

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Council Meeting to hear submissions to LTCCP  
**DATE:** Monday 11 May 2009  
**TIME:** 9.00 am  
**VENUE:** Takaka Fire Brigade Hall, Motupipi Street, Takaka  
**PRESENT:** Mayor R G Kempthorne (Chair), Crs T B King, S J Borlase, J L Edgar, S G Bryant, B W Dowler, T E Norriss, N Riley, M J Higgins, J L Inglis, E J Wilkins, G A Glover  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive (P Wylie), Strategic Development Manager (S Edwards), Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)

**Moved Crs Bryant/Norriss  
CN09/05/01**

**THAT apologies from Crs R G Currie and B W Ensor be received.  
CARRIED**

Cr Higgins advised he would not be involved in any discussions or voting on greenwaste for the duration of the LTCCP hearings and decisions.

## **1 SUBMISSIONS**

### **1127 J Croxford**

Mr Croxford considered the tourism rate is wrong and ill-conceived. He believes Nelson Tourism Tasman is asking for too much and should be told to work within their budgets. He is opposed to targeted rates and is concerned about rates increases.

### **1138 T Sparks, on behalf of Golden Bay Mountain Bike Club**

Mr Sparks requested ongoing maintenance at the BMX track at Reilly Street. The Club is at the stage of building the track and has requested Council keeps the area tidy with regular maintenance.

### **1154 J Lee**

Mr Lee considered there was a high degree of discrimination with the way the tourism rate has been worked out. He said there should be more information and costings on any community facility that might be built in Golden Bay. He was not sure about what regional facilities Council should be supporting.

Mayor Kempthorne asked if Council should leave the money for the community facility for Golden Bay in the plan, or take it out.

Mr Lee couldn't answer the question as he hasn't seen the results of the hall survey.

**1166 P Clements**

Mr Clements addressed the need for Tata Beach to be included in a stormwater UDA. He suggested Council look at a flat rate, not based on capital value. He also asked Council to complete Abel Tasman Drive construction from Ligar Bay to Peterson Road, as it is unsafe for cyclists and pedestrians.

Mr Clements said if there was a requirement for capital works at Tata Beach then Council would need to discuss it with people in the area and costs could be spread on an equal basis. He said the dividing line for Tata Beach area could be D Kingston's place.

Cr Borlase asked if Mr Clements thought it advisable to get some engineering advice as to what sort of runoff can be expected once the trees are gone above Ligar Bay, before the UDA is dis-established.

Mr Clements said it will be a disaster when the trees are felled.

**1195 D Holmwood**

Mrs Holmwood is opposed to the tourism rate and considers the money should come from general rate. Tourism Nelson Tasman should have to keep to their budget and look for some other way to fund their operation. She is concerned about rates increases. She believes refuse collection should be left to private enterprise.

**1196 H Holmwood**

Mr Holmwood asked how Council gauges public good in tourism, and whether Council has input into salaries paid to employees of Tourism Nelson Tasman. He said Council should cap the tourism rate to \$309,000 for two years and then they should be funding themselves. He doesn't believe a community facility is needed in Takaka, but said they do need a new health centre. He said Council should get back to basics.

**1271 P Foster**

Mr Foster said Council is making high impact decisions without knowing what the effects will be. He recommended a socio-economic and demographic study be undertaken urgently with Nelson and Marlborough.

Cr King said Council uses Statistics NZ demographic figures which give good trend information and are very comprehensive with age, income and where people live.

**5514 Patons Rock Beach Society**

Mr Fullerton spoke on behalf of the Society which is opposed to Patons Rock Beach being included in the stormwater UDA. They believe works should be done under deferred maintenance. He asked that the stormwater for Patons Rock be re-evaluated and positive discussions be held with people involved in making the decisions.

**6518 A Purucker**

Ms Purucker is the owner of the Dangerous Kitchen and is against the tourism rate.

**3577 Golden Bay Promotion Association**

Mr A Blackie spoke on behalf of the Golden Bay Promotion Association. They are not opposed to a targeted rate in principle, but believe the proposed structure doesn't fulfil the Council's stated criteria of the rate being "fair and equitable".

Cr King asked if the amount was smaller and spread across more people would it be more acceptable?

Mr Blackie said members of the Association were asked to put in their own submissions. He believes the Bay gets good value from Tourism Nelson Tasman, but not from the local I-site. He acknowledged that destination marketing is valuable.

**2012 M Singer**

Mr Singer said he runs a small tourism business which is seasonal and is opposed to the \$322 tourism rate. He does not believe it is fair and equitable.

**2013 M Potter**

Mr Potter said the Ward-based 17 Settlement documents are an excellent idea and encouraged Council to continue advertising their availability. He was concerned that new information was contained in that document which wasn't included in the LTCCP. He submitted on behalf of Bay Vista Developments who consider their land should be developed first as they put in the infrastructure, but the LTCCP shows the land on the other side to be developed first. He asked that Bay Vista Development's land be included in map 9.

Mr Potter also submitted on the HUD fees which are levied on all new allotments created by subdivision. He is concerned at the proposed increases which will stifle development in the district. He asked for Council to justify the increases and asked that the infrastructural assets being built are needed by the community. He commented on Council charge out rates. He is concerned that Council intends to increase its debt by 40% in the next two years.

Mr Potter doesn't see why engineering development standards in Golden Bay need to be the same as in Richmond (eg street lighting) with the HUDs based on those standards.

**2245 D Amos**

Mr Amos was concerned that the existing roadside refuse collection will be changed to a wheelie bin collection. He said Clifton is not included in the roadside collection area.

Cr Norriss said there is no intention for Council to put in roadside collections to those areas that don't get it now. The three bin proposal is one option that will be discussed by Council over the next three years.

**3578            K D Brookes**

Mrs Brookes is opposed to the community board rates. She spoke about stormwater drainage in Commercial Street and asked that the matter be addressed sooner than 2018 as proposed in the LTCCP. It is a matter of public safety because of the poor access to footpaths during heavy rainfall. She asked that Orion Street, Collingwood be sealed. She believes the Marine Management Plan is essential for sustainability of marine aquatic life in Golden Bay. She asked that Nelson Provincial Museum be bulk-funded by Tasman District Council at parity with Nelson City Council from 2009 – 2019.

**5320            Capital Air**

L Sheppard was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of Capital Air. They intend to move their base to Golden Bay and expand the service with scenic flights and flights to Karamea, then in the longer term flights to Christchurch and Palmerston North. They want some work on the cross runway which they are unable to use at the moment. It would cost \$7,000 to remove the hump and \$1,200 to roll it flat to get rid of stones. They would like extra sealing around the area where passengers get on and off the plane. They would like to build hangars at the beginning of the road, which will need a taxiway (\$15,000) and in addition if larger aircraft are used they will need instrument flight rules services. She believed landing fees and leases would pay for the works they are requesting. In the long term they would like the cross runway to be sealed (estimated \$62,000). She asked for commitment from Council to look at what might be able to be done.

Ms Sheppard said Capital Air supports in principle the concept of a targeted rate on tourism providers to fund destination marketing in the Tasman region, however they believe the rate is too high and the existing destination marketing undertaken by Nelson Tasman Tourism is heavily focussed on the "Nelson" element.

**4865            J & C McLellan**

Mrs McLellan does not support the rowing facility on Rabbit Island, supports existing recycling system and continued education to encourage conventional composting to cope with household waste and would like to see green waste being handled in Golden Bay. They are opposed to targeted rates and the level of borrowing.

**5483            A Blackie**

Mr Blackie considered it would be better to prioritise and upgrade existing facilities, rather than build a new community facility in Golden Bay. He did not consider the tourism rate to be fair and equitable. He asked why there is still a subsidy going from general rates to a water scheme and why the costs are increasing. Council's debt level is excessive and more should be done to bring debt down. Council should live

within its means. He supports the three bin system and would like to see it brought forward in the plan.

**4415 P Finlayson**

Mr Finlayson requested Council should have a rate exemptions policy for non-users of Council wastewater systems. He was opposed to the tourism rate as it is iniquitous, discriminatory and unnecessary. He said the I-sites are valuable and he would support a general rate contribution.

**4426 A Maloney**

Mrs Maloney spoke on behalf of Mr Maloney. He was opposed to changes in the rubbish collection which did not include any incentive to reduce waste. Mrs Maloney also objected to the proposed tourism rate as she pays for her own advertising.

**5561 W T Kalis**

Mr Kalis submitted that debt levels are too high. He opposes the changes to refuse collection and the tourism rate. He also wanted better public access to beaches in Golden Bay.

**4462 L Eastman**

Mrs Eastman objected to the tourism rate as the whole district benefits from the money that tourists bring in. She asked Council to make affordable housing easier, especially for young people to get into their own homes. She encouraged Council to make further provision for the safekeeping of the history of the people of the district.

