

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 26 AUGUST 2009 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT Mrs Morten (Chairman), Mrs Cain, Mrs Guerin, Messrs Gresham, Peacock (from 7.45pm) and Simpson

APOLOGY Clr Oliver

IN ATTENDANCE Committee Secretary (JM Brownie)

1 PUBLIC FORUM

Muff Road, Orari – Possible Renaming (File R4/6/353)

Samantha Muff, from Kaiapoi, presented a petition to the Board, containing 1181 signatures in support of retaining the name Muff Road, as it is part of her family's heritage.

Douglas Muff, Samantha's grandfather, also addressed the meeting in support of retaining the name Muff Road. Mr Muff referred to his family's attachment to the area, from the very early days of settlement. He wishes to see the name retained and other avenues investigated for preventing the sign being stolen, such as a combined sign incorporating Muff Road, Milford Road and Clandeboye Road, in order to make it less attractive for people to steal.

Mr Peacock joined the meeting.

Council Housing

Mr Simpson left his seat at the Board table and addressed the meeting on his concerns regarding the maintenance of the Council Housing units in Geraldine. Mr Simpson had visited a number of flats and he relayed details of the areas he believes need attention.

The Chairman suggested that she and Mr Simpson meet on site with the Property Manager to discuss the issues.

2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported on duties she had attended on behalf of the Board since the last meeting including discussions with the Property Manager regarding the Domain Pavilion, and the Go Geraldine awards dinner. Mrs Morten congratulated Go Geraldine on the success of the awards event and also congratulated the Geraldine recipients of the Timaru District Council Community Awards.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed Mrs Cain
Seconded Mr Simpson

"That the minutes of the Geraldine Community Board meeting held on 15 July 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record."

MOTION CARRIED

4 CHANGE IN AGENDA ORDER

Proposed Mr Gresham
Seconded Mrs Cain

“That the agenda order be altered to take the Muff Road item at this point in the meeting.”

MOTION CARRIED

5 POSSIBLE RENAMING OF MUFF ROAD, ORARI (File R4/6/353)

The Board considered a report by the Regulatory Services Manager on the possible renaming of Muff Road, Orari, together with the views presented at the public forum by members of the Muff family.

Also noted was the circulated information from Roger Payne (in support of a name change to Ohapi Road), including a copy of his submission to the NZ Geographic Board. The Board noted that the Council, not the Geographic Board, has the power to name and to alter the name, of a road.

Board members were not in favour of a change to Ohapi Road as Muff Road had been in place for many years and was part of the heritage of the area. Problems with the sign being stolen could be addressed in other ways – such as a larger sign recording the three names of Muff Road, Milford Road and Clandeboye Road on the one sign.

Proposed Mrs Cain
Seconded Mr Simpson

“That the Geraldine Community Board recommends that the name Muff Road be retained.”

MOTION CARRIED

6 PROPOSAL TO STOP PART OF NEWLAND ROAD, CLANDEBOYE (File R4/6/363)

The Board considered a report by the Property Manager on a proposal to stop part of Newland Road, Clandeboye.

Proposed Mr Peacock
Seconded Mr Gresham

- 1 That approval is granted in principle to the road land being declared surplus, subject to the successful completion of road stopping procedures.
- 2 That on completion, the land is sold to the adjoining owner on the condition that the land is amalgamated with their adjoining title.

MOTION CARRIED

7 BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board members reported on duties they had attended on behalf of the Board since the last meeting including Go Geraldine, Geraldine Environmental Trust, Geraldine Minibus Trust and the Geraldine Arts Council.

The meeting concluded at 8.10pm.

Chairman