

MINUTES

TITLE: Full Council
DATE: Monday 9 June 2008
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: Takaka Fire Brigade Hall, Motupipi Street, Takaka
PRESENT: Mayor R G Kempthorne (Chair), Crs S J Borlase, G A Glover, E J Wilkins, B W Ensor, S G Bryant, M J Higgins, J L Inglis, R G Currie, J L Edgar

IN ATTENDANCE: Corporate Services Manager (M W Staite), Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from Crs N Riley and B F Dowler and Cr T B King for lateness were received.

1 ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS

No 63 P Griffith

Ms Griffith was opposed to Headingly Centre receiving funding from Council and the community board targeted rate. She didn't believe Newsline was a necessary publication. She suggested parking meters should be installed in Richmond.

No 64 Golden Bay Community Workers

Ms H Bracefield spoke on behalf of the Community Workers who considered having a community board benefited the area and they opposed the proposed targeted rate.

Cr King arrived at 9.16 am.

Ms Bracefield asked for a youth centre to be established in the Golden Bay area. They requested the sum of \$10,000 annually for Golden Bays Family Support and Social Services. They also asked for cycle lanes for pedestrians, horses and bikes.

Cr Norriss arrived at 9.21 am.

No 1032 A Gentleman

Mrs Gentleman was concerned about the Tata Beach urban drainage area which appeared to be implemented without proper consultation and objects to being charged on a capital value basis. She opposes the community board targeted rate.

No 67 M Potter

Mr Potter was opposed to the proposed targeted rate. He said Richmond residents have better access to Council officers than Golden Bay residents. He also spoke about the frustrations of accessing broadband facilities in the Bay.

No 1081 NZ Federated Farmers

Mr G Ball was in attendance to speak to the submission. They asked Council that where major new developments are required, every effort should be made to maintain inter-generational equity by spreading the cost of such developments over time. They support putting more petroleum tax into roading.

In reply to a question from Cr Ensor, Mr Ball said he could see the potential for bulk shipping by sea, but at the end of the day it comes down to economics.

Cr Borlase said as result of rates enquiry, the Commission made a submission to government that the UAGC should be done away with. Is NZ Federated Farmers fighting that?

Mr Ball said nationally NZ Federated Farmers see it as a fairer way but the rates review panel said it could be shifted to targeted rates. He said there is a rates rebate system to assist low income ratepayers.

No 71 Waitapu Fishing Company

Mr W Rountree submitted that the old wharf at Port Taranaki should be replaced, with some form of sheet-piling and backfill with concrete topping. He said fishing and aquaculture industries need to have a "clean" unloading area. He asked that the replacement of the wharf be brought forward from the 2009/2010 year and be included in the 2008/2009 annual plan. He said with the expanding aquaculture industry the replacement should be a priority over the extension of the western arm. He said the current line levies plus increased new area should provide sufficient funding to progress the work.

No 72 P Foster

Mr Foster said there is an urgent need for socio-economic studies in preparation for peak oil and for food price increases. He said that the proposal for targeted rates for community boards should be withdrawn, pending full investigation of costs and benefits. He considers the boards to be a good forum for people to get their views across.

No 73 Mrs M Tilling

Mrs Tilling said a targeted rate for the community boards is contrary to the spirit and intent of the Local Government Act. She believes the community board is under-utilised and should be used more. Mrs Tilling is also opposed to Council's proposal to contribute \$750,000 to the Headingly Centre. She asked that the money set aside for the Headingly Centre be used for a performing arts centre.

Cr King asked if a church in Golden Bay came to Council with a proposal to include facilities for a centre that people could use would you oppose it because it is a church.

Mrs Tilling said it would depend on whether there was an adequate agreement.

No 74 P Marcussen

Mr Marcussen was opposed to the targeted rate for community boards. He was concerned about figures put forward by Council in support of a targeted rate.

No 76 N Basham

Mr Collings spoke on behalf of Ms Basham. The total rate increase applying to Ms Basham is 8.1% which is unacceptably large. She was also concerned about the level of debt and asked Council to identify geographical income and expenditure. She supported the community board targeted rate.

No 79 Mr R Butts

Mr Butts was in attendance and said he supported additional funding for a new wharf if it was self-funding and there was committed buy-in from the fishing industry. Mr Butts said the western arm should be extended out 85 metres, not 45 metres. He believes this work is essential and the highest priority for Port Tarakohe.

No 1106 T H Riley

Mr Riley was opposed to debt being loaded on to future generations. He asked that the proposed additional \$31.3 million borrowing be deleted from the 2008/2009 Annual Plan.

No 80 J Vaughan

Mrs Vaughan said she would like the special natural areas funded as a separate major item, with \$70,000. She asked that pest control be reinstated to 2007/2008 levels and that restrictions/ban be imposed on inappropriate use of vehicles on beaches. Mrs Vaughan asked that delegated responsibilities be given to community boards and was opposed to the targeted rate.

