

## TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, held in the Peel Forest Café, Peel Forest on Wednesday 11 April 2018 at 7.00pm

<b>PRESENT</b>	Wayne O'Donnell (Chairperson), Clr Kerry Stevens, Janene Adams, Jan Finlayson, Jarrod Marsden and Gavin Oliver
<b>APOLOGY</b>	Jennine Maguire
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Clr Paddy O'Reilly (Temuka Community Board) Land Transport Manager (Andrew Dixon), Property Manager (Matt Ambler) and Secretary (Kate Walkinshaw)  Members of the Peel Forest Community – Rex Mason, Alan Averis and Peter Skidmore

#### 1. PUBLIC FORUM

##### Rex Mason

Mr Rex Mason put in an apology for the Chairman of the Blandswood Residents Association. Mr Mason welcomed the Board to Peel Forest and advised that he had a number of items to go through. He wanted to review some of the issues raised at the previous year's meeting. He discussed concerns around Peel Forest Road edge breaks/tar seal as he believes traffic has tripled since last year, tree roots on South Pithie Road are still an issue, the junction at Blandswood Road, Peel Forest Road and Rangitata Gorge Road where there are tyre marks from vehicles that have come off the road and the pending "drop-out" on Rangitata Gorge Road between Te Wanahu Flat Road and the Peel Forest Motor camp. Mr Mason did note that Fulton Hogan had fixed one of the culverts and done a great job. The Chairman addressed all of the concerns mentioned and confirmed with the Land Transport Manager that the Timaru District Council Land Transport team is investigating and something will be done about the above concerns, particularly the junction at Blandswood Road, seal breaks and the impending drop out.

Mr Mason raised some new concerns pertaining to the Kowhai Stream Ford. There was a heavy rain event of 200mls in February 2018 which caused damage to the ford which in Mr Mason's opinion has put them back 7 or 8 years. It is also a safety issue with numerous vehicles and people becoming stuck and residents not being able to get out when it is flooding. There was a lengthy discussion around the Kowhai Stream ford and ideas to improve the safety and functionality. The residents would like this to be treated as urgent as this is an on-going issue and also a safety issue. Blandswood Residents Association is

willing to work with Environment Canterbury, Department of Conservation and Timaru District Council to come to a permanent solution. There was a suggestion of re-taming the shingle river bed.

Lookout Road Hill also suffered some damage during the February rainfall and has become a safety issue. The road has been reduced to 4WD access only. Mr Mason did mention that he has worked closely with Timaru District Council staff who have done a great job of installing new road signs and installed bollards to reduce traffic. The long term plan for residents is to have this road sealed.

The public toilet in Blandswood is inadequate for the amount of day visitors to the area. Ideally the residents would like to have another toilet installed. Current status is that Timaru District Council provides the cleaning products however there is a question around who should maintain the toilet/s. The Property Manager will talk to his team and look into options for funding of a new toilet through a possible Government Tourist Infrastructure scheme. Mr Mason will provide the numbers from the Department of Conservation to support this. It was noted that Blandswood is considered a 'Gateway' under the Canterbury Waitaha Conservation Management Strategy and this could be worth mentioning in support of the new toilet. The residents and Board agreed that a meeting between the Department of Conservation and Timaru District Council would be beneficial.

#### **Alan Averis**

Mr Alan Averis re-iterated the points that Mr Mason made above. His main concern was the Kowhai Stream ford and a permanent fix. He believes that the Councils estimated cost to build a bridge was exorbitant and that there are cheaper alternatives available. His suggestion at the very least was to have a concrete culvert and a footbridge. He advised it is a safety issue as six families now live there permanently.

#### **Peter Skidmore**

Mr Peter Skidmore thanked the Board for the opportunity to talk. His main points were the Kowhai Stream ford and road signage. The Kowhai Stream ford is not robust. During the last 16 months it has been out for a total of 18 days due to flooding and damage. This poses a safety risk to residents and visitors to the area as no emergency service vehicles would have access in the case of an emergency and there is no alternative access. Mr Skidmore would like to know if there is a plan to improve the access and safety of this crossing. He also asked if one of the affected parties can be included in Council communications about the ford.

