

# Timaru District Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, held in the Meeting Room, Geraldine Library / Service Centre on Wednesday 30 May 2018 at 7.30pm

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

**In Attendance** Clr Nigel Bowen  
Land Transport Manager (Andrew Dixon), Corporate Planning Manager (Mark Low) and Secretary (Ange Lumsden)  
Darryl Griffin (Electionz.com)  
Damon Wynn, Jaye Kircher – public forum

### 1. Public Forum

#### State Highway 79 Geraldine Potential Relocation

Damon Wynn queried why he was not notified of the State Highway 79 Geraldine potential relocation. The Chairperson advised that this was put forward in 2003 and 2005. It was investigated then and there have been calls to re-investigate now. The Chair also advised that this pre-consultation is a very early discussion.

Jaye Kircher also spoke and noted that there was very little public support during the last investigation and that it was a significant cost. She also noted concerns that it would be just shifting it away from one place to another, and believes it works very well currently. Clr Stevens noted that the point of this meeting is to consider the merits of carrying out the investigation.

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

The Board agreed to discuss the Guide and Scout Den, Go Geraldine Giant Photo Frame and cell tower site proposal as matters of a minor nature.

### 3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Janene Adams noted a conflict with regards to the discussion on the Go Geraldine Giant Photo Frame.

### 4. 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 Anzac in Action, Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Museum, Geraldine Combined Sports meetings regarding hubs, Long Term Plan submissions, Earthquake-prone building workshop, Geraldine Vehicle Trust, dealing with flooding issues on

multiple streets, discussions regarding local Police availability, and discussions with Timaru District Council staff on various matters.

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

Proposed Jan Finlayson  
Seconded Janene Adams

“That the minutes of the Geraldine Community Board meeting held on 11 April 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

MOTION CARRIED

#### **6. State Highway 79 Geraldine Potential Relocation**

The Board considered a report from the Land Transport Manager discussing whether to revisit the proposal to change the route of State Highway 79 through the Geraldine urban area, replacing Cox Street with Kennedy and Talbot Streets.

The Land Transport Manager also noted that State Highway 79 is now considered the main route to Queenstown.

The Board discussed the placement of more appropriate signage, location of toilets, other possible solutions and costs involved in undertaking the investigation. It was determined that a wider transport strategy would be required in order to consider all the options.

Proposed Clr Kerry Stevens  
Seconded Jan Finlayson

“That the Geraldine Community Board recommends the preparation of a transportation strategy for the Geraldine urban area including investigating the possible re-routing of State Highway 79 through the Geraldine southern area, with the opportunity for the local community to be consulted.

MOTION CARRIED

#### **7. Representation Review**

The Board considered a report from the Corporate Planning Manager introducing the representation review process and seeking the Community Board’s guidance on its favoured option. Darryl Griffin from Electionz.com gave a presentation to the Board.

The Board commented that in future some minor boundary alterations between Geraldine and Pleasant Point/Temuka might better reflect the communities of interest and should be considered particularly if the boundaries of the Geraldine, Pleasant Point and Temuka Community boundaries are reviewed; and there are aspects of elections at large that some in the community might prefer.

The Board agreed with having appointed Council members on community boards and also agreed that Community Board members elected at large is the preferred option.

There was some discussion on the fact that people in the Geraldine ward only have a say in the election of one Council member. It was noted that Geraldine Community Board members are invited to have speaking rights at Council meetings and also that there is a roster of Council members attending Community Board meetings.

The Board supported the status quo as its preferred option and reached the following consensus –

- Retain the current Council Elected members structure as is – three wards
- Retain the boundary of the Geraldine Ward as it is
- Retain the present three Community Boards
- Retain the boundary of the Geraldine Community Board area as it is (with no subdivisions)
- Retain the Board’s current composition of 6 board members plus 1 appointee.

Proposed Jennine Maguire  
Seconded Jarrod Marsden

- a. “That the Community Board receives and notes the report.
- b. That the Community Board considers its preferred option to be the status quo and that this be reported back to Council for consideration at the June workshop”.

MOTION CARRIED

## 8. Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

### Guide and Scout Den

Unfortunately, there are no longer any guides in Geraldine and Guiding New Zealand no longer wishes to own the scout den building and has asked if there is any interest from the community in purchasing the building. This information is to be shared with interested parties, potentially community groups.

### Go Geraldine Giant Photo Frame

A proposal was received from Go Geraldine for a giant photo frame to be constructed for tourists to utilise. The toilet imagery of Talbot Forest is currently being used by tourists, so it was suggested that a photo frame be constructed on the west wall of the toilets. Go Geraldine feels that a consistent approach to signage is required, with adjustable signs at each entrance to Geraldine, that can be changed when events are on. The Board agreed that a sub-committee be established to work with Council on this.

## Cell Tower Site Proposal

A letter was tabled from local resident Jim Parr, concerned about cellphone coverage in the Woodbury area. Mr Parr owns a high point of land and believes that a cell tower built on this land would increase coverage. The Board supported this idea and a letter is to be provided by the Board to the Mayor who is leading a project on digital connectivity.

## 9. Board Members' Reports

Board members reported on meetings they had attended and duties they had carried out on behalf of the Board since the last meeting, including:

Arts Council, Creative Communities, Geraldine Combined Sports meeting regarding Community Hub, Geraldine District Projects Trust, Geraldine ANZAC Commemorations Trust meeting, Anzac in Action, meetings with Professor Perkins and Dr Mackay regarding tourism in Geraldine, Town Refresh, Long Term Plan submissions, health and safety and radio refresher for civil defence, induction service for Rev. Kippax as new Anglican Vicar, Geraldine Community Patrol, and liaison with Timaru District Council staff and the Geraldine Community Board Chairman over several local matters.

The meeting concluded at 10.20pm.

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Chairperson