

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
REPRESENTATION REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL, ROLLESTON
ON TUESDAY 9 JULY 2024 COMMENCING AT 4PM**

PRESENT

Councillors P M Dean (Chairperson), L L Gliddon (Deputy Chairperson), M B Lyall and Mr B Russell (Chairperson Malvern Community Board); and Miss M Wills (Selwyn Youth Council, from 4.08pm)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr T Harris (Executive Director Enabling Services), Community Board Members C Payne and P Freeman; Ms S Carnoutsos (Head of Marketing and Communications), T Davel (Senior Governance Advisor) and C Bennet (Governance Coordinator)

KARAKIA

The Chair opened the meeting with karakia.

APOLOGIES

An apology was received in respect of the Mayor (S Broughton)

Moved - Councillor Gliddon / **Seconded** – Mr Russell

‘That the Representation Review Subcommittee receive the apology as notified.’

CARRIED

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None noted.

EXTRAORDINARY OR URGENT BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Calvin Payne

Mr Payne addressed the Subcommittee and thanked them for the opportunity to present his views. He said this process was an opportunity for Council to provide effective elected representation for the Selwyn Community.

Ms Wills arrived 4.08pm

Mr Payne said he would support the review of ward names but thought it should be delayed until the number of wards, boundaries and community boards (or not) were decided. He did not believe the current options provided effective elected representation in the District. Mr Payne made several suggestions for change including redrawing the boundary between Rolleston and Ellesmere. Mr Payne showed how many councillors per person in each area there currently are and noted the Community Board should not only be retained but that its member numbers should be increased and a community board in Ellesmere should also be considered.

Mr Payne also made suggestions as to how the formal consultation should occur.

His speaking notes were tabled with the request that it be accepted as an early submission to the upcoming initial proposal going out for consultation soon.

Mr Harvey Polglase – Darfield Resident's Association

Mr Polglase spoke on behalf of the Darfield Resident's Association, supported by Waddington / Sheffield, Kirwee and Coalgate Residents' groups. Mr Polglase noted that the conclusion of the initial consultation shows it can't be considered valid. He cited three main reasons for his observation, being:

Firstly, the local body commission determination of 2016 declared the Malvern Community Board to be valid. Nothing has changed to negate that.

Secondly, he referred to a section of the Act which refers to consultation to dissolve a community board and said he didn't believe this has been complied with.

Thirdly, anyone who did not want the disestablishment of the Malvern Community Board has been denied a democratic right to express their opinion, due to the wording of the initial consultation.

Mr Polglase said the committee needed to acknowledge the support presented for the continuation of the Malvern Community Board. He felt the options for consultation needed to be reframed so as to include the Board and he said the proposal by Councillor Gliddon should be seriously considered for inclusion.

Mr Polglase also noted that the latest agenda for the Council meeting was 844 pages with Councillors being given a few days to peruse it. He said having more local representation, not less, as well as having more Community Boards in other areas of the districts should be looked at.

Mr Polglase ended by saying residents need a democratic process with a selection of fair options, not a prejudged agenda.

The Chairperson thanked both speakers for their time. Copies of their speaking notes were handed to the Committee Advisor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Public minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Representation Review Subcommittee held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 28 May 2024

Councillor Gliddon's supplementary comments will be added to the minutes of the last meeting.

Moved – Councillor Lyall / **Seconded** – Councillor Gliddon

'That the Representation Review Committee confirm the public minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Representation Review Subcommittee of Tuesday 28 May 2024, as circulated.'

CARRIED

REPORTS

1. Executive Director Enabling Services

Naming of Wards

Mr T Harris, Executive Director Enabling Services updated the Subcommittee about the process to get the names. The names highlight significant landmarks within the wards and were not completely new to the wards.

There was a question about Malvern's proposed name change (being Tawera), and the fact there was already currently a subdivision by that name within the Ward and potential confusion caused by this. Staff said it would be worked through during the process.

It was agreed the background / reasons for the names will form part of the consultation documents going out.

Moved – Councillor Lyall / **Seconded** – Councillor Gliddon

'That the Representation Review Subcommittee:

(a) receive the report; and

(b) That, in the option of having 4 wards and 8 Councillors, the ward names be changed as follows:

Ward 1 (Malvern) becomes Malvern Tawera Ward.

Ward 2 (Rolleston) becomes Rolleston Kā Mānia Ward.

Ward 3 (Ellesmere) becomes Ellesmere Te Waihora Ward.

Ward 4 (Springs) becomes Springs Kā Puna Ward.

CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUM DISCUSSION

A question was asked about what next in terms of the speakers' opinions raised. The Chairperson said that all the information is open to the Council and all of Council will make decisions based on these recommendations.

The Malvern Community Board Chairperson asked whether the community board could speak in public forum at the next Council meeting with staff indicating the Board should put in a formal written request to that effect.

GENERAL BUSINESS

With no further business, the meeting ended at 4.30pm. The meeting closed with a karakia.

DATED this 23 day of October 2024



CHAIRPERSON