

MINUTES

TITLE: Special Council Meeting
DATE: Monday 12 June 2006
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Takaka Fire Station, Motupipi Road, Takaka
PRESENT: Mayor J C Hurley, Crs T B King, R G Currie, S G Bryant, T E Norriss, N Riley, S J Borlase, E J Wilkins, M J Higgins, E E Henry, P K O'Shea, R G Kempthorne, E M O'Regan

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (R G Dickinson), Minute Secretary (V M Gribble)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Bryant/King
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THAT apologies from Cr J L Inglis for absence and Cr E M O'Regan for lateness be sustained.
CARRIED

HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT 2006/2016 LTCCP

1 NZ Fire Service

Mr P Woolf, Ms S Chapman and Mr G Daikee from NZ Fire Service were in attendance.

Mr Woolf said fire in the Takaka CBD would be a significant risk and the firewell situation is very serious. The best option would be for a reticulated water main. The Fire Service proposed two strategies, one short term and one long term.

a) Short term

Upgrade existing firewells to a standard that would allow appliances to utilise them. Consider having available two portable trash pumps to put on existing bores/firewells. There is so much silt in the bores this would enable them to be cleared out with a filter. The cost \$5,000 each. Consider 2 x 23,000 litre storage tanks (temporary) in the central part of the town around the old fire station car park with suitable connections that appliances can go straight onto.

b) Long term

Install pressurised ring main around the Takaka CBD (cost unknown). This would allow property owners to hook up for an internal fire sprinkler system.

Ms Chapman spoke about Mangarakau fire protection and that the NZ Fire Service encourages people to attend public fireworks displays. They are asking Council for full promotional support, to provide safety displays rather than at-home or

indiscriminate use of fireworks, not for fireworks. They ask that the safety messages contain reference to domestic animals and livestock. Aorere River Estuary and Pohara Beach are the two sites where fireworks will be used. While this is for a two year trial, it is hoped it will be an annual event. They asked for public liability insurance cover, noting that Fire Service staff who are on duty are covered.

Cr O'Regan arrived at the meeting at this time.

2 D R Whitaker

Mr Whitaker spoke to his submission and said he couldn't see any reference to research into what we may be earning in a few years. People can't continue to pay above inflation rates and there may be a need to defer more projects. He commented on proposed increase in costs for refuse/recycling and said the biggest losses are coming from already compacted commercial refuse and there doesn't seem to be any disincentive for this practice. He stated there should be more income from scrap metal. Mr Whitaker suggested some things could be put back one or two years, ie swimming pools, luxuries. He said the loans figures are really worrying.

5 Golden Bay Community Board

Chairperson J Bell and Board Member L Gamby were present. An apology was received from C McLellan.

Mr Bell spoke to Council and said provided the Provincial Museum accounts have passed audit scrutiny, the best course would be for the facility to have its debt to shareholding Councils restructured so it has an opportunity to become sustainable. A review after a full financial year's operation should then follow.

He suggested both Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council should consider forming a regional body to deal with recycling and refuse and increased charges be applied to mixed refuse, with reduced charges for recycling.

The Golden Bay Community Board supports overdue harbour storages charges, and is concerned about the reduction in wharfage charges for Tarakohe landings of fish and shell fish. The fuel pump fee should be collected. The Board supports the abandonment of the present line charge regime in favour of wharfage, asked that Port Tarakohe be added to the list of strategic assets and that Golden Bay Community Board be part of the consideration of any development proposals for the Port. The Board is concerned about a new Motueka pool and suggested existing community/school pools be supported throughout the district. They requested repayment of the \$50,000 bridging loan for Abbeyfield so that sum can be contributed to the Takaka library project.

4 Angela Boer

Ms Boer spoke to her submission and was concerned about disparity between valuations in coastal and urban/rural properties. She suggested an increase in the UAGC to the maximum allowed. She requested work on cycleways in Golden Bay, as it is too dangerous to ride on roads. She wants Council to decrease expenditure and keep it liveable for people in the district. She appreciates Newsline – The Mag, but monthly not fortnightly.

