



AGENDA

Geraldine Community Board Meeting Wednesday, 24 August 2022

Date Wednesday, 24 August 2022

Time 6.30pm

Location Geraldine Library & Service Centre
80 Talbot Street
Geraldine

File Reference 1521880

Timaru District Council

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Geraldine Community Board will be held in the Geraldine Library & Service Centre, 80 Talbot Street, Geraldine, on Wednesday 24 August 2022, at 6.30pm.

Geraldine Community Board Members

Wayne O'Donnell (Chairperson), Janene Adams (Deputy Chairperson), Jan Finlayson, Jennine Maguire, Cr Gavin Oliver, Natasha Rankin and McGregor Simpson

Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

Community Board members are reminded that if you have a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda, then you must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item, and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table

Bede Carran
Chief Executive

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7 Confirmation of Minutes

7.1 Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 6 July 2022

Author: Claire Copeland, Executive Assistant Environmental Services

Recommendation

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.

Attachments

1. Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 6 July 2022



MINUTES

Geraldine Community Board Meeting Wednesday, 6 July 2022

Ref: 1521880

**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Geraldine Community Board Meeting
Held in the The Green Man Cafe, 1202 Peel Forest Road, Peel Forest
on Wednesday, 6 July 2022 at 6.30pm**

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

In Attendance: Mayor Nigel Bowen, Cr Paddy O'Reilly, Andrew Dixon (Group Manager Infrastructure), Andrew Feary (Governance Advisor).

1 Apologies

No apologies were received.

2 Public Forum

Mr Bruce Allen of Peel Forest spoke to the Community Board regarding Project Peel Inc. Society where they seek to utilise part of the former Peel Forest fire station building as a depot for Project Peel but is willing to collaborate with any other local group who also wishes to utilise the building. A suggestion was made that assistance from Fire & Emergency New Zealand was available for the use of the new fire station which is intended to be a community building.

The vision of Project Peel was to reverse the ecological decline of the Peel Forest Scenic Reserve. Project Peel currently has concerns with cats in the area with a significant amount of effort in predator control. Cameras in the reserve are detecting a number of domestic & feral cats in the Denniston Bush area, particularly.

Mr Rex Mason of Blandswood, spoke to the Community Board on a number of issues in the Peel Forest area; footpath on Peel Forest Road; ford at Kowhai Stream; freeboard on Blandswood Road (at the floodbank). Mr Mason would like to see no artificial dams or weirs in the Kowhai Stream, due to ongoing issues associated with them.

Mr Mason spoke about the use of the former fire station that could house a historic ex US Army truck "Old Ben" which had links to the Peel Forest area and could collaborate with the Project Peel Inc. Society in utilising the former fire station.

Mr Peter Skidmore of Blandswood, spoke to the Community Board regarding the rubbish collection at Blandswood where a mention in previous Community Board Minutes stated that the rubbish trucks cannot cross the Kowhai Stream ford; Mr Skidmore wished to elaborate on the actual reason the trucks were unable to collect rubbish in the Blandswood village. Due to the channel causing a step at the ford when it rains causing difficulty for the truck drivers to negotiate. Flooding of the Kowhai Stream is an ongoing issue, that is being mitigated with the proposed redevelopment of the crossing to be consulted with the local residents momentarily.

Don Murray of Peel Forest spoke to the Community Board on Project Peel Inc. Society and is concerned with urban & rural issues – Peel Forest being a recreation area for the region; belief that the Council needs to consider the area in the wider aspect of the wellbeing of the District.

The newly constructed footpath on the Peel Forest Road is well received, and understand there is a plan to extend. Mr Murray would like to see an invitation for the local people to help with the planting on the road reserve at the footpath.

Mr Greg Wilkinson of Blandswood spoke to the Community Board to give thanks for incorporating the Board Meeting at Peel Forest and spoke to support the previous roading issues.

Mr Allan Averis of Blandswood spoke to the Community Board on the Kowhai Stream ford. Numerous concrete fords and bridges have been in place over the years at Kowhai Stream and suggested a natural attenuation as opposed to artificial control of the stream.

