



MINUTES

Geraldine Community Board Meeting Wednesday, 6 July 2022

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Geraldine Community Board Meeting
Held in the The Green Man Cafe, 1202 Peel Forest Road, Peel Forest
on Wednesday, 6 July 2022 at 6.30pm**

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

In Attendance: Mayor Nigel Bowen, Cr Paddy O'Reilly, Andrew Dixon (Group Manager Infrastructure), Andrew Feary (Governance Advisor).

1 Apologies

No apologies were received.

2 Public Forum

Mr Bruce Allen of Peel Forest spoke to the Community Board regarding Project Peel Inc. Society where they seek to utilise part of the former Peel Forest fire station building as a depot for Project Peel but is willing to collaborate with any other local group who also wishes to utilise the building. A suggestion was made that assistance from Fire & Emergency New Zealand was available for the use of the new fire station which is intended to be a community building.

The vision of Project Peel was to reverse the ecological decline of the Peel Forest Scenic Reserve. Project Peel currently has concerns with cats in the area with a significant amount of effort in predator control. Cameras in the reserve are detecting a number of domestic & feral cats in the Denniston Bush area, particularly.

Mr Rex Mason of Blandswood, spoke to the Community Board on a number of issues in the Peel Forest area; footpath on Peel Forest Road; ford at Kowhai Stream; freeboard on Blandswood Road (at the floodbank). Mr Mason would like to see no artificial dams or weirs in the Kowhai Stream, due to ongoing issues associated with them.

Mr Mason spoke about the use of the former fire station that could house a historic ex US Army truck "Old Ben" which had links to the Peel Forest area and could collaborate with the Project Peel Inc. Society in utilising the former fire station.

Mr Peter Skidmore of Blandswood, spoke to the Community Board regarding the rubbish collection at Blandswood where a mention in previous Community Board Minutes stated that the rubbish trucks cannot cross the Kowhai Stream ford; Mr Skidmore wished to elaborate on the actual reason the trucks were unable to collect rubbish in the Blandswood village. Due to the channel causing a step at the ford when it rains causing difficulty for the truck drivers to negotiate. Flooding of the Kowhai Stream is an ongoing issue, that is being mitigated with the proposed redevelopment of the crossing to be consulted with the local residents momentarily.

Don Murray of Peel Forest spoke to the Community Board on Project Peel Inc. Society and is concerned with urban & rural issues – Peel Forest being a recreation area for the region; belief that the Council needs to consider the area in the wider aspect of the wellbeing of the District.

The newly constructed footpath on the Peel Forest Road is well received, and understand there is a plan to extend. Mr Murray would like to see an invitation for the local people to help with the planting on the road reserve at the footpath.

Mr Greg Wilkinson of Blandswood spoke to the Community Board to give thanks for incorporating the Board Meeting at Peel Forest and spoke to support the previous roading issues.

Mr Allan Averis of Blandswood spoke to the Community Board on the Kowhai Stream ford. Numerous concrete fords and bridges have been in place over the years at Kowhai Stream and suggested a natural attenuation as opposed to artificial control of the stream.

3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

No items of urgent business were received

4 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

Five matters of a minor nature were identified:

- Further funding of gravel for the Toy Library
- Geraldine Dog Park
- Transfer of funds from the Geraldine Licensing Trust
- Connolly Street trees
- Totara Street Footpath

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

6 Chairperson's Report

6.1 Chairperson's report

Wayne O'Donnell advised the Board, since the last meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, the Chairman has attended the following:

- Geraldine Vintage Car & Machinery Club Annual General Meeting & monthly meeting
- Peel Forest Outdoor Centre onsite meeting
- Geraldine Vehicle Trust
- Timaru District Council Standing Committee meetings
- Geraldine District Foundation meetings
- Geraldine.nz Annual General Meeting
- Meeting with Mayor, Timaru District Council Officers & Peel Forest Outdoor Centre.
- Returned Serviceman Association meeting & Strategic Review Group
- Geraldine Community Board planting of the Jubilee Tree in Todd Park.
- Meeting with Geraldine Rugby Club & Timaru District Council Officers
- Geraldine Strategic Plan workshop.
- Correspondence with Timaru District Council officers regarding footpaths and roading issues.

Resolution 2022/84

Moved: Wayne O'Donnell

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the Chairperson's report be received.

Carried

7 Confirmation of Minutes**7.1 Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 25 May 2022****Resolution 2022/85**

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: McGregor Simpson

That the Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 25 May 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 Speed Management Plan Update - Setting speed limits**

The Group Manager Infrastructure spoke to the Geraldine Community Board on the changes to the Speed Limit setting rule and progress so far made in revising Timaru District Local Road Speed Limits.

Discussion from the Board Members sought the installation of a driver feedback sign (Dynamic Speed Feedback Sign or Speed Indication Device) on a rotational basis with other sites within the District.

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

8.2 Geraldine Land Transport Activity Update

The Group Manager Infrastructure spoke to the Geraldine Community Board on land transport projects completed and underway in the Geraldine Ward over the last two years.

The Board Members discussed with Officers several local issues within the Geraldine area, notably; footpaths in the industrial area being used by local businesses, slippery tiles outside the public toilets on Wilson Street, footpath material options.

