



AGENDA

Community Services Committee Meeting Tuesday, 12 October 2021

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Time following the Infrastructure Committee

Location Council Chamber
District Council Building
King George Place
Timaru

File Reference 1450791

Timaru District Council

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Community Services Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru, on Tuesday 12 October 2021, at the conclusion of the Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Community Services Committee Members

Cr Richard Lyon (Chairperson), Cr Stu Piddington (Deputy Chairperson), Cr Allan Booth, Cr Peter Burt, Cr Barbara Gilchrist, Cr Gavin Oliver, Cr Paddy O'Reilly, Cr Sally Parker, Cr Steve Wills and Mayor Nigel Bowen

Quorum – no less than 2 members

Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

Committee 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.

Symon Leggett

Group Manager Recreation & Cultural Services

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6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 31 August 2021

Author: Joanne Brownie, Governance Support Officer

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 31 August 2021 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 Community Services Committee Meeting held on 31 August 2021**



MINUTES

Community Services Committee Meeting Tuesday, 31 August 2021

Ref: 1450791

**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Community Services Committee Meeting
Held via Zoom
on Tuesday, 31 August 2021 following the Environmental Services Committee**

Present: Cr Richard Lyon (Chairperson), Cr Stu Piddington (Deputy Chairperson), Cr Allan Booth, Cr Peter Burt, Cr Barbara Gilchrist, Cr Gavin Oliver, Cr Paddy O'Reilly, Cr Sally Parker, Cr Steve Wills, Mayor Nigel Bowen

In Attendance: Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Group Manager Recreation and Cultural Services (Symon Leggett), Governance Support (Joanne Brownie)

Charles Scarsbrook – Temuka Community Board
Ross Munro – Pleasant Point Community Board

1 Apology

Resolution 2021/15

Moved: Cr Richard Lyon

Seconded: Cr Peter Burt

That the apology received from Wayne O'Donnell – Geraldine Community Board be accepted.

Carried

2 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business identified.

3 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

There were no items of minor nature identified.

4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson reported that he had attended meetings and had discussed various issues with relevant council officers since the last Committee meeting.

Motion

Resolution 2021/16

Moved: Cr Richard Lyon

Seconded: Cr Sally Parker

That the Chairperson' report be received and noted.

Carried

6 Confirmation of Minutes**6.1 Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 20 July 2021****Resolution 2021/17**

Moved: Cr Steve Wills

Seconded: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

That the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 20 July 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Carried

7 Reports**7.1 YMCA South and Mid Canterbury Youth Services Report to 30 June 2021**

The Committee considered the YMCA Youth Services six monthly report to 30 June 2021. The meeting was informed that YMCA representatives will be in attendance to present the next report in December. Of note is the survey of youth which is being currently conducted, with the results available as part of the next scheduled report.

Resolution 2021/18

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Mayor Nigel Bowen

That the report be received and noted and noted importance of resiliency toolkit for our young people YMCA provides, and noted appreciation for the work that the organisation does in our community

Carried

8 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

There were no urgent business items.

9 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

There were no minor nature matters.

The Meeting closed at 9.45am.

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Chairperson

7 Reports

7.1 2020/2021 Outdoor Pool Extended Season Review and Proposed Season 2021/2022

Author: Craig Motley, Recreation Facilities Manager

Authoriser: Symon Leggett, Group Manager Recreation & Cultural Services

Recommendation

That the Community Services Committee approve for the Outdoor Pool season 2021/2022 to revert back to the opening period from Canterbury Show weekend in November, through until the 3rd Sunday in March.

Purpose of Report

- 1 To update the Community Services Committee on the extended Outdoor Pool season which was trialled in March/April 2021 and make a recommendation for the 2021/2022 season.

Assessment of Significance and Engagement

- 2 This matter has been assessed as being of low significance under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy due to the number of people impacted and the costs associated with the decision. However, it is recognised that pool users have a high interest in this matter. Staff have had ongoing engagement with this group of pool users over the past eighteen months as detailed below.

