
MINUTES
of the
GOLDEN BAY COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
held
9.30am, Tuesday, 16 February 2021
at
Takaka Office, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka

Present: A Langford (Chair), D Gowland, G Knowles, A Grant, and C Hill (via Zoom)

In Attendance: Environment & Planning Manager (D Bush-King), Environment & Planning Executive Support Officer (L Atkins - minutes)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Cr Hill opened the meeting with a karakia at 9.31 am.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first Board meeting of 2021.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Cr C Butler and the Youth Councillors.

Moved Chair Langford/Deputy Chair Knowles

GBCB21-02-1

That apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Mik Symmons

Mr Symmons raised an important local issue about the Water Services Bill which will impact on small rural water schemes. Any supplier of water to more than one household will be classed as a water supplier. He noted there are a lot of informal arrangements in Golden Bay and people would have to register as water suppliers or face a \$50k fine. Suppliers must provide barriers to contamination from source to delivery. He felt the Board should address this as a matter of community concern.

Cynthia McConville

Ms McConville spoke about a Forest and Bird (F&B) project at Taupata gravel reserve and showed photographs of the area. They have met with Council and Department of Conservation

(DOC) staff to discuss extending the bunded area and planting native plants for the birds. F&B tabled a letter of support from DOC for the project to install a bird viewing platform and information panels about the migrant and resident birds. F&B propose to block off the driveway for vehicle access onto the beach by placing rocks to stop vehicles, install signage about birds, and sought Board support for their proposal.

Nigel Lloyd

Mr Lloyd, Chair of the Pakawau Community Residents' Association (PCRA), expressed the group's concerns regarding delays in resolving coastal protection works and that answers to previous questions had still not been answered. He referred to issue 489 of Newsline about the Council preparing communities for rising sealevels and improving resilience. On behalf of the PCRA, Mr Lloyd requested a response and action for coastal protection of private property at Pakawau.

The Chair noted this matter had been missed off the meeting's Action Sheet.

Duncan Cavaye

Mr Cavaye spoke about Waitapu Bridge, a treasured site, and stated the Council is not helping as there is now a gate and it is closed for public use such as whitebating, boating. He pointed out the rocks installed closed off boat access. He noted ill feeling in the community to what was occurring. He has contacted New Zealand Transport Association (NZTA) about potential beaches of Council's resource management plan and he considered the rocks presented a navigation hazard which he will follow up with the Harbourmaster. He recommended NZTA remove the rocks and asked for a response from the Environment and Planning Manager regarding whether the rock placement complies with the RMA and any action the Council was going to take.

Chris Rowse

Mr Rowse spoke to his application to the Discretionary Fund (item 7.1 of the agenda) by the Project De-Vine Environment Trust, for work from Onekaka to Milnethorpe. He will also apply to the DOC community fund, and the new Jobs for Nature funding but still wanted his application to be considered because of the location of the work. This project is creating 3.5 jobs for three years, and the funding from the Community Board Discretionary Fund shows community support for the project which is a key component for his organisation's ability to unlock additional funding streams.

Reg Turner (via Zoom)

Mr Turner raised three topics:

1. Waimea Dam – he asked if the cost over runs are funded by the Government or ratepayers.
2. He noted the rocks at Waitapu Bridge should be at Pakawau. He asked who paid for these rocks to be
3. Rates rise due to recent valuations – he noted his property is now valued at over \$1m for 25 acres, most which he has given to the Queen Elizabeth Trust. He asked why the rates cap was removed and rates will increase by 4% to 7% over the next 10 years. He asked how this happened and if there was public consultation about rates increases.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Board Member Gowland/Deputy Chair Knowles
GBCB21-02-2**

That the minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board meeting held on Tuesday, 8 December 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

6 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Tasman Environment Plan

1. J Butler to present regarding the Tasman Environment Plan (TEP) after the Strategy and Policy meeting on 4 March 2021.

6.2 Golden Bay Marine Restoration and Enhancement Group

Neil Wilson and John Davies presented.

John Davies spoke about the recently formed group's interest in the local marine environment. GBMREG want to protect the biodiversity in Golden Bay with a focus to halt the decline of the marine coastal environment at Separation Point; improve the health of inshore marine ecosystems; and increase fish stocks. GBMREG would like a "no trawl and dredge zone" established for commercial and recreational fishers, citing damage to coral beds and impacts on blue cod and terakihi populations. GBMREG wants to involve the Council to help stop erosion as silt build-up is also affecting the sea floor in Golden Bay. They have already approached other key stakeholders.

GBMREG tabled their submission to the Tasman Environment Plan, asked if the Community Board would also make a submission, and requested the Board ask Council to survey area.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.05am and resumed at 11.18am

7 REPORTS

7.1 Discretionary Fund Application

The Board discussed the application and commented that this service is very helpful.

**Moved Chair Langford/Board Member Grant
GBCB21-02-3**

That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the report Discretionary Fund Applications;

And grants application as follows:

Applicant	Request	Grant/Decline
Project De-Vine Environment Trust	\$500	Granted

CARRIED

7.2 Chair's Report

Moved Chair Langford/Board Member Grant GBCB21-02-4

That the Golden Bay Community Board:

1. receives the Chair's Report RGBCB-21-02-1; and
2. agrees that the appointment of Deputy Chair Knowles, made at the 12 November 2019 meeting (GBCB19-11-13), to the Te Wharerangi Trust be cancelled.

