



# MINUTES

## Community Services Committee Meeting Tuesday, 9 June 2020

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council  
Community Services Committee Meeting  
Held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru  
on Tuesday, 9 June 2020 at 10.34am**

**Present:** Cr Richard Lyon (Chairperson), Cr Stu Piddington (Deputy Chairperson), Cr Allan Booth, Cr Peter Burt, Cr Barbara Gilchrist, Cr Gavin Oliver (From 10.39am), Cr Paddy O'Reilly, Cr Sally Parker, Cr Steve Wills, Mayor Nigel Bowen

**In Attendance:** **Community Board Representatives**  
Temuka Community Board – Gaye Broker  
Geraldine Community Board – Natasha Rankin  
**Council Officers**  
Acting Group Manager Community Services (Symon Leggett), Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Parks and Recreation Manager (Bill Steans), Customer Services Manager (Grant Hamel), Governance Advisor (Jo Doyle)

## **1 Apologies**

### **Resolution 2020/9**

Moved: Cr Richard Lyon  
Seconded: Cr Paddy O'Reilly

That the apologies from Cr Gavin Oliver and Raewyn Hessel of Pleasant Point Community Board be accepted.

It was noted that Cr Gavin Oliver will attend via Video Link during this meeting.

**Carried**

## **1 Identification of Items of Urgent Business**

There were no matters of urgent business.

## **2 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature**

There were no matters of minor nature.

## **3 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

- Cr Allan Booth declared he is a trustee of Futures Golf Hub, he will be able to remain for the discussion of Highfield Golf Course.
- Mayor Nigel Bowen is a board Member of the South Island Masters Games and will leave the room for the funding request report.

#### **4 Chairperson's Report**

The Chairperson provided a brief report of attendance at Council meetings, workshops and Community Boards.

#### **5 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **6.1 Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 28 April 2020**

##### **Resolution 2020/10**

Moved: Cr Peter Burt

Seconded: Cr Stu Piddington

That the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 28 April 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**Carried**

#### **6 Reports**

##### **7.1 Highfield Recreation Area Draft Concepts**

The Committee considered the concept options for the Highfield Recreation Area, for the final stage of public consultation. The Parks and Recreation Manager provided an overview of the three concepts.

Concept A is the preferred option as it incorporates as much as possible from the consultation feedback.

Council discussed the South Canterbury Spaces and Places Plan that states from 2011-2017 there has been a marked decrease in Golf participants and the Timaru district still has many golf courses.

Cr Booth referred to his conflict of interest declaration, and provided details about the Futures Golf Hub which is a non-profit group managed as a trust to help with the development of juniors and golf in general. Highfield Golf Club has been a main feeder for golf played around South Canterbury and there is still a need for a development centre for golf and this area fits well as there is no competition with other clubs.

Many planned walkways will be made accessible for everyone, however some areas will be quite steep and won't meet the criteria. It is aimed to have a access for students to be able to get from one side to the other to get to schools.

Councillors drew attention to the amphitheatre and playgrounds and the duplicity with the Soundshell and planned CPlay area at Caroline Bay.

The Parks and Recreation Manager advised that these areas are set at options, and the amphitheatre, playgrounds and pavilion could be added or subtracted.

The Eco Sanctuary and wildlife reserve was seen as a point of difference for this district, and predator control will allow more access for people going through this area without gates and fencing that would be required with predator free fencing.

The ideas and plans from today's discussions will be referred to the community to have their input through the consultation process. Following the consultation a final draft concept which will come back to Council for confirmation or amendment prior to adoption and then be then forwarded to the Long Term Plan. The Highfield Golf Course has a current lease which is nearing its end. Interim discussions have shown a possibility for the continuation of the lease for 1-2 years, but no commitment to long term..

The Parks and Recreation Manager requires direction on whether all 3 concepts are to go forward and there is an option of making a submission to the Annual Plan and identifying a funding source as \$200k will be required for the design stage.

### **Resolution 2020/11**

Moved: Cr Peter Burt

Seconded: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

1. That the Community Services Committee approves all three concepts for public consultation.
2. That funding estimated to be \$200,000 excluding GST, in the 2020/21 financial year, for the detailed designs of the adopted concept, be referred to the Annual Plan meeting. .
3. That negotiations proceed for leasing the existing reduced golf course (excluding stormwater area) from 1 July 2020, in one year increments, to cover the period prior to development.

**Carried**

### **7.2 Proposed Entry into the New Zealand Heritage List**

The Committee considered a report from the Acting Group Manager Community Services on the opportunity to comment on the proposed entry of Te Kamaka o Arowhenua on the New Zealand Heritage List/ Rarangi Korero.

Council discussed that this should be supported and that the explanation of meaning was enjoyable to read in the report.

### **Resolution 2020/12**

Moved: Cr Peter Burt

Seconded: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

That Council provides a letter of Support for Te Kamaka o Arowhenua to be officially recognised as a wāhi tūpuna on the New Zealand Heritage List.

**Carried**

### **7.3 South Island Masters Games Funding Request**

The Committee considered a report by the Customer Services Manager on a request from the South Island Masters Games for funding of \$60,000 for the South Island Masters Games to be held in Timaru from 9 to 18 October 2020.

At 10:37 am, Mayor Nigel Bowen left the meeting.

