

AGENDA

Geraldine Community Board Meeting Wednesday, 14 April 2021

Date Wednesday, 14 April 2021

Time 6.30pm

Location Peel Forest Cafe

Peel Forest

File Reference 1415342



Timaru District Council

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Geraldine Community Board will be held in the Peel Forest Cafe, Peel Forest, on Wednesday 14 April 2021, at 6.30pm.

Geraldine Community Board Members

Wayne O'Donnell (Chairperson), Janene Adams (Deputy Chairperson), Jan Finlayson, Jennine Maguire, Cr Gavin Oliver, Natasha Rankin and McGregor Simpson

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 Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 10 March 2021

Author: Jo Doyle, Governance Advisor

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 10 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 Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 10 March 2021

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MINUTES

Geraldine Community Board Meeting Wednesday, 10 March 2021

Ref: 1415342

Minutes of Timaru District Council Geraldine Community Board Meeting Held in the Geraldine Library/Service Centre on Wednesday, 10 March 2021 at 6.30pm

Present: Wayne O'Donnell (Chairperson), Janene Adams (Deputy

Chairperson), Jan Finlayson, Jennine Maguire, Cr Gavin Oliver, Natasha Rankin,

McGregor Simpson

In Attendance: Mayor Nigel Bowen, Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Group Manager

Commercial and Strategy (Donna Cross), Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager (Mark Low), Nicole Timney (Manager of Property Services and Client Representative), Governance Advisor (Jo Doyle), Executive Assistant (Michelle

Heal)

1 Apologies

There were no apologies

2 Public Forum

Geraldine Cinema

Patrick Walsh, the Proprietor of the Geraldine Cinema and Barry McLaughlan, the previous Proprietor of 40 years attended to discuss Geraldine Cinema.

The initial concerns about earthquake strengthening were answered today by Council staff, clarification has been received and the process is understood.

Covid has had a major effect on the movie business, and the proprietor has requested reduced rent for the remainder of this year. This is to be discussed further with Council staff.

Movies are now picking up, release dates of films have been bought forward, with carpet provided from the Theatre Royal and Chairs proposed to help update the cinema.

A new screen has just been installed after being vandalised in 2019.

There had been a petition started, from a member of public who had heard discussions that a car park was to replace the cinema, but this has now been resolved.

The public will be made aware of any findings from the earthquake survey and any decisions to be made will go back to the community.

Proposed Dog Park

Jo Clews attending to discussed the options of creating a dog park in Geraldine. Jo has started a Facebook page, and has gained interest from members of the community.

A fenced dog park is considered important for the community, and is Jo is needing suggestions for possible land, as many areas have already been designated for future use.

The Timaru and Temuka dog parks have both used fencing that ensures smaller dogs cannot escape under or through, and this would need to be the same. Themes from the Facebook page also suggested a small swimming pool for dogs and a separate area for the smaller dogs.

The board discussed that this topic has been bought forward before and Jennine Maguire advised that she has been investigating possible areas, and has a spot that may work and is in discussions with the people who are in care of the land.

Ideas for fundraising might include offer to the community to "buy a fencepost" of which a plaque could be attached with their dogs name on it.

It was confirmed that Jennine Maguire will be the contact for the Community Board, and will report back to the board with any further information.

Speed Limits - Woodbury and Peel Forest

David Bray and Karl Harrison from NZ Police attended to discuss issues in the district.

Safety of the community is the main concern, and speed is the main factor around the speed zone changes on the outskirts of town.

In the space of half an hour, 5 cars were given infringement notices on the north end of Geraldine. The main excuse is that the driver didn't see the signage indicating the speed zone change.

The suggestion is that the red marks across the road that is in place at Winchester could be used to make the change obvious and the possible use of temporary flashing signage to reduce the speed.

Woodbury township is also getting a lot busier, the community is growing and the 70km speed limit runs right past the school. There is a café and a higher number of road cyclists using this road.

It was advised that a footpath is intended and will run right to the hall gate, and channel and curbing will also assist with cars parking on the verge.

Peel Forest also has big trucks that go past the café and a preschool.

Another concern in the district is Kennedy Park, there are many complaints of users being obnoxious to other users and cars being driven from one end of the park to the other, and racing around playground equipment. There has also been one complaint of a car chasing children.

Suggested solutions are increasing the bollards in the area and an extra security camera that points back towards the picnic tables and entrance area as both a prevention and investigative tool.

It was also noted that the security camera mounted on the northern end of the RSA is now blocked due to the new NPD service station building wall. This will need to be relocated.

