

Timaru District Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, held in the Meeting Room, Geraldine Library / Service Centre, 78 Talbot Street on Wednesday 22 May 2019 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance Public Forum (item 1)

- John Wilson and Aaron McCullough – Geraldine Combined Sports
- McGregor Simpson

Mark Bourassa – Environment Canterbury (for item 3)

Nigel Davenport – Chief Executive Aoraki Development (for item 4)

Clr Nigel Bowen

Land Transport Manager (Andrew Dixon), Parks and Recreation Manager (Bill Steans)(until 9.30pm) and Council Secretary (Joanne Brownie)

1. **Public Forum –**

2. **Geraldine Domain Turf – Geraldine Combined Sports (GCS)**

John Wilson tabled a concept design for sponsored signs to be erected in the Geraldine Domain to financially support Geraldine Combined Sports' proposal to establish a multipurpose turf at the Domain. The signs would be located on the pathway to the main domain area, visible to those involved in the sporting activities but less visible to neighbouring properties (as the thin side of the blade sign would be aligned to the residences).

At this early stage in the planning, it is proposed to install 10 blade signs, with businesses signing up for advertising on the signs at a cost of approx. \$3,000-\$4,000 for a 5 year period. This should generate around \$30,000-\$40,000 per annum which would enable operational costs to be reduced. There has been very good support indicated by all sporting groups to date.

Reference was made to the current Council policy that limits the size of such signage in a public space. Mr Wilson said that while GCS is proposing signs 2.4m high, a height limit of 2m could be accommodated if necessary, although the signs do need to be vertical in order to have presence.

Mr Wilson was congratulated on the work he has done to date, working collaboratively with diverse sporting groups and presenting a model with sustainability.

3. **Identification of Urgent Business**

Proposed Jan Fitzgerald

Seconded Janene Adams

“That a property matter be considered as urgent business at this meeting, with the public excluded.”

Motion carried

4. **Air Quality Presentation**

Environment Canterbury’s Air Implementation Officer Mark Bourassa addressed the Board on the work being undertaken in Geraldine this winter towards meeting the regional air plan. The winter programme will commence on 4 June and run through to 25 July with an educational approach, involving advisors on the ground in Geraldine to assist with checking people have the right equipment, good dry wood and the correct technique for lighting fires. Older logburners will no longer be compliant as of 1 January 2020. Mr Bourassa covered the Healthier Homes Canterbury programme, the subsidies available and the guidance and advice property owners can access.

An open forum will be held at the Geraldine Library/Service Centre with ECan and Timaru District Council officers available for information and advice.

5. **Aoraki Development Update**

Aoraki Development’s Chief Executive addressed the Board on Aoraki Development’s economic development role and activities in the District. Aoraki Development’s programmes include working towards attracting and retaining the right employees, implementing youth initiatives to encourage young people into the careers available locally, running training schemes to ensure businesses have the right training opportunities, and undertaking various promotional campaigns.

The Board was invited to contribute ideas for including a preferred phrase on the Geraldine Street banners for the “We love our...” statement.

6. **Chairperson’s Report**

The Chairperson reported on meetings he had attended on behalf of the Board since the last meeting including Geraldine Combined Sports, Geraldine/ Woodbury/Peel Forest Anzac Day services, Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Club, Significant Natural Areas drop-in session, Geraldine High School petition presentation on zoning, Geraldine Licensing Trust discussions, Transport Strategy meeting and discussions and correspondence with Council Officers on various matters.

7. **Confirmation of Minutes**

Proposed Jennine Maguire
Seconded Jan Finlayson

“That the minutes of the Geraldine Community Board meeting held on 10 April 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

Motion Carried

8. **Geraldine Town Centre Furniture and Central Business District Refresh Update**

The Board considered a report by the Land Transport Manager, updating the Board on the status of the Geraldine Central Business District projects and seeking support for a street furniture theme. A lengthy discussion ensued on the choices of seats, rubbish bins and cycle stands. Consensus was reached as follows:

No bollards – current bollards will be removed and not replaced (this will allow money allocated to bollards to be used on other refresh items)

A timber and black steel theme (no corten steel)

The Land Transport Manager to present options that include -

black cycle stands (that can accommodate e-bikes)

black and timber small rubbish bins

black and timber larger bins

black and timber seats, with arms if possible

proposed locations and pricing for all above features.

