



MINUTES

Geraldine Community Board Meeting Wednesday, 12 February 2025

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Geraldine Community Board Meeting
Held in the Geraldine Library/Service Centre
on Wednesday, 12 February 2025 at 6:31 pm**

Present: Jan Finlayson (Chairperson), Janene Adams (Deputy Chairperson), Wayne O'Donnell (via teams), Shane Minnear, Rosemary Woods, Andy McKay, Clr Gavin Oliver(via teams)

In Attendance: **Clrs:** Scott Shannon

Officers: Nicole Timney (Group Manager Property), Suzy Ratahi (Land Transport Manager), Brendan Madley (Senior Policy Advisor – via teams), Troy Titheridge (Development Liaison Officer), Jessica Kavanaugh (Team Leader Governance)

Public: Elaine Taylor (Chair Geraldine Community Arts Council), Jill Giffen (Founder of Geraldine Academy of Performance & Arts), David Jennings, Rhys Taylor (Chair of Geraldine Academy of Performance & Arts), Diana O'Donnell, Jimmy Wallace, Jenny Winn, John Bray, Tom Parkinson, Joanne Marama

1 Apologies

1.1 Apologies Received

Resolution 2025/218

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the apology of Mayor Nigel Bowen is received and accepted.

Carried

The Geraldine Community Board moved to item 8.1 due to the availability of council officers. Then went back to the Public Forum

2 Public Forum

Elaine Taylor – Thanked the Community Board for the involvement in the proposed sculpture at Woodbury and provided support for the project.

Jill Griffen – Provided support for the proposed sculpture at Woodbury.

David Jennings – Spoke to the Community Board regarding his work linking up with the two other places in the world called Geraldine. There is one in Montana and one in Alabama. David asked the community board about the process of erecting a directional signpost with the other Geraldine locations and distances.

Rhys Taylor - Provided support for the proposed sculpture at Woodbury.

Diana O'Donnell – Spoke to the Community Board and provided written correspondence highlighting concerns regarding the lack of communication between the Geraldine Community Board and the Geraldine Community. Examples included the removal of the rose garden on Cox

Street, the Yesteryear sculpture at Woodbury, Heritage Information Boards, the aging population of Geraldine, and requests for larger print when placing articles.

Discussion included the publication of agendas and minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting, the Strategic Framework and process that was undertaken, and the informal consultation done with some Woodbury locals. It was advised no site has been chosen for the Yesteryear sculpture and locations are currently being scoped. Further discussion includes the Cox Street rose garden and background was provided on the history of this location.

Jimmy Wallace – Advised the yesteryear sculpture is nice to have, and the large amount of money is being spent on the project with a sculpture trail in the middle of Geraldine. Highlighted the issues with the process of the projects.

Jenny Winn – Provided the Community Board with history passed down from her Father on the Cox Street rose garden.

John Bray – Advised any sculptures that reflect land girls or soldiers need the correct details including badge locations.

Tom Parkinson - Provided support for the proposed sculpture at Woodbury.

Joanne Marama – Spoke to the Community Board and highlighted the issue with communication with active Woodbury residents. Advised the chairs look amazing and the sculpture should be placed opposite the cenotaph.

2.1 Public Forum Items Tabled

Attachments

- 1 Diana O'Donnell tabled public forum correspondence

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I am Diana O'Donnell a member of the Geraldine Public.

Firstly, I would like to address my concerns about the lack of communication between this Board and Geraldine Community 'ordinance' Ratepayers.

An example: Is the Pulling Out of the Rose Garden on Cox Street without any discussion with the Community.

I feel that if the Project had been open for discussion, a compromise could have been reached.

Which could have stopped the dissention it has caused between this Board and the Community.

Yes it was listed in the Long Term Plan under "Beautification of Cox Street Geraldine"

But I believe no details were presented to this Community as to what that meant.

(2)

That Project has caused Anger, Sadness and Tears, as it was a treasured and revered Place for Many to pay their respects and reflex on so many Brave Men ~~who~~ gave their lives so we have to-day the Freedom to do just that.

It has been said that it was not Registered Memorial but that didn't make it any less important as a "Memorial" to the Community.

Another concern is "No Communication" about the "Yesteryear Sculpture for Woodbury."

