

Timaru District Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Geraldine Community Board, held at the Peel Forest Café, Peel Forest, on Wednesday 10 April 2019 at 7.00pm

Present Wayne O'Donnell (Chairperson), Jarrod Marsden, Gavin Oliver, Janene Adams, Jan Finlayson, Jennine Maguire

Apology Clr Kerry Stevens

In Attendance Clr Paddy O'Reilly, Land Transport Manager (Andrew Dixon) and Secretary (Kate Walkinshaw)
Barbara Burrows, Rex Mason

1. Apologies

Proposed Janine Adams
Seconded Jennine Maguire

"That the apology of Clr Kerry Stevens be accepted."

Motion carried

2. Public Forum

104a McKenzie Street Property - Barbara Burrows

Mrs Burrows spoke to the board of her desire to purchase 104a McKenzie Street, Geraldine. She gave a brief history of the land and her ideas of how she would utilise the vacant section. If the sale is successful, she plans to plant fruit trees. If the sale is unsuccessful then she would like to rent the land to create an arboretum.

Blandswood Public Toilets and Kowhai Stream - Rex Mason

Welcomed the board to Peel Forest. He spoke about the Blandswood Public Toilets. The Department of Conservation (DOC) walking count has tripled in the last 3 years, but they still only have the one long drop toilet which is not sufficient for the amount of visitors to the area. The Property Manager from the Timaru District Council has previously said it could be due for an upgrade to a double unit. Mr Mason would like this to be followed up and have it put on the agenda. It was discussed that DOC has a visitor fund that could be accessed for funding.

Mr Mason also discussed the Kowhai Stream report in the agenda. He thanked the Land Transport Manager for the comprehensive report. Mr Mason and the Blandswood residents believe that option D – concrete ford would be the best choice. He also believes that option A – enhanced status quo with the addition of a "concrete mattress" would be the next best option.

Mr Mason also thanked the Board and the Timaru District Council for the remedial works that have been actioned and successful in the area including the added signage, fixing the tree roots and the cleaning of the culverts.

3. Identification of items of Urgent Business

Proposed the Chairperson
Seconder Jan Finlayson

“That the letters to Mayor Dalziel of Christchurch in regards to the Christchurch mosques attacks of March 15, a letter to the Geraldine High School Board of Trustees in regards to zoning and the Hislop Street footpath be discussed as matters of urgent business.”

Motion carried

4. Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

Proposed the Chairperson
Seconder Jennine Maguire

“The Board agreed to discuss the bins outside the Berry Barn and the bus stops on Cox and Talbot Street as matters of a minor nature.”

Motion carried

5. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

6. 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 Geraldine High School zoning meeting, Go Geraldine meeting, Geraldine Vintage and Machinery Club meeting, Geraldine Vehicle Trust meeting, Geraldine Licencing Trust meetings re medical centre, Geraldine Vigil of Solidarity at library for Christchurch Mosques attacks, Geraldine Combined Sports re domain pavilion, discussion with ECan staff regarding Waihi River work, correspondence with the Property Manager and Transport Team Leader in regards to numerous issues, parking at Geraldine Licensing Trust hotel, discussion with Cllr Stevens regarding sealing of the main street in Geraldine. The Chair also asked the board who would be available for the Anzac Day services. Numerous members are available.

7. Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed Jennine Maguire
Seconded Jarrod Marsden

“That the minutes of the Geraldine Community Board meeting held on 6 March 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

Motion Carried

8. **Kowhai Stream Access Options**

The Board considered a report from the Land Transport Manager outlining options available to improve the level of service in regard to access for Blandswood Road residents on the western side of Kowhai Stream.

As there is currently no funding budgeted for the works, it will need to go through the Annual Plan process. There was a discussion around potential funding being available through the government as it is an access issue, potentially the funding could be up to 51%, and asking the residents if they would contribute towards the cost.

