

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GERALDINE COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM, GERALDINE LIBRARY/SERVICE CENTRE, TALBOT STREET, GERALDINE ON WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST 2017 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT Wayne O'Donnell (Chairperson), Cllr Kerry Stevens, Janene Adams, Jan Finlayson, Jennine Maguire, Jarrod Marsden and Gavin Oliver

APOLOGY An apology for absence was received from Cllr Peter Burt

IN ATTENDANCE Property Manager (Matt Ambler) and Executive Assistant (Colleen Te Au)

Public Forum – Nicky Taylor and Wendy Patrick for Geraldine Plunket, and Brad Edwards

1 **PUBLIC FORUM** **Geraldine Plunket**

Nicky Taylor and Wendy Patrick attended on behalf of Geraldine Plunket to address the Board on Plunket's proposal to donate and install a playground for under 5 year olds at Kennedy Park.

Geraldine Plunket has been fundraising for many years and has now raised \$30,000 through the efforts of past and present members. \$25,000 has been tagged for the playground and \$1,000 for a seat in memorial of Helen Turnbull. A Plunket meeting on 24 August may see the rest of these funds freed for this project, however further fundraising will take place if required.

Plunket's National Body now controls all funds and in order to release the funds for the project requires confirmation from Council accepting the donation of the playground equipment along with taking responsibility for the safety and maintenance of the equipment. This confirmation is required urgently or the funds may be lost.

Quotes in support of the project were tabled. The safety matting including installation was the biggest cost, however local labour has been sourced which has reduced the cost significantly.

Services being donated to this project are Turnbull Earthmoving for the excavation work, Hobbs & Banks supplying the crusher dust, and Geraldine Lions as manpower.

Feedback from the community and users of the proposed playground has been very positive. It is hoped that adding this playground to Kennedy Park will increase the park's use including adult supervision, which should contribute to deterring antisocial behaviour.

The Board noted there is also a report from the Parks and Recreation Manager regarding this donation to be considered later at this meeting.

Main North Road Drainage

Brad Edwards spoke on behalf of a group of landowners affected by the recent heavy rainfall event on 21 July. There are 27 properties affected by what appears to be ineffective drainage to cope with rain events. 12 landowners have met to discuss the best way forward, and further contact is being made with the rest of the landowners.

Mr Edwards noted Geraldine Community Board members, Timaru District Council (TDC) and other authorities he has spoken to have been very supportive regarding the drainage concerns.

Mr Edwards described the main rain event of 21 July and the following day, and the effect this had on properties in the area including sandbagging and digging trenches to release water. He watched crowned waves of water running across farmland. His property was isolated and the water was within inches of entering his house. There were other properties overrun and garages flooded.

The flooding that occurred on Main North Road sheeted across paddocks between Woodbury Road and Tripp Settlement Road until it hit State Highway 79. The White Elephant culvert was ineffective as it did not drain water to the north. There are over 1000 hectares with no effective drainage in place.

Mr Edwards was instructed by New Zealand Transport Association (NZTA) to talk to Downers and read an email he had sent to the SC Network Outcomes Contract Manager for Downers GHD, describing the event and impact.

TDC advised the flood return on this event is quite frequent. TDC's Transportation Team Leader advised Mr Edwards to write to NZTA requesting it carry out a scoping exercise around redirecting flood flows on Main North Road and the surrounding areas, and include written support from residents, the Geraldine Community Board and TDC.

Mr Edwards requested the following from the Geraldine Community Board:

- Advise us if we are taking the wrong avenue or if another process needs to be taken to get the best results
- Support the landowner group and their application to NZTA for scoping options to be undertaken with a view to implementation
- Urge the Timaru District Council to support the landowners.

The Board thanked Mr Edwards for his presentation. Members had inspected the area several times during the rain event and noted that White Elephant culvert was not coping. The culvert is very near Tripp Settlement Road and any drainage between the culvert and Woodbury Road comes to Geraldine. Council toured the District after the flooding and is aware of this situation as well. The Board noted the clean up and inspection efforts made by Council.

Clr Stevens commented that a significant amount of flooding contributed to the situation from Sweetwater creek overflowing. The creeks catchment is up in Orari Gorge where there was very intensive rainfall, and when the creek burst it sent out a lot of water. This is an Environment Canterbury responsibility.

Mr Edwards will receive copies of correspondence to the relative authorities relating to this matter.

2 IDENTIFICATION OF MATTERS OF A MINOR NATURE

The Board agreed that the Kennedy Park Development be discussed as a minor nature item.

3 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson reported on meetings he had attended and duties he had carried out on behalf of the Board since the last meeting, including the Geraldine Environmental Trust, Council meeting, Geraldine & Districts Historical Society AGM, Geraldine Combined Sports, Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Club, Geraldine Community Vehicle Trust, met with Alpine Energy Board member and attended a farewell for Reverend John Hayhoe. Met with Council's Transportation Team Leader regarding Main North Road flooding including inspecting the flooding during the rain event, McKechnie Street maintenance, bus parking at Berry Barn, Priest Hill footpath and other road maintenance issues. Met with medical students from Otago University and met with Alistair France regarding the Cox Street electric vehicle charging station.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed Jan Finlayson
Seconded Jennine Maguire

"That the minutes of the Geraldine Community Board meeting held on 5 July 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

MOTION CARRIED

5 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE REQUESTS 2018/19–2027/28 LONG TERM PLAN AND BUDGET

The Board considered a report by the Group Manager Corporate Services on capital expenditure items for inclusion in the Long Term Plan and 10 year Budget document. Cllr Stevens updated the Board on the progress of some of the listed items.