Background

- 3 In the past Timaru District's Outdoor Pool season ran from Canterbury show weekend in November through until the 3rd Sunday in March. This timeframe captures the best weather while balancing the needs of the reduced number of pool users.
- 4 In March 2020 the Recreation Facilities Manager (RFM), met with two members of the community who requested Timaru District Council (TDC) consider a one week extension of the season for the Outdoor 50m pool. A petition with 61 signatures was presented to the RFM with this request.
- 5 On 21 July 2020 the Community Services Committee considered a report by the RFM on the petition requesting the extension of the CBay Outdoor 50m pool opening and closing dates. The report confirmed that the petition sought an extra week of opening for the 50m pool at CBay while school swimming sports were held.
- 6 The Committee agreed to trial the extension of the season of all Timaru District Outdoor pools by two weeks for the 2020/2021 period.
- 7 As this two week extension reached through to the Easter holiday the RFM added one day (Easter Monday) to the extension so that the pools were not closed on the statutory holiday immediately after closing day.

Discussion

- 8 The 2020/2021 summer season was below average for the District Pools with lower than usual numbers attending across all outdoor pools. It wasn't a particularly warm summer, contributing to the lower levels of attendance.
- 9 As the season progressed into March attendance dropped off, particularly for weekdays. There were a handful of regular swimmers at Temuka (2-7 swimmers) and Geraldine (2-8 swimmers) who utilised lane swimming before 10am and then often no swimmers until after school finished in the afternoon. The exception were days where we held aqua classes and Temuka (8-14 swimmers) and Geraldine (8-16 swimmers) had good numbers for the hour of the class.
- 10 Pleasant Point had several days where less than ten attended in total including some zero attendance days. Aqua classes had a range of 6-16 swimmers during March. Please note, Aqua classes are held twice weekly at each of the District pools.
- 11 The CBay 50m pool maintained a regular number of users during March, with steady use throughout the day and slight surges at opening and lunch time. Usage ranged from 24-90 swimmers per day, with an average of over 50. Of note, and in contrast to the other pools, the lowest use days (<30) were all on weekend days.
- 12 Weekend use was significantly higher at the 3 District Pools than during the week (refer to the attached graphs), which would be expected.
- 13 Temuka and Geraldine pools experienced large patronage on the last two days of opening (Easter Sunday and Easter Monday), primarily due to the strong Norwest weather with unseasonal highs of over 27 degrees on both days. Pleasant Point however only had 20 customers both days.
- 14 Please note that all District Pools and the CBay 50m pool were closed on Easter Friday due to thunder and lightning warnings, in accordance with the safety protocols.
- 15 As lifeguards returned to University and High School, the anticipated staff shortage materialised, resulting in periodic pool closures, split shifts and the requirement to pay overtime to keep the pools open at peak times.
- 16 In addition, the Aquatics Operations Team Leader and Aquatics Coordinator worked almost fulltime as Lifeguards from early March until the end of the season, taking them away from their core roles.
- 17 As the large portion of summer Lifeguards are students, staffing the pools continues to be a significant issue from February 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.
- 18 The cost to operate each District Pool is approximately \$5,000-\$6000 per week. The extra two weeks opening has a cost of \$10,000-\$12,000 per pool. While this is not a large amount when compared to the total operating budget, the reduced revenue and lower attendance does increase the cost per person ratio. In addition, our energy costs to heat the pools are also likely to be greater due to the cooler nights.
- 19 Irrespective of all costs or any desire to have the outdoor pools open for longer, the major hurdle remains the adequate and safe staffing of the pools. This problem exists throughout the country, but particularly in areas with smaller populations.

- 20 Research has confirmed that the original opening dates for Temuka (over 30 years ago) was from the 1st November to 1st March, opening and closing earlier than the current season.

Options and Preferred Option

- 21 Option 1: To revert back to the usual Outdoor pool season which would see the pools open from Canterbury Show weekend in November (12th in 2022) through until the 3rd Sunday in March. **[Preferred Option]**
- 22 Option 2: To agree to continue the extended season for the CBay 50m pool only and only for the duration of school swimming sport bookings.
- 23 Option 3: To agree to continue the extended season for all Outdoor pools.
- 24 Option 4: Investigate the option of opening the 3 Outdoor District pools on weekends only for a further two weeks.

