

**MINUTES OF THE DRAFT WAIKIRIRI KI TUA FUTURE SELWYN DELIBERATIONS OF
THE SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 9AM**

PRESENT

Mayor S T Broughton; Councillors, P M Dean, S G McInnes, R H Mugford, E S Mundt, and N C Reid; and Ms M McKay

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs. S Gibling (Executive Director People, Culture & Capability), C Smith (Digital Marketing Advisor), C Han (Digital Operations), G Sariak (Strategy Team Leader) and R Mayes (Strategy Planner); Mesdames S Mason (Chief Executive), S Carnoutsos (Acting Head of Marketing & Communications), N Cahill (Marketing Manager), J O'Brien (Marketing Advisor), and Ms N McCarthy (Minute Taker)

APOLOGIES

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

'That the Council receives the apologies from Councillors M B Lyall, S N O H Epiha, G S F Miller, L L Gliddon, D Hasson, and an apology for lateness from Councillor Mundt.'

CARRIED

OPENING COMMENTS

Introduction and Welcome from the Mayor

Mayor Broughton welcomed all present. He said this is the last chance to make changes. Recommendations will go through from Council for decision.

Overview from the Officer – R Mayes (Strategy Planner)

Mr Mayes introduced the Deliberations Document and gave a refresher of the process to date. Work began on the draft in 2020. Council staff have been working to create the draft of the Waikirikiri Ki Tua future Selwyn (WKTFS) which the Council is looking at today.

Cr Mundt arrived at 9.10am

Mr Mayes outlined next steps should the WKTFS be adopted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 1. Minutes of the Selwyn District Council Draft Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn Hearings of the Selwyn District Council held in the Council Chambers on Friday 30 August 2024**

One amendment noted:

... not just moving around the community to read ... not just moving around the community centres.

Councillor Reid questioned Page 10 – Councillors D Hassan and G Miller left the meeting at 2.01pm. It was confirmed this was correct.

Moved – Councillor Reid / **Seconded** – Councillor McInnes

CARRIED

5.1 General Themes

5.1.1 Strategy Structure

There were a number of submissions WKTFS was kept at high level.

Recommendations

Amend all instances of the wording “Outcomes and Directions” within the draft of WKTFS as follows:

“Outcomes, Supporting Outcomes and Directions”

Insert directly before ‘A great Place to Call Home’ a title and description as follows:

“Outcomes, Supporting Outcomes and Directions

Below are the four main outcomes that seek to achieve the Vision and spirit of Selwyn. Each of these main outcomes is supported by various supporting outcomes, which in turn, contain directions that describe what needs to be done in order for that outcome to be achieved.”

Insert a section below ‘How Does Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn Fit Within Our Strategic Context’ as follows:

“Implementation

Waikirikiri Ki Kua will shape and inform all decisions and investment that Council makes. This includes guiding plans, policies, bylaws, direction and guidance. The next step is to develop Area Plans, which will provide more detailed information and direction on future growth and development of the district. The projects contained within the Area Plans will be implemented through subsequent Long-Term Plans. As Area Plans are spatial plans, non-spatial actions will be identified and implemented through other instruments, including changes to the District Plan and/or non-statutory LGA plans and policies. The Area Plans and non-spatial actions will be developed with consultation within the community.”

Amend the visual identified as Figure 7 in the Officer’s Report to remove the ‘Strategic Priorities’ layer and include it in the Strategic Framework section of WKTFS with an introductory explanation of the Strategic Framework explaining the interrelationship.

The Council supports staff recommendations.

CARRIED

5.1.2 Council Focus

There were a number of suggestions around affordability and to make sure it represented the people’s perspective. Overall, no recommendations are proposed. There was discussion

around affordability in the vision.

- To the questioned raised re robustness, Mr Sariak responded that there is central government priority – there are local voice outcomes in the framework. These do co-exist well throughout the framework. Have discussed the process when there are changes to legislation and make sure that these are incorporated in the WKTFs.
- Words really matter. How do we incorporate affordability? Liveability probably is more right for the Selwyn District whereas affordability might be right for another district. Liveability wording does encapsulate.
- Liveability to be added to the key terms and glossary.
- Mr Sariak noted that the document is going to be reviewed for Te Reo Māori and key terms beyond the draft.