3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

No items of urgent business were received

4 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

Five matters of a minor nature were identified:

- Further funding of gravel for the Toy Library
- Geraldine Dog Park
- Transfer of funds from the Geraldine Licensing Trust
- Connolly Street trees
- Totara Street Footpath

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

6 Chairperson's Report

6.1 Chairperson's report

Wayne O'Donnell advised the Board, since the last meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, the Chairman has attended the following:

- Geraldine Vintage Car & Machinery Club Annual General Meeting & monthly meeting
- Peel Forest Outdoor Centre onsite meeting
- Geraldine Vehicle Trust
- Timaru District Council Standing Committee meetings
- Geraldine District Foundation meetings
- Geraldine.nz Annual General Meeting
- Meeting with Mayor, Timaru District Council Officers & Peel Forest Outdoor Centre.
- Returned Serviceman Association meeting & Strategic Review Group
- Geraldine Community Board planting of the Jubilee Tree in Todd Park.
- Meeting with Geraldine Rugby Club & Timaru District Council Officers
- Geraldine Strategic Plan workshop.
- Correspondence with Timaru District Council officers regarding footpaths and roading issues.

Resolution 2022/84

Moved: Wayne O'Donnell

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the Chairperson's report be received.

Carried

7 Confirmation of Minutes**7.1 Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 25 May 2022****Resolution 2022/85**

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: McGregor Simpson

That the Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 25 May 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 Speed Management Plan Update - Setting speed limits**

The Group Manager Infrastructure spoke to the Geraldine Community Board on the changes to the Speed Limit setting rule and progress so far made in revising Timaru District Local Road Speed Limits.

Discussion from the Board Members sought the installation of a driver feedback sign (Dynamic Speed Feedback Sign or Speed Indication Device) on a rotational basis with other sites within the District.

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

8.2 Geraldine Land Transport Activity Update

The Group Manager Infrastructure spoke to the Geraldine Community Board on land transport projects completed and underway in the Geraldine Ward over the last two years.

The Board Members discussed with Officers several local issues within the Geraldine area, notably; footpaths in the industrial area being used by local businesses, slippery tiles outside the public toilets on Wilson Street, footpath material options.

Resolution 2022/86

Moved: Janene Adams

Seconded: Jennine Maguire

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

No items of urgent business were received

10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

10.1 Further funding of gravel for the Toy Library

Janene Adams spoke to the Community Board regarding the funding of gravel for the toy library, where at the meeting of the Community Board in May 2022 under resolution 2022/76 the Community Board agreed to fund up to \$300 for the toy library. Subsequently further gravel is required and the funding of a further \$300 is sought.

The Community Board agreed to the further funding of up to \$300 for another load of gravel for the toy library however no resolution can be made at this time. Enquiries with Council Officers are to be made as to how to acquire the funding from the Geraldine Rating Fund, alternatively table the matter at the subsequent meeting of the Geraldine Community Board for resolution.

10.2 Geraldine Dog Park

Jennine Maguire advised the Community Board that approval had been received to develop a dog park at the park opposite the fire station (land adjoining former Geraldine Borough Council depot 117 Talbot Street, Geraldine). Fire & Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) utilise the park for training, as such access is to be maintained for the FENZ. A letter of support is sought from the Community Board to assist with funding applications, that are to commence. Further details of funding from Geraldine Rating Fund is to be considered at the subsequent meeting of the Geraldine Community Board.

10.3 Transfer of funds from Geraldine Licensing Trust

Wayne O'Donnell spoke to the Community Board on a previous grant of \$5K from the Geraldine Licensing Trust that was for the Geraldine Strategic Plan, but is no longer required. Mr O'Donnell had received authorisation from the Geraldine Licensing Trust to reallocate the \$5K towards the Geraldine playground redevelopment project.

10.4 Connolly Street trees

Further discussion has been raised on the removal and replacement of the trees on Connolly Street. The type of tree currently in place is of concern due to its growth and proximity to powerlines. Further updates from Council Officers is pending.

10.5 Totara Street footpath

The slipperiness of the footpath on Totara Street was discussed with the Group Manager Infrastructure. Several factors were discussed namely the steep gradient of the street, the trees of the reserve surrounding the street. The maintenance and clearing of debris from the channels and culverts has been identified as a contributing factor in the slipperiness inhibiting the water runoff from the footpaths.

