



AGENDA

Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting Tuesday, 13 April 2021

Date Tuesday, 13 April 2021

Time 7pm

Location Pleasant Point Town Hall

File Reference 1415340

Timaru District Council

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Pleasant Point Community Board will be held in the Pleasant Point Town Hall, on Tuesday 13 April 2021, at 7pm.

Pleasant Point Community Board Members

Cr Richard Lyon (Chairperson), John McDonald (Deputy Chairperson), Cr Paddy O'Reilly, Raewyn Hessel, Neville Gould, Ross Munro and Anne Lemmens

Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

Community Board members are reminded that if you have a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda, then you must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item, and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table.

Bede Carran
Chief Executive

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7 Confirmation of Minutes

7.1 Minutes of the Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting held on 9 March 2021

Author: Jo Doyle, Governance Advisor

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting held on 9 March 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Attachments

- 1. Minutes of the Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting held on 9 March 2021**



MINUTES

Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting Tuesday, 9 March 2021

Ref: 1415340

**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting
Held in the Pleasant Point Town Hall
on Tuesday, 9 March 2021 at 7pm**

Present: Cr Richard Lyon (Chairperson), John McDonald (Deputy Chairperson), Raewyn Hessel, Neville Gould, Ross Munro, Anne Lemmens

In Attendance: Mayor Nigel Bowen, Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager (Mark Low), Governance Advisor (Jo Doyle)

1 Apologies

Resolution 2021/34

Moved: Richard Lyon

Seconded: John McDonald

That the apology received from Cr Paddy O'Reilly and Cr Barbara Gilchrist be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Carried

2 Public Forum

Kathy Wilkins the Sports Coordinator of School

Is currently working with Pleasant Point Primary School and St Joseph's Primary.

Is seeking advice with assistance on her employment status as the previous funding supplied by the Government was cut at the end of 2020.

Pleasant Point Primary are trying to keep Kathy involved with the school, but there is uncertainty about how long this will be able to continue.

Currently assisting primary age children to learn basic sport skills and be exposed to different sports.

Would like to create a community sports coordinator role that would support schools and clubs in one package, and needs to know funding options that could be applied for.

Kiwi Sport and Sports Canterbury are no longer funding this activity, and any funding available is going to big city schools, not small towns.

The Mayor and Cr Lyon will follow up and see what they can find in terms of funding options.

3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

- Nitrates in Water – Ross Munro
- Speed on Main Road – Ross Munro

4 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

- Letter from Council to Bowling Club – Neville Gould
- Opihi River Catchment Group – Neville Gould

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

6 Chairperson's Report

The rollout of ultra fast broadband is underway, the areas where the cables have been laid need time to settle, and it has been explained this is part of the process. The community will then be asked if they want to connect.

A reply was sent to a letter to the editor that complained about the cold colours the hall had been painted in.

An update on the town hall, the chimneys will be removed soon, scaffolding will be erected on 18 and 19 March, the removal of the chimneys will take place between from 19 March over the next week to make the building safer from possible earthquakes.

The public toilets are nearly finished, and should be completed and in full operation by end of next week.

The water connection on George Street is now completed.

Resolution 2021/35

Moved: Richard Lyon

Seconded: Neville Gould

That the Chairpersons report be accepted.

Carried

7 Confirmation of Minutes**7.1 Minutes of the Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting held on 26 January 2021****Resolution 2021/36**

Moved: Raewyn Hessel

Seconded: Anne Lemmens

That the Minutes of the Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting held on 26 January 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Carried

8 Reports

8.1 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update

The Community Board was updated on progress with the 2021-31 Long Term Plan by the Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager.

A summary was provided on the background of the LTP and what is planned, how it is funded and what the costs will be. The plan covers all of councils activities and has been approved in principle for projects, plans, budgets and fees and the subsequent rates impact.

Consultation with the community through a consultation document will begin from 8 April and run to 10 May.