3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

Geraldine Strategic Plan Submission

4 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

There were no matters of a minor nature.

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

6 Chairperson's Report

The Chair advised that since the last meeting, the following meetings have been attended:

- Timaru District Council Standing Committee

- Geraldine Community Board discussions on the Geraldine Strategic Plan Submission
- Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Club General Meeting
- Geradine District Foundation meetings including quantitive surveyor
- Vehicle trust meetings
- Timaru District Staff re the Geraldine Land Endowment fund
- Geraldine Combined Sports regarding the plan for the Domain
- Discussions and Correspondence:
 - Roading/Footpaths
 - Fibre installation companies
 - Chorus re Copper Pipe
 - Planning date for Geraldine Transport Strategic Workshop
 - And viewed progress at Pavilion today

The board were reminded that the next meeting will be held at Peel Forest.

Resolution 2021/42

Moved: Wayne O'Donnell Seconded: Jan Finlayson

That the Chairpersons report be accepted.

Carried

7 Confirmation of Minutes

7.1 Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 27 January 2021

Resolution 2021/43

Moved: Jan Finlayson Seconded: Gavin Oliver

That the Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 27 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 Talbot Forest Working Group - Bat Viewing Evenings

The Community Board was updated from the Talbot Forest Working Group on Bat Viewing Evenings.

The turnout of 100 people over 3 nights was very encouraging.

DOC have advised that if a platform was in this area, it is likely that bats would be seen every night flying and out at dusk.

ACTION POINT

- The Governance Advisor will respond to Gary Foster and thank him for the feedback received.

Resolution 2021/44

Moved: Gavin Oliver Seconded: Janene Adams

That the board receive the update from the Talbot Forest Working Group.

Carried

8.2 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 City Hub regeneration. 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.

At the farmers market on 24 April there will be a stand to answer questions to the community and the Mayor will be in attendance. For those that can't make it during the day, there will also be a drop in available between 6-8pm.

The submission to the long term plan was discussed and a recommendation will go to the Council meeting next week to request the Geraldine Community Targeted Rate be increased to \$5.

Resolution 2021/45

Moved: Janene Adams Seconded: Jan Finlayson

That the Geraldine Community Board receive and note this report.

Carried

Resolution 2021/46

Moved: Gavin Oliver Seconded: Janene Adams

That the Geraldine Community Board recommend to Council that the Geraldine Community Target

Rate be increased to \$5.

Carried

9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

Resolution 2021/47

Moved: Wayne O'Donnell Seconded: Janene Adams

That the Geraldine Community Board will submit the Geraldine Strategic Plan Submission to the Long Term Plan before the 10 May 2021 close off.

Carried

10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

There was no minor nature items.

11 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration

Geraldine Cinema

This has now been resolved.

Geraldine Dog Park

Jennine Maguire will be the contact for this project and will keep in touch with Jo Claws and report back to the community board with updates.

Speed Limits – Woodbury and Peel Forest

A recommendation will be sent to the Land Transport Unit and the Road Safety Manager to request they investigate solutions to the speed zone changes in Geraldine, Woodbury and Peel Forest. To include temporary signage and other potential long term solutions.

It is requested that the local Police constables be involved in a meeting with Timaru District Council, and that a report come back to the community board with findings.

To request barriers that could be provided to stop traffic from entering Kennedy Park.

That the board recommend a second security camera be installed at Kennedy Park in the next budgeting round.

That the security camera currently mounted on the northern end of the RSA building be relocated as a wall has blocked half of the camera view.

It was requested that Council Staff advise the budget for security cameras and whether this will be sufficient to enable a new camera to be installed.

12 Board Member's Reports

Gavin Oliver

Attended Geraldine Nature Trail work and meeting, Geraldine Sports, public enquiries, commented on Council staff being extremely helpful and the good rapport the Community Board have with staff.

McGregor Simpson

Has received calls about the conditions of gravel roads, a slip at Arundel that requires a crash barriers and that the white barrier on Ferry Road has been taken down and there are concerns about safety. These have been passed on to Timaru District Council. It was also noted that the upgrade of the road on the Main Street has been undertaken very well.

Jennine Maguire

Also thanked Timaru District Council staff for the amazing service received. Has attended meetings with Bike Geraldine and the possible dog park.

Natasha Rankin

Has attended a Council meeting and assisted to promote the Bat viewings.