Proposed Jan Finlayson
Seconded Jennine Maguire

"That the Geraldine Community Board makes the following recommendations for capital expenditure items for 2018/19-2027/28:

Recreation & Leisure

- District Library
Geraldine Library – Meeting Room: That provision be made for the replacement of meeting room furniture (tables and chairs).
- Parks
Arts in Parks: That this item be added to the Budget with the appropriate funding allocated.

Transportation

- The Board noted the increased use of unsealed roads by larger vehicles.
- Unsealed Road Metalling
That this item be increased to \$600,000 for each year.
 - Seal Widening (Edge Break)
That this item be increased from \$300,000 per year.

- Geraldine Christmas Decorations
That this item be allocated \$2,500 per year for a further three years to complete areas in the town centre that do not have Christmas lights.

Waste Minimisation

- Public Place Recycling
That more funds be allocated to this item to increase the number of public recycling stations in the Timaru District.

Sewer

- Talbot Street Geraldine Siphon Upgrade
That design work be prepared in the 2017/18 year so that the project is ready to proceed at the beginning of 2018/17.

Stormwater

- Capital Upgrades
The Board expressed concern that no funds were allocated for capital Upgrades until 2022/2023.

Transportation

- Seal Extensions
The Board requested clarification as to why seal extensions are at \$0 for 2021/22 and 2023/24.”

MOTION CARRIED

6 GERALDINE – WAIHI RIVER TRACK

The Board considered a report by the Property Manager regarding Council’s level of management of the walk way. A short term Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) and the Geraldine Environmental Trust has now been terminated by LINZ. As a result, overseeing the ongoing public use of the track needs to be considered. A MoU between Council and LINZ is proposed, with a requisite to include the Walking Access Act 2008 in order to give better policing rights of the track. Non-confrontational signage would also be installed, i.e. ‘share with care’.

The Board noted that the concern is not users’ behaviour, but people questioning the authority to enforce current bylaw rules. The issue would be resolved if the rules were clear and Council had the authority to enforce them.

The Board requested a copy of a draft MoU between Council and LINZ prior to it being finalised.

Proposed Clr Stevens
Seconded Jan Finlayson

“That the Geraldine Community Board recommends to the Community Development Committee that the Chief Executive be authorised to continue discussions with the land owners, and negotiate a suitable Memorandum of Understanding or similar agreement, on terms satisfactory to Council.”

MOTION CARRIED

7 KENNEDY PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT DONATION

The Board considered a report from the Parks and Recreation Manager regarding Geraldine Plunket’s proposed donation of playground equipment for under 5 year olds at Kennedy Park.

The Board was very supportive of the idea. The aesthetics of the proposed playground and its fit, in Kennedy Park was discussed. It was noted that the equipment has been designed by professional playground designers, and could be repainted or screened with nature plantings in the future if required. Any possible delays, i.e. redesign etc, may impact on Geraldine Plunket's ability to access the funds they have raised for a Geraldine project. Having a playground for under 5 year olds would also increase the presence of adult supervision in the park.

Proposed Janene Adams
Seconded Jarrod Marsden

- "a That the report be received as noted
- b That the Geraldine Community Board be involved in decisions around the installation of the playground equipment for under 5 year olds."
- c That the Parks and Recreation Manager advise Plunket New Zealand that Council is prepared to take on the future safety checks and maintenance of the playground equipment."

MOTION CARRIED

8 CONSIDERATION OF MINOR NATURE MATTER

Kennedy Park Development

The Board discussed various ideas for the redevelopment of Kennedy Park including the following:

- How does the park integrate with the environment.
- Make better use of the river land, extend the river walk, link the river walk with an Art Trail, river bank area for picnics, Access to river via McKenzie Street road reserve.
- Fitness trail, dog park, festival area, more picnic tables.
- Be conscious of the thoroughfare for the bridge, access to the High School
- Area for children and young adults including the skatepark, playgrounds (under 5s and over 5s), asphalt basketball half court.

The Board will have a workshop with the Parks and Recreation Manager to work on a draft concept plan. Prior to the workshop, Board members are encouraged to visit other community spaces, i.e. Ashburton Domain.

A concept plan will then be developed for the community to consult on. Once refined after consultation, it would then go back to the community to find partner groups to take on particular projects.

9 CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC FORUM ISSUES

Geraldine Plunket

This has now been considered in Item 7 Kennedy Park Playground Equipment Donation.

Main North Road Drainage

The Board discussed the issues raised in the public forum regarding the flooding of Main North Road.

The Geraldine Community Board is concerned and supportive.

Proposed Jennine Maguire
Seconded Jan Finlayson

- "a That the Geraldine Community Board recommends to Council that a letter be written to ECan and NZTA regarding the issues that need to be sorted regarding future flooding events.
- b That the Chairperson and Clr Stevens also co-write a letter to ECan and NZTA."

MOTION CARRIED

10 BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board members reported on meetings they had attended and duties they had carried out since the last meeting including Council meeting, Scout Den Board, Meeting Skills workshop, Geraldine Environmental Trust, Waihi River Catchment Group, Geraldine Combined Sports, Geraldine Historical Museum, Geraldine Anzac Commemorations Trust, Environment Canterbury, Police Officer recruitment for Geraldine, Go Geraldine, Bike Geraldine, OTOP, Environmental Defense Society conference, Geraldine Arts Council, monitored flooding, liaison with council staff and local residents over various issues.

Board members will assist with the 'Meet the Waitaki Candidates' meeting at Geraldine High School from 7.00pm on Monday 11 September.

The meeting concluded at 9.45pm.

Chairperson