City Council and Selwyn district council which oversees the Trust. The Trust holds the consents.

Moved – Councillor Gliddon / **Seconded** – Councillor Reid

‘That Council:

- 1) endorses the revised Central Plains Water Joint Settlor Committee Terms of Reference; and*
- 2) receives for its information, the Annual Sustainability Report of the Central Plains Water Trust.’*

CARRIED

Councillor Miller stepped back to the table.

GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC FORUM

None.

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved – Councillor Hasson / **Seconded** – Councillor Mugford

'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.	CORDE Statement of Intent FY26-28			

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

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

CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded at 3pm.

With no further business being discussed, the meeting closed at 3.52pm.

DATED this 16th day of April 2025



CHAIRPERSON