CARRIED

7.2.1 Items raised from Public Forum

Water Service Bill: The Board agreed that Mr Symmons had raised a very relevant issue and noted that compliance costs and ongoing inspections would be issues for water suppliers. Staff were asked to prepare a submission to the Health Services Select Committee.

Taupata Point Gravel Reserve: The Board disagreed on the design of the bird viewing structure at the site, but accepted it was not a final design. The Board agreed to the principle of what was being proposed, and Chair agreed to draft a letter of support for Forest & Bird's plans.

Pakawau Seawall: The Chair noted there are actions missing off the list in the agenda and noted that Cr Butler had been in touch with residents.

Waitapu Bridge: The Board noted the area is under NZTA jurisdiction in partnership with Manawhenua Ki Mohua (MKM). Mr Bush-King will clarify staff advice and inform the Board.

Waimea Dam: The Chair noted Waimea Water Ltd is to report to the 25 February Council meeting.

Rates: The Council is still to release the consultation document identifying proposed rate increases and public submissions will follow. It was noted that revaluation does not necessarily mean rates increase for individual properties.

7.2.4: Request for Amendment of Resolution

Cr Butler asked to amend minutes of the 11 February 2020 Board meeting to correctly reflect the voting. As Cr Butler was not present the matter was left to lie on the table.

7.2.5: Festive Street Decorations

The Board discussed the second hand decorations and joint funding with Golden Bay Promotions Association (GBPA), whom Chair Langford agreed to approach.

7.2.6: Freedom Camping

The Board discussed issues arising from freedom camping and noted the Board had held a workshop in January with staff from Regulatory. Board Members did not agree with the staff notes and were still concerned at the number of non-self-contained vehicles in the Bay being used by freedom campers.

Deputy Chair Knowles offered to talk to Fresh Choice supermarket management about using part of their carpark for overnight parking using the facilities over the road, but generally the Board did not support Council provision of more freedom camping sites, preferring that campers should stay in appropriate places/motor camps.

Moved Chair Langford/Board Member Grant GBCB21-02-4

That the Golden Bay Community Board, having discussed freedom camping issues:

- 1. Supports the Council's position as expressed in the Responsible Camping Strategy to discourage non self-contained camping, except in authorised areas;**
- 2. Does not support the use of Council land for freedom camping beyond what is already provided for in the Freedom Camping Bylaw;**
- 3. Supports the use of existing camping grounds for camping purposes as the means by which Council provides land for such purposes;**
- 4. Is concerned that music and dance festival operators do not provide accommodation options for patrons in an authorised manner and that problems are transferred to other parts of the Ward, and the Council needs to address this issue in a timeframe quicker than the review of the Tasman Environment Plan;**
- 5. Supports enforcement of bylaw even if that means more infringement fines are issued and recommends that funding for ambassadors programme should shift to more compliance resource.**

CARRIED

7.2.7 Upcoming Strategy and Policy Committee meeting 4 March 2021 at 930am.

Board members are welcome to attend this meeting.

7.2.8 Festivals and dance parties

Deputy Chair Knowles raised issues with rubbish following festivals and dance parties and considered Council should have a bylaw. The Chair suggested the Board workshops this first.

Mr Bush-King noted that Bylaws had to meet certain purposes as specified in the Local Government Act and would give rise to enforcement obligations.

The Chair said she would discuss with Susan Edwards, Community Development Manager, to discuss workshop around bylaw options.

7.2.10 Local Government Workshop

The Board discussed options for a workshop with assistance from Department of Internal Affairs.

7.2.11 Board member updates

Board member Grant noted the A&P show went well this year but there were complaints about the derelict state of the squash courts by the grandstand. She noted that next years show would be the 125th and that it would be good if the squash courts could be removed and the grandstand available to allow some seating.

Mr Bush-King noted that a building consent is needed to remove courts and maintain structural competency of the remaining buildings.

Cr Hill has met with Council staff and found the Council needs a timeline for the design and process to remove the courts but the Long Term Plan budget does not have the work being done until 2022-23. Cr Hill will report back to the Board.

Moved Chair Langford/Board Member Grant GBCB21-02-6

That the Board requests the Council to agree to works to bring the Golden Bay Grandstand up to a minimum functioning standard so it can be used for the 125th anniversary of the A&P Show in 2022, including the removal of squash courts, prior to completion of the full restoration using funds currently available for completion of the Golden Bay Recreation Facility

CARRIED

Deputy Chair Knowles to liaise with Manawhenua ki Mohua and Robyn Scherer over possibility of Board meeting at Onetahua Marae, and noted a civil defence course this Sunday at the Recreation Centre.

Board Member Gowland raised an issue with the temporary roading changes by the High School and considered they were different to what was originally contemplated. The Chair to obtain an update from Council or NZTA.

7.3 Financial Report

Moved Chair Langford/Board Member Gowland GBCB21-02-7

That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Financial Report RGBCB21-02-5

CARRIED

7.4 Action Sheet

Moved Board Member Gowland/Deputy Chair Knowles GBCB21-02-8

That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Action Sheet RGCB21-02-04

CARRIED

The Chair met with Kate Heal and Carolyn McClellan about reinstatement of the historic Salisbury Swingbridge and will discuss further with Robert Deck.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence Report

**Moved Chair Langford/Deputy Chair Knowles
GBCB21-02-5**

That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Correspondence Report RGBCB21-02-04.

CARRIED

Mr Bush-King closed the meeting with a karakia, and the meeting concluded at 12.54pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: