



MINUTES

Temuka Community Board Meeting Monday, 16 August 2021

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Temuka Community Board Meeting
Held in the Temuka Library/Service Centre, King Street, Temuka
on Monday, 16 August 2021 at 5pm**

Present: Cr Paddy O'Reilly (Chairperson), Alison Talbot (Deputy Chairperson), Cr Richard Lyon, Stephanie McCullough, Lloyd McMillan, Charles Scarsbrook, Gaye Broker

In Attendance: Eric Peters – Opihi College – for public forum item 2.1 Mural
Jennine Maguire – cycleway – for public forum item 2.2 Cycle Trail
Mayor Nigel Bowen, Land Transport Manager (Suzy Ratahi), Recreation Facilities Manager (Craig Motley)(for item 2.1), Governance Support Officer (Joanne Brownie), Governance Advisor (Andrew Feary)

1 Apologies

Apology

Resolution 2021/15

Moved: Paddy O'Reilly

Seconded: Alison Talbot

That the apology received from Cr Burt be accepted.

Carried

2 Public Forum

2.1 Temuka Swimming Pool Mural

The project to have a mural on the inside wall of the Temuka swimming pool was explained. The Temuka Projects Trust received funding from the stimulus fund to finance the mural, and Opihi College has come up with some possible designs, which are now presented to the Board for consideration.

Eric Peters, from Opihi College explained the background to the concept designs presented. The Recreation Facilities Manager spoke in support of the proposal. It is the intention to have the mural on the inner wall of the pool facility by the beginning of the coming swimming season. The project is to be staged and may also eventually include a mural on the outside of the pool. The full extent of the project may take some years to complete. The Board generally liked the colourful designs and said whatever is finally decided on, should have a water based theme and not be age related. It was noted that over time the murals can be changed.

The proposed designs will be progressed and images circulated to the Board.

2.2 Trail along Waihi River between Geraldine and Temuka

Jennine Maguire of the working group to establish a cycle trail between Geraldine and Temuka updated the Board on the project, which has unfortunately not progressed as fast as initially hoped.

The track will be on or adjacent to, the current stopbank. An ongoing maintenance agreement has been confirmed. The delays have been due to the number of landowners involved and reluctance by some of them to agree to access over their land. Negotiations are still taking place. Purchasing land is also being considered and possible use of the Geraldine Endowment Fund to buy a particular section of the land has been explored. A major impediment has now arisen due to the May flood event, which means the cycleway can no longer be located between the river and the stopbank.

It is hoped that the section from Temuka to Winchester along the river will be achievable, with the section from Winchester to Geraldine possibly being located along the railway line or via Orari.

Another meeting of the working group will be held next week to discuss the next steps.

3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

The Board agreed to consider the following items as urgent business –

- Naming rights of Alpine Energy stadium
- Community Board Strategic Plan
- Old SPCA building/picture theatre – will be cleared and tidied up
- St Leonards Road Playground Naming – in public excluded session.

4 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

The Board agreed to consider Three Waters as a minor nature item.

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

6 Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson reported on meetings he had attended and duties he had undertaken since the last meeting including attending Council meetings, visit to the new Downlands Water Supply treatment plant, visit to the Beeby Road site of the bridge washout, meeting with ECan councillor Peter Scott to visit flood damage sites, visited damage to Temuka golf course and Torepe Fields, and advised of feedback following the Community Board meeting in Winchester including the Winchester hall sign which is in hand, Burdon reserve land was gifted by the Burdon family, and the location of postboxes must be at a pedestrian based site (not drive through) in accordance with NZ Post policy.

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Moved: Paddy O'Reilly

Seconded: Stephanie McCullough

That the Chairperson's report be received.