Proposed Clr Kerry Stevens
Seconded Jennine Maguire

- a) “That the Geraldine Community Board endorses the preferred option 1 of “off the shelf” designs using natural timbers and black steel materials for the renewal of street furniture in the Geraldine CBD.
- b) That the Land Transport Manager provide further details on the refined options.
- c) That the Geraldine Community Board requests Council to carry forward \$70,000 capital expenditure funding for the Geraldine CBD renewals to the 2019/20 Annual Plan.”

Motion carried

9. **Geraldine Town Centre Surveillance Cameras**

The Board considered a report by the Land Transport Manager on the options and costs of extending the coverage of the surveillance cameras in the Geraldine main street.

Proposed Clr Kerry Stevens
Seconded Janene Adams

- a “That additional surveillance cameras be installed in the Geraldine town centre from the 2019/20 budget available, the priorities being -
- a camera facing down Cox Street from Talbot Street
 - a camera on Talbot Street facing towards the cinema/cenotaph area
 - a camera at the RSA facing Peel Street
 - a camera at the RSA facing north towards the service station.
- b That the Geraldine camera storage system hardware located in the Geraldine Police station be upgraded and funded from the 2019/20 budget.”

Motion carried

10. **Geraldine Domain – Sponsorship Signage**

The Board considered a report by the Parks and Recreation Manager on the possibility of reviewing the criteria relating to sponsorship signage in the Geraldine Domain Management Plan, as part of the consideration of Geraldine Combined Sports’ proposal for sponsored signage in the Domain.

Geraldine Combined Sports is seeking approval for 2.4m vertical signs (that are 1.2m wide) but the Management Plan currently only allows for signs that are 1.2m high. It was pointed out that when the limitation was first developed, horizontal multi-coloured highly visible signs were the normal sign type, whereas the GCS proposal for signs that are narrower and 2.4m high could result in fewer effects due to their vertical style, placement facing away from residences and potentially more aesthetically pleasing graphic design.

The importance of the signage sponsorship to the financial model for the multi - purpose turf proposal was noted.

Comment was made that the same situation may arise in other parks in the district.

Proposed Gavin Oliver
Seconded Janene Adams

- a “That the Geraldine Community Board recommends to the Community Development Committee that the Geraldine Domain Management Plan Advertising Policy Implementation section (b)(ii) be amended to require

signs to be inward facing, and to accommodate signs that are no higher than 2.4 metres above the ground.”

- b That if this is approved, other Management Plans applying to Sporting and Recreation Parks be amended to allow for higher vertical, inward facing signs of this nature.”

Motion carried

Jan Finlayson requested her dissenting vote be recorded.

11. **Strategic Planning at Geraldine Community Level**

The Board considered a report by Board members Finlayson, Adams and Maguire, presenting a case for strategic planning for Geraldine, to enable cohesion and collaboration in the community for forward planning. Further clarification was sought on the extent and ultimate purpose of the strategic plan and whether the document was to be more a vision statement, guidance document or a strategic plan with goals and objectives. The funding of the plan and any future updating was also discussed.

It was acknowledged that there are both merits and risks with the proposal and more work on defining what is intended, would be helpful for future discussion.

Board members Finlayson, Adams and Maguire will do more work on the proposal before coming back to the Board.

12. **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 Anzac Day services, electric vehicle roadshow, launch of the Geraldine Linen Flax Mill book published by the Geraldine Historical Museum, biodiversity drop-in session, Geraldine High School enrolment scheme petition handover to local MPs, Geraldine Transport Strategy workshop, Waihi River catchment meeting, Geraldine Arts Council, Crown property high country working group, Talbot Forest Working Group, Geraldine Environmental Trust changes, Go Geraldine, Geraldine Guide and Scout Den Board of Control, submission of a column for Geraldine news, liaison with local residents and staff over various issues.

13. **Exclusion of the Public**

Proposed Clr Kerry Stevens
Seconded Janene Adams

“That the Board resolves to exclude the public on the grounds contained in Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act:

- **Confirmation of Minutes - Land for Disposal**
- **Property Matter**

Clause	LGOIMA wording	Plain English reason
Section 7(2)(b)(ii)	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 was the subject of, the information.	Commercial sensitivity
Section 7(2)(i)	The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	To enable commercial or industrial negotiations."

Motion carried

14. Readmittance of the Public

Proposed Clr Kerry Stevens
Seconded Jarrod Marsden

"That the public be readmitted to the meeting."

Motion carried

The meeting concluded at 10.30pm.

Chairperson