

# MINUTES

# Community Services Committee Meeting Tuesday, 16 March 2021

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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, 16 March 2021 at 10.35am

- Present:Cr Richard Lyon (Chairperson), Cr Stu Piddington (Deputy Chairperson), Cr Allan<br/>Booth, Cr Barbara Gilchrist, Cr Paddy O'Reilly, Cr Sally Parker, Cr Steve Wills,<br/>Mayor Nigel Bowen
- In Attendance: Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Group Manager People and Digital and Acting Group Manager Community Services (Symon Leggett), Parks & Recreation Manager (Bill Steans), Libraries Manager (Adele Hewlett), Museum Director (Philip Howe), Recreation Facilities Manager (Craig Motley), Art Gallery Manager (Cara Fitzgerald), Governance Advisor (Jo Doyle)

# **Community Boards:**

Lloyd McMillan – Temuka Community Board John McDonald – Pleasant Point Community Board Janene Adams – Geraldine Community Board

# 1 Apologies

# Resolution 2021/3

Moved: Cr Richard Lyon Seconded: Cr Sally Parker

That the apology received from Cr Gavin Oliver and Cr Peter Burt be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Carried

# 2 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

# 3 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

There were no minor nature matters.

#### 4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest

#### 5 Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson has attended various Council and Community Board meetings, met with Group Manager People & Digital and Acting Group Manager Community Services and the Parks and Recreation Manager.

# Resolution 2021/4

Moved: Cr Richard Lyon Seconded: Cr Steve Wills

That the Chairpersons report be accepted.

Carried

# 6 Confirmation of Minutes

# 6.1 Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 2 February 2021

#### Resolution 2021/5

Moved: Cr Steve Wills Seconded: Cr Paddy O'Reilly

That the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 2 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Carried

#### 7 Reports

# 7.1 YMCA South and Mid Canterbury Youth Services Report to 31 December 2020

The Committee was presented with the YMCA Youth Services six monthly report to 31 December 2020 by Keith Shaw (General Manager) and Cath Slee (Manager Youth and Community Development) from YMCA.

Community pop ups have occurred within the recreation and sports space that are usually only held as holiday programs but are now provided 52 weeks a year and are now extended to Temuka and Waimate. The attendance in Temuka has risen from zero to 50 yesterday.

The next report to Council will include the outcomes of a bi-annual youth survey, this will provide feedback in terms of the attitude to the district, health and wellbeing.

The driver instruction has had successful engagement from the community from many different spectrums. The demand is expected to continue and a fourth driving instructor is being sought.

This is seen as an integral contribution to the community across the country with backlogs for young people wanting to gain their licence and be able to access jobs.

#### Resolution 2021/6

Moved: Cr Paddy O'Reilly Seconded: Cr Allan Booth

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

# 7.2 Timaru District Libraries Annual Report 2020

The Committee considered the Timaru District Libraries Annual Report Year Ended 31 December 2020 presented by the Libraries Manager.

After a challenging year, the resilience of staff and the communities and their ability to adapt has been a year of learning.

A greater digital presence has been introduced such as click and collect and making the libraries more accessible to those who are unable to physically come through the doors.

The upgrade of the library and supporting local businesses and opening a new community room has made a huge difference with more initiatives coming.

It was noted that all the libraries in our district provide an amazing service to their community and staff are welcoming and always willing to help and will adapt to new trends.

#### Resolution 2021/7

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist Seconded: Cr Steve Wills

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

#### 7.3 South Canterbury Museum Annual Report 2020

The Committee considered the South Canterbury Museum's Annual Report Year Ended 31 December 2020, presented by the Museum Director.

The region was fortunate that the lower impact of Covid meant targets were not missed by much this year. Ability to connect through online opportunities with the communities were learnt from other museums around New Zealand and the world.

The museum is not just about objects on display, but a place for learning and connection. Programmes such as school programs, explorers club and large events. A new partnership with the royal society has been created to discuss heritage events and subjects.

Ideas are being gathered for the future heritage hub, not just exhibitions but the ability to hold public events that can hold large numbers.

The deaccession programme deals with material that is no longer of use or doesn't fit the collection policy. The storage area is small, so the policy is carefully considered. Items offered back to the original donor or descendants first, then back to region the item came from. If the item is no longer required and there is commercial value then a public auction can take place with the proceedings allocated to the care of the collection or further acquisition.

#### Resolution 2021/8

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen Seconded: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

The Committee considered the Recreation Facilities Annual Report Year Ended 31 December 2020, presented by the Recreation Facilities Manager.

The completion of the Temuka Pool project with extended time delay dealing with Italy.

The team work during the civil defence emergency through lockdown showed their resilience, things are now back to normal.

The extended swimming season is currently underway and the outdoor pools won't close until 5 April. A report on the outcome of this extension will come to Council. Particular areas of concern has been the staffing of life guards.

# Resolution 2021/9

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist Seconded: Cr Sally Parker

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

# 7.5 Aigantighe Art Gallery Annual Report 2020

The Committed was presented with the Aigantighe Art Gallery's Annual Report Year Ended 31 December 2020 by Art Gallery Manager.

Staff over lockdown reached out to the community through social media. 18 exhibitions have been held, 12 of those reflecting South Canterbury.

The lower visitor numbers was discussed, during Covid, the Plunket Art Show, Artarama and school holiday events were cancelled which would have generated at least 6,000 people.

Friends of art gallery are seen as a critical and important part of supporting the community involvement and advocate on behalf of the gallery.

#### Resolution 2021/10

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen Seconded: Cr Allan Booth

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

# 8 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

There were no items of urgent business.

#### 9 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

There were no minor nature matters.

#### **10** Exclusion of the Public

#### Resolution 2021/11

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen Seconded: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

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:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Plain English Reason
11.1 - Future Options for Washdyke Land	s7(2)(b)(ii) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	Commercial sensitivity

Carried

#### 11 Public Excluded Reports

#### 11.1 Future Options for Washdyke Land

#### 12 Readmittance of the Public

#### Resolution 2021/12

Moved: Cr Paddy O'Reilly Seconded: Mayor Nigel Bowen

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

Carried

#### The Meeting closed at 11.39am.

Minutes confirmed 20 April 2021.

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Cr Richard Lyon Chairperson