

STAFF REPORT

TO: Golden Bay Community Board
FROM: Service Centres Manager
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 29 March 2007
SUBJECT: May 2007 Report

MATTERS SINCE LAST MEETING

Community Board Best Practice Awards

The Board's entry into the 2007 New Zealand Community Boards Best Practice Awards has been sent and acknowledged. I'm sure that the Board's entry, which focused on the consultation undertaken for the Takaka Eastern Golden Bay Urban Growth Study, will have a high probability of success.

Community Boards' Conference 2007

Both the Chairperson and I will be attending this conference to be held in Auckland on 7 – 9th June 2007. We have arranged optional workshops so that we both get the broadest coverage and thereby be able to provide the most comprehensive report back to the Board. The results of the aforementioned Best Practice Awards will also be announced at the conference.

Vehicles on Beaches

I had a discussion with Beryl Wilkes (Parks and Reserves Manager) regarding options for controlling vehicles on beaches using signage; Beryl in turn discussed the matter with Lloyd Kennedy (Community Services Manager) and they both came to the same conclusion that signs would, on their own, not be effective unless they could be enforced; indeed signage that may be put in place to encourage compliance may have a negative effect without such enforcement action being able to be given effect to.

I think that the matter would require promulgation of legislation to clearly provide for Council to exercise discretion in regard to vehicles being used on beaches and if they are allowed on beaches, whether a speed limit should or should not be imposed.

Event Signage

I have had a discussion with Dave Robertson, the Regional Maintenance Engineer from Transit New Zealand, regarding the matter of 'Event' signage for Golden Bay as raised by this Board.

Subsequent to that discussion, Mr Robertson has sent another letter which is included in the agenda. Regardless of whether a road is closed or not the main issue is that anyone applying for an 'Event' needs to submit a Traffic Management Plan. From my discussions with Mr Robertson it was clear that having an approved Traffic Management Plan is imperative to ensure that the persons holding the event adequately manages all safety risks associated with the event being carried on.

Erecting any signage without an approved Traffic Management Plan certainly would not be sufficient to determine that all safety risk management issues had been addressed.

Joint Boards' Workshop

The proposed joint workshop to be held on Tuesday 19th June 2007 from 7pm to 9.30pm (with shared tea at the office at 6pm) can be attended by four of the Motueka community board members, including the Chairman, Cliff Satherley. The 19th June is an auspicious date as it is Cliff's birthday, so he may be bringing a cake along to the shared tea!

It may be appropriate for the Board to consider agenda items for the workshop. One item that I would like to include would be a power point presentation as a refresher exercise on Standing Orders.

Valuation of 'Village Green Hall'

The valuation report has now been completed and has been included in the Board's Confidential Information pack.

Bird Signage at Pakawau

I have had a response from Greg Napp at Department Of Conservation who advises that they have signs that they can put up informing nesting/roosting sites at the high tide roost.

Mr Napp would like to know whether there was any requirement for signage for the shag roost at the rock protection by the road side. In the interim I have got back to him for more information about what signage they have and what would be more appropriate.

Pest Management Strategy

The Tasman/Nelson Regional Pest Management Strategy for 2007 – 2012 is now available. Copies for reading are available at service centres and libraries. If

someone wishes to purchase a copy they can also do this at the service centres. The charge which I would assume would be a cost recovery charge only is \$15.

I have discussed the main issues with Graham Strickett, Council's Pest Control consultant and he advises that one of the most significant inclusions is that of Banana Passionfruit vine in the Golden Bay area. Graham has suggested that he would be available to brief the Board on the new Pest Management Strategy and this has been arranged for the May meeting.

Gold Prospecting Permit

Following the recent media coverage that an Australian company has been given the go-ahead to explore more than 740km² of the Tasman District for gold and other minerals, Motueka Community Board member Stuart Bean has requested that I provide further information for the Board. This Board will be aware of the process regarding the recent Bonaparte Diamond Mines seabed prospecting proposal and that the Board raised the issue that the Crown Minerals Office are only required to consult with Iwi before processing the permit. A copy of the Prospecting Permit has been included in the Board's Information Pack.

Minute Snippets

As requested at the last Board meeting, I have reintroduced cut and paste those minutes which are available on-line as an Appendix to my report.

Note that selections have been made at the writer's discretion and the full sets of Open Meeting minutes are available on-line at the TDC website at this URL:
<http://www.tdc.govt.nz/index.php?Committees>

Recommendation:

“That the Service Centres Manager's report for December be received.”

Bob Askew

Appendix

Extracts from Council Minutes Considered Relevant to Golden Bay

TITLE: Engineering Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 29 March 2007

5.2 Collingwood-Puoponga Road

Cr Riley asked that the Golden Bay Councillors be kept informed on work on Collingwood-Puoponga Road.

