



# MINUTES

## Temuka Community Board Meeting Monday, 9 September 2019

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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, 9 September 2019 at 5pm**

**Present:** Clr Paddy O'Reilly (Chairperson), Mrs Noeline Clarke, Clr Richard Lyon, Mrs Stephanie McCullough, Mr Lloyd McMillan, Mr Charles Scarsbrook, Mrs Alison Talbot (Deputy Chairperson)

**In Attendance: Public forum**  
Andrew Bull (General Manager Talbot Forest Cheese), John Jackson, Derek Miller

Clr Peter Burt, Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Group Manager Infrastructure (Ashley Harper)(until 5.32pm), Land Transport Manager (Andrew Dixon), Community Services Operations Coordinator (Katrina Symons)

## **1 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

## **2 Public Forum**

John Jackson spoke to the Board about the smell coming from the Temuka Oxidation Ponds. John is concerned that a Temuka business caused an illegal discharge into the Oxidation ponds. He felt there was a lack of concern for the public. This most recent incident resulted in a worse smell than previously experienced and John believes the Council need to take action to prevent this from happening in the future.

Derek Miller also spoke to the Board about the Temuka Oxidation Ponds. He reiterated the smell was very pungent and Council needs to provide answers. Derek said people want to know where the contamination is coming from, there are businesses in Temuka that are concerned that they will get the blame.

Andrew Bull, General Manager of Talbot Forest Cheese, addressed the Community Board and the public in attendance, and apologised on behalf of the company. Andrew advised he has only been in his role for the last month so was not on board when previous issues occurred. Andrew advised that in the third week of 3 August they were notified by the Timaru District Council that they had breached their discharge consent, within 2 hours of the notification they rectified the issue and have remained in compliance since. Talbot Forest Cheese has made fundamental changes to its whey system and the trade waste system so that now prevents the whey overflowing into the trade waste system. The Company is confident the work carried out will ensure trade waste compliance in the future. Talbot Forest Cheese has monitoring in place, is also keen to support wider wastewater management and is planning to make a contribution to support native tree planting in the area.

Group Manager Infrastructure Ashley Harper spoke of the event last year which saw the Council visit the factory. Council strictly enforces the trade waste consent and after the visit last year Talbot Forest Cheese made changes, installing new tanks and other plumbing improvements which have been progressively implemented over the last 8 months. Ashley noted that within 2 hours of the recent notification, Talbot Forest Cheese rectified the issue and has done more plumbing to eliminate the same thing happening again. To the best of Council's knowledge there are no threats to public health arising from the incident. Based on remedial action the company has taken, Mr

Harper said it would be reasonable to expect that Talbot Forest Cheese will remain compliant going forward.

The Chairman acknowledged that the community has been upset, however he believes Council needs to take Talbot Forest Cheese's word that they will rectify the problem.

Further discussion was had between the Board around bylaws and fines. Ashley Harper clarified that there are a range of bylaws in regards to water services but not fines. Council will recover costs by agreement. The biggest penalty the Council could put in place if a business showed consistent non compliance is to demand cessation of discharge.

In response to the explanation provided, Mr Jackson acknowledged that it is good to hear that there are processes being put in place to prevent it from happening again. An appropriate press release will be prepared in order to inform the public.

The public forum speakers were thanked for their interest and taking the time to attend the meeting.

Ashley Harper, Andrew Bull, John Jackson and Derek Miller left the meeting at 5.32pm.

### **3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business**

There were no urgent items identified.

### **4 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature**

The Board agreed to discuss the person living illegally at Milford Lagoon, the stadium roof and an update on Temuka Domain as minor nature items.

### **5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

### **6 Chairperson's Report**

The Chairperson reported on various meetings he had attended and duties he had carried out since the last meeting including a Council Meeting, meetings in regards to the Temuka Oxidation ponds issue, meeting with a Temuka Lions Club representative in regards to the Christmas lights, and a Waste Minimisation meeting.

### **Committee Resolution 2019/4**

Moved: Clr Paddy O'Reilly

Seconded: Charles Scarsbrook

That the Chairperson's Report be adopted.

**Carried**

## **7 Confirmation of Minutes**

### **7.1 Minutes of the Temuka Community Board Meeting held on 5 August 2019**

#### **Committee Resolution 2019/5**

Moved: Lloyd McMillan

Seconded: Noeline Clarke

That the Minutes of the Temuka Community Board Meeting held on 5 August 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**Carried**

## **8 Reports**

### **8.1 Temuka Central Business District Refresh - Furniture and Update**

The Board considered a report by the Land Transport Manager with regards to the status of the Temuka Central Business District (CBD) projects and seeking support for a street furniture theme.

#### **Street Furniture**

Various options were presented to the Board including both “off the shelf” options or a more modern furniture design option. The Board discussed the option of replacing some or all furniture. A new option which was not included in the report was considered, which is to refurbish the existing furniture through repainting of seats, bollards and poles and replacing seat boards. It was recommended that the Board look at removing some of the bollards. The Chairman reminded the Board that if they looked to refresh existing furniture then they would be moving away from having a theme, which originally came from feedback from a community meeting.

After further discussion the Board agreed to request another report on the costs to refurbish and change the paint colour of the seats, lights, poles, bollards and rubbish bins. The reports to include the costs of two additional recycling bin enclosures. The Land Transport Manager will review the costs and report to the Board at the next meeting.

## **9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**

There were no urgent business items.

## **10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters**

**Person living illegally at Milford Lagoon** – The Board briefly discussed the issue of a person living illegally at Milford Lagoon. This is causing some local concern at Milford. The Chairperson advised

that the responsibility for this issue sits with ECan and the matter is being addressed. TDC Officers will check on the situation in regard to registration of the person's dogs.

**Stadium Roof** – As a result of a matter raised at the previous meeting the Property Manager advised that the stadium spouting was blocked and has since been cleaned out. Council officers will ensure the ongoing maintenance programme for the building is in place.

**Cemetery Toilet** - The Chairperson has received an update from the Parks and Recreation Manager who has confirmed there will be a toilet installed at the Cemetery before Christmas. A request was made for the public to be informed.

**Temuka Domain Update** - The Chairperson provided an update to the Board on the Temuka Domain. Currently Opus is preparing a design for a new car park area which will be located by the Cenotaph near the bowling club. The seats around the Oval are also going to be looked at in the future, but this will happen after the work on the car park area is completed.

**Noeline Clarke Retirement** - The Chairperson presented Noeline Clarke with a gift from Council to acknowledge her 21 years service to the Temuka Community Board.

**Mayor Damon Odey** - on behalf of the Temuka Community Board, the Chairperson extended thanks to Mayor Odey for all the support he has the given the Temuka Community and for the times he has made himself available over his 9 years in public service.

**The Meeting closed at 6.22pm.**

**Minutes confirmed October 2019.**

**Cr Paddy O'Reilly**  
Chairperson

**Bede Carran**  
Chief Executive