The key issues highlighted are Climate Change, Aigantighe Art Gallery, Aorangi Stadium Masterplan and the Central Business District. The rates have been set at a 10.5% increase for next year and 4.9% each year thereafter.

An ambitious work programme for the district has been planned over the next ten years.

A range of events have been planned to encourage community involvement with the consultation document, and the board are encouraged to advise of any events where the local community could be involved.

Discussion was held around building fee increases, and whether Timaru should be aligned with other Councils. The increases relate to compliance costs and wage pressures and reallocation of overhead charges.

It was confirmed that the waste transfer station in Pleasant Point is still on track to receive a weighbridge.

The projects for the Motor camp and Swimming pool were queried and whether part of a regular cycle.

ACTION POINT

- The Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager to provide further detail on the above projects.

Resolution 2021/37

Moved: Neville Gould

Seconded: Ross Munro

That the Pleasant Point Community Board receive and note this report.

Carried

9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

Nitrates in Water

There has been recent coverage in the media about the levels of nitrate in water, and what is the position in South Canterbury drinking water.

The Chief Executive advised that this is a topical issue and is a large driver of the fresh water reforms. However community supplies are not considered problematic. ECan would be able to provide the

most relevant information, but the issue appears to be with those who source their own water and there is low visibility over these water sources.

Council has a strict monitoring regime, and checks daily for levels in water.

In Pleasant Point it is understood most bores are used for watering gardens only.

This issue will be directed to the Drainage and Water Team of Timaru District Council.

Speed on Main Road

Members of the community have asked why the speed limit changes from 50km/hr to 70km/hr before the end of the urban zone.

The community board discussed that this issue has been raised before, but that the perception from the community is that at both ends of Pleasant Point the speed limit of 50km/hr should extend further.

Resolution 2021/38

Moved: Ross Munro

Seconded: John McDonald

That the Pleasant Point Community Board request that the Land Transport Unit investigate options to extend the 50km speed zone area on the Main Road at the Eastern and Western ends of the township.

Carried

10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

Letter from Council to Bowling Club

Neville Gould advised that a letter had been received from the Timaru District Council in regards to the Pleasant Point Bowling Club and that the content of the letter was considered unreasonable.

The letter states that a leak has been detected on the property, and that the leak must be repaired within 28 days, and that if it has to be repaired by Timaru District Council, this will be at the owners expense.

The writer of the letter was contacted, and staff then did come out and attached a temporary water meter to help detect any leaks.

It was discovered there was no leak.

The concern was that if an older person received this letter, they could be forced to spend money on getting a plumber in to prove that there was no leak. This had been discussed with the Group Manager Infrastructure who agreed the letter could be better worded.

Opihi River Catchment Group

Neville Gould provided an update from the recent meeting. 4 members attended the meeting, and covers anything that feeds into the Opihi River.

Discussion was held on works planned for the year and that with Covid the income from timber sales has reduced, and there are still a few hectares to clear.

Rivers are being cleared with the expectation in a rain event farmlands and stop banks will be protected. Old Mans Beard is an issue which is being kept under control.

The rates proposed for next year are a zero increase.

11 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration

The public forum considerations were addressed at the start of the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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**Cr Richard Lyon
Chairperson**

8 Reports

8.1 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Consultation

Author: Mark Low, Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager

Authoriser: Bede Carran, Chief Executive

Recommendation

That the Pleasant Point Community Board receive and note this report.

Purpose of Report

- 1 To update the Community Board on the Long Term Plan 2021-31 consultation and invite feedback.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 The Long Term Plan 2021-31 Consultation Document, and the supporting information is assessed as being of high significance. Extensive community engagement will be undertaken on the proposed content of the LTP.
- 3 There is a statutory requirement to consult on the proposals in the Long Term Plan in accordance with section 93A of the Local Government Act, using the special consultative procedure. This includes requirements to make information about what Council is proposing in the Long Term Plan widely available, provide a period of not less than month for the public to make their views known to Council, and to provide an opportunity for people to present their views to Council.

