

Timaru District Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, held in the Meeting Room, Geraldine Library / Service Centre on Wednesday 22 August 2018 at 7.30pm

Present	Wayne O'Donnell (Chairperson), Clr Kerry Stevens, Janene Adams, Jan Finlayson, Jarrod Marsden, Gavin Oliver
In Attendance	Land Transport Manager (Andrew Dixon), and Secretary (Kate Walkinshaw) Pauline Denzey – public forum Hugh McCafferty – Geraldine News
Apology	Jennine Maguire

1. Public Forum - Central Business District Signage

Pauline Denzey approached the Board for an update on the Geraldine Town Centre Refresh Project. With the limited budget available and the desire for consistency in the town centre, Pauline put forward some ideas and draft designs for cost effective upgrades. Her suggestions included turning old bollards into planters and painted black, refurbishing existing assets ie seating, verandahs and parking signs to be repainted, the new metal structures to be used as directional/business guidance and the possibility of having wrought iron hanging signs.

The Chairperson ran through the description and costs of work that has been approved by Council noting most of Pauline's ideas can be included in the allocated budget. The Land Transport Manager explained the refresh project. The only potential issue is the suggested works Pauline requested for privately owned buildings, as it is inappropriate to spend the allocated public budget on privately owned buildings. The Land Transport Manager agreed to arrange for a Land Transport team member to speak with Pauline with a view to progressing the ideas.

2. Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

The Board agreed to discuss the Transportation Strategy, Main North Road developments – single lane bridge and Rangitata improvements as matters of minor nature.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson reported on meetings he had attended and duties he had carried out on behalf of the Board since the last meeting, including Council Standing Committee meetings, Heritage drop-in information day, chaired public meeting regarding Art, numerous Geraldine Combined Sports PLG meetings re sports facility review, Geraldine High School students Wellington trip, Go Geraldine meeting and AGM, Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Club meeting and AGM, Geraldine Vehicle Trust meeting and AGM, Historical Museum AGM, NZTA meeting re State Highway, Timaru District Council 150 year celebrations, medical students meeting, discussions with Timaru District Council staff on various matters, discussions with building owners, kerb and channel site visit, report on Geraldine service centre furniture upgrade.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed Clr Kerry Stevens
Seconded Gavin Oliver

"That the minutes of the Geraldine Community Board meeting held on 30 May 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

Motion Carried

6. Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

Transportation Strategy

The Land Transport Manager provided an update on the Transportation Strategy, Abley Transportation Consultants have been contracted to prepare a transportation model and strategy. Also included in the model is the Upper Orari Bridge in the view of potential for two lanes in the future. Unfortunately this project is no longer on the State Highway programme due to Government changes now focussing on safety, walking, and cycling for example. A business case is still to be put forward to try to secure funding. NZTA has installed two cameras on SH79 on either side of the bridge to collect data on traffic volumes. The model is in its early stages and will include the potential relocation of the State Highway and potential routes for walking and cycling.

Main North Road Developments

The Land Transport Manager has consulted with NZTA and funding is likely to be made available for State Highway 79 improvements from north of Geraldine to Woodbury. They are also undertaking the design of the project, likely to include widening of shoulders, cycle lanes and improvements to keep the carriageway clear. The timeframe for improvements will be this financial year.

Rangitata Improvements

There are plans for State Highway 1 road improvements to Rangitata which include increasing the length of merge lanes, median strips and installing active speed reduction signs.

Janene Adams provided an update to the Board on discussions she has had regarding changing the speed limit to 60km and making Rangitata look more like a township to encourage better driving behaviours.

Proposed Jan Finlayson
Seconded Clr Kerry Stevens

“That the Geraldine Community Board endorses the proposed design change plans at the Rangitata/Highway 79 intersection for safety and reduction in speed in that area.”

Motion Carried

7. Board Members' Reports

Board members reported on meetings they had attended and duties they had carried out on behalf of the Board since the last meeting, including Medical Students meeting, Timaru District Council 150 year celebrations, Geraldine Arts Council, Christmas Light Motif, Signage meetings with Combined Signage Group, Creative Communities, OTOF Zone Committee, Agrecovery Recycling event, Chaired Geraldine District Promotions Trust meeting, Geraldine Anzac Commemorations Trust meeting, Geraldine Combined Sports meeting re Community Hub feasibility, Geraldine Community Patrol AGM, Earthquake Prone Buildings workshop, Geraldine Heritage Buildings drop-in session, Geraldine Historical Museum AGM, Geraldine Public Art meeting, Geraldine High School Shakespeare group evening, met staff/Community Board members regarding State Highway 79, Civil Defence coordinators meeting, interviewed by Geraldine News reporter Hugh McCafferty, liaised with several local groups and residents over various issues and liaised with Timaru District Council staff over several local matters.

Janene Adams advised the Board that, along with the help of the SC Road Safety Coordinator and NZTA, a request has been made to Google Maps to change the GPS route to direct traffic to turn at Rangitata onto State Highway 79 as opposed to the turn off at Orari Station Road then along Coach Road. Google has advised that the route has now been changed and the changes should be visible online in about 3–4 days.

Janene Adams also provided an update on the Combined Signage Group meeting where the group discussed having personalised “Welcome to Geraldine signs”. It was suggested that a town logo be created with icons of what is available in Geraldine.

Proposed Wayne O'Donnell
Seconded Jan Finlayson

“That the Geraldine Community Board recommends that the funding for the Geraldine Signs project is carried forward to this financial year as the works are ongoing.”

Motion Carried

The meeting concluded at 8:55pm.

Chairperson

Unconfirmed