Proposed Jan Finlayson
Seconded Janine Adams

“That the Geraldine Community Board recommends to Council that option D, the concrete ford option, be included in the 2020/21 Annual Plan.”

Motion Carried

9. **Consideration of Urgent Business Items**

Letter to Mayor Dalziel

The Chairman discussed the letter and book of condolence for the Mayor of Christchurch. All members agreed this was to be sent.

Proposed Jennine Maguire
Seconded Jan Finlayson

“That the letter to Mayor Dalziel be sent.”

Motion Carried

Letter to Geraldine High School Board of Trustees

The Chairman discussed the letter which is to be submitted by 26 April in regard to the proposed enrolment zone for Geraldine High School. It was noted that the letter did not cover all aspects of the situation. The Chair advised that the Board had been advised to write a letter focusing on the zoning aspect. There is also petition online which people are encouraged to sign and share with the community as this will go through parliament.

Jan Finlayson abstained from voting as she does not agree that the letter covers all aspects of the situation.

Proposed Gavin Oliver
Seconded Janine Adams

“That the letter regarding zoning for the Geraldine High School be approved and sent.”

Motion carried

Hislop Street Footpath

The Board discussed that the community would like to change the side of the street that the proposed footpath is to be constructed. 90% of people walk on the opposite side to the proposed footpath and if it was to be constructed on the north-east side, it would flow on from the existing footpath.

Proposed Janine Adams
Seconded Jarrod Marsden

“The Geraldine Community Board recommends that the proposed new footpath for Hislop Street is constructed on the north-east side.”

Motion Carried

10. **Consideration of Minor Nature Matters**

Bus Stops

The Chair has been approached by a member of the public who is concerned that there is insufficient parking for buses. The previous bus stop on Talbot Street was converted into two parks. There was discussion around the possibility of reverting back to a bus stop and if the 2 car parks outside the museum on Cox Street could be converted in to a bus stop.

The Board agreed to refer the bus issue to the Land Transport Manager to be considered as part of the Geraldine Transportation Strategy.

3 Bin System – Talbot Street Complex

As part of CBD refresh a 3 bin policy was being looked into for the complex, similar to the one on Cox Street. Some of the shop owners would like this to be implemented soon. The design for the new bin system is close to being finalised. Installation for the new bins is potentially the end of June.

In the interim, the Land Transport Manager is to organise additional collections over the public holidays – Easter, Anzac and School Holidays.

11. Board Members' Reports

The Board members reported on meetings they had attended and activities they had completed on behalf of the board including Geraldine Combined Sports meeting, Go Geraldine, Geraldine District Projects Trust meeting, Public Art looking for members and a chairman, Arts Council, Creative Communities, OTOP Zone committee, Crown property high country advisory group meeting, Public Art Group, Bike Geraldine meeting, Scout Den meeting, footpath meeting, Geraldine Vigil of Solidarity for Christchurch Mosque shooting, GHS enrolment zone meeting, liaison with ECan staff in regards to Waihi River tracks, ECan river rating meeting, assisted the Chair with writing letters and condolence book, sent a submission to Geraldine High School Board of Trustees re Geraldine High School's proposed enrolment scheme, liaised with several local residents and Chair and TDC staff over several matters and Cllr Stevens wrote his first Councillor's Column for the Geraldine News which will be published this week and 6-weekly thereafter. He welcomes any feedback or suggestions for future columns.

12. Exclusion of the Public

Proposed Janine Adams
Seconded Jan Finlayson

"That the Board resolves to exclude the public on the grounds contained in Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act:

Land for Disposal

Clause	LGOIMA wording	Plain English reason
Section 7(2)(b)(ii)	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 was the subject of, the information.	Commercial sensitivity
Section 7(2)(i)	The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	To enable commercial or industrial negotiations"

Motion Carried

13. Readmittance of the Public

Proposed Janine Adams
Seconded Jennine Maguire

“That the public be readmitted to the meeting.”

Motion Carried

The meeting concluded at 8.27pm.

Chairperson