11 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration**11.1 Former Peel Forest fire station use.**

Discussion with the Property Unit as to how to address the use of the former Peel Forest fire station for such groups as Project Peel Inc. Society.

11.2 Kowhai Stream ford

The Group Manager Infrastructure advised the Community Board that the redevelopment of the ford is programmed for this financial year. Scoping work is about to commence with consultation with the community to occur subsequently.

11.3 Blandswood rubbish collection

The Group Manager Infrastructure will raise the collection of rubbish in Blandswood via the Kowhai Street ford with the contractor.

11.4 Footpaths

The Chairman spoke to the Community Board on the previous meetings held in Peel Forest regarding roading and the footpath, and believes adequate consultation had been undertaken by Council Officers, noting the footpath is yet to be completed.

12 Board Member's Reports**12.1 Board Member's report**

Cr Gavin Oliver advised the Board, since the last meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, he had attended the following:

- Rotary talk with the Rotary Club.
- Strategic Plan Workshop.
- Geraldine.NZ Annual General Meeting.
- Geraldine Community Board planting of the Jubilee Tree in Todd Park.
- Correspondence with Council Officers regarding footpaths and gravel roads.

12.2 Board Member's report

Jan Finlayson advised the Board, since the last meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, she had attended the following:

- Arts Council meeting.
- Music festival meeting.
- Geraldine Community Board planting of the Jubilee Tree in Todd Park..
- Geraldine Nature & Sculpture Trail.

12.3 Board Member's report

Janene Adams advised the Board, since the last meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, she had attended the following:

- Geraldine Community Board planting of the Jubilee Tree in Todd Park.
- Timaru District Council Standing Committees.
- Geraldine Strategic Plan workshop.
- Returned Serviceman Association meeting & Strategic Review Group.
- Geraldine Licensing Trust meeting.
- Meetings with Council Officers regarding the playground project.

12.4 Board Member's report

Jennine Maguire advised the Board, since the last meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, she had attended the following:

- Bike Geraldine Annual General Meeting.
- Meetings regarding the Geraldine Dog Park.
- Geraldine Strategic Plan workshop.

12.5 Board Member's report

McGregor Simpson advised the Board, since the last meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, he had attended the following:

- Geraldine Strategic Plan workshop.
- Returned Serviceman Association meeting & Strategic Review Group.
- Noting several roading issues in the Arundel, Peel Forest & Blandswood areas.

12.6 Board Member's report

Natasha Rankin advised the Board, since the last meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, she had attended the following:

- Geraldine Combined Sports Inc. meeting.
- Geraldine Strategic Plan workshop.
- Geraldine Civil Defence, however noting difficulties with collaboration with Council Officers on arranging suitable training.

Cr Paddy O'Reilly addressed the Geraldine Community Board as this would be his final attendance of the Geraldine Community Board as a Councillor.

The Meeting closed at 8.47pm.

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Wayne O'Donnell
Chairperson

8 Reports

8.1 Outdoor Pool Operations 2022/2023 Season

Author: Craig Motley, Recreation Facilities Manager

Authoriser: Erik Barnes, Acting Group Manager Recreation and Cultural Services

Recommendation

That the report is received and noted.

Purpose of Report

- 1 To provide an update to the Geraldine Community Board about the potential reduced opening hours of the Timaru District's Outdoor Pools this upcoming season due to anticipated staff shortages.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 This matter has been assessed as being of low to medium significance under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy due to the number of people impacted and while the costs associated are relatively modest there is a potential impact on the level of service. It is also recognised that pool users will take a keen interest in this matter.