Consultation

- 25 Local community boards were surveyed on the options presented to gauge their preference. Feedback was received from 10 members, with the highest support, 4/10 respondents supporting Option 4, (investigate the option of opening the 3 Outdoor District pools on weekends only for the further two weeks).
- 26 An informal conversation was also held with the original petitioners. They were very happy about the CBay 50m pool staying open for longer but reiterated their original petition, that all they really wanted was for the 50m pool to be available as an option while swimming sports were being held by schools reducing lane swimming availability.
- 27 Staff will communicate any decision made regarding the outdoor pool season through social and print media, and will continue engaging with pool users to ensure we are providing a high level of service for all our pool facilities.

Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans

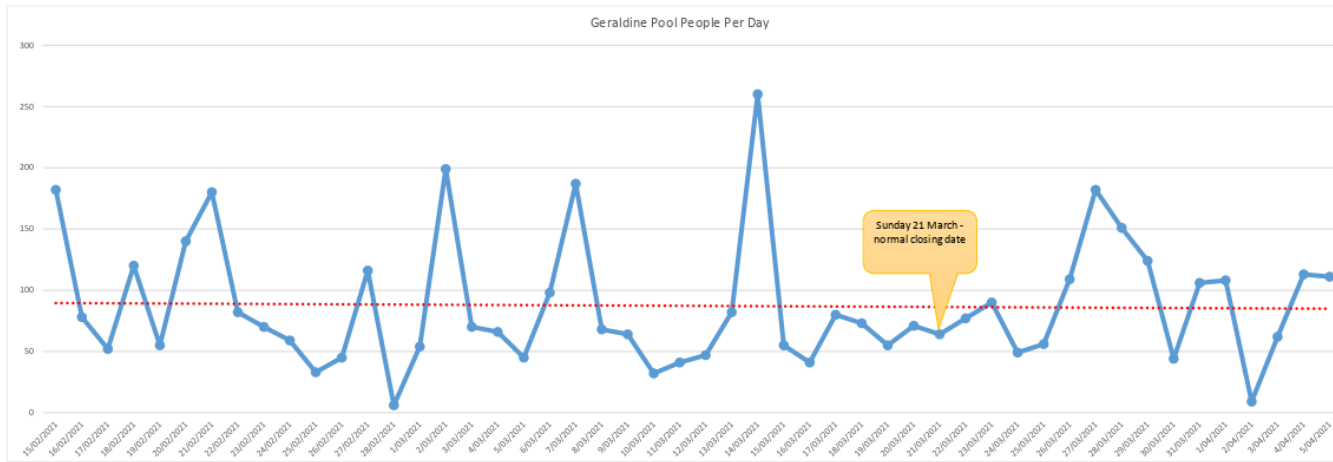
- 28 Long-term Plan 2021/2031

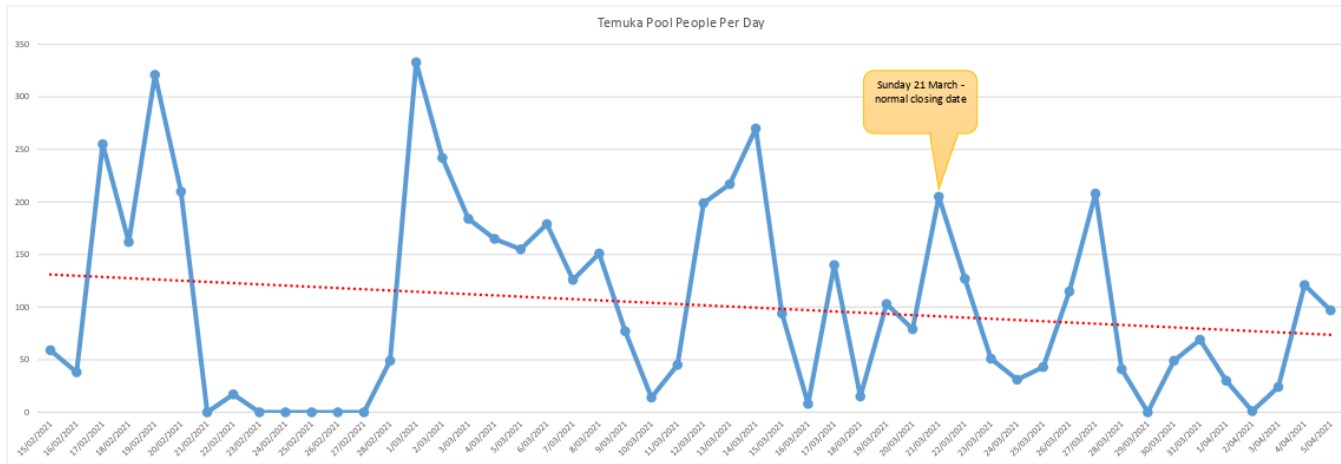
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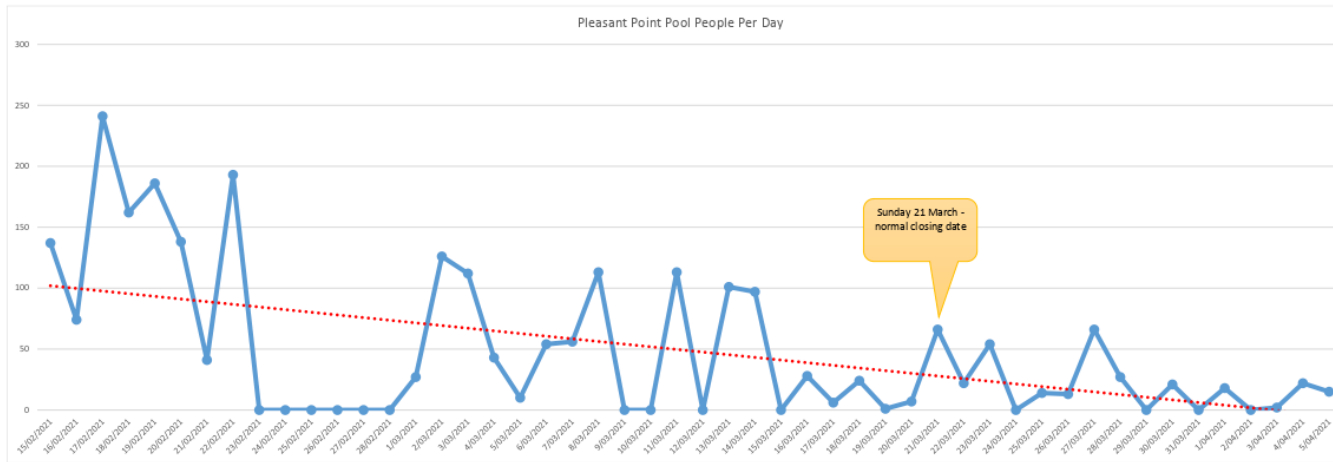
- 29 As mentioned above each week an outdoor pool is open costs approximately \$5,000-\$6,000 per week, per pool, which would need to be added to budgets should any extension be decided upon.