In attendance from South Island Master Games (SIMG) is Simon Carter, Event Organiser from Carter Consultants and Tom Nation the Chair of the South Island Masters' Games Committee.

The South Island Masters games are run by and for the community, they are a non-profit society and any reserves are reinvested into future years. Their current reserves sit at approximately \$10k.

The last event in 2018 attracted 2000 participants and created \$1.6m for the Timaru District economy, including \$58,000 paid to local sports clubs. The games usually receive approx. \$62,000 from pub charities, however all were shut during the Covid-19 lock down. They are now not considering funding requests until July, and it is expected that there will be reduced funding available.

SIMG need \$60,000 to guarantee the games to be held in Timaru this year, with minor sponsors expected to contribute the remaining \$25,000 needed. A decision will be made after SIMG's meeting to be held today whether the games can continue.

Discussion was held around the amount requested, and whether a lesser amount still allowed the games to go ahead and whether a smaller cash amount plus no fees charged for Hall Hire could be an alternative.

Having a smaller amount will mean having to find additional funding, and in reality 10 weeks of opportunity has been lost with Covid-19 and lockdown. This is considered the 11<sup>th</sup> hour for funding, and from next week entries need to be opened.

The registration fees have been reduced since the previous games, as feedback received was that they were too high. It is proposed that local residents have a further discounted rate of 30%.

The organisers are confident of numbers attending as they have had received significant increases to their data base as well as 100s of emails asking for updates. \$40,000 has been cut from the budget, but SIMG explained running a bare bones event will affect enjoyment for competitors. Costs from suppliers for medals and bags are all expected to increase as well as the cost of Insurance.

Council discussed the possible ways to fund this amount. The Stimulus Fund was unable to be considered as an option, as this fund is out for consultation with the public now and the criteria for any funding needs to be confirmed. The earliest a decision could be received from the Stimulus Fund is expected to be a month from today's date.

A vote was called, to fund the \$60,000 from the Economic Development Fund with the possibility of applying to the Stimulus Fund when available to reimburse this amount.

In Favour: Ctrs Richard Lyon, Peter Burt, Barbara Gilchrist, Paddy O'Reilly, Sally Parker and Steve Wills

Against: Ctrs Stu Piddington, Allan Booth and Gavin Oliver

**Carried 6/3**

At 11:26 am, Mayor Nigel Bowen returned to the meeting.

### **Resolution 2020/13**

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Cr Steve Wills

1. That the Community Services Committee approves the funding request of \$60,000 for the South Island Masters Games, Timaru 2020, to be funded from the Economic Development Fund; and

2. That Timaru District Council make an application to the Stimulus Fund to be reimbursed for the \$60,000 provided to the South Island Masters Games, Timaru 2020..

**Carried**

## **7 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**

There were no matters of urgent business.

## **8 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters**

There were no matters of minor nature.

## **9 Exclusion of the Public**

### **Resolution 2020/14**

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Peter Burt

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting on the grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 as follows:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Plain English Reason</b>
<b>11.1 - Temuka Community Board Recommendation - Recognition of Contribution</b>	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	To protect a person's privacy
<b>11.2 - Donations and Loans Subcommittee Recommendations</b>	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	To protect a person's privacy

**Carried**

## **10 Resolution 2020/15**

Moved: Cr Paddy O'Reilly

Seconded: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

That the meeting moves out of Closed Meeting into Open Meeting.

**Carried**

**11 Public Excluded Reports****11.1 Temuka Community Board Recommendation - Recognition of Contribution****11.2 Donations and Loans Subcommittee Recommendations**

The following Donations and Loans decisions, made with the public excluded, were confirmed:

General Donations – Rural Community Halls

**Kingsdown/Salisbury Hall Committee \$7,942.51** – Replace all existing windows with Aluminium double glazed windows.

General Donations – Community Services

**Alpine Energy Brass Band \$1,000.00** – Towards power costs at their premises.

**Volunteering Mid and South Canterbury \$5,000.00** – Towards Rental costs at Community House.

**NZ Council of Victim Support \$1,900.00** - To support with costs to train volunteers in the Timaru region.

**Royal New Zealand Plunket T/A Timaru Plunket \$5,000.00** – Towards the operating costs of the Timaru Plunket premises.

**Cholmondeley Children’s Centre Inc. \$1,000.00** – Towards respite care costs for Children from the Timaru area.

General Donations – Heritage/Historic

**South Canterbury Aviation Heritage Centre - \$4,000.00** – Towards ongoing costs for Rent, Rates, Power and Insurance.

Substantial Donations and Loans

**Rangitata War Memorial \$1,500.00** – Towards painting the Exterior of the Memorial Hall.

**Timaru Indoor Bowls Inc. \$60,000.00** – Loan to replace existing mortgage with Westpac

Other

**Deferred – Athletics SC All Weather Track Trust - \$250,000.00** - Resurfacing of all-weather Athletics track at Aorangi Park – this application has been deferred as the project dates have changed and we require an updated project plan – this application will be reconsidered at a future subcommittee workshop once we the updated plan is received.

**Declined – South Island Masters Games - \$25,000.00** - the application for South Island Masters Games was declined, because it is ineligible under the Donations and Loans Policy Clause 4.2 1, C.

**The Meeting closed at 12.30pm.**

**Minutes confirmed 21 July 2020.**

**Chairperson  
Cr Richard Lyon**