



MINUTES

Geraldine Community Board Meeting Wednesday, 10 March 2021

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Geraldine Community Board Meeting
Held in the Geraldine Library/Service Centre
on Wednesday, 10 March 2021 at 6.30pm**

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

In Attendance: Mayor Nigel Bowen, Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Group Manager Commercial and Strategy (Donna Cross), Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager (Mark Low), Nicole Timney (Manager of Property Services and Client Representative), Governance Advisor (Jo Doyle), Executive Assistant (Michelle Heal)

1 Apologies

There were no apologies

2 Public Forum

Geraldine Cinema

Patrick Walsh, the Proprietor of the Geraldine Cinema and Barry McLaughlan, the previous Proprietor of 40 years attended to discuss Geraldine Cinema.

The initial concerns about earthquake strengthening were answered today by Council staff, clarification has been received and the process is understood.

Covid has had a major effect on the movie business, and the proprietor has requested reduced rent for the remainder of this year. This is to be discussed further with Council staff.

Movies are now picking up, release dates of films have been bought forward, with carpet provided from the Theatre Royal and Chairs proposed to help update the cinema.

A new screen has just been installed after being vandalised in 2019.

There had been a petition started, from a member of public who had heard discussions that a car park was to replace the cinema, but this has now been resolved.

The public will be made aware of any findings from the earthquake survey and any decisions to be made will go back to the community.

Proposed Dog Park

Jo Clews attending to discussed the options of creating a dog park in Geraldine. Jo has started a Facebook page, and has gained interest from members of the community.

A fenced dog park is considered important for the community, and is Jo is needing suggestions for possible land, as many areas have already been designated for future use.

The Timaru and Temuka dog parks have both used fencing that ensures smaller dogs cannot escape under or through, and this would need to be the same. Themes from the Facebook page also suggested a small swimming pool for dogs and a separate area for the smaller dogs.

The board discussed that this topic has been brought forward before and Jennine Maguire advised that she has been investigating possible areas, and has a spot that may work and is in discussions with the people who are in care of the land.

Ideas for fundraising might include offer to the community to “buy a fencepost” of which a plaque could be attached with their dogs name on it.

It was confirmed that Jennine Maguire will be the contact for the Community Board, and will report back to the board with any further information.

Speed Limits – Woodbury and Peel Forest

David Bray and Karl Harrison from NZ Police attended to discuss issues in the district.

Safety of the community is the main concern, and speed is the main factor around the speed zone changes on the outskirts of town.

In the space of half an hour, 5 cars were given infringement notices on the north end of Geraldine. The main excuse is that the driver didn't see the signage indicating the speed zone change.

The suggestion is that the red marks across the road that is in place at Winchester could be used to make the change obvious and the possible use of temporary flashing signage to reduce the speed.

Woodbury township is also getting a lot busier, the community is growing and the 70km speed limit runs right past the school. There is a café and a higher number of road cyclists using this road.

It was advised that a footpath is intended and will run right to the hall gate, and channel and curbing will also assist with cars parking on the verge.

Peel Forest also has big trucks that go past the café and a preschool.

Another concern in the district is Kennedy Park, there are many complaints of users being obnoxious to other users and cars being driven from one end of the park to the other, and racing around playground equipment. There has also been one complaint of a car chasing children.

Suggested solutions are increasing the bollards in the area and an extra security camera that points back towards the picnic tables and entrance area as both a prevention and investigative tool.

It was also noted that the security camera mounted on the northern end of the RSA is now blocked due to the new NPD service station building wall. This will need to be relocated.

3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

- Geraldine Strategic Plan Submission

4 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

There were no matters of a minor nature.

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

6 Chairperson's Report

The Chair advised that since the last meeting, the following meetings have been attended:

- Timaru District Council Standing Committee

- Geraldine Community Board discussions on the Geraldine Strategic Plan Submission
- Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Club General Meeting
- Geraldine District Foundation meetings including quantitative surveyor
- Vehicle trust meetings
- Timaru District Staff re the Geraldine Land Endowment fund
- Geraldine Combined Sports regarding the plan for the Domain
- Discussions and Correspondence:
 - Roothing/Footpaths
 - Fibre installation companies
 - Chorus re Copper Pipe
 - Planning date for Geraldine Transport Strategic Workshop
 - And viewed progress at Pavilion today

The board were reminded that the next meeting will be held at Peel Forest.

Resolution 2021/42

Moved: Wayne O'Donnell

Seconded: Jan Finlayson

That the Chairpersons report be accepted.

Carried

7 Confirmation of Minutes

7.1 Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 27 January 2021

Resolution 2021/43

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: Gavin Oliver

That the Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 27 January 2021 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 Talbot Forest Working Group - Bat Viewing Evenings

The Community Board was updated from the Talbot Forest Working Group on Bat Viewing Evenings.

The turnout of 100 people over 3 nights was very encouraging.

ACTION POINT

- The Governance Advisor will respond to Gary Foster and thank him for the feedback received.

Resolution 2021/44

Moved: Gavin Oliver

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the board receive the update from the Talbot Forest Working Group.

Carried

8.2 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update

The Community Board was updated on progress with the 2021-31 Long Term Plan by the Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager.

A summary was provided on the background of the LTP and what is planned, how it is funded and what the costs will be. The plan covers all of councils activities and has been approved in principle for projects, plans, budgets and fees and the subsequent rates impact.

Consultation with the community through a consultation document will begin from 8 April and run to 10 May.

The key issues highlighted are Climate Change, Aigantighe Art Gallery, Aorangi Stadium Masterplan and the City Hub regeneration. The rates have been set at a 10.5% increase for next year and 4.9% each year thereafter.

An ambitious work programme for the district has been planned over the next ten years.

A range of events have been planned to encourage community involvement with the consultation document, and the board are encouraged to advise of any events where the local community could be involved.

At the farmers market on 24 April there will be a stand to answer questions to the community and the Mayor will be in attendance. For those that can't make it during the day, there will also be a drop in available between 6-8pm.

The submission to the long term plan was discussed and a recommendation will go to the Council meeting next week to request the Geraldine Community Targeted Rate be increased to \$5.

Resolution 2021/45

Moved: Janene Adams

Seconded: Jan Finlayson

That the Geraldine Community Board receive and note this report.

Carried

Resolution 2021/46

Moved: Gavin Oliver

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the Geraldine Community Board recommend to Council that the Geraldine Community Target Rate be increased to \$5.

Carried

9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

Resolution 2021/47

Moved: Wayne O'Donnell

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the Geraldine Community Board will submit the Geraldine Strategic Plan Submission to the Long Term Plan before the 10 May 2021 close off.

Carried

10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

There was no minor nature items.

11 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration

Geraldine Cinema

This has now been resolved.

Geraldine Dog Park

Jennine Maguire will be the contact for this project and will keep in touch with Jo Claws and report back to the community board with updates.

Speed Limits – Woodbury and Peel Forest

A recommendation will be sent to the Land Transport Unit and the Road Safety Manager to request they investigate solutions to the speed zone changes in Geraldine, Woodbury and Peel Forest. To include temporary signage and other potential long term solutions.

It is requested that the local Police constables be involved in a meeting with Timaru District Council, and that a report come back to the community board with findings.

To request barriers that could be provided to stop traffic from entering Kennedy Park.

That the board recommend a second security camera be installed at Kennedy Park in the next budgeting round.

That the security camera currently mounted on the northern end of the RSA building be relocated as a wall has blocked half of the camera view.

It was requested that Council Staff advise the budget for security cameras and whether this will be sufficient to enable a new camera to be installed.

12 Board Member's Reports

Gavin Oliver

Attended Geraldine Nature Trail work and meeting, Geraldine Sports, public enquiries, commented on Council staff being extremely helpful and the good rapport the Community Board have with staff.

McGregor Simpson

Has received calls about the conditions of gravel roads, a slip at Arundel that requires a crash barriers and that the white barrier on Ferry Road has been taken down and there are concerns about safety. These have been passed on to Timaru District Council. It was also noted that the upgrade of the road on the Main Street has been undertaken very well.

Jennine Maguire

Also thanked Timaru District Council staff for the amazing service received. Has attended meetings with Bike Geraldine and the possible dog park.

Natasha Rankin

Has attended a Council meeting and assisted to promote the Bat viewings.

Jan Finlayson

Advised that the Creative Communities meeting has been relocated to the 25 March, the Arts Council unfortunately couldn't have Ian Sinclair attend because of Covid restrictions, the next show is scheduled for July. Attended the Strategic planning meeting, sculpture trail meeting and will be at the Crown Pastoral Reform select committee meeting.

Janene Adams

Attended the sculpture trail meeting, the strategic planning meeting and also agreed with previous comments about Timaru District Council staff.

Mayor Nigel Bowen advised that the latest drop in session in Geraldine was not as widely used as late time, mainly roading issues and a letter has been received about the trees by the pavilion. Is meeting with Dave Stanton tomorrow in regards to the cycleway from Geraldine to Pleasant Point.

The Meeting closed at 8pm.

Minutes confirmed 14 April 2021

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Wayne O'Donnell
Chairperson