Again the ordinary Ratepayers like myself were only made aware of this Yesteryear Project on the 30th January 2024 in the Geraldine News under "Update from your Chairperson Column"

Not everyone gets the Geraldine News Paper.

(3)

What a Suprise to read the minutes of the October 2024 Community Board Meeting and under the heading "Heritage Information Boards"

Page 14: Paragraph 2 that I quote "Discussion was held to reserve the \$15,000 Budget for a Yesteryear Memorial for Woodbury"

Page 14/15: Resolution 2024/208

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Second: Rosemary Woods.

Item 4: - Allocated up to \$15,000 to Yesteryear Project for Woodbury

Item 5: - Delegate to the Chair to accept final Projects + Cost

This is the only update I have found re the discussion / debate ^{and} as I see it was therefore had before the October Meeting 2024. My Questions are ??

① Why weren't the Ratepayers included at this time ??

② Were there any other Yesteryear Projects for this \$15,000 funding considered ??

If so - what were they ??

- ⑤ On researching Allison Erickson, the Artist, a life like Bronze Sculpture costs from \$50,000 plus.

An example is of her "Portent" Sculpture that has sold for \$50,000.

- ⑥ So my Question here is as I have quoted from Minutes October 2024 up to \$15,000 has been allocated for the Woodbury Sculpture, so while taking into account the commission for the Sculpture which would be approximately \$50,000, then add Contractors and Construction etc, How much Public Funding will be used by the Yesteryear Project for completion of the Memorial ??

I am pleased there is to be a discussion later in this meeting and I hope there are answers to my Questions and that more information is going to be disclosed.

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③ When was the Public Meeting held for the ordinary Woodbury Ratepayers to attend and have information and discussion about the Memorial Sculpture ??

④ If this has not happened could a Public Meeting be called ??

⑤ If not - Why not ??

⑥ Who were the decision makers in the Woodbury Community re the placement of the Sculpture which I believe is on McKeown Road under the Oak Trees and why was that Site chosen??

⑦ The Sculpture is : I believe a Life Like Bronze Statue of a Woman holding a child and Vegetables and wearing a W.L.S. Badge which pertains to Women's Land Service

⑥

Also is it possible to when placing articles in the Geraldine News to NOT have such small print as one needs a Magnifying Glass to read it.

Geraldine is a Aging Population as we know and Larger print would be so much better for "Elderly Eyes"

Going forward if there is to be trust and respect between the G.C.B, T.D.C and Ratepayers I feel there has to be more transparency and inclusion with ordinary Ratepayers.

That way we can grow a healthy, happy and informed Community for the future of Our Beautiful Town and surrounding areas.

Thankyou for Listening to My Concerns

3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

3.1 Amendment to the 02 October 2024 minutes.

Resolution 2025/219

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: Shane Minnear

Chairperson Jan Finlayson identified an amendment to the 02 October 2024 confirmed minutes resolution 2024/208.

Carried

4 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

- Sculpture Trail

- Letter from Rachel Scott Woodbury (Woodbury Community Response Team)
- Update from David Bray (Police Constable)
- Domain Works

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

6 Chairperson's Report

6.1 Presentation of Chairperson's Report

Resolution 2025/220

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: Janene Adams

The Chairperson has attended a number of meetings including; Lets connect, Health Hub formal opening, several Geraldine residents' concerns, roses issues, Meet Yesteryear project provider, and spoke to Geraldine.nz coordinator on how to re-enliven Geraldine's profile on the national arts landscape, talk to residents and Council regarding plantings and weeds at Riddells reserve, drafted and submitted on proposed provisions to reduce the mail service, attended 50th-anniversary recognition of the Tasker children's death at Blandswood, Update on Waterheadworks – new and refurbished pipes and two tanks and pump station with project completion 2027/28, Geraldine District Projects Trust has met, interactions with Timaru District Council regarding Hislop Street and Domain works, Geraldine Highschool gym opening, Temuka Geraldine Rotary peace pole dedication, Discussions with Timaru District Council and Woodbury residents with traffic management concerns.

Discussion included a pedestrian crossing outside Woodbury School however, this is not a high-use site so a pedestrian crossing is not an option. The Land Transport Team will help with Road Safety and the possibility of a refuge island.