Discussion

- 3 The Outdoor Pools are set to re-open from Canterbury Show weekend in November 2022, through to the 3rd Sunday in March 2023.
- 4 It has been a challenging year in the aquatics space. Caroline Bay Trust Aoraki Centre (CBay) has found it difficult to recruit aquatics staff (primarily lifeguards) and there have been high levels of absenteeism due to COVID-19 and winter illnesses.
- 5 As per previous years the Recreation Facilities Manager expects these challenges to continue over the upcoming summer season.
- 6 As the large portion of summer lifeguards are students, staffing the pools continues to be a significant issue from mid-January until the closing date. Despite employing a range of strategies to remedy this issue, it continues to be difficult to adequately and safely staff all of our pools during this period. The Recreation Facilities Manager believes this may be an issue from the beginning of the season this year.
- 7 Trends in previous years indicate that as lifeguards return to University and High School, the anticipated staff shortages materialise. However with the substantial challenges in recruiting and retaining staff throughout 2022 it is expected that these seasonal vacancies will result in periodic pool closures, split shifts and the requirement to pay overtime to keep the pools open at peak times. This problem exists throughout the country, but particularly in areas with smaller populations.
- 8 The major hurdle remains the adequate and safe staffing of the pools to ensure customer safety and enjoyment of the facility.

- 9 Furthermore, the wellbeing of CBay's existing aquatics staff remains a key priority. A number of employees have been working extra days and longer hours for a number of months, to ensure a continued level of service. This approach is no longer sustainable, it is imperative for the wellbeing and safety of staff and customers that employees are taking regular days off and working only their contracted hours.
- 10 A significant targeted recruitment drive is underway and the CBay team, along with the support of Timaru District Council's Engagement and Culture team, are looking at all possible options to increase staff numbers to the required level to fully staff pools over summer. However until this process is completed, there is no certainty on what the impact on the staffing situation will be for the summer period. Officers are working at how to inform and socialise the issue as widely as possible. This is to both inform users and members of the public on the issue and also to ask if they have suggestions on how we can address the potential shortage of lifeguards. We note that full training is provided to those who wish to become lifeguards.
- 11 The Recreation Facilities Manager is working with the wider CBay leadership team to prepare for all scenarios and consider it prudent to inform the Community Boards and Elected Members of the possibility of having to reduce operating hours, rolling days and potential pool closures. It is possible that this may come into effect from the start of the summer season.
- 12 It is expected while COVID-19 is still prevalent in our community, the possibility of staff absenteeism will continue to be an issue throughout the summer season. This may result in short notice regarding pool closures.
- 13 The CBay team's desire is to cause the least amount of disruption possible however the safety of swimmers and wellbeing of staff remains their priority.

Attachments**Nil**

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

Author: Briony Woodnorth, Transition Officer

Authoriser: Andrew Dixon, Group Manager Infrastructure

Recommendation

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.

Purpose of Report

- 1 To report on two kerbside refuse collection issues identified by the Geraldine Community Board and identify potential options to improve the service if appropriate.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 This matter is assessed to be of low significance under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as the number of properties and community interest is low. It is noted that there is a high interest to Blandswood Road residents.

Background

- 3 At previous meetings the Geraldine Community Board requested staff to investigate two kerbside refuse collection issues in the Geraldine Ward. These are:
 - Kerbside collections from the Central Business District – claims had been made about the collection trucks blocking traffic due to the start time of commercial refuse collections.
 - Kowhai Stream ford at Blandswood Road, Peel Forest: collections on the west side of the ford can sometimes not be undertaken due to depth of water in the stream, impacting the truck's ability to exit the stream on the far side of the stream crossing.

Discussion

Kerbside collections in Geraldine Central Business District

- 4 Council Officers visited 28 businesses covering the two main blocks of the Geraldine Central Business District (CBD) on 14 July 2022. Every business (except 1 that does not have bins) were unaware of any traffic obstruction issues caused by the refuse bins. The businesses also expressed satisfaction with the service and supported the current start time of 9.30am as this enables shops with later opening hours to get their bins out. Kerbside collections in the Geraldine CBD are generally completed by 11.30am.

- 5 Given the business owners responses of being satisfied with the current level of service no changes are recommended or proposed.
- 6 It is proposed that the situation will continue to be monitored and engagement with business owners will be undertaken annually.