Recommendation

The Officer did not recommend any changes to the draft of WKTFs as a result of the submissions.

The Council supports staff recommendations.

CARRIED

5.1.3 Use of Te Reo and Te Ao Māori Principles

A number of submissions were received in support and questioning its use.

- Look at clarifying key terms and Te Reo terminology.

Recommendation

The Officer did not recommend any changes to the draft of WKTFs as a result of the submissions.

The Council supports staff recommendations.

CARRIED

5.1.4 Transport

- Council queried control over roadworks. It was noted that Council acts as an advocacy and roadworks is something we cannot control. It is beyond Council's control.

Recommendation

The Officer did not recommend any changes to the draft of WKTFs as a result of the submissions.

The Council supports staff recommendations.

CARRIED

5.1.5 Urban Form and Sprawl

- This was a big topic for the district. On the whole, most were against letting sprawl go unchecked.
- Focus needs to be more on enabling infill development. The Strategy Team feels there is a balance between the two; not to stop either one, be more considered.
- Mayor Broughton noted that this document needs to be read in conjunction with the Christchurch Spatial Plan. Council's view is this is still the right way to lead this discussion.

Recommendation

The Officer did not recommend any changes to the draft of WKTFS as a result of the submissions.

The Council supports staff recommendations.

CARRIED

5.1.6 Disadvantaged People

Recommendations:

Amend paragraph 1 on the Vision of Selwyn as follows:

"... Our places are equitable, distinct, liveable, vibrant, resilient and connected; enriching **all our** lives now and into the future ..."

Amend paragraph 2 on the Vision of Selwyn as follows:

"Our Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn is a place where **all** people feel they belong, are able to connect with one another, share experiences, celebrate our differences and value our heritage ..."

- Council is after connection.
- Restructure the first sentence in the first recommendation. Move the word "equitable" to after the word "connected;"

The Council supports all other staff recommendations.

CARRIED

5.1.7 Economy

Recommendation

The Officer did not recommend any changes to the draft of WKTFS as a result of the submissions.

The Council supports staff recommendation.

CARRIED

5.1.8 Housing

- Word smithing instead of town and cities as there are no towns and cities within; settlement could be the term.
- Correct paragraph three to “Promote our Rural Identity”.
- Housing is covered well.
- Clarify ‘urban form’ in key terms.

Recommendation

The Officer did not recommend any changes to the draft of WKTFS as a result of the submissions.

The Council supports staff recommendation.

CARRIED

5.1.9 Community Character

Recommendation

The Officer did not recommend any changes to the draft of WKTFS as a result of the submissions.

The Council supports staff recommendation.

CARRIED

5.1.10 Environmental and Climate Change

- There were some very strong points of view, some in conflict. Strong support for environmental outcomes and directions of the draft of WKTFS. On the whole support with what was provided.
- Interesting re comments on Climate Change.

Recommendation

The Officer did not recommend any changes to the draft of WKTFS as a result of the submissions.

The Council supports staff recommendation.

CARRIED

5.2 Organisations' Submissions

- Organisations generally had more of a narrow focus on their concern.

Recommendations

Add additional direction under "A Productive, Low-Carbon and Diverse Economy":

"9. Protect key infrastructure and resources from reverse sensitivity effects of urban growth and inappropriate activities."

Amend paragraph 2 on the Vision of Selwyn as follows:

"We embrace new technologies and get ahead of the curve, with sustainable infrastructure and investment unlocking the full potential of Waikirikiri Selwyn."

Amend Direction 1 under "Sustainable and Accessible Transport" as follows:

"Prioritise and enable sustainable transport options".

- Councillors McKay and Reid noted that it is important to use the same terms as the District Plan, i.e., "important infrastructure" not "key infrastructure". "Industry" would be a more suitable definition.
- Include industry in direction 9.