Continued Chairpersons Report; Geraldine Community Arts Council upcoming show, Corispondance with Eleanor Tripp Memorial Library committee members regarding raising funds for the roof, Geraldine Woodbury recreation trail design is underway, Spoke to John Wilson regarding the Domain Works.

Various conversations regarding the Woodbury Strategic Framework project include the RSA President, Mesuem President and Secretary, Arts Council Chair, Eleanor Tripp Memorial Library Chair, and Acadmony Chair, Geraldine.NZ Coordinator and Rosa Peacock.

Discussions included funding of the Geraldine Strategic Framework projects, The Development Liaison Officer advised the projects are tracking well.

It is requested that the Chairperson's Report be included in the agenda.

Carried

7 Confirmation of Minutes

7.1 Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 13 November 2024

Amendments to be made;

- Clr Mckay should be Andy Mckay
- Rachel Scott is from Woodbury, not Albury
- Troy Titheridge spelling correction

Requested to record details of the members' reports.

Resolution 2025/221

Moved: Janene Adams

Seconded: Shane Minnear

That the Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 13 November 2024 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 Property Acquisition, Management and Disposal Policy consultation

The Senior Policy Advisor and Group Manager Property spoke to the report to inform the Community Board about the Draft "Property Acquisition, Management and Disposal Policy", and provide an opportunity for discussion and feedback from members on the draft policy.

Specific feedback provided included the following;

- Page 27 Reserves Act rather than Reserves Management Act and minor typing errors
- Page 29 Cultural Heritage being compressed into one rather than different priorities
- Single criterion

General feedback included the Council to look at the suite for the whole portfolio or clusters rather than single properties. The internal processes for the Property Assessment Matrix were clarified. Clarity was sought and advised that maintenance protocols are not the purpose of disposing and there is no relationship between the two.

Further detailed discussion included the Property Assessment matrix (Appendix 2), and the clarity in the scoring benchmarking wording. It is advised the decision on whether to divest a property or make an acquisition is up to the full Council.

The timeframe for determining whether the performance of the property can be improved, the property can be repurposed, or the disposal of the property is outlined.

Council officers advised that feedback from the Temuka Community Board highlighted if land is proposed to be acquired or disposed of within their boundary, that the Community Board is notified.

Resolution 2025/222

Moved: Shane Minnear

Seconded: Rosemary Woods

That the Geraldine Community Board receive and note and provide feedback on the Draft "Property Acquisition, Management and Disposal Policy".

Carried

8.2 Cox Street Carpark Time Restriction Proposal

The Land Transport Manager spoke to the report to seek the Geraldine Community Board's support for the implementation of two-hour time-limited parking in the Cox Street Carpark and to outline the considerations surrounding this proposal.

Discussion included how it sits within the greater parking strategy, the shared space of the carpark, ability to remove time restrictions. It is advised the users will have flyers and there will be a grace period including good communication with the community.

Resolution 2025/223

Moved: Janene Adams

Seconded: Rosemary Woods

That Geraldine Community Board support the implementation of two hour time limited parking in the Cox Street Carpark.

Carried

8.3 Appointment of Community Board Representative to an Organisation

The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Council the appointment of Wayne O'Donnell to the Geraldine District Foundation, following the end of Wayne's current term.

It is highlighted the appointee to this does not need to be a member of the Community Board.

Resolution 2025/224

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: Andy McKay

That the Geraldine Community Board recommend to Council the appointment of a Geraldine Community Board member to the Geraldine District Foundation.

Carried

9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**9.1 Amendment to the 02 October 2024 minutes.****Resolution 2025/225**

Moved: Jan Finlayson
Seconded: Shane Minnear

That the 02 October 2024 minutes (resolution 2024/208 (4)) be amended to state allocate the actual remaining residual funds to the yesteryear memorial for Woodbury as below;

1. Board allocates \$10,000 to the Totara Square first option subject to agreement of landowners.
2. Cox street allocation of up to \$95,000 to option 1: including refurbishment of picnic tables to Geraldine Pallet from option 2, Officers to investigate replacement of rose raised beds and further investigation of tree removals.
3. 50k to install seating around Geraldine district 1 Peel Forest, 1 Orari, 1 at croquet lawns, 1 picnic table and bench seat at riverside behind village inn, 4 in Woodbury, 2 other locations tbc in conjunction with community.
4. Allocate the actual remaining residual funds to yesteryear memorial for Woodbury.
5. Delegate to the Chair to accept final projects and cost.