Jan Finlayson

Advised that the Creative Communities meeting has been relocated to the 25 March, the Arts Council unfortunately couldn't have Ian Sinclair attend because of Covid restrictions, the next show is scheduled for July. Attended the Strategic planning meeting, sculpture trail meeting and will be at the Crown Pastoral Reform select committee meeting.

Janene Adams

Attended the sculpture trail meeting, the strategic planning meeting and also agreed with previous comments about Timaru District Council staff.

Mayor Nigel Bowen advised that the latest drop in session in Geraldine was not as widely used as late time, mainly roading issues and a letter has been received about the trees by the pavilion. Is meeting with Dave Stanton tomorrow in regards to the cycleway from Geraldine to Pleasant Point.

The Meeting closed at 8pm.	
	Wayne O'Donnell
	Chairperson

8 Reports

8.1 Talbot Forest Working Group - February Meeting Notes

Author: Jo Doyle, Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Mark Low, Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager

Recommendation

That the board receive the February 2021 meeting notes from the Talbot Forest Working Group.

Purpose of Report

- The meeting notes (attached) from the Talbot Forest Working Group's February meeting to provide an update to the Geraldine Community Board.
- The meetings are held every second month, the meeting notes will be provided for the boards consideration.

Attachments

1. Talbot Forest Working Group - Meeting Notes February 2021 🗓 🖺



Notes from meeting of Tuesday 23 February 2021

Present: Judy Lyttle, Maureen Martin, Mervyn Bowler, Jessica Bond, Mike Haines, Jo Bateman, Wayne Loveday, Chris Coulter, Gary Foster

Apologies: Ines Stäger, Rosie Morten, Annette Stricker, Rhys Taylor, Jane and Callum King.

Himalayan Balsam control along Serpentine Creek

With grant monies from ECan, High Country Contracting undertook treatment of any Balsam plants found along much of the Serpentine Creek catchment in mid-January. This was complimented with work undertaken by TFWG members notably Mervyn who also removed plants at several locations. Since that time further periodic inspections of the creek have been undertaken by Mervyn and any plants located removed including within the Waihi River above the coach Rd bridge to the confluence of Serpentine Creek where it had been noted by High Country Contracting that some plants had been seen.

After the meeting Mervyn and Gary revisited the Waihi River again and between the bridge and the confluence and approx. 100 Balsam plants of various ages were located and removed. Mervyn is to look at areas downstream of the Coach Rd bridge over the next couple of weeks to see if any plants can be located there.

A couple of residents, bordering the Waihi River, have been approached and asked to check the riverbed for H B.

A further formal follow up programme will be developed for implementation next season. The account for the contractors works in January has not yet been received but will be forwarded to ECan for payment when it arrives.

We will also send to the Geraldine Community Board secretary for inclusion on their next agenda as a "for your information" item. More work will be required again next season to ensure eradication of the plant.

Conservation week planting at TFSR

Following the meeting members trod down long grass around new plantings and removed any weeds from within the plant protectors. DOC staff are to undertake spraying around these soon for weed and grass control. Chris C. advised that she is investigating the purchase of linseed straw to mulch around these.

DOC staff have since sprayed.

Weed tree species

There is an opportunity for TFWG to assist with the identification and treatment of exotic plants within TFSR.

lnes had advised that the best timing for this was in autumn when leaf colours assisted locating plants.

Summer activities – Bat watching

Over 3 consecutive Wednesdays in January TFWG hosted the public bat evenings held at the Tripp St picnic area. These were very well attended with in excess 100 members of the public turning out and bats having been seen on all occasions. Members discussed the highly successful nature of this undertaking and agreed that it would be good to repeat next summer. Options for adding additional items of interest to the evenings such as someone speaking on invertebrates or

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looking at plants with the potential to become weeds were discussed and it was agreed that members give this some thought so that a programme for next summer can be developed. An FYI article has been submitted to the Geraldine Community Board on the Bat evenings.

Oliver Dryland Reserve

The planned information afternoon that was to be held on Saturday 13 February has been postponed due to some presenters being unable to attend. This will be rescheduled for later in March or April – date to be advised.

NPD Fuel Station Lighting

A letter by TFWG has been sent to the developers of the Geraldine NPD fuel station outlining concerns over white lighting effects on bats, birds and insects. This has resulted in a positive response and the company is looking at lighting alternatives to reduce environmental impacts. A recent situation in Kaikoura saw many Hutton's Shearwater birds become disoriented and fly into the NPD site there with several being killed and injured. Work is also under way at that location to review night lighting at the site.