Background

- 4 Reports have been presented to the Board over the last few meetings giving an overview of the LTP 2021-31 process and intended next steps.
- 5 Since the last Board meeting, work on the LTP has included:
 - Final preparation of the draft LTP Consultation document and supporting information
 - LTP Audit by Audit NZ
 - Preparation of LTP engagement materials and tools
- 6 At the date of writing this report, we are still awaiting final audit clearance. We are hoping that this will be finalised by Friday 9 April, to enable Council adoption and the LTP consultation to proceed.

LTP Engagement

- 7 Pending final audit clearance and Council adoption, the following programme will apply:

Date	Task
10 April – 10 May	LTP Community Engagement
31 May – 2 June	LTP Hearings

14 June	Final LTP audit commences
29 June	LTP Adoption

- 8 Should this timetable not be achievable, a new timetable will be advised at the meeting.
- 9 The LTP Consultation Document (CD) is the key mechanism through which Council presents the proposed key elements of the Long Term Plan to the community for their consideration. The Consultation Document presents four key issues and options for addressing these, namely:
- 9.1 Climate Change – Preparing for the Challenge – How much should Council do?
 - 9.2 Aigantighe Art Gallery Redevelopment – What’s the best option?
 - 9.3 Developing Aorangi Park and Stadium – When should we do this?
 - 9.4 A vibrant Timaru City Hub – What is Council’s role in the regeneration?
- 10 Alongside the 4 key issues outlined in the CD is a range of information on other Council projects, financial and infrastructure information, rates impact and how to have your say.
- 11 The CD is underpinned by Supporting Information that forms the bulk of the Long Term Plan, including Council’s Financial Strategy, Infrastructure Strategy, policies, strategic direction and financial information. All supporting information discussed in this report will be available to the public during the consultation period (10 April 2021 – 10 May 2021) on the Thriving Together website and in hardcopy on request. Feedback and submissions received on the LTP will be presented to Council for consideration as part of the LTP decision-making process.
- 12 In addition, Council is also consulting on the Revenue and Financing Policy via a concurrent consultation, which outlines the proposed change to footpath funding, outlined previously to the Board. Copies of this and the main LTP Consultation Document will be provided separately, following Council adoption.

Community Engagement Tools

- 13 The *Timaru District Thriving Together* brand will be used heavily during the consultation period. The Mayor and Councillors will provide the ‘face’ of the LTP consultation process. The LTP consultation process represents the most significant consultation during a Council term.
- 14 Individual Councillors are “sponsors” for selected topics in the Consultation Document, and will promote discussion around the proposals through presence at events, short videos on sponsor topics, speaking at a range of community organisation meetings, and hosting community drop-in sessions.
- 15 The scheduled Mayoral Drop in sessions during April will also be promoted as an opportunity to chat with the Mayor about matters in the Consultation Document.
- 16 Pending audit clearance and Council adoption, the Consultation Document will be distributed to residents via The Courier community newspaper on 15 April and will be available on the Thriving Together website from 10 April 2021.
- 17 A specific website has been prepared focused on the LTP 2021-31 consultation – www.thrivingtogether.co.nz. This will present information in a user-friendly way, enable making of online submissions, include all information in the Consultation Document, a range of supporting information, Councillor videos and other information.

