

## TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLEASANT POINT COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM, PLEASANT POINT TOWN HALL, HALSTEAD ROAD, PLEASANT POINT ON TUESDAY 23 MAY 2017 AT 7.30PM

**PRESENT** Clr Richard Lyon (Chairperson), Neville Gould, Raewyn Hessel, John McDonald and Karalyn Reid

**APOLOGIES** Clr Paddy O'Reilly and Bernie Wilson

**IN ATTENDANCE** Bryan Blanchard – Pleasant Point Railway and Historical Society – for item 5  
Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Property Manager (Matt Ambler), Council Secretary (Joanne Brownie)

#### 1 IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

The Board agreed that the following items be considered as urgent business at this meeting –

- Boundary adjustment to the former high school courts site in Pleasant Point (delaying consideration of the matter may result in funding for the project lapsing)
- Pleasant Point domestic water tanks.

#### 2 IDENTIFICATION OF MINOR NATURE MATTERS

The Board agreed to discuss the following minor nature items at this meeting –

- Sportsfields vandalism
- Opihi Rating District.

#### 3 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson reported on logging and replanting plans for the Waitohi Reserve, and planned changes to the garden beds at the bottom of Manse Road. He also passed on appreciation from the Principal of the Pleasant Point Primary School for the work of the Community Board and of Council.

#### 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed John McDonald  
Seconded Raewyn Hessel

"That the minutes of the Pleasant Point Community Board meeting held on 7 March 2017, with the exclusion of the public excluded item, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

MOTION CARRIED

#### 5 PLEASANT POINT RAILWAY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bryan Blanchard of the Pleasant Point Railway and Historical Society spoke to the Board on the history of the society from its early beginnings in 1970, outlining some of the work it has undertaken in recent years and the activities it is involved with currently. The sterling work of the volunteers has been critical to the group's achievements, generously assisted by local community groups and businesses.

Challenges the society faces in the future include increasing costs in meeting government regulations and attracting young membership.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Blanchard for updating the Board and congratulated the Society on what it does for the town and the community, noting that the railway is responsible for attracting many visitors to the town.

## **6 CODE OF CONDUCT OF ELECTED MEMBERS POLICY**

The Board considered a report by the Group Manager Corporate Services presenting the Code of Conduct of Elected Members policy for approval. The Chief Executive gave a brief overview of the policy, explaining that all Councils are required to have a Code of Conduct. The changes outlined in the document are not substantial but intended to provide greater clarity and certainty to the policy.

Proposed Karalyn Reid  
Seconded Raewyn Hessel

“That the Code of Conduct for Elected Members Policy be recommended to Council for adoption.”

MOTION CARRIED

## **7 REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTED MEMBERS REMUNERATION – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

The Board considered a report by the Group Manager Corporate Services inviting comment on the Remuneration Authority Consultation Document on Local Government remuneration. The Chief Executive explained the different parts to the report, with Part Two outlining immediate changes, requiring feedback in June and Part Three, the Longer Term Proposals, which do not require feedback until October.

Proposed Raewyn Hessel  
Seconded Karalyn Reid

“That the Board conveys to the Policy and Development Committee that -

- the Board generally agrees with the proposals set out in Part Two of the Consultation Document, specifically the RMA Plan hearing fees and retention of the 30km rule for mileage claims
- the Board does not agree with the proposal that Councils provide Information Communication and Technology (ICT) equipment and services to the Community Boards as the Board believes the role of the community board does not warrant this expense and the current allowance is adequate
- the terminology in the document needs clarification in some areas – for example clarification is needed on the leave of absence proposal which refers to ‘elected members’ but provides details regarding councillors and mayors/chairs only (not community board members). Also it is not clear if the six month absence period can be shortened once the leave period has commenced.”

MOTION CARRIED

**8 PROVISION OF NEW TOILET - RAINCLIFF**

The Board considered a report by the Property Manager on the suggestion that a new public toilet be provided at Raincliff. The Board noted that the site is not particularly attractive and if a facility was to be provided it would be better placed in a more appealing area, possibly near the camp and playground, which is in the Mackenzie District.

Proposed John McDonald  
Seconded Neville Gould

“That the Pleasant Point Community Board does not see benefit in establishing a public toilet within the Timaru District in this area but the applicant be advised that there may be benefit in pursuing the request for a more suitable location nearby in the Mackenzie District.”

MOTION CARRIED

**9 CONSIDERATION OF URGENT BUSINESS**

**Pleasant Point Former High School Site – Boundary Readjustment**

The Board considered a report by the Parks and Recreation Manager and the Property Manager regarding a boundary adjustment to the former high school courts site in Pleasant Point in order to allow for a half sized hockey turf.

The Board was supportive of the boundary readjustment on the basis that the ambulance can be successfully relocated to a convenient alternative site that is satisfactory to St Johns and that adequate provision be made in the transaction to protect Council from risk (to ensure there is no obligation on Council to fund the purchase of the land).

Proposed Raewyn Hessel  
Seconded Neville Gould

“That the Pleasant Point Community Board recommends to the Community Development Committee that Council acquires the land, subject to terms and conditions satisfactory to Council (in all respects), and authorises the Chief Executive to negotiate the acquisition and the payment of purchase costs by the Association of Pleasant Point Sports.”

MOTION CARRIED

**Pleasant Point Domestic Water Tanks**

The Board discussed the need to retain domestic water tanks in Pleasant Point, given the impending construction of the new Pleasant Point reservoir. There was some suggestion that there should no longer be a requirement for existing houses to have tanks, especially with the risk posed by having a 400 gallon water tank in the roof. This suggestion was met with caution as it was pointed out that while construction of the new reservoir will reduce the risk of un-notified water supply shut-downs, water-off incidents could still occur. Domestic tanks would therefore provide security of supply during such times.

The meeting noted that application can be made for properties not to have tanks, but this is primarily associated with new builds. However water supply modelling for the future is based on the number of house tanks reducing over time.

Proposed Neville Gould  
Seconded John McDonald

“That the Drainage and Water Manager, together with a building consent team member, talk with the Board to explain the regulations and implications of the requirement for Pleasant Point water scheme users to have a storage tank.”

MOTION CARRIED

## 10 CONSIDERATION OF MINOR NATURE ITEMS

### **Sportsfields Vandalism**

John McDonald updated the Board on the plans to remedy the recent damage caused to the sportsfields by vandals. Offers of assistance have been received from both the building and business sector and Council is now working with these partners to improve the situation as quickly as possible. It is proposed to install a barrier to prevent future vehicle access, and at the same time install seating for spectators.

### **Opihi Rating District**

Neville Gould, the Board’s representative on the Opihi River Liaison Group, reported on a meeting held on 29 March where a significant budget surplus was brought to the group’s attention. The group was asked for its views on how to deal with the unplanned surplus - return it to ratepayers, apply it to counteract future rate increases, or retain it in reserves. Since the meeting, ECan has undertaken further calculations and discussion, and the decision has now been made to return the surplus to ratepayers on the scheme.

## 11 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Proposed Karalyn Reid  
Seconded Neville Gould

“That the Board resolves to exclude the public on the grounds contained in Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act:

### **Confirmation of Minutes - Draft Growth Management Strategy**

Section 7(2)(j)

The withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

Section 7(2)(f)

The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority, or any persons to whom section 2(5) of this Act applies, in the course of their duty.”

MOTION CARRIED

**12 READMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC**

Proposed Neville Gould  
Seconded Karalyn Reid

“That the public be readmitted to the meeting.”

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 9.40pm.

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Chairperson

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