The signage at the corner of Blandswood Road and Lookout Road intersection has been removed. Mr Skidmore advised that he had completed a Timaru District Council "Fix-it Form" in 2017 but there has been no replacement as yet. There is also no signage relating to flooding or road closures. This also poses a safety risk. Mr Skidmore would like to have both of these signs made available for the Blandswood village.

The Board Chairman confirmed with the residents that the Timaru District Council, Department of Conservation and he will meet and discuss the Kowhai Street ford and future planning about the ford. The Group Manager Infrastructure will meet with Environment Canterbury to discuss the lead agency for the matter.

## **2. IDENTIFICATION OF MATTERS OF A MINOR NATURE**

The Board agreed to discuss ANZAC Day commemorations as a matter of a minor nature.

## **3. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Chairperson reported on meetings he had attended and duties he had carried out on behalf of the Board since the last meeting, including Geraldine Vehicle Trust Meeting, Geraldine Combined Sports meetings plus re hub, Go Geraldine Board meeting with Aoraki Tourism, GCVM Club meeting, ANZAC in Action and information evening on chlorination of Geraldine water; discussion with Timaru District Council staff members in regards to land and property issues and roading. Also discussions with Clr Kerry Stevens over numerous topics.

## **4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Proposed Clr Kerry Stevens  
Seconded Jan Finlayson

“That the minutes of the Geraldine Community Board meeting held on 7 March 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

MOTION CARRIED

## **5. PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE – ORARI BRIDGE**

The Board considered a report from the Property Manager for the proposed land exchange at Orari Bridge. The Property Manager advised that he would need to obtain the land valuation of two respective parcels of land if the report is approved.

Proposed Jarrod Marsden  
Seconded Jan Finlayson

“That the Geraldine Community Board recommends to the Policy and Development Committee that the land exchange process be undertaken and authorises the Chief Executive to negotiate and conclude the exchange process with the adjoining owner.”

MOTION CARRIED

## 6. GERALDINE TOWN CENTRE REFRESH PROJECT PRIORITIES

The Board considered a report from the Transportation Team Leader presenting the refresh project options for the Geraldine Central Business District (CBD) identified by the Stakeholders Group. The purpose of the report is to prioritise the refresh projects and refer to the Infrastructure Committee for approval. The Board discussed the report and prioritised the projects.

The Board also discussed the total budget allowed for the refresh. It was discussed that the original budget to refresh the four town centre CBDs was \$1,000,000. This was reduced to \$600,000 due to tile etching and renewals in the Timaru Central Business District and then allocated based on Ward population. The Board agreed to raise with Council to relook at how the remaining funds are distributed between the town centres. The Board members were of the view that the Geraldine proportional share should be based on the original budget (\$1,000,000) not the remaining budget.

Proposed Janene Adams  
Seconded Jan Finlayson

- a “That the Geraldine Community Board confirms a priority listing for the refresh projects as identified in the table below

Description/Scope	Estimated Cost (excl GST)
Reset footpath tiles/pavers to address areas that are hazards	\$15,000 - \$25,000
Litter bin design change	\$20,000 - \$30,000
Bollards design change and install	\$20,000 - \$30,000
Additional Seating	\$5,000 - \$10,000
Street Trees – extending	\$10,000 - \$20,000
Waihi Terrace gateway	\$10,000 - \$20,000

- b That the Geraldine Community Board refers its priority listing of refresh projects to the Infrastructure Committee for approval for implementation.
- c The Geraldine Community Board recommends Council relook at proportional allocation of funds to the Town Centres fairly.”

MOTION CARRIED

## 7. CONSIDERATION OF MINOR NATURE MATTERS

The Board considered attendance at the ANZAC Day commemorations. There are four services that the Board can attend in Geraldine, Woodbury, Peel Forest and

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Rangitata. Cllr Stevens will lay wreaths at all of the services and between the Board members there will be representation at all of the services

#### **8. 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:

Geraldine Chlorination information meeting, Go Geraldine meeting, Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Committee meeting, Geraldine Arts Council, Bike Geraldine meeting, Geraldine ANZAC Commemorations trust meeting, Geraldine Combined sports meeting, discussions with a resident over the rugby grounds, consultation with Geraldine High School students about Long Term Plan issues and submissions, and liaised with Timaru District Council staff and the Geraldine Community Board Chairman over several local matters.

The meeting concluded at 9:00pm.

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Chairperson