Yellow Flag Iris

A plant of this potentially damaging plant had been identified in plantings at the Geraldine Primary School. Approaches were made to the school and the plant has been removed. Yellow Flag Iris is known to be highly invasive in susceptible habitats.

Geraldine Arts Trail

It is anticipated that the final draft report on this concept will be to hand soon. Chris undertook to ensure that the group was kept informed of developments as they become known and that the proposal includes several items for Talbot Forest.

TDC Work in Vicinity of Talbot Forest

Gary and Ines are to meet with Bill Steans and Wayne Loveday of Council's Parks and Recreation Unit to discuss plantings and other items that the group should be aware of or may be able to assist with adding some value to. Council reserves and plantings in the vicinity of Talbot Forest contribute to wildlife corridors, habitat improvement and recreational opportunities for Geraldine.

Kumho Tyres Payment

TFWG has recently received a further donation of \$936.00 from Blairs resulting from eco-friendly tyre sales. This money is used to support plantings at several locations on the Geraldine downs.

Biological Control Agents

Gary updated members on biocontrol agents for buddleia and old man's beard. The buddleia weevil may be present in our area already but is not highly active in summer. They are active around April so we can arrange to visit some local sites at that time to see if we can find any. Landcare are apparently working with a new mite for OMB that is showing promise. Gary to liaise with Landcare to see when the agent may be available for release locally.

Next Meeting. "Hands On" Meeting, Tuesday 30 March 2021, 10.30 am, at the Tripp Street carpark.

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8.2 Refurbishment of Thomas Hobson Memorial

Author: Ange Lumsden, Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Grant Hamel, Customer Services Manager

Recommendation

That the update be received and noted.

Purpose of Report

Further to the correspondence received at the Geraldine Community Board meeting on 18 November 2020 regarding maintenance of the Thomas Hobson Gravestone, we confirm that the memorial has been refurbished and attach photos and invoice for your information.

Assessment of Significance

2 This matter is not deemed significant under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

Attachments

- 1. Thomas Hobson Memorial (Prior to Refurbishment) 1.
- 2. Thomas Hobson Memorial (Refurbished) 🗓 🖺
- 3. Invoice for Refurbishment of Thomas Hobson Memorial



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The Jones Co NZ Ltd P O Box 3010 Timaru 7943

Phone: 0800 684466

GST Number: 66-890-813

Tax Invoice

Invoice No I002324

Date 05 March 2021

Public Trust Wellington Private Bag 5902 Wellington 6140

THOMAS HOBSON

Job No. J002326

To clean memorial at Temuka Cemetery

Costs

Description

Sundry Costs - sprayed with solution Waterblast and clean base and headstone Sundry Costs - sprayed with solution Waterblast and clean base and headstone Concrete and Plaster Work - repairs

> Sub Total 480.00 GST 72.00 Total 552.00

Title and ownership of goods is reserved until full payment is received by Aorangi and Harding Memorials.

Thank you for your custom.

Les Jones

Payment Advice

Please detach this portion and return with your payment to:

The Jones Co NZ Ltd

Aorangi and Harding Memorials

Payment by Direct Credit - please use bank a/c 12-3475-0001123-00 (ASB Bank, Timaru Branch)

Please use the Invoice Number as the reference Sorry - No EFTPOS or Visa facilities Invoice No I002324
Amount Due 552.00
Due Date 19 March 2021

Amount Paid

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8.3 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Consultation

Author: Mark Low, Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager

Authoriser: Bede Carran, Chief Executive

Recommendation

That the Geraldine 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

- 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.
- 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
- 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

- 8 Should this timetable not be achievable, a new timetable will be advised at the meeting.
- 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?
- 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 with 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.
- 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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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:
 - O Why do you think this issue is the most important?
 - O 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 Geraldine Community Board area are:
 - Monday April 12 Mayoral Drop-in, Geraldine Library/Service Centre
 - Tuesday April 13 Geraldine.nz stakeholder meeting (tbc)
 - Thursday April 15 Drop-in, Geraldine Library/Service Centre
 - Saturday April 24 Geraldine Farmers Market
- 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

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.

- 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 Geraldine 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
- 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.
- Generally, all properties pay a portion of the General rate and a Uniform Annual General Charge. Properties in the Geraldine Community Board area may also pay a portion of the Geraldine Community Works and Services rate, and a flat Geraldine 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

- The Board may wish the opportunity to find out more on any of the issues associated with the Long Term Plan.
- 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

- 9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items
- 10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters
- 11 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration
- 12 Board Member's Reports