

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GERALDINE COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM, GERALDINE LIBRARY/SERVICE CENTRE, TALBOT STREET, GERALDINE ON WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2009 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT Mrs Morten (Chairman), Clr Oliver, Mesdames Cain and Guerin, Messrs Gresham, Peacock (from 8pm) and Simpson

APOLOGIES Mr Peacock (for lateness)
Clr Bowan (for in attendance)

IN ATTENDANCE District Services Manager (AA Harper) (from 8.55pm),
Assistant Executive Secretary (JM Brownie)

1 PUBLIC FORUM

Orari Bridge Hall Committee

Jack Ellery and Suzanne Cleveland, representatives of the Orari Bridge Hall Committee addressed the Board on the proposal to sell the Orari Bridge Hall, which is the subject of a report on the meeting agenda. Mr Ellery gave a brief history of the establishment of the hall, explaining that the hall was built through the efforts of the local community, however the hall committee did not receive the certificate of title for the property. The Geraldine County Council obtained the certificate of title five years after the hall was built.

The hall committee believes that the report by the Property Manager is a satisfactory appraisal of the situation, except for the recommendation regarding proceeds of the sale, in particular the suggestion that the land portion be credited to the Council's land account, with only the improvements portion being allocated to a community project in the Geraldine ward. The hall committee believes that the committee has a moral right to the entire proceeds of the sale, given that the local community built and maintained the hall.

The committee is happy for Council to handle the disposal of the property.

2 IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Proposed R Cain
Seconded A Guerin

"That the following urgent business be discussed at this meeting:

- proposal to form a Council Controlled Organisation – SC Aoraki Development Trust and Central South Island Tourism
- Ferry Road willow trees
- Te Moana Downs Water Scheme."

MOTION CARRIED

3 IDENTIFICATION OF MINOR NATURE MATTERS

Proposed D Gresham
Seconded A Guerin

“That the following matters be considered as minor nature items at this meeting:

- A & P Winchester showgrounds toilets
- Portaloo at Arundel Bridge Reserve.”

MOTION CARRIED

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported on duties she had carried out on behalf of the Board since the last meeting including the Strengthening Families workshop in Timaru, visit to the Geraldine Domain pavilion with the Property Manager and Sylvia Irvine, cemetery plans discussion of options, Timaru 150th anniversary celebrations, Talbot Forest Working Group, discussion with the Geraldine Historical Society regarding its building extensions, and the Geraldine Projects Trust Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman also congratulated the Peacocks on the birth of their son, Go Geraldine for the successful Christmas parade, and the committee which organised the Christmas decorations.

The Chairman reported on the outcome of the Geraldine Aged Welfare's concerns regarding footpaths and the work to be carried out in Hopgood Lane.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed D Gresham
Seconded A Guerin

“That the minutes of the Geraldine Community Board meeting held on 19 November 2008 be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

MOTION CARRIED

Mr Peacock joined the meeting.

6 ORARI BRIDGE HALL (File P9/6)

The Board considered a report by the Property Manager on the future of the Orari Bridge Hall, as well as the comments presented by the Orari Bridge Hall Committee representatives at the public forum.

The Chairman advised that she had contacted the Inland Revenue Department and ascertained that proceeds from the sale of the hall could be vested in the Geraldine Projects Trust until a suitable project is identified, as long as the Orari Bridge Hall Committee was happy with the project. A check now needs to be made with the Charities Commission.

The Community Board supported the hall committee's view that due to the building of the hall by the community and the many hours of effort and

community input from the locals, it would be fair and reasonable for **all** the proceeds from the sale to be put towards a Geraldine community project.

Proposed M Simpson
Seconded D Gresham

“That it be recommended to the Policy and Development Committee that:

- a) The property be offered for sale on the open market,
- b) The Chief Executive be granted the authority to action the disposal, and
- c) The entire proceeds be allocated to a new special fund for a community project in the Geraldine Ward.”

MOTION CARRIED

7 GERALDINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING EXTENSION (File O2/9)

The Board considered a letter from the Geraldine Historical Society dated 11 December 2008 on its planned extension. The Board noted that representatives of the Board had met with the Historical Society to discuss the plans, and as a result some modifications have been made. The Board also pointed out that the area where the extension will go is not a particularly useful piece of camping ground land and the trees there are sycamores, which will need to be removed, along with one oak tree.

