



MINUTES

Geraldine Community Board Meeting Wednesday, 26 May 2021

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Geraldine Community Board Meeting
Held in the Geraldine Library/Service Centre
on Wednesday, 26 May 2021 at 6.30pm**

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

In Attendance: Mayor Nigel Bowen, Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Parks and Recreation Manager (Bill Steans), Executive Assistant Infrastructure (Michelle Heal)

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cr Steve Wills and Cr Gavin Oliver.

2 Public Forum

Driveway Numbering – Raewyn Hughes

Raewyn Hughes attended to discuss her Community Service Project initiative advocating for the implementation of reflective residential house numbering within the urban township of Geraldine.

Raewyn expressed her concern over the number of houses, within the urban area, that do not have numbers making it incredibly difficult for services such as emergency, essential, health, postal etc to locate houses when required. She felt implementing a reflective number plate, located in a consistent location such as the left hand side of the entranceway, to each dwelling in the urban area may mean the difference between life and death.

Raewyn has undertaken the following investigation:

- Geraldine urban area has around 1,464 houses (data from Steve Caswell Timaru District Council)
- Kerbside numbers – blue – 122mm x 88mm – self-adhesive – \$10 each (determined not fit for purpose)
- Tohu Haumarua Aotearoa Safety Signs – aluminium with reflective blue numbers – 100mm x 75mm – \$5.50 each (determined most suitable option and fit for purpose). A sample was circulated at the meeting to the members.
- Estimated cost to complete the project \$10,000

Raewyn has written to the following, seeking sponsorship, funding, grant or support for this project:

- Temuka-Geraldine Rotary – Paul Fitzsimons
- Geraldine Lions Club – Tony Gregan
- South Canterbury DHB – Sally Parker
- Geraldine High School – Sarah Foley Smith – enquiring if the students would install the numbers as a fundraiser. If accepted a donation would be made.

Raewyn intends to follow up her correspondence to the Rotary and Lions Club with an offer to speak to their members in relation to the project.

The Board Members agreed this was an excellent initiative and the Chair's immediate thoughts were that this was the type of community project the Rotary and Lions may be interested in. The Board Members asked to be kept informed of Raewyn's progress and supported the project in principle.

Caravan/Motor Home Land Area Park over Property (POP) – Graeme Wills

Graeme attended to raise the topic of implementing another Park over Property (POP) on behalf of the Caravan and Motor Home Association (Association) in Geraldine. He was surprised to find that the last POP was a trial and felt the trial was doomed to fail from the outset, as the POP's use had not been restricted to Association members only.

Graeme felt having a POP in walking distance to town would assist the businesses in town economically, as it does in other areas such as Waimate, Oamaru and Amberley. Graeme advised the POP needs to be:

- restricted to Association members only
- fenced with access by a lock code or some other secure means to Association members only
- walking distance to town
- to cater for around 10
- potentially Kennedy Park or an alternative location within walking distance to town
- fee normally in the region of \$5-10 per van collected by the Association

Other POPs are located on land through arrangements such as privately owned/leased or Association owned. Graeme was unsure if the Association was willing to contribute but this was a matter he would raise with them and any rental/lease would need to be a conversation between the Association and Council.

The Chair and Board Members advised they would need time to consider and discuss this matter later in the meeting. The previous trial did not work due to some user's unsanitary and unacceptable behaviour, there are other locations available such as Holiday Park & Camping Sites Geraldine, Pleasant Valley Hall, Woodbury Hall, and Speechlys Bridge. Investigation will need to be undertaken in relation to the use of Council land in this manner.

McGregor Simpson

McGregor advised:

- he wanted the road user charges (RUC) collected by NZTA to go to the districts they were collected from, with the money going towards roads especially rural which were being damaged due to the heavy/commercial vehicle use, thereby saving the ratepayers money.
- Weeds on roadsides such as gorse, broom and blackberry need to be eradicated.
- Rate increases: would like Council to reconsider the proposed rate increases as he has had many people express their concern over the proposed increase. He suggested reducing the increase to a maximum of 2% and that Council concentrate on core services. Council should push back on any tasks outside of these core services that Government try to put onto Council.

The Chair asked the CEO to respond to the query around RUC. The CEO advised that Council have made a number of petitions to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) in relation to the way they distribute funding to Councils through the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) and National Land

Transport Programme (NLTP). NZTA have advised that the allocation adheres to the funding model. Council continues to be proactive in their business case to NZTA when applying for funding allocation to ensure Council are successful in obtaining the maximum funding available for our district.

The Chair advised the matter of weeds is to be addressed later in the meeting at Agenda Item 8.1.

3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

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/events have been attended:

- ANZAC Services (Geraldine and Woodbury)
- Council Meeting – 11 May 2021
- Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Club Meeting
- Chorus Network rollout at Barkers – Geraldine on track and to be completed by November 2021
- Peel Forest Outdoor Centre – ground lease
- Several Geraldine District Foundation meetings
- Council Staff and Carolyn McAtamney – agreed bin relocation
- Combined Community Board Updates meeting
- Discussion and Correspondence
 - Dog Park letter – Ally Bowen
 - Thank you letter to Geraldine.nz for letter of support to Geraldine Strategic Plan in LTP
 - Letter of support to Peel forest Outdoor Centre for grant application
 - Council re Geraldine Endowment fund and governance staff over speaking rights

Resolution 2021/50

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 14 April 2021****Resolution 2021/51**

Moved: Jennine Maguire

Seconded: Natasha Rankin

That the Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 14 April 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 Timaru District Policies on Eradicating and Managing Pest Plants on Council Owned Land**

The Community Board were provided with information and an update by the Parks and Recreation Manager on Council's policies in relation to the control of pest plants and grazing on Council owned land.

Council Policy with regard to the control of pest plants is to comply with the current Environment Canterbury regulations. What this means is to control pest plants along boundaries where the neighbouring property is free of pest plants. This and the adjacent roadsides are included in an annual spray programme.

Extensive spraying within forestry plantations is not practical as it is likely to damage the crop. Eventually the trees overtop the pest plants and reduce the prevalence of the pest plants.

Grazing of forestry blocks is done in some instances. In these situations sheep are typically used as other types of stock cause damage. When trees are young, stock will eat them destroying the crop. As the trees get beyond 10 years in age the canopy cover reduces the grass growth and is of limited feed value.

Pest plants do not typically present an increased fire risk and are no different from the existing fire risks faced by each plantation. As Council plantations are small and widely scattered across the district they have a relatively low fire risk.

Where Council land is leased there is a clause in the lease requiring the lessee to comply with pest plant and fire regulations controlling pest plants and management of vegetation growth.

Resolution 2021/52

Moved: Wayne O'Donnell

Seconded: McGregor Simpson

That the update be received and noted.

Carried

9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

There were no items of urgent business.

10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

There were no matters of minor nature.

11 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration**Caravan/Motor Home Land Area Park over Property (POP)**

The Board Members discussed the POP area suggestion as presented by Graeme Wills. The Chair advised they will discuss this matter further with Council's Parks and Recreation Manager in order to form a fully informed and considered investigation.

12 Board Member's Reports**McGregor Simpson**

McGregor advised that since the last meeting, the following meetings/events have been attended:

- ANZAC Services – five
- Combined Community Board Updates meeting
- Peel Forest Project

Jennine Maguire

Jennine advised that since the last meeting, the following meetings/events have been attended:

- Visit Ally Bowen re Dog Park outcome
- Bike Geraldine – the Temuka to Geraldine track has reached a stalemate. One land owner is not allowing access to their property. There is a meeting of the committee on 2 June to discuss a way forward.

Natasha Rankin

Natasha advised that since the last meeting, the following meetings/events have been attended:

- Visit Ally Bowen re Dog Park outcome

Jan Finlayson

Jan advised that since the last meeting, the following meetings/events have been attended:

- Combined Community Board Updates meeting
- Geraldine Nature and Sculpture Trail
- Waihi River Meeting – ECan

Upcoming meetings/events:

- Waihi River – care of river – 7pm, 10 June 2021 – will be advertised
- Geraldine Academy of Performance & Arts Event – 17 July 2021– will be advertised

Janene Adams

Janene advised that since the last meeting, the following meetings/events have been attended:

- ANZAC Service
- Council Staff and Carolyn McAtamney – agreed bin relocation
- Xmas Lights – reinstalled to be put up July and Xmas period
- Signage Group – totems and reskinning promotion signs
- LTP submissions

The Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Minutes confirmed 7 July 2021.

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Wayne O'Donnell
Chairperson