

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 5 JULY 2017 AT 7.30PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE Clr Sally Parker, Council Secretary (Joanne Brownie)
Public Forum - Rebecca Tilsley, Chris and Geoff Coulter, Sarah Johnston, Amy Ross, Natasha Rankin

1 **PUBLIC FORUM** **Waihi River Track**

Rebecca Tilsley addressed the Board on her concerns at the action of some of the Geraldine Environmental Trust members in their attempts to restrict access to the Waihi River track. The Memorandum of Understanding between Land Information NZ and the Geraldine Environmental Trust, does not allow for restrictions, yet the Trust continues to attempt to prevent cyclists and dogs off leash, and has recently sought the support of the Timaru District Council in its endeavours. There have been a number of confrontations which she believes amount to bullying behaviour and which are discouraging legitimate use of the track. Mrs Tilsley referred to illegal signs, which had been erected stating no cycles, and dogs are to be on leashes. However the meeting was advised that most of these illegal signs have recently been removed. Alternative signs indicating that the pathway is a shared area eg "Share with Care" signs are suggested. The track offers a safe alternative route for pedestrians and cyclists to go from one side of town to another avoiding the busy main road. 'Hard core' mountainbikers would be unlikely to use the track.

While acknowledging the significant work of the Trust, Mrs Tilsley said the problem has been happening for too long, common sense should prevail and the situation be resolved now.

Kennedy Park Safety

Amy Ross spoke on behalf of a community meeting held recently to discuss improving safety at the Kennedy Park skatepark. There have been incidents of bullying, vandalism and graffiti and it feels unsafe at night. The area is underutilised and not policed. The community is seeking to improve this situation in order that the park can be safely enjoyed by older people, youth and families.

Suggestions have been made to install lights on timers, cameras with live feed recording, protection around rubbish bins and imposing a liquor ban at the park. The group will explore fundraising options to contribute to any agreed safety measures.

It was suggested that the situation would benefit from increased presence of police and parents. Reporting of incidents to the police would allow the police to take some action.

The Board informed the speakers that Council is undergoing a Bylaw review process and they are encouraged to submit to that process. Further thought would need to be given to the suggestion of imposing a liquor ban at the park.

2 IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Proposed Cllr Kerry Stevens
Seconded Jennine Maguire

“That a report on Waihi Terrace Embankment Display of Signs be considered as urgent business at this meeting.”

MOTION CARRIED

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 Vehicle Trust, Go Geraldine, Orari River Protection Group AGM, Geraldine Combined Sports Board, Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Club AGM and Council meeting, as well as discussions with Council officers on various issues, discussion with local police regarding Kennedy Park and discussion regarding the removal of old i-site signs.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed Jan Finlayson
Seconded Janene Adams

“That the minutes of the Geraldine Community Board meeting held on 24 May 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

MOTION CARRIED

5 PROPOSED ROAD STOPPING – UNNAMED ROAD, WOODBURY

The Board considered a report by the Land Transport Manager proposing the stopping of an unnamed road off Woodbury and Keen Roads.

Proposed Jan Finlayson
Seconded Cllr Kerry Stevens

“That the Geraldine Community Board recommends to the Infrastructure Committee that the initiation of the road stopping process in accordance with the Local Government Act 1974 for this unnamed and unformed road off Woodbury and Keen Roads be approved.”

MOTION CARRIED

6 ORARI BRIDGE HALL SALE PROCEEDS

The Board considered a report by the Group Manager Corporate Services regarding use of the remaining Orari Bridge Hall sale proceeds.

Proposed Jarrod Marsden
Seconded Janene Adams

“That the Geraldine Community Board recommends to the Policy and Development Committee that the balance of funds from the Orari Bridge Hall be approved for allocation to the Geraldine Lions Club for financial assistance towards the construction of a public picnic shelter.”

MOTION CARRIED

7 CONSIDERATION OF URGENT BUSINESS – WAIHI TERRACE EMBANKMENT DISPLAY OF SIGNS

The Board considered a report regarding the possibility of establishing a location to display signage on the embankment on Waihi Terrace. The Board agreed that the matter should be pursued further to endeavour to find a suitable location that could operate in a similar way to the Church Street overbridge in Timaru.

Proposed Cllr Kerry Stevens
Seconded Jan Finlayson

“That the report be received and Council staff be requested to proceed with negotiations with the NZ Transport Agency, and investigation of creating a bylaw and any other legal obligations to establish a similar signage facility in Geraldine, as exists on the Timaru Church Street overbridge.”

MOTION CARRIED

**8 CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC FORUM ISSUES
Waihi Track**

The Board considered the conflict over use of the Waihi Track, as explained in the public forum. The Chairman advised that LINZ has given three months notice that the Memorandum of Understanding between Land Information NZ and the Geraldine Environmental Trust will be withdrawn. The Board agreed it is a complex situation and finding a suitable new partner may be problematic. The Board is to await the outcome of the meeting between the Chairman and Cllr Stevens with representatives of the Trust on 10 July.

Kennedy Park

The Board discussed the issues raised in the public forum regarding safety at Kennedy Park. It was agreed that Gavin Oliver and Jennine Maguire liaise with the group and also discuss the issue with the Geraldine High School principal.

a Proposed Cllr Kerry Stevens
Seconded Janene Adams

“That the Board request a report on the feasibility of installing a camera(s) at Kennedy Park, linking in with the existing recording in the Geraldine Police station.”

MOTION CARRIED

b Proposed Gavin Oliver
Seconded Jennine Maguire

“That a report be requested on the possibility and issues involved with imposing a liquor ban at Kennedy Park.”

MOTION CARRIED

9 BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board members reported on meetings they had attended and duties they had carried out since the last meeting including Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee Zone Committee, Orari River Protection Group, Geraldine Arts Council, Federated Mountain Clubs, Kennedy Park skatepark, Geraldine Guide and Scout Den, Bike Geraldine and Lions Club Change over, Conflicts of Interest seminar, Geraldine Anzac Commemorations Trust, Geraldine News interview, Waihi River Catchment Group, liaison with council staff and local residents over various issues.

The meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

Chairperson