

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ON WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 2025  
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

**PRESENT**

Mayor S Broughton, Councillors, P M Dean (Chair), S N O H Epiha, S G McInnes, Ms M McKay, G S F Miller and N C Reid

**ATTENDEES**

Messrs S Gibling (Acting CEO), Mesdames D Kidd (Executive Director Community Services and Facilities), A Sneddon (Executive Director Finance) and C Quirke (Head of Community and Economic Development), S Robinson (Principal Advisor Economic Development), and F McDonald (Assistant to ED Community Services and Facilities); Mr B Adhikari (Governance Coordinator) and Ms T Davel (Senior Governance Advisor),

*The meeting was livestreamed.*

The meeting was opened with a Karakia.

The Chairperson acknowledged Councillor Mugford attending the meeting.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Epiha.

*'That the Economic Development Subcommittee receive the apologies for lateness from Councillor Epiha as notified.'*

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

**CARRIED**

**EXTRAORDINARY OR GENERAL BUSINESS**

None.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 1. Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Economic Development Subcommittee held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 19 March 2025.

It was noted that the word 'Tree' was misspelled.

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

*'That the Subcommittee confirms the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Economic Development Subcommittee held on Wednesday 19 March 2025 (as amended).'*

**CARRIED**

### 2. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson touched on Freight Hub, Dark Sky Accreditation and setting out what is important with a path/direction given the upcoming elections.

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

*'That the Economic Development Subcommittee receives the (verbal) update from the Chairperson for information'.*

**CARRIED**

### 3. Economic Development Update and Investment Strategy Update

Head of Community and Economic Development and Executive Director of Community Services and Facilities provided a report on the Work Programme Update.

Lincoln University has completed a report on Dark Sky and the next step is to onboard an expert and work out timelines and costs. The expectation is to employ someone inhouse. There will be an informal hui with the steering group to meet in June. There was also a discussion about meeting with other councils who already have Dark Sky accreditation

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

*'That the Subcommittee:*

- Approves the Economic Development Subcommittee Work Programmes and meeting dates on May, July, December 2026.*
- Notes items in the Economic Development Work Programme Update'*

**CARRIED**

## **RESOLUTION TO MOVE FROM PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

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

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 of the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason s 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.	Economic Development Update, Decision Trees and Prioritisation	<i>Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7</i>	<i>Section 48(1)(a)</i>	At a future date, subject to review

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	<i>The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.</i>	Section 7(2)(b)(ii)
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2      *that appropriate officers remain to provide advice to the Committee*

*'That the meeting moves out of public excluded business at 10.13am and resumes in open meeting at 11.09am.'*

**CARRIED**

With no further business being discussed, the meeting closed at 11:12am.

DATED this 14 day of May 2025



CHAIRPERSON