

Timaru District Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Development Committee held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru on 27 November 2018 at 11.30am.

Present Clrs Steve Wills (Chairperson), Nigel Bowen, Peter Burt, Dave Jack, Richard Lyon, Paddy O'Reilly, Sally Parker, Kerry Stevens and the Mayor

Apologies Proposed Clr Burt
Seconded Clr Parker
"That the apologies for absence from Clr Andrea Leslie and Ali Talbot (Temuka Community Board) be accepted."

Motion carried

In Attendance Bernie Wilson - Pleasant Point Community Board (for public part of meeting)
Jennine Maguire - Geraldine Community Board (for public part of meeting)
Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Group Manager Community Services (Sharon Taylor), Parks and Recreation Manager (Bill Steans), Parks and Recreation Policy Analyst (Fabia Fox), Customer Services Manager (Grant Hamel) and Community Services Executive Assistant (Colleen Te Au)

1. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

2. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson reported on meetings he had attended and duties he had carried out since the last Committee meeting including:

Council Workshops, Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards, Hall of Fame Function, Pareora School regarding the impending closure, Kingsdown Hall AGM and meetings with Group Manager Community Services.

Proposed Clr Wills
Seconded Clr Burt

"That the Chairperson's Report be received and noted."

Motion carried

3. **Confirmation of Minutes Community Development Committee Meeting
16 October 2018**

Proposed Clr Jack
Seconded Clr Stevens

“That the minutes of a meeting of the Community Development Committee held on 16 October 2018, excluding the public excluded items, be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

Motion carried

4. **South Canterbury Spaces and Places Strategy – Final Adoption**

The Parks and Recreation Manager spoke to his report presenting the final draft of the South Canterbury Spaces and Places Strategy for adoption. The Strategy is the same as that adopted in principle at the Community Development Committee meeting on 24 July 2018, except for Recommendation 13 under Sector-Wide (and Resourcing Strategy Implementation), with the addition of ‘Local authorities improve the visibility and accessibility of facilities by utilising and sharing facility data collected with the community and visitors via appropriate media and digital platforms.’ The Strategy has been adopted by Mackenzie District Council and will be used by the Waimate District Council for planning purposes.

The Committee noted there are recommendations for the creation of two roles to implement the strategy; an Activator and a Navigator. Adoption of the Strategy does not imply that there is any financial commitment by Council.

Proposed Clr Burt
Seconded Clr Stevens

“That the South Canterbury Spaces and Places Strategy be adopted.”

Motion carried

5. **Le Quesnoy New Zealand Memorial Museum – Consideration of Financial Support**

The Committee considered a report by the Customer Services Manager providing further background for consideration of a donation from Council to the Le Quesnoy New Zealand Memorial Museum. Grant Finlayson, South Canterbury representative for the Museum’s Trust, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed museum. This is a one off national project focusing on educating Europeans and New Zealanders about the sacrifices New Zealand made in WW1 and WW2. Most New Zealand soldiers that were killed in action died in Europe. Le Quesnoy has a special relationship with New Zealand as it was liberated by New Zealand soldiers in WW1 with no loss of civilian lives. The museum will become a database of information about WW1 and WW2, and it is hoped it will become a centre for overseas tourists to visit.

The Le Quesnoy museum project is estimated to cost \$15 million with \$5 million for the purchase of land and property, \$5 million for tourist and staff accommodation and \$5 million for the museum's fit out.

There are four other war memorial museums in France which were funded by their governments. No financial assistance has come from the New Zealand government except for possible tax benefits for this project. The Trust is approaching all New Zealand Councils for funding.

The Committee discussed the value to the Timaru District of investing in the museum project, noting its importance and connection to New Zealand.

Proposed the Mayor
Seconded Clr O'Reilly

- a) "That the Council support the Le Quesnoy New Zealand Memorial Museum Trust.
- b) That a submission be made to Central Government for direct financial support to the project.
- c) That a donation of \$10,000 be recommended to the Policy and Development Committee and the donation be sourced from the Economic Development Fund."

The Committee was supportive of the project and wished to make a contribution, however the Economic Development Fund was not deemed an appropriate fund for the project and other funds were discussed. The project does not fit the Grants and Loans Policy. The Contingency Fund was deemed appropriate.

Amendment

Proposed Clr Stevens
Seconded Clr O'Reilly

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- b) That a submission be made to Central Government for direct financial support to the project.
- c) That a donation of \$10,000 be recommended to the Policy and Development Committee and the donation be sourced from the Contingency Fund."

Motion carried

The amended motion became the substantive motion and was put and carried.

6. **Exclusion of the Public**

Proposed Clr Bowen
Seconded Clr Stevens

“That the Committee resolves to exclude the public on the grounds contained in Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act:

Confirmation of Minutes - Donations & Loans Subcommittee Recommendations

Section 7(2)(f)

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The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority, or any persons to whom section 2(5) of this Act applies, in the course of their duty

Temuka Pool Upgrade

Section 7(2)(i)

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The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

Pareora Dam

Section 7(2)(a)

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The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.”

Visitor Promotions

Section 7(2)(a)

Section 7(2)(i))

Motion carried

7. **Readmittance of the Public**

Proposed Clr Jack
Seconded Clr Burt

“That the public be readmitted to the meeting.”

Motion carried

The meeting concluded at 12.55pm.

Chairperson