

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
REPRESENTATION REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL, ROLLESTON  
ON WEDNESDAY 12 MAY 2021 COMMENCING AT 11.00AM**

**PRESENT**

Councillors M A Alexander (Chair), S N O H Epiha J A Gallagher, G S F Miller and Mr J B Morten (Malvern Community Board Chair)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs D Ward (Chief Executive), S Hill (Group Manager Communication and Customers, Deputy Electoral Officer), M Staite (Miro Business Services Ltd); Mrs N Smith (Executive Assistant); and Ms T Davel (Governance Coordinator); Councillor Mugford and MCInnes, Lemon

**KARAKIA**

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone present and on-line.

Councillor Epiha opened with karakia.

**APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from the Mayor S T Broughton.

**Moved** – Councillor Alexander / **Seconded** – Mr Morten

*‘That the Representation Review Committee receives the apology from Mayor S T Broughton.’*

**CARRIED**

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Representation Review Subcommittee held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 10 February 2021

Councillor Epiha commends the Council for hanging the treaty in the Chambers.

**Moved** – Mr J Morten / **Seconded** – Councillor Miller

*‘That the Representation Review Committee confirm the minutes of its Meeting held on 10 February 2021, as circulated.’*

**CARRIED**

## CORRESPONDENCE

None.

## REPORTS

### 1. Deputy Electoral Officer

#### *Representation Review Timeline – Update*

Mr Hill explained that this report shows an updated timeline, highlighting a couple of the target dates. The matter needs to be before Council no later than its 28 July meeting.

With one or two more subcommittee meetings in June, the Subcommittee needed to be close to having an initial proposal finalised for consultation with the community.

Councillor Miller asked for clarification as to the outcome of this meeting to which the Chair said it was his hope that the Subcommittee would receive the staff reports and come to an agreement on a smaller number of maps. There was also an opportunity in July for the Subcommittee to present to full Council the proposal.

Mr Hill added that the final report on the agenda was the substantive one, and asks the subcommittee for further guidance, noting it would be good if they were left with no more than four maps.

**Moved** – Councillor Gallagher / **Seconded** – Councillor Miller

*‘That the Representation Review Subcommittee receive the report for information.’*

**CARRIED**

## 2. Deputy Electoral Officer

### *Representation Review: Pre-Consultation*

Mr Hill said the purpose of this report was to bring to the public agenda the results of a pre-consultation research study done. It would appear that wards didn't seem to be a high priority to most people. Growth was changing communities and the key issues of the representation showed most people did want to be represented by someone with a local connection to their township.

It was therefore clear that residents identified with their township rather than the Ward they lived in. There appeared to be no strong desire for substantial change.

Councillor Miller and Mr Morten noted that there seemed to be a strong emphasis for people to have someone in their community, or at least connected to it, to represent them.

Councillor Epiha referred to maori engagement and asked how the policy reflected that. He said this was a journey for the District and the Treaty on the wall reflected the engagement. He also referred to the spiritual significance of boundaries.

**Moved** – Councillor Epiha / **Seconded** – Mr Morten

*'That the Representation Review Subcommittee receive the report on Representation Review pre-consultation for information.'*

**CARRIED**

## 3. Deputy Electoral Officer

### *Representation Review: Representation Scenarios*

Mr Staite went through each map individually. The Subcommittee discussed each map to decide which to eliminate and which to keep for further consultation. The following comments were made:

4-11B and 4-11C – the latter puts Hororata back in the Malvern Ward as it's clear they don't identify with Ellesmere.

4-10B – Meshblocks between Rolleston and Burnham would feel to look to Selwyn Central Ward rather than Ellesmere. With Selwyn Central being so small it becomes an urban ward. This was a map that could be taken forward.

4-7B – to remain in as possibility.

3SE -11 – Members did not agree with the map noting it takes the Malvern Ward all the way down to the sea.

3SE-10 and 310-C – to remain in as possibility.

3SE-9 – Members did not agree with keeping the map as possibility.

2MC-SE – Members did not agree with keeping the map as possibility

5-11 – Most members did not agree with keeping the map as possibility. There was disagreement amongst members on this in terms of current and future growth. It was agreed that in the future there may be a need for a fifth ward but not at present. In the next representation review in six years' time, this may well be the model but at the moment Rolleston wouldn't see itself split into two towns.

**To summarise:**

- 1) 4-10B, 4-7B and 3SE10-C were the maps to go forward.
- 2) It was also agreed that a further possibility (4-10C) would be modelled up for the next meeting.
- 3) It was further agreed that the Malvern Community Board will be discussed in the June meeting.

**Moved** – Councillor Miller / **Seconded** – Councillor Epiha

- a) *'That the Representation Review Subcommittee receive the report; and*
- b) *That the subcommittee give guidance to staff for further refinement of representation scenarios, with a view to completing an Initial Proposal for public consultation, no later than July 2021.'*

**CARRIED**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

*The meeting closed at 12.03pm*

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021

  
CHAIRPERSON  
