



MINUTES

Geraldine Community Board Meeting Wednesday, 6 October 2021

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Geraldine Community Board Meeting
Held in the Geraldine Library/Service Centre
on Wednesday, 6 October 2021 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: Andrew Feary (Governance Advisor), Uki Dele (Stormwater Specialist), Grant Hall (Drainage & Water Manager), Di Hay (Venture Timaru), Nigel Davenport (Venture Timaru), Nicole Timney (Manager of Property Services and Client Representative), Rosie Oliver (Development Officer)

1 Apologies

Resolution 2021/60

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the apology received from Cr Allan Booth & Mayor Nigel Bowen be accepted.

Carried

2 Public Forum

Rhys Taylor, Kate Elsen and Sarah Johnson spoke to the Board of the activities of the Geraldine Academy of Performance & Arts and sought support from the Community Board in addressing potential concerns of their current venue. The hall utilised by the Geraldine Academy is owned by St. Mary's Anglican Church (The Church Property Trustees). The Church is facing an ever increasing financial burden of its building stock that the Academy is concerned the Church may wish to dispose of the building from their ownership. The Academy currently has a 1 year Permit to Occupy with the Church.

The Academy provides a venue for a wide variety of arts such as: Calligraphy, digital photography, children's choir, Morris Dancing, Salsa dancing, special needs singing, yoga, breakdancing, community choir, poetry and blackboard concerts; as well as hosting visiting artists and performers.

Ideally the Academy would like to stay in the building they currently occupy and hoped that there would be enough public support & funding for the building to be purchased. They are aware of the increasing cost of maintenance on the building but are unaware of any serious structural issues.

3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of Urgent Business

4 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

Janene Adams wished to update the Community Board on the free WiFi for the CBD.

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Mr Wayne O'Donnell declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 8.5, due to being the proposed appointee to the board of the Geraldine District Foundation.

6 Chairperson's Report

The Chair advised that since the last meeting on the 7th July 2021, the following meetings / events have been attended:

- Numerous meetings with TDC staff regarding Geraldine Traffic Plan Strategy, Geraldine Strategic Plan,
- Geraldine Vehicle Trust AGM.
- Geraldine Vintage Car & Machinery Club Inc AGM.
- Standing Committees.
- Council Meeting.
- Extraordinary Council Meeting.
- Several Geraldine District Foundation meetings.
- Rural Support Trust Meeting.
- Meeting with residents and MP for Waitaki in Peel Forest.
- Geraldine Historical Society.
- Geraldine Licensing Trust AGM
- River Trail meeting
- Waitui Drive walkway meeting
- Correspondence with TDC staff on roading & traffic issues in Peel Forest, Woodbury & Geraldine
- Correspondence with TDC staff & NPD (Nelson Petroleum Distributors Ltd) regarding old stone wall.

7 Confirmation of Minutes

7.1 Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 7 July 2021

Resolution 2021/61

Moved: Jan Finlayson

Seconded: Gavin Oliver

That That the Minutes of the Geraldine Community Board Meeting held on 7 July 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 Talbot Forest Working Group Meeting Notes

The meeting notes (attached) from the Talbot Forest Working Group's June meeting have been made available to provide an update to the Geraldine Community Board on the group's activities.

The meetings are held every second month, the meeting notes are provided for the Board's information.

The Oliver Drylands Reserve had been flood damaged from the floods earlier this year but was limited mainly to the access road. It experienced loss of habitat & species but is recovering and is better now than what it was just after the floods.

Resolution 2021/62

Moved: Gavin Oliver

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the Board receives the meeting notes from the Talbot Forest Working Group.

Carried

8.2 Economic Report & Geraldine Tourism Product Development

Nigel Davenport from Venture Timaru spoke to the Community Board on the general economic wellbeing of the District.

Timaru District has fared better than 95% of the country with approximately 70% of our workforce still working through the lockdown. Nationally was about 40%. Supply chain disruptions are starting to have an impact where producers need to get their product off the farm and out to the market. A shortage of Refrigerated Shipping Containers (reefers) and the general global shipping issues have highlighted New Zealand's plight of being a very small market yet the demand for New Zealand products is very high. The South Canterbury region produces enough food to feed 40M people annually with several very large food producers such as Fonterra and DB Draught Brewery located in the Region. There is concern that if the bigger industry members cannot maintain their supply chain, it may force the producers to rethink their position in the Regions and viability. Such changes would have a flow on effect for a wide range of facets in the Region. The economic world is changing; where importers would import sufficient stock as required (Just in Time model), further stockpiling may be considered to counter the increasing cost of shipping.

Timaru District is very well placed as a receiving hub for imports due to the Districts central location and suitable road, rail and shipping network.

Coastal shipping had been identified as a concern that has been raised with central Government with an emphasis on spoke and hub shipping models; where goods are shipped from smaller ports such as Timaru to larger ports such as Tauranga, transferred to a larger international vessel for distribution to the international market.

The food producers spoken to, are supportive of the Councils stance on the Three Water Reform, citing good quality water and infrastructure is critical for food production and a big influence on where food producers seek to establish their facilities.

Venture Timaru became the Regional Tourism Organisation and as such became responsible for the Geraldine Information Centre. The conditions under which the contract with the existing

provider, signed in 2017 have changed and no longer fit in with the current coronavirus environment, therefore the contract will end at the end of 2021 with a new operator beginning January 2022. The Expressions of Interest is now open and a decision will be made by Venture Timaru early in November. There was general discussion on the issues that Board members had identified with the current arrangement; namely staffing knowledge, lack of hours & lack of afterhours options.