Noting the resolution (4) originally stated "Allocate up to \$15k to yesteryear memorial for Woodbury."

Carried

10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

Sculpture Trail

Discussion included the transparency of the financials and accountability of costs of the Geraldine Sculpture Trail. Wayne O'Donnell stated that he has been approached by several members of the public/ Community regarding the accountability of costs and expenditure of the sculpture trail, with the understanding at least one letter has been submitted to the chair requesting the financial breakdown. Furthermore, he requested as a Geraldine Community Board member for full financial disclosure from the start of the Sculpture trail committee being formed including all Grants/ Donations / Bequeaths and expenditures so far in totality.

It is confirmed the financials are audited under the Geraldine NZ umbrella. The representatives from the Geraldine Sculpture Trail will take this issue to their Governance team. It is also clarified to direct the community to the organisation for any questions or concerns.

Rachel Scott (Woodbury Community Response Team)

On behalf of the Woodbury and Tripp Settlement Community Hub team express their gratitude for the provision of the VHF radios and the tangible difference made to the area.

David Bray

Rosie Woods provided an update on the Police replacement and vacancies after speaking with David Bray. It is advised to keep advocating for the position to be filled.

Domain Works

Jan Finlayson provided the Community Board with an update on the proposed work at the Domain including the installation of seats and the potential of a bollard/chain fence. It is confirmed the fence is positioned further back as part of feedback from the stakeholder engagement.

Discussion included the current seating at the domain, the size of the new seating, foundation requirements, and potential costs. It is confirmed that Combined Sports is also funding approximately six seats.

The Community Board requested a report back for the installation of eight additional seats using the Geraldine Community Board targeted rate.

11 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration

There were no public forum items.

12 Exclusion of the Public

Resolution 2025/226

Moved: Janene Adams

Seconded: Rosemary Woods

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely,—

13.1 Public Excluded Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 13 November 2024

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows at 9.14pm:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Plain English Reason
13.1 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 13 November 2024 Matters dealt with in these minutes: 13.1 - Thomas Hobson Trust Applications	Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.	<p>The public excluded minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2024 are considered confidential pursuant to the provisions of the LGOIMA Act of 1987.</p> <p>The specific provisions of the Act that relate to these minutes can be found in the open minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2024.</p>

Carried

Note

[Section 48\(4\)](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

- “(4)Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof)—
 - (a)shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and
 - (b)shall form part of the minutes of the local authority.”

13 Public Excluded Reports

13.1 Public Excluded Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 13 November 2024

13.1 Thomas Hobson Trust Applications

14 Readmittance of the Public

Resolution 2025/227

Moved: Janene Adams

Seconded: Rosemary Woods

That the meeting moves out of Closed Meeting into Open Meeting at 9.16pm.

Carried

15 Board Member's Reports

The Chairperson and Community Board Members discussed various organisations they have met within the community and meetings they have attended.

Shane Minnear attended a local meeting held at the Barkers Facilities (Success Journeys and Lessons Learnt), and Geraldine Christmas Parade attended the 10 December 2024 Council Meeting.

Andy McKay attended the Geraldine Christmas Parade and meeting for the Woodbury Tripp Settlement Emergency Response.

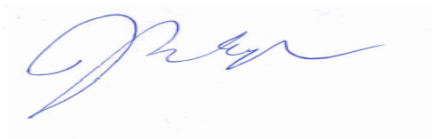
Rosie Woods attended Lets Connect Geraldine, Health Hub opening, met Allison Erickson (Yesteryear Project), attended Geraldine High School gym, met the Parks Project Coordinator regarding the Domain works, Ceremony Temuka and Geraldine Rotary Peace Pole, Met several members of the public regarding the seating at Woodbury and the Yesteryear Sculpture.

Janene Adams attended the Health Hub opening, Sculpture Trail meetings and updates on progress, attended the unveiling of the Anthony Barker statue.

Wayne O'Donnell attended the Health Hub opening, Geraldine Christmas Parade, several Geraldine Health Partnership meetings, Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Club, Geraldine District Foundation, Geraldine Community Vehicle trust, Geraldine RSA and discussions regarding the yesteryear and the sculpture trail.

The Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Minutes Confirmed 19 March 2025.



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Jan Finlayson
Chairperson