

Timaru District Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru on 12 June 2018 at 9:15am

Present Clrs Paddy O'Reilly (Chairperson), Peter Burt (from 9.25am), Nigel Bowen, Andrea Leslie, Richard Lyon, Sally Parker, Kerry Stevens, Steve Wills and the Mayor

Apologies Proposed Clr Parker
Seconded Clr Stevens
"That the apologies from Clr Burt (for lateness), Clr Jack, Raewyn Hessel of the Pleasant Point Community Board and Gavin Oliver of the Geraldine community Board be accepted."

Motion carried

In Attendance Lloyd McMillan – Temuka Community Board
Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Group Manager Infrastructure (Ashley Harper), Land Transport Manager (Andrew Dixon) and Council Secretary (Joanne Brownie)

1. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

2. Acting Chairperson's Report

The Acting Chairperson reported on meetings he had attended and duties he had carried out on behalf of the Committee since the last meeting including community board meetings, hui at Arowhenua marae, a workshop on earthquake strengthening building regulations and discussions with the Group Manager.

Proposed Clr O'Reilly
Seconded Clr Wills

"That the Acting Chairperson's report be noted."

Motion carried

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Proposed Clr O'Reilly
Seconded Clr Wills

"That the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting of 8 May 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record."

Motion carried

4. State Highway 79 Geraldine Potential Relocation

The Committee considered a report by the Land Transport Manager on a recommendation from the Geraldine Community Board to prepare a transportation strategy including revisiting the potential to re-route State Highway 79 (SH79) through the Geraldine urban area.

The Land Transport Manager advised that the issue is being revisited for a number of reasons including an increase in traffic, increased tourism activity, safety concerns near the primary school and near the Cox Street/Talbot Street intersection, heavy vehicle conflict with pedestrians, and greater use of SH79 instead of SH8.

When the Geraldine Community Board considered the issue at its meeting on 30 May, the Board suggested widening the scope of the issue to also investigate a transportation strategy for the Geraldine area.

Also, it is now suggested that the traffic congestion at the Upper Orari Bridge could be looked at in parallel with the SH79 re-routing investigation, as there have been ongoing reported issues with bottle necks at the bridge, especially at times of special events (eg War Birds over Wanaka). Funding options for this work could be investigated via the Provincial Growth Fund or Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

It was noted that the SH79 issue could be a lengthy process as there are a number of steps to go through, including obtaining further information, involving NZTA and further consultation with the community.

Clr Burt joined the meeting.

Proposed Clr Bowen
Seconded the Mayor

- “a That the Infrastructure Committee notes and supports the development of a Geraldine transportation strategy including community consultation and consideration of the potential relocation of State Highway 79.”
- b That in parallel with the SH 79 investigation, investigative work be carried out in regard to the traffic concerns with the Upper Orari bridge.”

Motion carried

The meeting concluded at 9.31am.

Chairperson