Proposed R Cain
Seconded A Guerin

“That the Community Board write a letter of support for the plans for the Geraldine Museum extension and the society be encouraged to explore all options for the optimum utilisation of the facility.”

MOTION CARRIED

8 GERALDINE DISTRICT PROJECTS TRUST (File O2/7)

The Board considered the minutes of the Geraldine District Projects Trust Annual General Meeting held on 15 January 2009 and its annual report to the AGM.

Proposed R Morten
Seconded M Simpson

“That the reports be received and noted.”

MOTION CARRIED

9 GERALDINE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE UPDATE (File C5/3/1)

The Board considered a letter from the Geraldine Community Resource Centre dated 19 November 2008 inviting the Board to discuss how the centre can be of assistance.

Proposed Clr Oliver
Seconded A Guerin

“That the Geraldine Community Resource Centre be invited to make a short presentation to the April Board meeting on what the centre has achieved, what its role is, and what it is planning to do in the future.”

MOTION CARRIED

10 RECESSION

The Board considered suggestions from Board member Danny Gresham on possible action the Board could take to lessen the detrimental effect on Geraldine of the current recession.

The Board agreed that the first steps should be to:

- a find out what action is already being taken at a regional level,
- b find out what might be relevant and be made available to the Geraldine community,
- c look at any gaps in the strategy, and then
- d ensure that the Geraldine community receives its fair share of what is available.

The Board decided that the Chairman and Danny Gresham contact key groups to organise a round table discussion and report back to the Board.

11 CONSIDERATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

11.1 Proposal to Form a Council Controlled Organisation – SC Aoraki Development Trust and Central South Island Tourism (File E3/9)

The Board considered a Statement of Proposal for a Council Controlled Organisation on the proposal to combine the Aoraki Development Trust and Central South Island Tourism.

Proposed R Peacock
Seconded A Guerin

“That the Geraldine Community Board supports the proposal to form a Council Controlled Organisation to combine the Aoraki Development Trust and Central South Island Tourism.”

MOTION CARRIED

Mr Simpson abstained from voting on the matter.

11.2 Dangerous Trees – Ferry Road

Mr Simpson advised that a willow tree had fallen in a strong wind on 2nd January and after two days community members cleared it away. After some discussion it became apparent that no one had advised the Council that the tree had come down. Mr Simpson also commented that there are other Council trees in the area that might be considered dangerous.

Proposed R Morten
Seconded M Simpson

“That the hazardous trees identified by Mr Simpson be referred to Council officers for investigation and appropriate action.”

MOTION CARRIED

11.3 Te Moana Downs Water Supply

Danny Gresham reported on a number of complaints he had received in regard to the Te Moana Downs Water Supply, particularly since mid December 2008. He also said that the Triennial elections have not been held.

The District Services Manager updated the Board fully on the operation of the Te Moana Downs scheme covering factors such as the headworks and the ability to take water, resource consents, the Council's network and the private person's network. Mr Harper explained the significant amount of time spent and work done by Council staff on improving the system and solving the problems which have become apparent. It was pointed out that a number of the problems experienced were not the responsibility of Council or not attributable to the Te Moana scheme.

Mr Harper also advised that the Te Moan Downs budget meeting will be held on 3 March 2009 and he will investigate the triennial election issue.

12 CONSIDERATION OF MINOR NATURE ITEMS

12.1 Toilets at Winchester Showgrounds

Mr Simpson commented that the toilets at the A & P showgrounds at Winchester are being used by the public. The District Services Manager advised that a letter in this regard has been received by Council and the matter is being addressed.

12.2 Portaloo at Arundel Bridge

The Board noted the installation of a portaloo at the Arundel Bridge which is useful for the casual campers who make use of this area. Mr Simpson requested that arrangements be made to ensure it is maintained frequently and he also asked how long it is to remain or if a permanent toilet will be erected.

13 BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board members reported on duties they had attended on behalf of the Board since the last meeting, including the Talbot Forest Working Party, the Environmental Trust, the Geraldine Domain Pavilion Committee, the Geraldine Arts Council, the Geraldine District Promotions Association, and the Te Moana Downs Water Supply. Cllr Oliver advised he had met the new Emergency Management Officer Lamorna Cooper who replaced Mark Bang.

The meeting concluded at 10pm.

Chairman