Carried

7 Confirmation of Minutes**7.1 Minutes of the Temuka Community Board Meeting held on 5 July 2021****Resolution 2021/17**

Moved: Richard Lyon

Seconded: Gaye Broker

That the Minutes of the Temuka Community Board Meeting held on 5 July 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 Temuka and Winchester Community Heritage Panels**

The Board considered a report by the Land Transport Manager on the heritage panel project for both the Temuka and Winchester Communities and to confirm funding for this project. Council officers and Community Board representatives have investigated suitable locations for the signs, including one at Winchester.

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Moved: Gaye Broker

Seconded: Richard Lyon

1. That the Temuka Community Board supports the Heritage Panel project and approves additional funding from the Temuka Community Board fund of up to \$8,000 (excluding GST) to complete the panels project.
2. That the Board delegate to the Chairperson to liaise with Council officers to determine the most appropriate and safe sites to install the Heritage Panels.

Carried

9 Consideration of Minor Nature Matter – Three Waters

The Mayor updated the Board on the Three Waters proposal.

An external agency has been engaged to provide independent information, to be an alternative source to that provided by the Department of Internal Affairs, in order that Council has sufficient information to make an informed decision. A report is being prepared which is due at the end of August. Information is being prepared to provide to the public with public meetings planned for Timaru, Temuka, Pleasant Point and Geraldine for early September. All information, both Council-sourced and that provided by the government, will be made available.

Feedback will be sought before Council considers its position at the end of September. Council will then be in a position to make an informed decision on the current reform proposal.

While some councils are supportive of the government-led proposal, many councils have major concerns and see the proposal as a future loss of control over important infrastructure assets. In Timaru's case, our Council has invested significantly in its three waters infrastructure to make it resilient for the future, whereas some other councils have had major issues – for example Havelock North, Wellington and Auckland.

There is some consensus that a regulator is necessary but Timaru District Council does not support the reform model being put forward. It is possible that despite the consultation with local authorities, the government will implement mandated reform.

10 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

10.1 Former theatre/SPCA building

The meeting was informed that this site will be cleared and tidied up.

10.2 Alpine Energy Stadium Naming Rights

The Board noted that 25 years has passed since the naming of the Temuka Stadium and sponsorship deal. The naming rights have now expired. The Board discussed possibly seeking a continuation of the naming rights arrangement if Alpine Energy is interested in continuing the funding/sponsorship or seeking alternative sponsorship or changing the name of the stadium.

It was agreed that an approach be made to Alpine Energy through the appropriate channel, to enquire about the possibility of continuing the sponsorship.

10.3 Community Board Strategic Plan

The Board discussed the next steps to progress the formulation of a Strategic Plan. The Board needs to consider the scope of the Plan, the level of community involvement, the process the Board wants to follow in preparing the Plan (whether to engage a facilitator), a timeline (to possibly feed into the next Long Term Plan) and how to use the Council funding to ensure the best benefit.

The focus for a Strategic Plan is on what the Board wants its community to look like in the future, where the needs are and how the Board/Council can assist in working out how to meet those needs. Council can be just one stakeholder to help achieve the goals set out in the Plan. The goals can be both Council specific and community specific.

Some initial possible projects were identified such as another aged care facility, combined medical centre to attract young doctors to the area, sports facility for all clubs, greater engagement between the town and Arowhenua marae, and continued support of the Temuka Projects Trust (which is a good vehicle as a separate entity to do good work in the community).

The Board agreed to ask the Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager to come to a future Board meeting to provide guidance and discuss options.

11 Exclusion of the Public

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Moved: Alison Talbot

Seconded: Paddy O'Reilly

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 - St Leonards Road Reserve Proposal to Rename	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	To protect a person's privacy

Carried

12 Public Excluded Reports

13.1 St Leonards Road Reserve Proposal to Rename

13 Readmittance of the Public

Resolution 2021/20

Moved: Paddy O'Reilly
 Seconded: Lloyd McMillan

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

Carried

The Meeting closed at 6.40pm.

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Cr Paddy O'Reilly
Chairperson