



# MINUTES

## Geraldine Community Board Meeting Wednesday, 24 August 2022

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council  
Geraldine Community Board Meeting  
Held in the Geraldine Library & Service Centre, 80 Talbot Street, Geraldine  
on Wednesday, 24 August 2022 at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Wayne O'Donnell (Chairperson), Janene Adams (Deputy Chairperson), Jan Finlayson, Jennine Maguire, Cr Gavin Oliver, McGregor Simpson

**In Attendance:** Mayor Nigel Bowen, Bede Carran (Chief Executive), Paul Cooper (Group Manager Environmental Services), Susannah Ratahi (Land Transport Unit Manager), Craig Motley (Recreation Facilities Manager, CBay), Jo Williams (EA Infrastructure)

**1 Apologies**

**Resolution 2022/109**

Moved: Janene Adams

Seconded: Jan Finlayson

That the apology received from Natasha Rankin be accepted.

**Carried**

**2 Public Forum**

There were no public forum items.

**3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business**

**3.1 Urgent Business Items**

The board identified the following matters as items of urgent business

- Flume project costings
- Te Moana Water Rates situation
- Reallocation of funding from Bike Track to Dog Park project

**Resolution 2022/110**

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: Gavin Oliver

That the three matters above be accepted as items of urgent business.

**Carried**

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

##### **4.1 Minor Nature Items**

The Board agreed to consider the following minor nature matters at this meeting:

- McKenzie Road name change
- Geraldine to Woodbury pathway around to the horse trail
- Woodbury Bridge – Waihi crossing

##### **Resolution 2022/111**

Moved: McGregor Simpson

Seconded: Jennine Maguire

That the three matters above be accepted as items of a minor nature

**Carried**

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

**5.1** Jenine Maguire declared her conflict of interest in respect of the Dog Park project funding.

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

##### **6.1 The Chairperson's Report**

Since the last meeting the Chairperson confirmed that he had attended:

- The Timaru District Council meeting on 9 August 2022 which included a very interesting discussion on 3 Waters
- The Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Club meeting
- The Geraldine Vehicle Trust
- The Talbot Forest Walking Group (walk around the Domain) with Jan Finlayson
- Geraldine.NZ's farewell to Janine Adams
- Correspondence – with Timaru District Council Officers regarding footpaths and roading issues; Jennine Maguire re Dog Park; Invoice for Flume project
- Lastly a big thank you to all the Board members for the last three years. He also expressed his thanks to the Mayor, the CE and Council officers who attend these meetings, Gaven Oliver the Ward Councillor and Barbara Gilchrist Timaru Councillor.

##### **Resolution 2022/112**

Moved: Wayne O'Donnell

Seconded: Janene Adams

**Carried**

**7 Confirmation of Minutes****7.1 Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 6 July 2022****Resolution 2022/113**

Moved: Janene Adams

Seconded: Jennine Maguire

That the Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 6 July 2022 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 Outdoor Pool Operations 2022/2023 Season**

Craig Motley spoke to his report. He highlighted the following:

- Outdoor pools set to re-open in November
- CBay has had to change pool operation hours due to staff shortages and this may also impact on summer pools. This situation does not look like improving in the near future.
- Looking at all possible options to plan ahead rolling closures, specific time slots to schools and other options.

There was discussion about how the Committee could help with recruitment drive – Facebook etc, push out locally, grow awareness.

**Resolution 2022/114**

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: McGregor Simpson

That the report is received and noted.

**Carried**

**8.2 Refuse Kerbside Collections Issues - Geraldine Central Business District and Blandswood Road**

Janene Adams spoke to the first part of the report. She said she had advocated for the change to the timing of rubbish collection after businesses had complained about safety and traffic. The report from Council noted that after engaging with the business owners they all now appeared happy with the timing of the removal of rubbish.

Discussion about the second part of the report – Blandswood Road Kerbside collection. The contractor EnviroWaste Services Ltd (ESL) said they can put on a smaller truck when necessary and

the costings can be absorbed in the existing budget. Residents have been engaged, ESL have been to look and they have made the decision that they can supply a smaller truck and it can work.

**Resolution 2022/115**

Moved: Gavin Oliver

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the Geraldine Community Board:

1. Supports the current kerbside collection arrangements in the Geraldine Central Business District noting that the timing of the service is acceptable to business owners.
2. Supports, when river flows require, the use of a smaller EnviroWaste Services Ltd kerbside collection vehicle to service the Western side of Blandswood Road to improve the kerbside refuse collection level of service to Blandswood residents.

**Carried**

**8.3 Fitzgerald Road Stopping, between Looker Road and State Highway One**

The purpose of the report is to seek the Geraldine Community Board's support for the stopping of a defined portion of Fitzgerald Road, Orari.

It is proposed that should the road stopping be approved, the former road reserve land would be amalgamated with the adjacent land parcels, owned by Orari Estate Holding Limited and Waybrook Dairy Farm Limited.

The road does not provide any access to areas of potential recreation or natural significance such as a waterway. Given the circumstances, the public value is considered low.

The Board discussed this matter at some length including, safety issues, the opinions of local residents and whether or not they were consulted properly, and the fact that when McGregor Simpson visited, the gates at both ends were locked.

**Resolution 2022/116**

Moved: Janene Adams

Seconded: Jennine Maguire

In Favour: Wayne O'Donnell, Jan Finlayson, and Cllr Gavin Oliver

Against: McGregor Simpson

That the Geraldine Community Board recommend to Council that in accordance with the Public Works Act 1981 the road stopping process for a defined section of Fitzgerald Road from Looker Road to State Highway 1 be initiated.

**Carried 5/1**

**Carried**

**9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items****9.1 Flume Project****Resolution 2022/117**

Moved: Jennine Maguire

Seconded: Jan Finlayson

The Community Board pass a recommendation that as a Board they wish to pay the attached invoice – Inv 2846 of \$1,420.66.

**Carried**

**9.2 Dog Park – Funding**

There was a discussion among members regarding the allocation of Community Board funds to the dog park. This had already been discussed at previous meetings. There was discussion about the funding that had been promised to the Temuka Geraldine Cycleway trail and whether this would be rescinded and reallocated to the dog park. After discussion it was decided that the cycleway project was not proceeding at present. There was sufficient funds in the Fund to cover both amounts should the cycleway project start up again. The question of how much should be given to the new dog park. There was a unanimous decision that \$10,000 be given for fencing, work and materials required to establish the dog park.

**Resolution 2022/118**

Moved: Gavin Oliver

Seconded: Wayne O'Donnell

The Community Board pass a recommendation that as a Board they give \$10,000 to the new dog park.

**Carried**

**9.3 Te Moana Water Services**

The Chair wished to discuss the matter of the Te Moana water rates. He and Councillor Oliver had received complaints from ratepayers about the large increase in their water rates.

The CE spoke to the Board and explained the situation including:

- Future proofing water supply
- Boil water notices being withdrawn

The Chair advised that the complaints were largely about why the increase was so big and why this increase had not been communicated to the users before the rates went out.

There was also discussion about a traffic count.

**Resolution 2022/119**

Moved: Gavin Oliver

Seconded: Wayne O'Donnell

After further discussion the Board passed the following resolutions:

1. That the Council provide to the Community Board a reconciliation of the Te Moana water rates and charges of both the revenue and expenditure side.
2. That the Council expedite a communication plan to the Te Moana users and they keep the Community Board updated.

**Carried**

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

### **10.1 Renaming of McKenzie Road**

Councillor Oliver updated the Board on where the rename of McKenzie Road had reached. He had had discussions with the McKenzie's and would have further conversations next week. Going forward he said they would take time to reflect on the history and background. Once they had done this, they will decide whether or not to pursue a name change with Council.

#### **Recommendation**

The Board agreed they were happy to leave it with the family and let them sort it out.

### **10.2 Bike Geraldine - Trail Integration**

Jennine Maguire submitted a letter to the Committee from Bike Geraldine requesting support from Committee for the establishment of a multiuser trail. They are keen to support the creation of an inclusive trail with a suitable surface for walkers and cyclists and the inclusion of a 1.2m berm for horse riders to use alongside.

#### **Recommendation**

The Geraldine Community Board supports this proposal where possible, with the understanding that due to width constraints it may not always be an option, however it must be considered in all planning phases.

### **10.3 Waihi Bridge / One Way system**

McGregor Simpson raised concerns regarding the Waihi Bridge Crossing and the one-way system in place at the moment. He felt the traffic numbers required a two-way crossing with a rising population and schools. He said that visibility does not appear until you get to the bridge.

There was a discussion about the traffic count.

#### **Recommendation**

It was suggested and the Committee agreed that the people who are not happy with this system should come to a public meeting, and following discussion a decision could be made about a traffic count and other options.


# **11 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration**

There were no public forum issues for consideration.

# **12 Board Member's Reports**

As this was the last meeting of this Community Board there were no formal board reports.

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm.



Wayne O'Donnell

Chairperson



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Chief Executive