- 18 The four week consultation period and the range of engagement initiatives will be themed according to the four key issues:
- Week 1 – Climate Change
 - Week 2 – Aigantighe Art Gallery
 - Week 3 – Aorangi Park
 - Week 4 - Timaru City Hub
- 19 A wide range of engagement initiatives are planned, including:
- Stands– where Councillors will have a presence at Farmers Markets, Strathallan Corner, Aorangi Park, Aigantighe Art Gallery and any other opportunities that arise
 - Meetings – where Councillors have been invited to address groups or organisations
 - Social media promotion
 - Weekly promotion in the Courier with feature pages per key issue
 - Other media promotion including the Timaru Herald, Radio advertising, Stuff wraparound
 - Promotion on MyWay buses
 - Prominent displays and information at key Council venues
 - A youth focused competition is to encourage youth input - entrants to choose one of the '4 Big Issues' in the Consultation Document and answer the following questions:
 - Why do you think this issue is the most important?
 - How should the Timaru District Council help solve this issue?
- Entrants are invited to submit their entry in any creative form – be it an essay, a song, a piece of artwork, a video. Prizes will be offered for winning entries and will include presentation of the entry at the Long Term Plan hearing.
- In addition, a “Big Issue” themed colouring competition will be promoted online and through Council’s community facilities. Prizes will be offered for winning entries.
- 20 Events or stakeholder meetings confirmed for the Temuka Community Board area are:
- Monday April 12 – Mayoral Drop-in, Temuka Service Centre
 - Saturday April 24 – Temuka Farmers Market
 - Wednesday May 5 – Temuka and Districts Project Trust (tbc)
- 21 Further events can be planned where required. If Community Board members are aware of any groups who would like to hear from the Council about what is proposed in the LTP, and have an opportunity to discuss this with Councillors over the consultation period, please let Ann Fitzgerald, Corporate Planner know.

Financial and rating impact

- 22 As previously outlined, the Plan proposes an overall increase in Council’s rate take (i.e. the amount of money Council collects in rates) of 10.5%, with 4.9% increases annually in each of the following years of the LTP.

- 23 The individual property impact of proposals contained in the Plan will vary across the District and within individual Board areas. As outlined in the Consultation Document, the impact on rates on individual properties in the Temuka Community Board area will vary depending on:
1. The Land Value of your property and how this has changed in the latest revaluation
 2. The Property category you belong to (e.g. residential, commercial)
 3. The Services you receive (e.g. water supply, waste minimisation)
 4. Where you live in the District
 5. Changes in Council's budget and how this is funded
- 24 The biggest proposed change is to the General Rate. This rate is used to fund a lot of services that benefit the community generally such as maintaining parks and roading. This is charged based on the land value of your property and adjusted through differentials. The overall General Rate is proposed to increase from \$17.7M to \$21.1M or by about \$4.4M, to cover:
- Increased expenditure on Roading – Impact: approx. \$1.5M
 - A reduction in what we receive from dividends (i.e. Alpine Energy - previously used to subsidise rates) – Impact: approx. \$1M
 - A change in how we pay for footpaths expenditure (see our Revenue and Financing Policy change) – Impact: approx. \$500,000
 - Other increases to the cost of running Council (e.g. minimum wage increases, new positions, increase in carbon credits) or changes to funding of Council services – Impact: approx. \$1.4M
- 25 Other rates are also proposed to change under the plan, including:
- Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) – this is a flat charge that all ratepayers pay covering a bucket of Council Services that benefit the community. Under the Plan this is proposed to increase to \$863.
 - Community Services Works and Services rate – this will reduce due to the Footpath funding change
 - Targeted Rates changes – these are specific rates applied to particular services (e.g. Water Supply, Sewer and Waste Minimisation), and apply where an individual property gets this service. These will increase under the Plan for Water Supply, but reduce for Sewer and Waste Minimisation.
- 26 Generally, all properties pay a portion of the General rate and a Uniform Annual General Charge. Properties in the Temuka Community Board area also pay a portion of the Temuka Community Works and Services rate, and a flat Temuka Community Board rate. Where services are received, properties will also pay specific charges for sewer, water supply and waste minimisation. Example properties are included in the Consultation Document. These reflect both the proposals in the Plan and property revaluation changes.

Next Steps

- 27 The Board may wish the opportunity to find out more on any of the issues associated with the Long Term Plan.
- 28 Feedback on the Draft LTP is welcome from the Board and can be made via submission. As per the *Community Board Functions, Duties and Powers Policy*, Boards can "Provide input into

Council's annual plan process relating to expenditure in the particular Community Board area and to recommend the prioritisation of items where appropriate.

Attachments

Nil

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