**1151 J Garner**

Mr Garner said wording in the plan is ambiguous as to who would be charged the tourism rate. He recommended that the tourism rate be abandoned or put on hold until it is thought through properly.

**4747 S Chapman**

Ms Chapman is against the continuation of the targeted rates for the two community boards. She said it is the responsibility of Council to make the relationship with the Community Board work. She requested that Tasman Street, Collingwood be streetscaped. She is against a multi-purpose facility in Golden Bay but in favour of upgrades to the existing halls in Collingwood, Pohara and Park Avenue. Ms Chapman is opposed to the tourism rate structure which she considers to be divisive.

**5122 E Burdett**

Mrs Burdett suggested building the Pohara to Motupipi cycling facility and then the Motupipi to Takaka part.

**5143 J Bell**

Mr Bell was in attendance to present his submission. He supports submission of the Golden Bay Community Board. He reiterated his personal opposition to the targeted rate. He supports \$103,000 over 3 years for the Rugby World Cup event, only if it is to be used to improve the community facilities at Trafalgar Park and not to subsidise the event itself.

**5168 B & M Riley**

Michelle Riley was concerned about the trends in increasing rates. They are concerned about the rates and the perceived benefit they receive. They are looking at a rates increase of 24% which they cannot afford. She asked that Council publicise the contiguous property rate remission policy and also that the UAGC be increased.

Cr King asked if representation was being made to government by Federated Farmers about the revaluation.

**5311 C Ball, Federated Farmers**

Mr Ball said the capital value rating system takes into account increased property values and asked Council to look at a remissions policy for anomalous and iniquitous rates increases. He said the UAGC could be increased to its maximum rate of 30% which would cover public goods more equitably. Federated Farmers are appreciative of targeted rates being set. They would like to see more transparency in the rates assessment to give clarity to understanding where money is going. They are concerned about the small amount of seal extension being undertaken on rural roads and are pleased about TB control funding by Council.

**5247 Royal Forest and Bird**

Jenny Treloar was in attendance to speak to the submission of Golden Bay Branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society. The Society supports the waste management kerbside recycling, cycleways/walkways and public transport. They are concerned about the beach replenishment for Torrent Bay, existing undaria on marine farms in Wainui Bay and the potential to spread to the natural and unmodified rocky coastline parts of Abel Tasman. They have concerns around the natural biodiversity on and around Rabbit Island if the rowing/water sport facility went ahead. They questioned the streetscaping of Collingwood and said they would prefer the money be spent on enhancement of its natural qualities. Support community development fund and tourism, completion of Takaka Eastern Golden Bay and Western Golden Bay planning. They are working with the Ministry of Fisheries to enable the development of a future management plan for Golden Bay waters. Asked for interpretative signs at Pakawau for godwits and also at Tata Beach.

**5515 M Thomas**

Mr Thomas requested Council include in the Long Term Council Community Plan more actions to support affordable and sustainable housing in order to protect the economic base. He said environmentally and sustainably efficient housing will benefit

the district as a whole. Consent fees for solar panels for hotwater involves one inspection at \$100 yet the consent fee to retrofit is \$335.

**5521 S Thomas**

Mrs Thomas requested Council include in the Long Term Council Community Plan action to support affordable, sustainable home ownership as a stabilising force for our local economy.

**5512 T Riley**

Mr Riley was concerned about rates increases and noted that ratepayers are hurting now.

**2530 A & D Gentleman**

Mrs Gentleman was in attendance and asked that funding for the Golden Bay community facility and rowing facility funding be removed from the LTCCP on the grounds it is not prudent or reasonable when the recession is making it harder for people to make ends meet. She asked Council to reconsider submissions put in by Tata Beach residents to the 2008/2009 annual plan requesting withdrawal from the Tata Beach stormwater UDA. She asked that the water supply servicing Tata Beach be removed from the plan as no need has been identified by residents.

In answer to a question from Cr Borlase about the felling of trees from Ligar Bay to Wainui Bay, Mrs Gentleman said when the timber is due to be milled, the way it is milled will be a key issue.

**6611 Rototai Residents and Friends**

NgAng was in attendance and spoke in support of the Rototai cycle-walkway projects. He was concerned about a black spot at the end of the existing walkway.

It was advised that a tender has been let and the extension of the walkway will be undertaken by the end of June 2009.

Along the walkway is an edible artwork which will be available for koha from the shed donated by Theo Blyth. The group is developing a master plan of this area's potential which will feature two main performing zones, the Blue Lake stage and the Monet Pond stage. He sought \$50,000 from Council over the next ten years to fund the proposals.