Resolution 2022/86

Moved: Janene Adams

Seconded: Jennine Maguire

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

No items of urgent business were received

10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

10.1 Further funding of gravel for the Toy Library

Janene Adams spoke to the Community Board regarding the funding of gravel for the toy library, where at the meeting of the Community Board in May 2022 under resolution 2022/76 the Community Board agreed to fund up to \$300 for the toy library. Subsequently further gravel is required and the funding of a further \$300 is sought.

The Community Board agreed to the further funding of up to \$300 for another load of gravel for the toy library however no resolution can be made at this time. Enquiries with Council Officers are to be made as to how to acquire the funding from the Geraldine Rating Fund, alternatively table the matter at the subsequent meeting of the Geraldine Community Board for resolution.

10.2 Geraldine Dog Park

Jennine Maguire advised the Community Board that approval had been received to develop a dog park at the park opposite the fire station (land adjoining former Geraldine Borough Council depot 117 Talbot Street, Geraldine). Fire & Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) utilise the park for training, as such access is to be maintained for the FENZ. A letter of support is sought from the Community Board to assist with funding applications, that are to commence. Further details of funding from Geraldine Rating Fund is to be considered at the subsequent meeting of the Geraldine Community Board.

10.3 Transfer of funds from Geraldine Licensing Trust

Wayne O'Donnell spoke to the Community Board on a previous grant of \$5K from the Geraldine Licensing Trust that was for the Geraldine Strategic Plan, but is no longer required. Mr O'Donnell had received authorisation from the Geraldine Licensing Trust to reallocate the \$5K towards the Geraldine playground redevelopment project.

10.4 Connolly Street trees

Further discussion has been raised on the removal and replacement of the trees on Connolly Street. The type of tree currently in place is of concern due to its growth and proximity to powerlines. Further updates from Council Officers is pending.

10.5 Totara Street footpath

The slipperiness of the footpath on Totara Street was discussed with the Group Manager Infrastructure. Several factors were discussed namely the steep gradient of the street, the trees of the reserve surrounding the street. The maintenance and clearing of debris from the channels and culverts has been identified as a contributing factor in the slipperiness inhibiting the water runoff from the footpaths.

11 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration

11.1 Former Peel Forest fire station use.

Discussion with the Property Unit as to how to address the use of the former Peel Forest fire station for such groups as Project Peel Inc. Society.

11.2 Kowhai Stream ford

The Group Manager Infrastructure advised the Community Board that the redevelopment of the ford is programmed for this financial year. Scoping work is about to commence with consultation with the community to occur subsequently.

11.3 Blandswood rubbish collection

The Group Manager Infrastructure will raise the collection of rubbish in Blandswood via the Kowhai Street ford with the contractor.

11.4 Footpaths

The Chairman spoke to the Community Board on the previous meetings held in Peel Forest regarding roading and the footpath, and believes adequate consultation had been undertaken by Council Officers, noting the footpath is yet to be completed.

12 Board Member's Reports

12.1 Board Member's report

Cr Gavin Oliver advised the Board, since the last meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, he had attended the following:

- Rotary talk with the Rotary Club.
- Strategic Plan Workshop.
- Geraldine.NZ Annual General Meeting.
- Geraldine Community Board planting of the Jubilee Tree in Todd Park.
- Correspondence with Council Officers regarding footpaths and gravel roads.

12.2 Board Member's report

Jan Finlayson advised the Board, since the last meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, she had attended the following:

- Arts Council meeting.
- Music festival meeting.
- Geraldine Community Board planting of the Jubilee Tree in Todd Park..
- Geraldine Nature & Sculpture Trail.

12.3 Board Member's report

Janene Adams advised the Board, since the last meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, she had attended the following:

- Geraldine Community Board planting of the Jubilee Tree in Todd Park.
- Timaru District Council Standing Committees.
- Geraldine Strategic Plan workshop.
- Returned Serviceman Association meeting & Strategic Review Group.
- Geraldine Licensing Trust meeting.
- Meetings with Council Officers regarding the playground project.

12.4 Board Member's report

Jennine Maguire advised the Board, since the last meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, she had attended the following:

- Bike Geraldine Annual General Meeting.
- Meetings regarding the Geraldine Dog Park.
- Geraldine Strategic Plan workshop.

12.5 Board Member's report

McGregor Simpson advised the Board, since the last meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, he had attended the following:

- Geraldine Strategic Plan workshop.
- Returned Serviceman Association meeting & Strategic Review Group.
- Noting several roading issues in the Arundel, Peel Forest & Blandswood areas.

12.6 Board Member's report

Natasha Rankin advised the Board, since the last meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, she had attended the following:

- Geraldine Combined Sports Inc. meeting.
- Geraldine Strategic Plan workshop.
- Geraldine Civil Defence, however noting difficulties with collaboration with Council Officers on arranging suitable training.

Cr Paddy O'Reilly addressed the Geraldine Community Board as this would be his final attendance of the Geraldine Community Board as a Councillor.

The Meeting closed at 8.47pm.



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Wayne O'Donnell
Chairperson