The following submissions were received.

3 S Nalder
6 M Tilling
7 J & K M Groen

94 V Davis

Ms Davis asked why there was a resistance to lowering speed limits on Council roads in Golden Bay. Studies have shown that organic dairy farming is financially viable and environmentally viable. She said there is a need to educate everybody on how to reduce waste. The plastic bag-free initiative is going well in Collingwood. She commented on a motorsport site and \$600,000 earmarked in the draft LTCCP. Ms Davis commented on cycleways and said she is familiar with the strategy and asked for money to be allocated for projects in Golden Bay. She said Golden Bay wants more autonomy.

8 R Piekarski

Mr Piekarski said his submission looks at why planning is necessary and why a tool is necessary. He asked for Standards NZ Handbook 44, issued in 2001 for subdivision, people and environment to be used as an important resource and made available to anyone in the district considering or planning a subdivision and that Tasman District Council undertakes an education programme on the handbook.

9 J Piekarski

Mrs Piekarski in speaking to her submission said that she believes Tasman District Council falls short in its consultation process. She believes the timeline is too short. She commented on managing risks of genetically modified organisms and requested proper cycleways in Golden Bay, not just road widening. She is concerned about the effects of community wellbeing on the high price of oil and scarcity of supply. People want a safe walking track at Pohara near the band rotunda, not a fancy footpath. She does not support funding for a Motorsport track or Motueka pool. Would like Newline to be printed in black and white and to be less frequent.

13 M Symmons

Mr Symmons spoke to Council and said he considered the LTCCP was a good overview of investment of ratepayers money in Tasman District over the next ten years. He is comfortable with rates he pays and services he gets. Concerned that emphasis has been on physical infrastructure, rather than social infrastructure. Would like to see re-balancing of expenditure towards community-based infrastructure, increase in UAGC to cover public good component and an increase in monitoring and baseline information gathering in resource policy. He believed it is possible to lower the amount of money spent on roading. He was concerned about proposed expenditure on the channel at Motueka and suggested a targeted rate be imposed. He supports kerbside recycling and questioned the cost-effectiveness of the route in major urban centres. He suggested greenwaste can be processed more cheaply and resource centre opening hours should be reviewed. There is too much investment in stormwater. He supports Takaka Library redevelopment and any investment in

Saxton Field or Takaka Recreation Park and both Regional and District facilities rate and would like to see a Golden Bay project included.

10 Golden Bay Green Party of Aotearoa

Ms V Davis spoke about Genetically Modified Organisms. The Golden Bay Green Party of Aotearoa will be promoting “buy local” and asked for Council support.

11 Golden Bay Futures

Mrs Blythe spoke about the significance policy and said what Council feels is significant is not always what community defines as significant.

12 N Basham

Ms Basham spoke to Council and said the LTCCP should be summarised ward by ward. She said transport takes the majority of Tasman District Council expenditure and the budget level should be held in check, rather than increased. There is no talk about youth facilities or style of governance and administration in respect to Golden Bay Community Board. Economic development is the lifeblood of community, but nothing appears to be coming Tasman’s way. She asked Council to revise the timetable of the LTCCP process.

78 Golden Bay Grey Power

Mr Reid spoke about excessive rate increases. Grey Power has adopted a policy opposing reverse equity schemes. They are concerned that advertising of increase in rates only refers to general rate and asked that all targeted rates included in the rates bill be part of the percentage.

Mr Kenny noted costs from central government imposed on local authorities. He said Grey Power have written to Damien O’Connor MP asking about the amounts and they will publish them when they get a reply. Mr Kenny asked that Tasman District Council initiate discussions with Local Government New Zealand about rating systems.