Mrs Vaughan commented on proposed office alterations for the main office on behalf of Mr Vaughan.

Cr Norriss asked what delegations Mrs Vaughan would like to see.

Mrs Vaughan offered to send details of delegations from other councils. The councils that give delegations to community boards find it works very well. Golden Bay has very different needs to urban people. She didn't envisage financial delegation but more authority to recommend to Council.

In reply to a question from Cr Wilkins, Mrs Vaughan said the board is more attuned to its people and its issues are different, eg speed limits, putting in full footpaths which are not appropriate for Golden Bay etc.

Cr Norriss said Nelson City Council is contributing to pest control which is the reason that the level of funding is reduced in the Tasman District Council draft plan.

No 84 D E Morgan

Mr Morgan said he is opposed to the targeted rate for community boards, opposed to Council providing capital towards the Headingley Centre and opposed to the large expenditure to upgrade Paton Road. He suggested lowering of the speed limit would suffice and suggested council should consider more of the district's narrower roads for reduced speed limits. He didn't want urban services forced onto Golden Bay and said often a less elaborate service would suffice. He said community boards should have more delegated authority.

Cr King said should council believe a facility is currently required is council prudent to look at investing in a currently-constructed facility if there is an agreement in place for the public use.

Mr Morgan agreed.

Cr Glover asked if he was looking for reduction in service levels to make rates more affordable.

Mr Morgan said some things that have been imposed have not been wanted by the people and come in at a larger cost to what was first discussed, eg Collingwood water supply. Collingwood walkway system came in at a huge cost when people just wanted a basic walkway.

No 85 A J Tilling

Dr Tilling said he objected to council funding of the Headingley Centre. He believed it is inappropriate for council to support, by association, a particular religious group. He said he would like to have public consultation on any agreement before it was signed. He believed it appropriate for the region to support a performing arts centre. He is also opposed to the targeted rate for the provision of community boards.

No 86 D J Mead

Mr Mead submitted that rates increases should be kept to the rate of inflation. He was opposed to the community board targeted rate as no new services are being provided. He said that borrowing levels should be reduced.

No 87 A Kilgour

Mr Kilgour said the proposal for putting the western breakwater in and building the marina should be adhered to and is the highest priority for Port Taranaki. He said the proposal submitted on should be adhered to and the replacement of the wharf be undertaken in the 2009/2010 year. He suggested a sum of money be put aside for sea floor testing and then in the following year proceed with the building of the wharf.

No 89 C McLellan

Mrs McLellan said money going into the Headingley Centre should be redirected to the Nelson Millennium Centre. She is opposed to spending money on alterations to the Richmond office and said that bridges at 17 and 19 mile creeks at Bainham are urgently needed. Mrs McLellan is opposed to the community board targeted rate and did not believe it was the time to support a motorsport park.

No 90 A Blackie

Mr Blackie said ratepayers should not be subsidising resource consents and compliance, and a subsidy from general rates for refuse sends the wrong message as it disguises the true cost of refuse disposal. General rates should only pay for waste reduction and related education costs. He questioned the general rates subsidy of \$91,000 for water supply.

Mr Blackie questioned the use of \$259,000 general rate money for infrastructure in coastal structures (page 43). He asked why the ratepayer is subsidising aerodromes by \$66,000. He suggested the Collingwood camp should be relocated and asked if the operating costs include capital costs and deferred upgrades. He asked that Council cease all support for the discharge of oil on roads. He asked that the Takaka Fire Station Carpark (page 39) be renamed the "Library Carpark". He believes the Council's annual plan timetable is too tight to give due consideration to all submissions to this plan.

No 91 V Davis

Ms Davis endorsed Mrs McLellan's submission. She is opposed to the targeted rate for community boards and supports a move to de-amalgamate Golden Bay.

No 1058 BLIP (Bike Lanes in Paradise)

Ms Davis spoke to the submission on behalf of BLIP who contend that roads connecting our cluster developments and town and schools should be treated as urban and be developed with cycle facilities. She said the money should come from the transport budget.

No 95 P A Clements

Mr Clements objected to Tata Beach being made an urban drainage area and also the method of basing the rate on capital value. He said a fairer way would be to talk to the local people and see if they can come up with the money.

No 99 A & M Maloney

Mr & Mrs Maloney object strongly to a targeted rate for community boards and also consider the time given for consideration of submissions, by Council, is too short. They said accurate minutes should be taken at meetings. Mr Maloney commented on the submission by the Chief Executive seeking funds for alterations to the Richmond office. They are concerned at the delay in finalisation of the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

No 102 R & J Womersley

Mr Womersley asked that the Paton Rock UDA be rescinded, the targeted rates be refunded and the community be able to determine and carry out the works necessary to maintain the service to a level satisfactory to the residents.

No 103 K Brookes

Ms Brookes is opposed to a targeted rate for community boards believing they are illegal. She commented on the submission from the Chief Executive requesting funds for alterations to the Richmond main office and on the budget for Murchison Sport Recreational and Cultural Centre. She thanked the Council for the new Takaka Library.

Cr King left the meeting at 3.15 pm.

Cr Bryant let the meeting at 3.20 pm.

No 104 A J Bell

Mr Bell said that with the resignation of the Chief Executive from the Regional Museum there is an opportunity not to appoint a replacement. He is opposed to the targeted rate for community boards. He commented on the submission lodged by the Chief Executive seeking \$315,000 for alterations to the Richmond office.

Cr Edgar asked what the district benefits are by having a community board in Golden Bay.

Mr Bell said if there is wise governance in one ward it is reflected throughout the whole district.

Mayor Kempthorne asked if Mr Bell was aware that members of the community board or public of Golden Bay can all phone through to the Council at no cost to them.

Mr Bell asked if the request goes through the community board, would it be a charge?

Mr Staite said if the board puts in a service request it would not be charged.

No 105 Golden Bay Community Board

Mr J Bell, Mr L Gamby, Mrs C McLellan and Ms K Brookes presented the Board's submission. The Board requested that Orion Street be sealed, that Council look at becoming involved in subsidised public transport and accessing government funding towards this. A weekly shopping bus from Bay settlements to Takaka has initially been suggested. The Board is opposed to the targeted rate for community boards.

Cr Norriss said the government subsidy for public transport is only available if Council matches it.

Cr Higgins asked where the Board would like the bus service to run from.

Mr Bell said initially a bus service on a Friday from Collingwood to Takaka and Pohara to Takaka.

Cr Currie asked what Collingwood businesses would think about people going to Takaka for shopping.

Cr Edgar asked what the board sees as the priority work to be undertaken at Port Tarohe.

Mr Bell agreed that the asset should be protected and swell mitigation is the key factor at Port Tarohe.

Cr Edgar said in a number of the Golden Bay submissions there was comment about facilities outside the area, yet the board says council should be supporting a performance centre.

Mr Bell said a regional facility would draw people from Golden Bay and the board sees a need for a regional performance centre.

Mr Gamby said buses could go from Golden Bay to Nelson for regional events.

Mrs McLellan said people are curtailing their travelling and buses to regional events would be supported.

Cr Wilkins asked if the board had any idea how much a bus might cost on an annual basis.

Mr Gamby said the local bus company would run the service.

Cr Wilkins asked if the discretionary fund could be used to help run the service?

Mr Bell said the length of Orion Street sealing would be less than 100 metres.

Mayor Kempthorne left the meeting at 4.07 pm and Cr Borlase assumed the Chair.

No 100 H Holmwood

Mr Staite read a submission on behalf of Mr Holmwood which supported a targeted rate for community boards.

No 108 Takaka Bowling Club

Mrs Heenan was in attendance to speak to the submission on behalf of the Takaka Bowling Club. The club is opposed to any increase in wastewater charges and is opposed to funding the district and regional facilities rates. They believe the Headingly Centre should not be funded by Council and are opposed to a targeted rate for community boards. The club pays \$2,760 in rates.

Mr Staite undertook to follow through on whether the club would be eligible for a rates rebate.

Mrs Hennan said the club applies for funds from Lotteries and Community Trust. She said they pay their greenkeeper but no longer pay their treasurer, secretary or bar manager.

No 107 Grey Power Takaka

Mr C Turley spoke to the submission on behalf of Grey Power Takaka. He asked Council to consider affordability and economic impact on the ratepayer when setting rates. The Local Government Rating Enquiry recommended that this becomes an explicit requirement with emphasis on lower income ratepayers. He said Grey Power Executive is opposed to the proposal to charge a targeted rate for community boards.

No 78 Mrs J Wyllie

Mrs Wyllie objected to percentage increases in rates and would prefer a nil increase and said debt levels are too high. She is opposed to the alterations to the Richmond office. Mrs Wyllie said pressure needs to be put on central government for more funding for special purpose roads. She is opposed to the targeted rate on community boards, but supports the new Takaka Library. She asked that the problem of delays in getting consents approved be addressed.

Cr Norriss said Council is working with Department of Conservation and Transfund trying to put the heat on government for funding for special purpose roads. There has been huge pressure put on Council for significant landscape areas to move forward and it will be in full consultation with the landowners.

Moved Crs Norriss/Edgar
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THAT submissions 1 – 1109 and S1 - S7, with the exception of S4, be received.

Mr Staite said submission S4 has two parts, one for the District Library and one for the Richmond main office alterations. He said late submissions have always been received by Council in the past.

Cr Edgar said someone should have spoken to Submission S4.

Amendment

**Moved Crs Higgins/Currie
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**THAT submissions 1- 1109 and S1 – S7 be received.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 4.55 pm.

Chair:

Date: