



MINUTES

Geraldine Community Board Meeting Wednesday, 4 March 2020

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Geraldine Community Board Meeting
Held in the Geraldine Library and Service Centre
on Wednesday, 4 March 2020 at 6.30pm**

Present: Ms Janene Adams (Deputy Chairperson), Ms Jan Finlayson, Ms Jennine Maguire, Cr Gavin Oliver, Ms Natasha Rankin

In Attendance: Cr Stu Piddington, Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Group Manager Commercial and Strategy (Donna Cross), Executive Assistant Infrastructure (Kate Walkinshaw)

Public Forum: John Jensen, Frank Kippenburger and Craig Moore

1 Apologies

Committee Recommendation

Moved: Jennine Maguire

Seconded: Gavin Oliver

That the apologies from Chairperson Wayne O'Donnell and McGregor Simpson are accepted.

1 Public Forum

Kakahu Lime Bike Trail

John Jensen spoke to the Board about a potential Kakahu Lime Bike Trail. The Bike trail would be a 46km round track covering the Geraldine, Pleasant Point and Temuka communities on roads less travelled so bikers would not have to compete with heavy vehicles and traffic. The purpose of the bike trail is to make Geraldine a destination rather than a transit town. John believes that this will entice more visitors to the region and create business growth, providing additional business for cafes and accommodation and potentially linking with other bike trails and rural towns.

There was a positive response from the Board and discussion around the need for further testing of the track and more investigative work being required.

Frank Kippenburger – Various Issues

Mr Kippenburger spoke about how he believes that Geraldine is not treated fairly from Council, citing an example of when he spoke at a meeting at Timaru District Council about overhanging trees and received a response he was not happy with.

He also requested that larger waste bins be installed outside Subway and the Museum. Cr Oliver advised of the Geraldine CBD refresh and that the bins will be addressed in this project.

He also asked for Kennedy Park to be opened and utilised more in the community, that more speed bumps be installed around the township and noted that the stormwater drains on Downs Road cannot cope with excessive rain falls.

The Deputy Chairperson advised that he is able to call Timaru District Council directly or liaise with the staff at the Geraldine Service Centre with any issues and they will lodge a service request for Council to action. Mr Kippenburger was also advised that a Transportation Strategy will go out for public consultation, possibly in May, and he will have an opportunity to provide comment on the strategy in regards to Kennedy Park and parking.

2 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

The Board agreed to discuss the potential sealing of Orari Back Road as a matter of urgent business.

3 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

The Board agreed to discuss rubbish collection, surveillance camera, letter of support for Geraldine Development Foundation and appointments to the committees that the Chairman was previously on as matters of a minor nature.

4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5 Chairperson's Report

The Deputy Chairperson reported on meetings the Chairperson had attended and duties he had carried out on behalf of the Board since the last meeting, including Geraldine Community Board Annual Dinner, Geraldine Vehicle Trust meeting, Geraldine Community Board Extraordinary meeting, Geraldine Vehicle Machinery Trust meeting, Go Geraldine meeting and two Council meetings.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

7.1 Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 13 November 2019

Committee Resolution 2020/30

Moved: Jennine Maguire

Seconded: Jan Finlayson

That the Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 13 November 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

7.2 Minutes of the Extraordinary Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 11 December 2019

Committee Resolution 2020/31

Moved: Natasha Rankin

Seconded: Jennine Maguire

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 11 December 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting with the minor amendment to the public minutes as follows “The Board attempted to contact Jan Finlayson when they moved to closed council however they were unsuccessful. A voice message was left. Jan would like it noted that she had given her comments to the Board members prior to the meeting and had nothing further to add.”

Carried

7 Reports

8.1 Waihi River Walkway

The Group Manager Commercial and Strategy provided an update in relation to the Memorandum of Understanding with each of Land Information New Zealand and Department of Conservation in relation to the Waihi River walkway/cycleway.

An agreement has been reached with the Department of Conservation and the management team at Land Information New Zealand and the Memorandum of Understanding is with Land Information New Zealand for signing. The Memorandum of Understanding is subject to final approval from Land Information New Zealand, however the management team is confident that confirmation should be received in a matter of days.

The next steps in the project would be delegated to the Parks and Recreation Manager and then to the Board to initiate a project management plan.

The Board were very pleased with the update.