Mr Reid said Grey Power is concerned about the amount of debt increase.
Mr Kenny commented on the recycling/refuse contract.

Mr Reid said it is up to Council to evaluate the projects in front of them and only proceed with those deemed to be essential.

The following two submissions were received.

14 B Perriam

15 A R Wenzel

16 Ms P Griffith

Ms Griffith spoke of the low level of commitment and support by both Councils over a long time to the Nelson Provincial Museum. There is a need to keep building up the

records from our past. She asked Council to accept responsibility for a long term vision for museums and to make them happen.

17 Mr P Woods

Mr Woods spoke about the Takaka Library. He said the current service available is excellent and said the tree behind the library could be moved and the area of the library expanded, thereby freeing funds for other projects, such as provision of a Pohara walkway.

18 Shirley Ford

Ms Ford spoke and requested Council to give full and comprehensive consideration to allocating funds to a combined cycleway/pedestrian way in Golden Bay.

19 Faye Knight

Ms Knight spoke to Council and asked for Golden Bay to be autonomous and have some say in budget issues, such as roading and make decisions in the Bay. She commented that a lot of reserve property was taken from Ligar Bay to make the road wider and accommodate vehicles, as opposed to implementing a cycleway. Ms Knight said she lives in Rangihaeata and tried cycling but found it very frightening and dangerous and would like to have cycle paths between Takaka and Collingwood.

34 Brian Petterson

Mr Petterson was in attendance and presented a submission. He is concerned at the proposal to spend \$750,000 on a new library in Takaka. He stated he was not anti-library. He believed the tree behind the library could be shifted and was unsure of the historic significance of the tree but had found it was acquired from a nursery closing down sale and planted by Mr Wally Drummond, supervisor of works for Takaka County Council. The building should be enhanced and upgraded to meet present day needs by building an extension on the back.

23 Ngang

Ngang spoke to his submission on cycleways, especially at Rototai Road, in the windy/hilly area. He had collected signatures from residents in support of a cycleway/walkway, not a formal footpath with kerb and channel. He said a landowner had agreed to move a fence to allow for the cycleway in exchange for the culverts being upgraded. He asked if DILs money could be used for the project. The residents are happy to maintain landscaping along the area.

Ngang commented on the level of rates and borrowing. He asked how well equipped Council is for working with the public in civil defence emergencies.

Mayor Hurley said Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council are joint shareholders in emergency management/civil defence. He said people need to be prepared for three days self-sufficiency as a bare minimum.

24 Lethea Erz

Ms Erz asked Council to revisit the consultation process in the spirit of what consultation means. She asked for figures on how much money comes from Golden Bay and how much is spent in Golden Bay. She asked that the Golden Bay Community Board be given delegated authority to be able to make decisions for Golden Bay and suggested Newsline be sent electronically. She asked that Golden Bay's greenwaste be dealt with in Golden Bay, not trucked over the hill. She wanted to see each area become self sufficient, which will be necessary in emergencies. She asked Council to explore creative ways of reducing the cost of recycling. Golden Bay Futures submission has a lot of ideas, eg to alternate weeks of refuse and recycling pickups. Recycling has extended the life of our landfill which is a big plus. Ms Erz supported an expanded library for Takaka and said it should be part of an integrated arts, cultural centre and library. She is concerned about future rates increases and wants more cycleways and footpaths and not so much roading. She also supports all submissions of Golden Bay Futures.

25 Mr A & Mrs Maloney

Mr and Mrs Maloney spoke to their submission and questioned the timeframe set for the LTCCP process saying it wasn't adequate. They would like to see draft documents in a cheaper format, photocopied black and white so people can accept it as a draft and not a fait accompli. Mr Maloney asked Council to reconsider the method of rating which targets the rural sector and said the present rating system is forcing people off their properties. The people receive the services, not the property. Mr Maloney said he had asked for a revaluation of his property after values rose 100% and have now received a new valuation of \$60,000 less. He requested Council to listen to feedback from the community. People in Golden Bay do not require, and do not want, piped water. Council should be encouraging people to have their own water supplies. He said full colour format of Newsline is an unnecessary expense. The necessary information is already covered in local newspapers. He views with concern the large deficit and would like to see a curb on spending on non essential works.