The Council supports staff recommendations.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10.28 am

Meeting reconvened at 10.50 am

5.3 Vision and Spirit

5.3.1 Stronger focus on rural communities

Recommendations

- a) Amend Paragraph 1 of the Spirit of Selwyn Section, in the Strategic framework section, as follows:

... Our sustainable and connected urban form sees improved connections between towns, new opportunities and choices for how we live, work and get around. The character of our small towns is cherished, and our rural areas are valued for farming and food production. Our growth is in harmony ...

- Discussion around wording "character of our small towns"; as small town grows, are we setting ourselves a trap?

- The team confirmed that as part of the areas plans, there is going to be more engagement with small towns and communities.
- At high level to say we will allow communities to say what is cherished.

Panel Recommendation

Explore rewording rural areas valued.

Recommendation

The Officer did not recommend any changes to the draft of WKTFS as a result of the submissions.

The Council supports staff recommendations.

CARRIED

5.3.2 Environment Considerations

- There was discussion around low carbon and wider environmental sustainability.
- Is it in Council's scope to address agricultural GHG emissions? It was noted that Council is under Central Government directive.

Panel Recommendation

Review whether reference to low carbon wording should be expanded to low environment

Recommendation

The Officer did not recommend any changes to the draft of WKTFS as a result of the submissions.

The Council supports staff recommendations.

CARRIED

5.3.3 General Changes

- A number of people wanted to add additional language.
- Affordable needs to be totally encompassed in this document.

Recommendation

The Officer did not recommend any changes to the draft of WKTFS as a result of the submissions.

The Council supports staff recommendations.

CARRIED

5.4 Framework and Outcomes

5.4.1 General changes

Recommendation

The Officer did not recommend any changes to the draft of WKTFS as a result of the submissions.

The Council supports staff recommendations.

CARRIED

5.5 Directions

5.5.1 General Changes

- Support the lack of hierarchy

Recommendation

The Officer did not recommend any changes to the draft of WKTFS as a result of the submissions.

The Council supports staff recommendation.

CARRIED

5.6 Urban Form Direction (Movement and Place)

5.6.1 General changes

- Council does not want to see changed dramatically.
- Needs to be a living strategy and lead with what the Lincoln environment wants.
- More explanation needs to be around Net Zero Town and what that means for the whole community

Recommendations

Amend the pop-up description of the Lincoln township as follows:

“... Lincoln has the opportunity to support a broader range of commercial business activity to support population growth ...”

Amend the pop-up description of the Lincoln township as follows:

Lincoln – ~~Education~~ **Knowledge** and Net Zero Town

The Council supports staff recommendations.

CARRIED

5.7 District Picture

5.7.1 General changes

Recommendation

The Officer did not recommend any changes to the draft of WKTFS as a result of the submissions.

The Council supports staff recommendation.

CARRIED

5.8 Township Network

Recommendation

The Officer did not recommend any changes to the draft of WKTFS as a result of the submissions.

The Council supports staff recommendation.

CARRIED

5.9 Other Feedback

- How do we share this information with Environment Canterbury or other organisations where this information could go.

5.9.1 Outside of Scope

5.9.2 Area Plan and Action Plan related comments

Panel Recommendation

Feed information on to appropriate team or organisation and feedback.

CARRIED

5.9.3 Usability of WKTFS

- Do we have a group of volunteers to go through the document before it goes out to the public?
- Noted that the team want to get a user test group of a diverse range of people.
- Through the consultation process it was possible to determine in some cases who had read all the key information or referred to the website prior to making feedback and some had clearly not read the information.
- Key term links would be helpful on the website – the team confirmed they are looking at another platform as current platform did not allow for the links.

- There is a recommendation for numbering and short code.

NEXT PHASES

- Put in place recommendations
- Improvements / readability for council meeting next month
- Get area plan underway
- Briefing 25th with broad overarching engagement on areas plans
- Report in October will outline some of the work that the team needs to go away and do and requires further work.

CLOSING COMMENTS

The Mayor noted that the next Council meeting will be the sign off.

The Mayor thanked Councillors and staff involved; it has been a massive piece of work. The responses to submissions show that we have staff who are really engaged in the process. The Mayor thanked the team.

The deliberations closed at 12.17pm on Friday 13 September 2024.

DATED this 23 day of October 2024



CHAIRPERSON