Blandswood Road and Kowhai Stream, Peel Forest:

- 7 Access to the kerbside bins to 11 properties on the West side of Kowhai Stream has been an ongoing issue since 2009. The ford is prone to flooding and in such cases refuse collection vehicles are unable to pass through it to access these properties. A further restriction is that side loading kerbside collection vehicles have a number of hydraulic cables underneath the body of the trucks which can be damaged while crossing gravel river fords.
- 8 In 2011 residents were offered a purpose-built collection point on the east side of the ford, where bins could be safely contained in a 'cage' system and householders could dispose of their materials into the bins. This system was not supported at the time and was subsequently not implemented.
- 9 The Contractor has noted to Council that they cannot cross the ford if there is more than about 150mm of water in the ford. It was also noted there is often subsidence/erosion on the far side that prevents the large truck accessing the unsealed road. Trucks have had to be towed out of the ford on a number of occasions over the years.
- 10 Council has approved funding to construct a concrete base to the ford during this financial year – scoping work is about to commence, with community consultation to follow.

Options and Preferred Option

- 11 In regard to the Geraldine CBD there are two options as follows:
 - (i) Status quo and maintaining current collection times. Discussion with the customers indicates that the level of service provided is acceptable. This is the preferred option.
 - (ii) Change the collection times to earlier in the morning. This would reduce any traffic disruption but may not meet the needs to the business community as bins would need to be out on the kerbside earlier or left out the night before.
- 12 In regard to Blandswood Road kerbside collection there are two options as follows:
 - (i) Implement the provision of a smaller kerbside collection vehicle that would be better able to cross the ford when the larger vehicle is unable to cross. The smaller vehicle would be called if the usual truck driver considers the ford impassable for the large vehicle. This would improve the reliability of the service but there would still be periods where the collection for residents on the west side of the ford would not occur. This is when the Kowhai Stream is in flood and the ford is impassable to all vehicles. This is the preferred option.
 - (ii) Status quo with no change to the service and maintain the current level of service.

Consultation

- 13 Businesses in the Geraldine CBD have been engaged and consulted on the level of service for the kerbside collection.
- 14 Some residents in Blandswood Road on both sides of the ford have been engaged to assess the extent of the issue and options.

Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans

- 15 Timaru District Council Annual Plan 2022-23

Financial and Funding Implications

- 16 The Council's contractor EnviroWaste Services Limited has indicated that the cost for a smaller kerbside collection vehicle for Blandswood Road residents when the larger vehicle is unable to pass through the ford would be an additional \$253.50 (excluding GST) per trip. This additional cost can be accommodated in current approved budgets.

Other Considerations

- 17 There are no other considerations.

Attachments

Nil

8.3 Fitzgerald Road Stopping, between Looker Road and State Highway One**Author:** Susannah Ratahi, Land Transport Manager**Authoriser:** Andrew Dixon, Group Manager Infrastructure**Recommendation**

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.

Purpose of Report

- 1 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.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 This matter is deemed as low significance under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as the impact of strategic assets, the number of people affected and the impact on well-being or financial impact by this proposal is low.
- 3 It is further noted that the road stopping process being pursuant to the Public Works Act 1981 (Public Works Act) is different to the road stopping process under the Local Government Act 1974. The significant difference is that a road stopping pursuant to the Public Works Act is approved by the Minister of Lands and does not have any public notification. In contrast a road stopping pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1974 does have a period of public notification. Therefore the assessment of significance is important as it is the only opportunity for the community to have input.

Background

- 4 The Land Requirement Plan (Attachment 1) depicts the subject area, including the parcel of land, which is currently part of the Council road reserve. The unsealed stretch of Fitzgerald Road has been maintained by the surrounding properties in recent years with the linkage to Orari-Rangitata Highway gated and advising the public of active agricultural activity using the unformed road. Essentially the legal road is a farm access track.
- 5 In recent years, Orari Estate Holding Limited constructed a centre pivot irrigation system, with its pivot mechanics located within the road berm at the boundary of Part Section 25 RES 1650 and Lot 3 DP 453445. Orari Estate Holding Limited and its associated subsidiaries, have requested consideration of the stopping of a section of Fitzgerald Road from Looker Road to State Highway 1 that is unsealed and not maintained by Council. They have also requested first option on the acquisition (purchase) of the road land if the road stopping is approved.
- 6 The unformed stretch of Fitzgerald Road, between Looker Road and Orari-Rangitata Highway (State Highway 1), and its intersection with State Highway 1 have been on the radar of both Timaru District Council's Land Transport Unit and Waka Kotahi NZTA as a potential safety concern. There have been 3 serious crashes in this general area in the last five years. The safety concerns are regarding potential access to vehicles turning to and from State Highway

1, within 300 metres of the termination of a dual passing lane in a 100km/hr zone. This safety risk could be rectified through road stopping and closing of the intersection. The intention is that the intersection would be cleared with roadside berm and drainage established and the private property boundary fenced. Removing this safety risk would support the objective of the Government in reaching "Road to Zero" for New Zealand.

Discussion

- 7 There is a prescribed process under the Public Works Act 1981 to achieve a road stopping. This includes obtaining an approved survey plan for the area to be stopped and obtaining the consent of both the Council and Minister of Transport. There is no public notification period under the legislation and the road stopping is publically notified through the Gazette.
- 8 The Public Works Act process is outlined as follows:

Summary of Public Works Process



- 9 In this instance, it is Council, Orari Estate Holding Limited and Waybrook Dairy Farm Limited, and Waka Kotahi NZTA, who are the affected adjoining owners. Neither party has advised objections to the proposed process. Given there are no effects to public or private access and that landowner consent is given then Ministerial approval is expected to be obtained.
- 10 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.
- 11 To achieve the objective of amalgamating the land with the adjoining land titles, the road stopping process is a way of providing long term surety of use of the land by the adjacent

property owners. The Local Government Act 1974, does not allow leasing of the road corridor land short or long term.

- 12 The stopping of the subject portion of road does not affect Council's ability to provide present and future well-being to the district. It does provide an opportunity to gain revenue for an asset that is not utilised and deemed counterproductive to a safe and efficient transport network.
- 13 The road stopping would prevent future public access as it would cease to be a legal road. The function of the section of Fitzgerald Road to be stopped is predominately property access. It is also low importance from a road network perspective and alternative road access is available nearby.
- 14 The road does not provide any access to areas of potential recreation or natural significance such as a waterway. Given this the public value is considered low.

Options and Preferred Option

There are three options available:

- 15 Option 1 - is to maintain status quo. A License to Occupy under the Local Government Act would be granted for the centre pivot irrigator located and crossing the current road reserve and continue to allow the private maintenance of the unformed portion of Fitzgerald Road. Under this option the public continue to have the right to access the unformed Road corridor that creates potential safety issues and the Licence to Occupy can be cancelled by Council at any time providing no long term surety.
- 16 Option 2 - the preferred option is to support the commencement of the road stopping process under the Public Works Act 1981, and subject to the successful completion of statutory process, the disposal and amalgamation of the stopped road with the adjoining land. This will create surety for the land owner and enhance the safety of road users and public with access to this area no longer permitted.
- 17 Option 3 - is stopping the road under the Local Government Act 1974 process. This achieves the same outcome as option 2 but with wider community consultation. This is generally used where there are multiple interested parties and potential impact on public or private access. The Local Government Act process involves public notification and submissions. This is not recommended for this site as all adjoining landowners have given consent and there is no negative public impacts as the road is currently not practicably accessible nor used by public vehicles or used by walking, cycling or bridle transport modes.

Consultation

- 18 Consultation has occurred with staff and Orari Estate Holding Limited and Waybrook Dairy Farm Limited and Waka Kotahi NZTA, as the other directly affected adjoining owner/party. Their support of the proposal is a requirement of the Public Works Act 1981 process.

Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans

- 19 Should the recommended option be supported, the process is set out by Sections 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981. Subject to having an approved survey plan, Council may then seek publication of a notice in the New Zealand Gazette declaring the road stopped.

Financial and Funding Implications

- 20 The costs associated with the road stopping process are low and can be managed within existing approved budgets. These costs would be recovered should the road land be sold.
- 21 The land will be disposed of to the adjoining owner, at a market value assessed by independent valuation.

Other Considerations

- 22 The land is proposed to be amalgamated with the adjoining freehold titles of Orari Estate Holding Limited and Waybrook Dairy Farm Limited.
- 23 Any existing utility services within the proposed stopping area will need to be covered by suitable easements agreed upon by all parties

Attachments

- 1. **Attachment 1 - Road Stopping Looker Road and State Highway One - Geraldine Community Board**  

APPENDIX 1 – Land Requirement Plan



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