



MINUTES

Geraldine Community Board Meeting Wednesday, 25 May 2022

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Geraldine Community Board Meeting
Held in the Conference Room, Waihi Lodge Care Centre, 16 Shaw Street, Geraldine
on Wednesday, 25 May 2022 at 6.30pm**

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

In Attendance: Cr Barbara Gilchrist, Mark Low (Strategy & Corporate Planning Manager), Paul Cooper (Group Manager Environmental Services), Nicole Timney (Manager Property Services & Client Representative), Nicky Donkers (Chairperson, Peel Forest Outdoor Pursuits Charitable Trust), Will Polson (Treasurer, Peel Forest Outdoor Pursuits Charitable Trust), Simon Turner (Safety and Programme Manager, Peel Forest Outdoor Centre – via Teams)

1 Apologies

Apology

Resolution 2022/75

Moved: Gavin Oliver

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the apology received from Mayor Nigel Bowen be accepted.

Carried

2 Public Forum

2.1 Peel Forest Outdoor Centre

Board Members of the Peel Forest Outdoor Pursuits Charitable Trust spoke to the Community Board of their application for a grant of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars from either the Geraldine Land Endowment Fund or the District Wide Fund, to enhance and develop their centre and programme to deliver cost effective experiences for their users including many school groups throughout and beyond the District.

The aim of the development of the centre is to:

- Increase accommodation to house larger groups, many schools would utilise more of the centre if it could accommodate more children (see feedback from users)
- Build new activities that utilise the site, reducing student time & cost for transport between activity sites,
- Increase Environmental Education, utilising the bush close at hand,
- Ensure long-term financial sustainability paying down some land debt.

The last two summer seasons the Centre has been able to gain an income with no shortage of users from a variety of community groups. However feedback received identified the risk that the programme could become stagnant. With several users identifying an increasing diversity of activities sought, the Trust seeks to develop and increase the number and types of activities that the Centre can cater for to appeal to wider and more diverse user groups.

Approximately 6000 students used the centre over the past two years. With the proposed development, the centre could expect to increase the number of students up to 100% to twelve thousand students over a similar period.

Attachments

- 1 Peel Forest Outdoor Centre application for funding

3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

3.1 Gravel for the Toy Library

Mr Wayne O'Donnell identified the matter of payment for the gravel at the entranceway of the Toy Library (117 Talbot Street Geraldine) to be considered as an item of urgent business.

Resolution 2022/76

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the matter of payment for the gravel at the entranceway of the Toy Library (117 Talbot Street Geraldine) is to be considered as an item of urgent business.

Carried

4 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature**4.1 Geraldine Mayoral Chains**

Wayne O'Donnell identified the matter of the display of the Geraldine Mayoral Chains.

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

6 Chairperson's Report**6.1 Chairperson's report****Resolution 2022/77**

Moved: Wayne O'Donnell

Seconded: Janene Adams

Since the last meeting the Chairperson has attended the following meetings:

- Geraldine District Foundation regarding the Health Hub
- Geraldine Vintage Car & Machinery Club general meeting
- Peel Forest Outdoor Centre regarding their application for funds
- Timaru District Council meeting
- Meetings & correspondence with Timaru District Council staff regarding speed reduction legislation, future sealing, gravel roading, footpaths and waterways.
- Geraldine Domain Redevelopment Turf Project meeting.

Carried

7 Confirmation of Minutes**7.1 Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 9 March 2022****Resolution 2022/78**

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: Jennine Maguire

That the Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 9 March 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Carried

7.2 Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 13 April 2022**Resolution 2022/79**

Moved: Janene Adams

Seconded: Jennine Maguire

That the Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 13 April 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 Draft Annual Plan and Budget 2022/23

The Strategy & Corporate Planning Manager spoke to this report to provide an opportunity for the Community Board to provide feedback to Council on the draft Annual Plan 2022/23.

Resolution 2022/80

Moved: Jennine Maguire

Seconded: Jan Finlayson

That the Community Board provides input on matters in the draft Annual Plan 2022/23 work programme affecting the Community Board area, including priority for projects.

Carried

8.2 Update from Talbot Forest Working Group

This report is to update the Geraldine Community Board of the recent activities of the Talbot Forest Working Group.

Resolution 2022/81

Moved: Gavin Oliver

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the Geraldine Community Board receive and note the reports of the Talbot Forest Working Group

Carried

9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

9.1 Gravel for Toy Library

Resolution 2022/82

Moved: Jennine Maguire

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the Geraldine Community Board approve the payment of up to three \$300 for the gravel at the entranceway of the Geraldine Toy Library (117 Talbot Street Geraldine) from the Geraldine Rating Fund.

Carried

10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

10.1 Geraldine Mayoral Chains

Since the amalgamation of the Geraldine Borough Council into the Timaru District, the mayoral chains have remained at the Timaru District Council.

The Community Board wish for the chains to be located, framed and returned to Geraldine for display at either the Geraldine Library & Service Centre or the Geraldine Museum.

11 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration

11.1 Public Forum issues requiring consideration

Resolution 2022/83

Moved: Jennine Maguire

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the Geraldine Community Board strongly supports the Peel Forest Outdoor Centre (Peel Forest Outdoor Pursuits Charitable Trust) application for funding from both the District Wide Fund and / or the Geraldine Endowment Fund and support that this is a district wide initiative.

Carried

12 Board Member's Reports

12.1 Board member's report

Janene Adams reported her attendance:

- Meeting with Timaru District Council Land Transport Unit.
- Geraldine Sculpture Trail
- Flume project; awaiting on a sign.
- Co-ordinated the community social media during the Geraldine Strategic Plan.
- WiFi project – the hardware has arrived, awaiting on installation.

12.2 Board member's report

Jan Finlayson reported her attendance:

- Arts Council
- Geraldine Sculpture Trail
- Meeting regarding Totara Street.

12.3 Board member's report

Jennine Maguire reported her attendance:

- Discussions on a collaboration to install a horse trekking trail in conjunction but physically separated from Bike Geraldine's plan for a cycle trail.

- Dog park project; a suitable location is yet to be determined.

12.4 Board member's report

McGregor Simpson reported his attendance:

- Numerous issues with roading in the rural areas
- Timaru District Council meeting
- Barrier required on North Boundary Road.
- Issues with road obstructions i.e. farm equipment on verges, electric fences on “paper roads”.
- Issue with river erosion at Arundel Bridge
- Issue with safety concerns at the Geraldine River Trail – A fellow Community Board member gave an explanation of the delay in rectification.

12.5 Board member's report

Cr Gavin Oliver reported his attendance:

- Timaru District Council
- Standing Committees
- Peel Forest Outdoor Centre
- Geraldine Sculpture Trail
- Geraldine Combined Sports
- Meetings & correspondence with Timaru District Council officers on roading and the Geraldine Domain.

The Meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Minutes confirmed 6 July 2022.

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Wayne O'Donnell
Chairperson