5.4 Aerodromes

The rate of deterioration of the sealed runway at the Takaka Aerodrome is causing concern. The cost of both the pre-reseal and reseal works is approximately \$100,000. A meeting is to be held with the Service Centres Manager and the Aerodrome Committee to discuss options for funding.

Cr Higgins would like to know the justification for the sealed runway and who the beneficiaries are.

6 SPECIAL PURPOSE ROADS

The report contained in the agenda advised the Committee of recent discussions between Tasman District Council and Department of Conservation staff with respect to shared maintenance costs on roads leading to national parks.

Mayor Hurley believes a case could be put to government for a greater spend on the Mt Arthur Road. He suggested preparing a video on the road in support of more money.

Moved Crs Borlase/King
WK07/03/06

THAT Council agree in principle to contribute an additional \$5,000 towards shared maintenance costs of roading with Department of Conservation in the 2007/2008 financial year.

CARRIED

10.3 Motupipi Street Sewer Main Replacement

Works Infrastructure has commenced this contract and have had difficulty dealing with the sheer volume of groundwater while excavating the trench to the design depth.

10.4 Agrecovery

Commencement of this national service is scheduled for 1 April 2007 and will be officially launched at Richmond on 19 April 2007.

10.6 Health (Water) Amendment Bill

It has been estimated that this Bill will only provide benefit to approximately 10% of people who consume water from water supplies nationally. Local Government NZ has made a submission relating to cost and cost benefit ratios. There will now be another round of discussions with local government members.

TITLE: Environment & Planning Committee
DATE: Wednesday, 28 March 2007

4. STATE OF WATER QUALITY IN MOTUPIPI CATCHMENT – REPORT EP07/03/05

Mr Trevor James, Resource Scientist, was in attendance and gave a powerpoint presentation on the water quality in Motupipi Catchment.

Moved Crs Currie / Borlase
EP07/03/25

THAT the Council receive the report entitled “State of Surface Water Quality in the Motupipi Catchment” Report EP07/03/05.
CARRIED

7. TAKAKA – EASTERN GOLDEN BAY DRAFT PLAN VARIATION – REPORT EP07/03/10

Sonya Leusink-Sladen, Policy Planner, was in attendance for discussion on this item.

Ms Leusink-Sladen spoke to her report contained in the agenda which sought Committee approval to release a draft proposed Takaka Eastern Golden Bay Variation for community input.

Cr Riley congratulated Sonya for her work involved with the community and the Community Board. He believed the lack of submissions is because the community is happy with the work done to date.

Ms Leusink-Sladen said the planning process was for the purpose of articulating a future vision, regardless of whether demand may change. Golden Bay is a popular place to live and has values that need protecting.

Cr King asked how people will respond to some of the “considers” and “provides” without knowing what the provisions and considerations are.

Ms Leusink-Sladen said this is a draft variation and the feedback will come as a result of this.

Cr Kempthorne said applications within the Takaka township have come in, with residentially zoned land and there is nowhere else for them to go. This process will remedy that situation.

Cr O'Regan said in applications that have come to Council, without exception there has been assessment of the flooding risk done professionally and some have been assisted by people who were present in the 1983 flood.

Cr Borlase said if a prescriptive plan was presented the community would have considered it a "done deal" and by doing it in stages means we have the community on side and believes the right sort of decisions will be made.

Mr Bell said there has been both formal and informal feedback from the community and the proposal is generally supported. He acknowledged that it is the next step in a very inclusive process.

Cr O'Regan said the proposition needs a very clear map to define the area subject to the policies.

**Moved Crs Henry / Borlase
EP07/03/28**

**THAT the Committee receive Report EP07/03/10 report and release the draft proposed Variation for Takaka Eastern Golden Bay for community consultation.
CARRIED**

**9. ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE – COUNCIL SUBMISSION ON
GOVERNMENT DISCUSSIONS DOCUMENTS – REPORT EP07/03/12**

N Jackson, Policy Planner, was in attendance for discussion on this item.

Mr Jackson spoke to his report on Energy and Climate Change which recommended submissions by Council in response to central government discussion papers on policy options relating to Energy and Climate Change.

**Moved Crs O'Regan / Borlase
EP07/03/30**

THAT Council amend the proposed submissions as discussed to the following documents:

- **Draft New Zealand Energy Strategy to 2050;**
- **Draft New Zealand Energy and Conservation Strategy;**
- **Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change;**

**for submission to the relevant central government agencies and the wording of submissions be finalised by Mr Jackson, Crs Currie, Higgins and Kempthorne.
CARRIED**