

**MINUTES OF THE REPRESENTATION REVIEW HEARINGS
OF THE SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT

Mayor S Broughton; Councillors P Dean, S N O H Epiha, D Hasson, M B Lyall (arrived at 9.50am), S G McInnes, E S Mundt, and N C Reid

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs S Mason (Chief Executive); Messrs. T Harris (Executive Director Enabling Services), S Gibling (Executive Director People, Culture & Capability), T Mason (Executive Director Infrastructure & Property), R Love (Executive Director Development & Growth); Mesdames S Carnoutsos (Acting Head of Marketing & Communications), and Mrs T Van der Velde (Personal Assistant), and Ms T Davel (Senior Governance Advisor) and C Bennet (Governance Coordinator)

The meeting was livestreamed.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received in respect of Councillors Gliddon, Miller and Mugford

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

‘That the Council receives the apologies, as notified.’

CARRIED

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

SUBMISSIONS

Submission 606 Rachel Thomas / Karl Dean - North Canterbury Province of Federated Farmers of New Zealand (*online*)

Mr Dean noted they did not support the changes in ward boundaries. Rolleston and Springs wards have the ability to grow faster than some of the others. They also did not support the community board and he noted that the board seemed to have internal struggles, referring to the recent costly by-election. Furthermore, they did not have any particular preference on the inclusion or not, of te reo in the ward names. He said that will come at a cost to the ratepayers.

Submission 459 Bede Laracy – Raumati Community Board (online)

Mr Laracy said he want to give a shout out to community boards. Speaking on his own past experience with his community board, he said people say there are better ways of doing things, but he doesn't see that. Until there's something better to replace it with, they have a role.

Cr Lyall arrived 9.50am

Mr Laracy said he thought that every community board should get up and do things, not wait around for Council to tell them what to do.

Submission 451 Terry Glass

Mr Glass said that Selwyn has many volunteer groups and council does a great work encouraging people to get involved. He commended council for their patience and perseverance. He also said he was surprised at the number of people opposed to disestablishing the community board. He said we should try and leave the place better than what we found it.

He said unless community board are empowered, they may as well not exist and that other methods to reach communities could be looked into.

Submission 325 Basil and Trudi Meyer

Mr Meyer said the current system works okay and they did not want to see change. He added that, reflecting on the LTP, there was nothing in it for rural people. He said what councillors should do, is to be looking at all of Selwyn District, not just the ward they represent. He thought they got very little for their rates. He was concerned with an increasing division between urban and rural.

He said what happened to the community board a year ago wasn't good, it cost the people. It comes down the people involved, if you have a cohesive team that drive initiatives it's good. He support the retention of the board but added that it was up for discussion as to whether it could be strengthened through a formal format.

Submission 175 Gareth Payne

Mr Payne said the options removed the infrastructure for local democracy. He said if councillors were here for the money they were in the wrong job and not fit for purpose. More delegations needed to be given to the community board and residents' associations.

Regarding the ward names, he said 99% of people did not speak Maori, and 100% should speak English. He was curious about how much money this will cost, and how council got to asking the question.

Morning tea break 10.35am – 11am

Submission 541 Trevor Taege

Mr Taege said Malvern needed at least two councillors and a community board. He quoted example where in his opinion, Council had not been listening to him. He said he wanted the Community Board to be more active but admitted he would come to Council in the first instance with an issue because the community board will only bring it to the council anyway.

Submission 446 Bruce Davey – Arthurs Pass Association

With over 100 people in the group, Mr Davey said he was here to represent their views, and looking to celebrate and preserve the area's rich heritage. He said there was generally positive interaction with councillors. He said 2 councillors in Malvern would be ideal but where this was not possible, it would need a community board. Historically though, their relationships are more with councillors rather than the community board.

CLOSING REMARKS

The Mayor thanked Council for their attendance. He said if they had any specific questions to please email the Chief Executive.

With no further business being discussed, the meeting on Day 2, Friday 27 September 2024 at 11.35am ended.

DATED this 10 day of October 2024



CHAIRPERSON