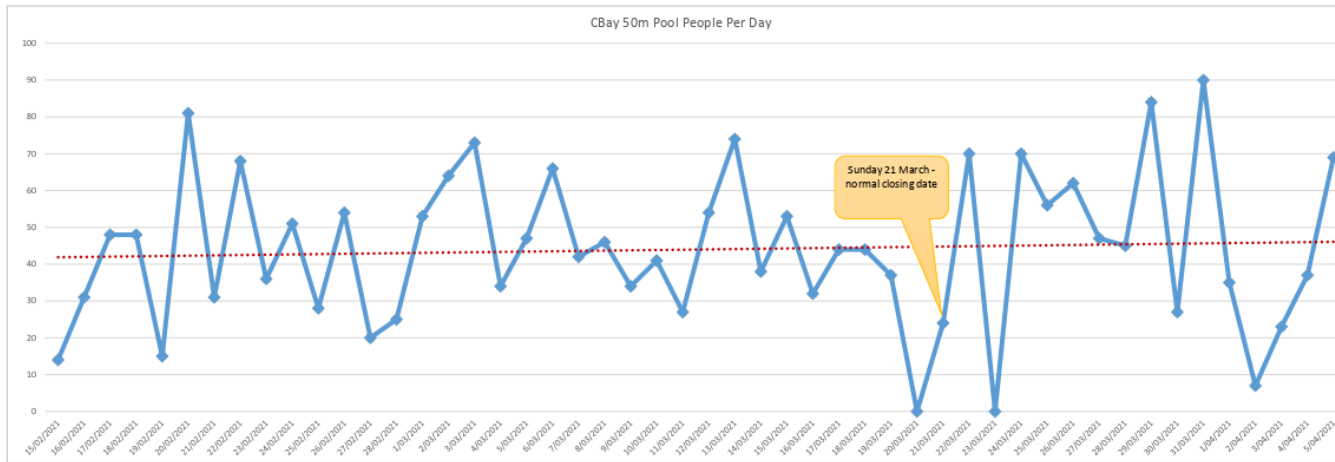
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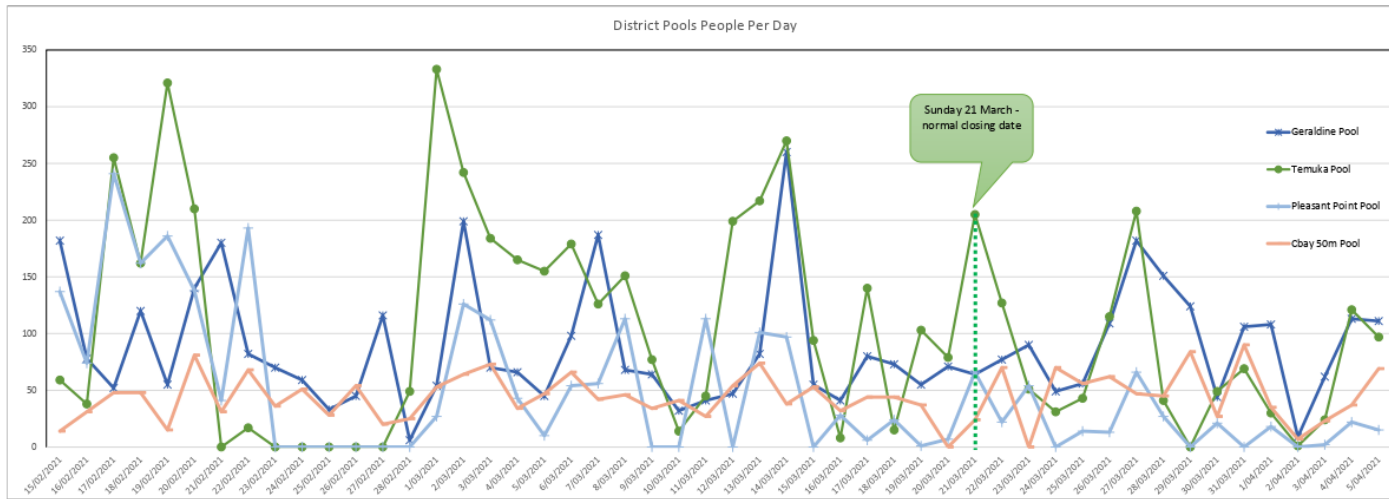
1. **District and Outdoor Pools User Data Feb - April 2021**  











8 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

9 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

10 Exclusion of the Public**Recommendation**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting on the grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Plain English Reason
11.1 - Donations and Loans Subcommittee Recommendations	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	To protect a person's privacy

11 Public Excluded Reports

11.1 Donations and Loans Subcommittee Recommendations

12 Readmittance of the Public