

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 3 OCTOBER 2012 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT Rosie Morten (Chairman), Danny Gresham, Dave Moss, and Kerry Stevens

APOLOGY Anna Guerin and McGregor Simpson

IN ATTENDANCE Don Chittock, Senior Programme Manager and Kirsty Huxford, Strategy Advisor – ECan (for item 5)
Group Manager Regulatory Services (Chris English),
Environmental Services Manager (Rick Catchpole),
Council Secretary (JM Brownie)

1 PUBLIC FORUM

Geraldine Combined Sports Incorporated – Update

The Chairman of the Geraldine Combined Sports organisation updated the Board on progress the group has made and the next steps to be taken in regard to co-ordination of sporting groups and resources in the Geraldine ward. The group membership comprises a number of sporting fraternities including rugby, soccer, netball, hockey, athletics, squash, and the high school. Board members have undergone governance training in Christchurch, a mission statement has been developed and a logo created. The initial draft strategic plan was tabled for the community board's information, detailing the priority areas for the group's activities over the next 3-6 months. A strategic plan for the next 1-2 years will be finalised over the next month.

The group wishes to partner with the Community Board and other community groups to access knowledge and resources for the wider benefit of the community.

It was suggested that a non voting community board representative could be appointed to the GCS. This suggestion was met with approval by the GCS Chairman. The Community Board will now await a formal invitation from the group.

2 IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Proposed Rosie Morten
Seconded Kerry Stevens

"That the Representation Review submission be considered as urgent business at this meeting, as submissions close before the next Board meeting."

MOTION CARRIED

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported on duties she had carried out on behalf of the Board since the last meeting including Lewis Street footpath sealing, sewerage issue at the south end of town, discussion with ECan, Go Geraldine Christmas

decorations progress, discussions with planning staff regarding workshops on the residential and light industrial planning, discussion with the Transportation Engineer regarding footpaths, a sign will be erected outside the museum regarding the development, stormwater issues, meeting with the Mayor regarding the Representation Review and the Geraldine By-election, Council meeting and meeting in Geraldine on the Representation Review, meeting with ADBT's Chief Executive regarding the Geraldine i-site, Talbot Forest, and a site visit to Pit Road. A copy of the report from the Otago medical students is available for board members to read. Congratulations were extended to the new pre school and the newly established academy of performing arts.

The Chairman asked that as members now have speaking rights at Council and Standing Committee meetings, board members advise her if they are unable to attend when rostered.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed Kerry Stevens
Seconded Dave Moss

"That the minutes of the Geraldine Community Board meeting held on 22 August 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record."

MOTION CARRIED

5 CLEAN AIR PRESENTATION

Don Chittock, ECan Senior Programme Manager and Kirsty Huxford, Strategy Advisor gave a presentation on Geraldine air quality and sought the Board's advice on how best to approach the issue in the Geraldine community. The presentation outlined the causes of air pollution in Geraldine, its health impacts, the National Environmental Standards (NES) and how it is proposed to meet the NES targets.

Home heating is the cause of 96% of Geraldine's air pollution and while pollution in Geraldine is relatively low most of the time in winter, there are still too many high pollution nights to meet the standards. Geraldine needs to lower its high pollution nights down to 1 by 2016 (currently Geraldine is at 7 exceedances).

The ECan representatives explained the ways emissions can be reduced (low emission burners, heat pumps, dry wood, improving operating efficiency) and the barriers to change (cost, fear of power cuts, lack of awareness).

ECan would like to work cooperatively with the community board and the community to achieve the necessary standards and would therefore like to find a local solution. They are already working with the SC District Health Board and Community and Public Health.

The Board explained that 26% of Geraldine's urban population is aged over 65 and is on low fixed incomes, with many workers in the 15-64 year old sector being unskilled and on low incomes. Don Chittock explained that the subsidies which are available may help these sectors of the population.

The Board made the following suggestions on how best to address the clean air issue in Geraldine:

- Use the Geraldine News to increase public awareness of the pollution problem, the means to reduce it and the subsidies available
- Don't target heat pumps as the preferred method of improving the situation as Geraldine has had too many snow events, storms and power cuts to convince people that they can do without burners. Concentrate instead on the need for insulation, use of dry wood and converting to clean burning log fires.
- Work with the Geraldine Resource Centre as a local agency for information. An advisor could be located at the centre to talk to local residents on how they can improve their methods of home heating. The advisor could also be at the local library on certain days.
- Presentations to Probus, GreyPower, RSA, Lions Club meetings
- Provide local homeheating providers/installers with adequate information.

It was agreed that implementing a target rate for Geraldine, as has been done in other centres, would not result in sufficient income to be worthwhile.

The Board stressed that the most important initial action is to explain to the community that home heating is the cause of Geraldine's pollution and to educate people as to how to improve it.

ECan officers are to provide a progress report to the Board next year, but will keep in contact in the meantime regarding implementing the suggested methods.

6 SPEAKING RIGHTS FOR COMMUNITY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AT COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS (File C5/3)

The Board considered a report by the Chief Executive advising of Council's decision to allow a Community Board representative from each Community Board to have speaking rights at each Council and Standing Committee meeting.

Proposed Danny Gresham
Seconded Dave Moss

"That a combined workshop be held with the Temuka, Pleasant Point, and Geraldine Community Boards and appropriate senior Council staff to discuss the speaking rights for community board representatives at Council and Standing Committee meetings."

MOTION CARRIED

7 DRAFT TIMARU DISTRICT CONSOLIDATED BYLAW 2012 AND DOG CONTROL POLICY

The Board considered a report by the Environmental Services Manager seeking the Boards' comments on the Draft Timaru District Consolidated Bylaw 2012 and Dog Control Policy.

The Board made the following comments for submission to the Council Bylaw workshop on 8 October –

Dog Control Policy

Clause 14.6 page 8 - Micro-chipping

More detail to be inserted in regard to the legislation.

Clause 29 page 14 - Public Places Where Dogs are Prohibited
Delete Village Green Camping Grounds

Bylaw

Chapter 2 page 13 – delete clause 242 Aigantighe Art Gallery section

Chapter 6 page 8 – Control of Dogs – Prohibited Public Places
Delete Village Green Camping Grounds from Geraldine section

Chapter 7 page 2 – Clause 704 Litter
Add 'or garden waste' in clause 704.1 after 'household refuse'

Chapter 14 page 13 – Solid Waste
Add cabbage tree leaves to exceptions for compostable materials in green lidded bin.

8 BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board members reported on duties they had attended on behalf of the Board since the last meeting. It was agreed that it is important to maintain contact with the Geraldine Combined Sports Inc.

The Chairman wished McGregor Simpson, Kerry Stevens and Donald Aubrey good luck for the coming by election.

The meeting concluded at 9.40pm.

Chairman