Committee Resolution 2020/32

Moved: Gavin Oliver

Seconded: Jennine Maguire

That the Board receives this report.

Carried

8.2 Annual Plan/Budget 2020/21

The Group Manager Commercial and Strategy provided a verbal update in relation to the annual plan/budget process for 2020/21.

The process is well underway. Timaru District Council would like feedback on the draft budget prior to the Council meeting to be held on 23 March. The Board will receive a copy of the draft Geraldine budget at the proposed extraordinary meeting to be held on Thursday 19 March to review.

Committee Resolution 2020/33

Moved: Jennine Maguire

Seconded: Gavin Oliver

That the Community Board receives the report.

Carried

9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

Clr Oliver discussed the need for a seal extension on Orari Back Road. Heavy vehicles have been using this road frequently and it has resulted in the road having to be re-graded frequently. Discussion has been held with the Land Transport Manager in regards to long term options available and it was advised to put forward a recommendation to include the road in the Annual Plan. It was also suggested that gathering data on the traffic would be beneficial to move Orari Back Road up in the One Road Classification system.

Committee Resolution 2020/34

Moved: Cr Gavin Oliver

Seconded: Jennine Maguire

The Geraldine Community Board recommends that the sealing of Orari Back Road be included in the Annual Plan.

Carried

8 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

8.1 Surveillance Cameras

Constable Gray is very grateful for the previous surveillance cameras that have been supplied. There is a blindspot in Geraldine at the end of Wilson Street which would be beneficial to have covered by a camera. There is no funding for the additional camera, however there is the potential to use the Geraldine Community Board fund. The cost of the purchase and installation of the camera could be borne by the Board and the maintenance and licencing would be provided by the Land Transport Unit. The Board had a positive response in regards to the camera but will wait for a quote to be provided before going any further.

8.2 Letter of support for Geraldine District Foundation

The Geraldine District Foundation, the foundation behind the Geraldine Medical Centre, now has charitable status and is able to apply for funding. They are seeking a letter of support from the Board to support the funding applications.

Committee Resolution 2020/35

Moved: Jennine Maguire

Seconded: Jan Finlayson

The Geraldine Community Board agrees to write a letter of support for the Geraldine District Foundation.

Carried

8.3 Appointment of new Board members to Chairpersons previous committees

The Board discussed the committee representations previously held by the Chairperson. The Board appointed Committee Board members to takeover the positions as follows -

Go Geraldine – Jennine Maguire

Combined Sports – Janene Adams.

8.4 Rubbish Collection

There has been feedback from the business community in regards to the time of rubbish collection in the CBD. They believe the current collection time poses health and safety risks and an eyesore for the community. The preferable time for collection is prior to 9am. Cr Oliver will speak with the Waste Minimisation Unit.

9 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration

The Board agreed that the potential Kakahu Lime Bike trail is a good concept. There were some concerns as there are similar activities happening in and around the district, and in order for this to go ahead, a new committee would be required or collaboration with existing bike groups in the area. Further investigative works and co-ordinating with other districts, groups and committees is required before taking the proposal to the Timaru District Council.

10 Exclusion of the Public

Committee Resolution 2020/36

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: Jennine Maguire

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
13.1 - North End Ford Site	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

Committee Resolution 2020/37

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: Jennine Maguire

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

Carried

11 Public Excluded Reports**11.1 North End Ford Site****12 Board Member's Reports**

The Board members reported on meetings they had attended and activities they had completed on behalf of the Board including Scout den meeting next week – first meeting of 2020, Bike Geraldine meeting next week also the first for 2020, separate meetings with Jacqui Dean and Andrew Falloon re Orari River Road bridge and letter regarding double laning of bridge sent to the Minister of Transport, Associate Minister of Transport and local MPs, induction for Community Board members, Orari river meeting, Talbot Forest working group meeting, email received from motorhome association requesting to re-open up motorhome site, Civil Defence Emergency, Geraldine Combined Sports meeting and AGM, Rangitata Rating Group meeting, Arts Council, Geraldine Districts Projects Trust meeting, Croquet Football meeting, discussion in regards to the “saw men” artwork, soccer grounds, stubble burn off and numerous discussions with residents.

The Meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Minutes confirmed 27 May 2020.

**Wayne O'Donnell
Chairperson**