Di Hay from Venture Timaru spoke to the Community Board on the Tourism Support Reset & Recover fund to develop additional or support existing visitor ventures within the Geraldine area. A fund of \$45k has been allocated to the Geraldine area for the next 12-18 months for projects.

Resolution 2021/63

Moved: Wayne O'Donnell

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the report be received.

Carried

8.3 Update on Geraldine Stormwater Management Plan & Serpentine Creek Rehabilitation

The Stormwater Specialist and Drainage & Water Manager spoke to the Community Board to update the Board on the Stormwater Management Plan and the Serpentine Creek Rehabilitation Project

The Drainage & Water Unit are conducting 5 Stormwater Management Plans within the District, however Geraldine's Stormwater Management Plan is further along than the others as the Resource Consent has already been applied for. The Unit are continuing to seek community engagement and consultation with the public.

Baseline studies conducted on the Waihi River identified contaminants from heavy metals such as copper & zinc. The cumulative effect of the stormwater on the groundwater is such that water bores downstream may start having issues of contamination. Finding the source of contamination of ground water is challenging. The treatment of stormwater prior to entry into the ground include systems such as raingardens or sand filters to filter the contaminants prior to the water reaching the network or groundwater.

The Serpentine Creek in Geraldine was inherited by Timaru District Council and was found to have several challenges. As sections of the creek were on private land maintenance had been an issue and owners maintenance varied. Timaru District Council appointed CityCare to clear the creek of overgrowth and rehabilitate sections where issues had been identified. The clearing of the Serpentine Creek should help relieve the stormwater network, however issues such as South Terrace Road lay in another catchment which is not directly attributed to the Serpentine.

Resolution 2021/64

Moved: Wayne O'Donnell

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the report be received.

Carried

8.4 Geraldine Community Board Discussion - Geraldine Strategic Plan

Rosie Oliver spoke to the Board as to the next steps in establishing the Geraldine Strategic Plan with a workshop proposed in late October for the Board to discuss the Plan.

Resolution 2021/65

Moved: Wayne O'Donnell

Seconded: Janene Adams

That the report be received.

Carried

8.5 Appointment of Board Member to Geraldine District Foundation

The Geraldine District Foundation sought to reappoint Board member Wayne O'Donnell as a trustee to the Foundation for a further two years, citing the current project for the Geraldine Medical Centre requiring completion.

Resolution 2021/66

Moved: Janene Adams

Seconded: Gavin Oliver

That the Geraldine Community Board appoint Wayne O'Donnell as trustee to the Geraldine District Foundation for a further two years.

Carried

9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

There were no items of Urgent Business

10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

Janene Adams gave an update on the free WiFi for Central Business Districts. Having made contact with the provider Vetta who were considering options for WiFi infrastructure dependant on the rollout of Ultra-Fast Broadband. The extent of the geographical area to be covered was to be followed up on as some businesses on the side streets felt they would miss out. The Board agreed the coverage should include the Geraldine Domain & Pavilion.

11 Public Forum Issues Requiring Consideration

It was agreed that Geraldine Academy should furnish a report to the Board as to its finances, future plans, their options and what they are seeking; to enable the Board to consider options and refer to an appropriate Committee. The views of the landlord should also be obtained to clarify their intent with the building.

12 Exclusion of the Public**Resolution 2021/67**

Moved: Janene Adams

Seconded: Gavin Oliver

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
13.1 - Covenant - 138 Talbot Street Geraldine	<p>s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p>	<p>To protect a person's privacy</p> <p>Commercial sensitivity</p>

Carried

13 Public Excluded Reports**13.1 Covenant - 138 Talbot Street Geraldine****14 Readmittance of the Public****Resolution 2021/68**

Moved: Janene Adams

Seconded: Gavin Oliver

That the meeting moves out of Closed Meeting into Open Meeting.

Carried

15 Board Member's Reports**15.1 Board Member's Report****Recommendation**

Cr Jan Finlayson advised that since the last meeting on the 7th July 2021, the following meetings / events have been attended:

- Orari – Temuka – Opihi – Pareora Water Zone Committee
- Geraldine Community Arts Council
- Geraldine Nature & Sculpture Trail Group
- Extraordinary Council Meeting
- Donations & Loans Subcommittee

15.2 Board Member's Report**Recommendation**

Cr Janene Adams advised that since the last meeting on the 7th July 2021, the following meetings / events have been attended:

- Geraldine Strategic Plan
- Communications with TDC staff
- Geraldine Combined Sports
- Nature & Sculpture Trail Group
- Meeting with TDC staff
- Geraldine Festival

15.3 Board Member's Report**Recommendation**

Cr Jennine Maguire advised that since the last meeting on the 7th July 2021, the following meetings / events have been attended:

- Bike Geraldine
- Meeting with John Bray on Tennis Courts in Orari

15.4 Board Member's Report**Recommendation**

Cr McGregor Simpson advised that since the last meeting on the 7th July 2021, the following meetings / events have been attended:

- Various flooding response queries from the community
- Various roading issues queries from the community

The Meeting closed at 2138.

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Wayne O'Donnell
Chairperson