**6586 NgAng**

NgAng does not support the three bin recycling scheme. He said green waste should be utilised in the Bay. He said when the new library was built the opportunity to build a community facility was missed, especially in this time of recession. He is opposed to the targeted rate for tourism.

**5574 A R Wenzel**

Mr Wenzel was in attendance to present his submission. He said the plan indicates no commitment to restraint and for the Council to live within its means. He is concerned about rates increases. He said the increased cost for rubbish collection is not acceptable and does not indicate improved efficiency.

**5584 P Gillooly, Farewell Spit Tours**

Mr Gillooly supported the introduction of a tourism rate as it will provide a more equitable funding mechanism. He said a flat fee could be workable by including more businesses in the targeted rate. He believes Tourism Nelson provides good value.

**5612 Golden Bay Community Board**

J Bell (Chair), C McLellan, K Brookes and L Gamby were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Board.

Ms Brookes expressed concern about the debt levels which she said are unsustainable. The Board is not supportive of the tourism rate because it is inequitable and is opposed to the proposal for expansion or refurbishment of Richmond Tasman District Council offices.

Mr Gamby said the Board is opposed to the waste management, recycling proposals. They support collaboration with Nelson City Council. Public transport is supported but should not be funded by general rate. Streetscaping is unaffordable and not necessary in the current economic climate. Support development at Port Tarakohe. Commercial Street flooding needs action now. Orion Street seal extension should be put back in the plan as it is a health and safety issue.

Mrs McLellan said the Board opposes the Rabbit Island rowing/water sport facility and the motor sport facility as they are unaffordable. The Board supports a new storage facility and asked that the Nelson Provincial Museum be bulk funded by Tasman District Council at parity with Nelson City Council from 2009 – 2019. The total cost of new community facilities/projects, ie initial cost and cost of funding over the life of a loan needs to be stated at the outset. They support the decision not to fund the Nelson Performing Arts Centre. Spreading the cost of the aquatic centre outside of the key user catchment is not compatible with the charging of other targeted rates or entry fees. The Community Board request was for funding towards the arts worker, youth worker and community worker positions, not the employment of these workers by Tasman District Council.

Mr Bell said the cost of \$46,445 for air quality equipment should be funded by targeted rate on the communities with poor air quality, ie Richmond. Support the vision statement and the marine management plan.

The Board doesn't believe that transport should be subsidised by general rate. It would like a travel tax to deter vehicle use or car parking fee or recovered through bus fare itself.



Mr Gamby said as a community board they recognise that Council is going to add targeted rates, but they should be put fairly and where the costs lay.

Mayor Kempthorne said the rating review said councils should use targeted rates more.

Mr Bell said where there is a definite service, ie sewerage connection, that is fair but something more nebulous like funding community board we don't see in the same way. Board members are all representatives on committees throughout the Bay for Tasman District Council, not the Community Board. Support people like Mr Finlayson who have an alternative sewerage system which works well and it seems unfair that they are not rewarded for their effort.

Cr Higgins was not surprised to hear the comments about providing a fully reticulated water supply in Takaka, subject to receipt of a government subsidy. He asked if the Board will back the Council if it decides to re-consult the community on the full reticulation option.

Mr Bell said that the Board's view changed on 8 April 2008 when Mr Cuthbertson told people the water didn't need to be chlorinated.

Cr Riley said the community understood the water had to be chlorinated and that's why they fought against it. Once the information came out there was a different attitude.

Mr Bell said the Board has said the same right through that it's the residents of the areas required to pay the user charge that should have the say.

Mrs McLellan said the Board would like to have made absolutely clear to people that there is another option that wasn't clear before.

Cr Borlase said it wasn't just chlorination that was concerning Takaka ratepayers, but also the ongoing costs, ie cost of water and the cost of managing the scheme itself.

Cr Edgar asked does the Board think the costs of operating should be targeted rates for the wards themselves, eg Motueka Recreation Centre for Motueka.

Mrs McLellan said possibly they should, then communities take responsibility for their own facilities. There is an element of voluntary work.

Cr Higgins said Council is making provision for a community facility in Golden Bay. We've had some submissions saying don't do anything. He asked the Board's view on whether we should leave it out.

Mr Bell said the Board has submitted that it should stay in the LTCCP until the feasibility study has been done.

The meeting concluded at 5.20 pm.

Chair:

Date: