



MINUTES

Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting Tuesday, 9 March 2021

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting
Held in the Pleasant Point Town Hall
on Tuesday, 9 March 2021 at 7pm**

Present: Cr Richard Lyon (Chairperson), John McDonald (Deputy Chairperson), Raewyn Hessel, Neville Gould, Ross Munro, Anne Lemmens

In Attendance: Mayor Nigel Bowen, Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager (Mark Low), Governance Advisor (Jo Doyle)

1 Apologies

Resolution 2021/34

Moved: Richard Lyon

Seconded: John McDonald

That the apology received from Cr Paddy O'Reilly and Cr Barbara Gilchrist be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Carried

2 Public Forum

Kathy Wilkins the Sports Coordinator of School

Is currently working with Pleasant Point Primary School and St Joseph's Primary.

Is seeking advice with assistance on her employment status as the previous funding supplied by the Government was cut at the end of 2020.

Pleasant Point Primary are trying to keep Kathy involved with the school, but there is uncertainty about how long this will be able to continue.

Currently assisting primary age children to learn basic sport skills and be exposed to different sports.

Would like to create a community sports coordinator role that would support schools and clubs in one package, and needs to know funding options that could be applied for.

Kiwi Sport and Sports Canterbury are no longer funding this activity, and any funding available is going to big city schools, not small towns.

The Mayor and Cr Lyon will follow up and see what they can find in terms of funding options.

3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

- Nitrates in Water – Ross Munro
- Speed on Main Road – Ross Munro

4 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

- Letter from Council to Bowling Club – Neville Gould
- Opihi River Catchment Group – Neville Gould

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

6 Chairperson's Report

The rollout of ultra fast broadband is underway, the areas where the cables have been laid need time to settle, and it has been explained this is part of the process. The community will then be asked if they want to connect.

A reply was sent to a letter to the editor that complained about the cold colours the hall had been painted in.

An update on the town hall, the chimneys will be removed soon, scaffolding will be erected on 18 and 19 March, the removal of the chimneys will take place between from 19 March over the next week to make the building safer from possible earthquakes.

The public toilets are nearly finished, and should be completed and in full operation by end of next week.

The water connection on George Street is now completed.

Resolution 2021/35

Moved: Richard Lyon

Seconded: Neville Gould

That the Chairpersons report be accepted.

Carried

7 Confirmation of Minutes**7.1 Minutes of the Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting held on 26 January 2021****Resolution 2021/36**

Moved: Raewyn Hessel

Seconded: Anne Lemmens

That the Minutes of the Pleasant Point Community Board Meeting held on 26 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 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 Central Business District. 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.

Discussion was held around building fee increases, and whether Timaru should be aligned with other Councils. The increases relate to compliance costs and wage pressures and reallocation of overhead charges.

It was confirmed that the waste transfer station in Pleasant Point is still on track to receive a weighbridge.

The projects for the Motor camp and Swimming pool were queried and whether part of a regular cycle.

ACTION POINT

- The Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager to provide further detail on the above projects.

Resolution 2021/37

Moved: Neville Gould

Seconded: Ross Munro

That the Pleasant Point Community Board receive and note this report.

Carried

9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

Nitrates in Water

There has been recent coverage in the media about the levels of nitrate in water, and what is the position in South Canterbury drinking water.

The Chief Executive advised that this is a topical issue and is a large driver of the fresh water reforms. However community supplies are not considered problematic. ECan would be able to provide the

most relevant information, but the issue appears to be with those who source their own water and there is low visibility over these water sources.

Council has a strict monitoring regime, and checks daily for levels in water.

In Pleasant Point it is understood most bores are used for watering gardens only.

This issue will be directed to the Drainage and Water Team of Timaru District Council.

Speed on Main Road

Members of the community have asked why the speed limit changes from 50km/hr to 70km/hr before the end of the urban zone.

The community board discussed that this issue has been raised before, but that the perception from the community is that at both ends of Pleasant Point the speed limit of 50km/hr should extend further.

Resolution 2021/38

Moved: Ross Munro

Seconded: John McDonald

That the Pleasant Point Community Board request that the Land Transport Unit investigate options to extend the 50km speed zone area on the Main Road at the Eastern and Western ends of the township.

Carried

10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

Letter from Council to Bowling Club

Neville Gould advised that a letter had been received from the Timaru District Council in regards to the Pleasant Point Bowling Club and that the content of the letter was considered unreasonable.

The letter states that a leak has been detected on the property, and that the leak must be repaired within 28 days, and that if it has to be repaired by Timaru District Council, this will be at the owners expense.

The writer of the letter was contacted, and staff then did come out and attached a temporary water meter to help detect any leaks.

It was discovered there was no leak.

The concern was that if an older person received this letter, they could be forced to spend money on getting a plumber in to prove that there was no leak. This had been discussed with the Group Manager Infrastructure who agreed the letter could be better worded.

Opihi River Catchment Group

Neville Gould provided an update from the recent meeting. 4 members attended the meeting, and covers anything that feeds into the Opihi River.

Discussion was held on works planned for the year and that with Covid the income from timber sales has reduced, and there are still a few hectares to clear.

Rivers are being cleared with the expectation in a rain event farmlands and stop banks will be protected. Old Mans Beard is an issue which is being kept under control.

The rates proposed for next year are a zero increase.

11 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration

The public forum considerations were addressed at the start of the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Minutes confirmed 13 April 2021

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Cr Richard Lyon
Chairperson