26 Mrs Joanne Vaughan

Mrs Vaughan congratulated Council on the draft LTCCP. She asked Council not to forget the Vision 2022 document which is Golden Bay's own, widely consulted community plan. Golden Bay needs to have power over its own future. She supported the status quo stance on the Representation Review and supports the policy on remission of Rates on Land Protected for Natural Conservation purposes. Mrs Vaughan would like to see a bylaw to control inappropriate use of vehicles on beaches and wants Council to have control of all Golden Bay wharves. She encouraged Council to stay with waste management and asked that Council consider plans for a performing arts centre for Golden Bay.

27 Forest and Bird

Mrs Vaughan spoke to this submission. She asked that items of iconic values, including natural structures be included in the Policy of Significance. They would like education programme concerning dogs, birds and people on beaches and appreciates Council's support of Coast Care groups. Mrs Vaughan asked that

footpaths and walkways be more clearly defined. She asked for a bylaw against inappropriate use of vehicles on beaches. Forest and Bird would like a series of meetings once the Takaka water management plan is complete. There is a need for discussion over wastewater and they asked why Council doesn't support composting toilets. They support and appreciate Council's willingness to restore Te Kakau Stream and would like to see the two reserves associated with the stream enhanced for public enjoyment. Strongly support Council's waste management report and increased rate for refuse/recycling.

28 Mr A Vaughan

Mr Vaughan addressed Council and asked that the Vision 2022 document be taken more seriously. He said the imposition of urban standards on Golden Bay is not appreciated and said they want walkways, not urban-style footpaths. He spoke about delegated authority in regard to Golden Bay Community Board. He agrees with the increase in refuse/recycling charge to \$100 and supports the Regional Museum in principle. He said the Statement of Significance should include prominent ridgelines and views both to and from them, physical features, rocks, hills, inlets and rivers. He claims better consultation should have been undertaken before the hole in the rock work was carried out at Port Tarohe. The coastal issues discussion paper prepared by Neil Jackson, Frank Boffa report on coastal character assessment and Rural Futures Report produced following ongoing rounds of consultation with community have not been adopted and considers they have important outcomes.

29 S Dadley-Moore

Mr Dadley-Moore was in attendance with two supporters. He noted the need for a youth centre for young people in Takaka township to gather. The gains are for parents, young people and youth workers.

They supported the idea of a youth centre and said he was home-schooled and finds it hard to socialise in comparison to school kids. A youth centre would be a safe place without drugs and alcohol. He said the Youth Council is putting together a petition for a youth centre and noted the Youth Council is meeting on a monthly basis.

Mr Dadley-Moore said the petition will include youth, parents and interested people in the community. As a youth worker it would give a place where he can meet young people on their terms in their territory. He said different age groups are catered for at separate times on separate days where they can learn life skills, cooking etc.

30 Jaywyn Riley

Ms Riley referred to the increase in debt compared to the increase in population. She is concerned that people are not capable of keeping up with the debt loading and have no idea of the impact on them because they have not read the draft LTCCP.

32 F Morani & A Earle

Ms V Davis spoke on behalf of F Morani and A Earle. They don't want to see the use of 1080.

33 T H Riley

Mr Riley spoke to his submission which expressed concern at the level of rates and Council spending. He said Council must balance its books to ensure sustainable management and promote sustainable economic development to enhance community wellbeing and quality of life.

Receipt of Submissions

The following submissions were received by Council.

- 20 P Gay**
- 21 F Muter**
- 22 J & C Froriep**
- 31 B Heising and J Kemp**

The meeting concluded at 4.35 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: