

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** GB Community Board  
**DATE:** 12<sup>th</sup> April 2005  
**TIME:** 9.32am  
**VENUE:** Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka

**PRESENT:** J Bell (Chairperson), C McLellan (Deputy Chair), Cr S Borlase and Board members L Gamby (until 3.17pm) and N Hill (until 12 noon)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** D Ward (Corporate Services Manager), N Heyes, (Minute Secretary) and members of the Press and Public

## APOLOGIES

**Moved Board member L Gamby/Cr S Borlase  
GB05/04/01**

**THAT the apologies received from Cr N Riley and D Blake-Gillard (Service Centres Manager), be sustained.  
CARRIED**

## 1. PUBLIC FORUM

Alan Vaughan – spoke about an article in the Nelson Mail regarding transshipment of coal; he said the fishermen are opposed to the proposal. He said the applicants are willing to talk with the various interested groups, and Friends of Golden Bay and Forest and Bird would meet with Bill Armstrong to gather more details about the proposal. Following that meeting, Friends of Golden Bay will be able to make a press release as to their course of action; Mr Vaughan considered there may be ways that the problems can be mitigated.

Mr Vaughan expressed concern that there is no ‘heading’ in the published Port Tarakohe accounts for wharfage. He said that 25,000 tonnes of sand was taken to Tarakohe to be barged to Oriental Bay and which should have been charged at \$3.50 per tonne, but that did not appear to be reflected. He asked whether the wharfage had been charged (and if so where is it shown), and if it was not charged, why not.

Mr Ward said he would respond to Mr Vaughan’s concerns through the Board.

Alan Kilgour – gave a brief update on Tarakohe Harbour happenings. Since he last spoke to the Board the Port opening event had been held; he thanked members who supported the event. He said they are very proud of the facilities and that the marina was ‘heavily used’ over the Christmas / New Year period. Mr Kilgour said that while all vessels are charged berthage, 70% of what is charged goes back to the marina holders.

Mr Kilgour reported that with regard to bulk shipping, the figure of 13,000 tonnes of dolomite, shell rock, pumice etc had gone over the wharf in the current year to date.

Mr Kilgour also reported that plans for the new wharf (to replace the condemned wooden wharf) are proceeding and that plans would go to the Enterprises Committee to be put out to tender.

Victoria Davis – spoke about the importance of keeping cyclists safe in Golden Bay, following the death of a cyclist in the North Island, where the truck driver did not know he had hit anyone.

Ms Davis spoke on behalf of the GB Bag Ladies with regard to ‘Smart Living Month’ workshops that took place in March; the Bag Ladies felt that advertising for their bags should have been in the GB Weekly, not in the Nelson Mail and other newspapers.

In response to a question from the Chair, Ms Davis suggested that perhaps the Board could put some money towards the GB Weekly to ensure people are informed.

The Chairperson commented that the Board is involved in “Golden Bay Nuggets” in Newsline, and Fresh FM radio.

Board member Hill asked Ms Davis questions about cyclist safety in Golden Bay; he said during the recent bike ride event he had counted 12 people who did not have helmets on and that cyclists rode 5-wide along the state highway at least as far as the River Inn turnoff. He suggested that there should be a rule that if participants did not wear helmets they could not take part in the event.

There was some discussion regarding advertising all Golden Bay events in the GB Weekly and Ms Davis suggested that edited versions of what applies to Golden Bay be included in the ‘Newsbriefs’ in the GB Weekly.

Mr Ward reported that Council’s Publicity Committee is looking at making changes to the ways information is disseminated. He said he would be happy to have suggestions regarding Golden Bay news and where it could be placed; he said he would look for something from the Board during May; the new contract would take effect from the beginning of July.

Board member McLellan asked if funding could be made available to cover the period from April to the beginning of July when the new contract is due to commence.

Mr Ward said that 2005-06 budget has been retained.

The Chairperson commented that small adverts in 'Events this Week' columns have good response.

Ms Davis reported that GB Promotions had received a letter from a visitor who expressed appreciation of all that Golden Bay has to offer – no McDonalds, no Warehouse – and asked to keep it that way.

Jo-Anne Vaughan – reported on 'Smart Living Month' and said that usually Council's Sharon Baxter and Forest and Bird work together to make the scheduled events work in Golden Bay, but that they had been unable to meet in March.

Mrs Vaughan – spoke of the necessity to raise \$12,000 a year for the MSS bus to come to Golden Bay.

Mrs Vaughan – endorsed Rosemary Jorgensen's letter on the agenda; she said Golden Bay beaches are wild life areas in their own right. She asked the Board to work on speed restrictions at Pohara to protect the little Blue penguin – she suggested 50kmph.

Mrs Vaughan – (on behalf of Forest and Bird) asked about the water quality in the Anatoki River, in relation to Anatoki Salmon; and also about water quality monitoring in the Takaka River below the Uruwhenua Bridge. She asked whether Council's Joseph Thomas would answer her concerns in writing.

Mrs Vaughan tabled documents to support matters she had raised, including the issue of fines for dog owners who do not control their dogs on beaches.

Lisa Lewis – enquired about Development Impact Levies and their use. She asked whether levies from the Rototai subdivision would be used for a footpath on Rototai Road, through the existing settlement, and to join up with the existing footpath.

The Chairperson said the Board would find out what provision there is for a footpath on Rototai Road to service the new subdivision.

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase  
GB05/04/02**

**THAT the correspondence and reports contained in the agenda be received.  
CARRIED**

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **2.1 GB Community Board Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> March 2005**

An amendment to GB05/03/11 was sought: “ .... local representation ..” should read “ Board representation...”

**Moved Board members N Hill/C McLellan  
GB05/04/03**

**THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2005, (containing resolutions GB05/03/01 – GB05/03/26) as amended, be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**Overnight Camping**

The Chairperson welcomed Jean Hodson (Manager Resource Consents), John Bergman of Control Services Nelson, and Elizabeth Dransfield from the Information Centre to the meeting. He said the invitation had been triggered by people camping at the Waitapu Bridge, and that there was a letter on the agenda from a concerned camping ground operator, Mr Cockerell, who was also present.

Ms Hodson presented a map of the area which she said did not clearly show the landowner; she suggested the land may be partly owned by the Crown and Charles Fellowes, however, ownership needs to be established and that Council powers are limited if the land is not council land.

There was discussion on where people can go when camping grounds are full if they are moved on from the Waitapu Bridge area; do they go to an area where there are no toilets provided?

Mr Bergman put the enforcement side of the problem; his organisation is contracted through January and February to control overnight camping. He said the problem is made more difficult now the toilet is at Waitapu Bridge. Mr Bergman said the signage is quite small – it needs to be bigger. Another aspect to the problem is the fact that people put up their tent and if they indulge in alcohol they are not fit to be on the road.

Board member McLellan said that the toilet is necessary for whitebaiters, picnickers and walkers.

Mr Cockerell considered that there are only a few days in January when the camps are full; they are not full in February. He suggested that people be supplied with a list of camping grounds and their phone numbers.

Mrs Dransfield said she had raised the issue with Mr Bergman and that it had been a problem for many years, with no resolution. She said she would like to see a meeting of the people involved, along with the public, to find a solution to the problem.

Mrs Dransfield considered people will always want to 'freedom' camp. She said she had been able to contact all the camps who advertised with the Information Centre, except Mr Cockerell. All had agreed there is a problem and that over a 10 day (height of the season) period there is no room in the camping grounds. Mrs Dransfield considered the priority is to provide a place where there are toilet facilities. She considered existing signage to be confusing as to who could stay overnight at the Waitapu Bridge, and that wording in Council's Handbook to Paradise is also confusing. Mrs Dransfield considered that Council needs to provide a suitable place, and that people with dogs also need to have somewhere they can stay in the Bay.

There was further discussion regarding an area where 'freedom' campers could stay. Mrs Dransfield said in the height of the season they could get 50 – 60 enquiries a day from people who do not want to stay in a camping ground – it would defeat their purpose in coming to Golden Bay to 'get away from it all'.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB05/04/04**

**THAT the GB Community Board, as part of Council's review of its Overnight Camping Policy, initiate a public meeting with camp ground owners, the Information Centre, Council staff, Control Services staff and representatives of the NZ Motor Caravan Association, in an endeavour to resolve the present problems being experienced due to overnight camping.**

**Further, that signage and pamphlets that are appropriate to Golden Bay be made available for installation and distribution respectively.**

**CARRIED**

Concerns raised by Mrs Vaughan during Public Forum regarding dogs on beaches were to be forwarded to Mr Bergman.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.52am and 11.08am.

**Civil Defence Update**

Mr Jim Burrows and Fraser Galloway joined the meeting, along with local CD person Brian Nichols. Mr Burrows explained both his and Mr Galloway's roles and presented the Nelson Tasman Emergency Management Group Plan. Mr Burrows explained that it is now local bodies' responsibility to come up with a comprehensive way to deal with disasters; he explained the new structure and how it will make our communities safer and that within the new plan there are other documents including: Warning, Welfare, Rescue and Training.

Mr Nichols commented that people need to know it is up to them to provide for themselves; that if it is possible, they should stay at home.

With regard to training, Mr Burrows said 158 people in the Nelson/Tasman area have been trained, including Hugh Webb, Colin Russell, Philip Woolf, Dean Hunt and Brian Nichols in Golden Bay.

Mr Burrows said there is a new booklet that will go to each household; he also reported that there is a documentary coming up on TV1 on 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30pm, telling people what to do in an emergency.

In reply to questions put to him, Mr Burrows said the fire siren signal for a tsunami is a continuous signal; Emergency Medical Units no longer exist – their function is now the responsibility of the District Health Board; the GB Service Centre is the CD Headquarters, or if the Service Centre becomes uninhabitable, then the Takaka Fire Brigade becomes the headquarters.

In reply to a question regarding the 'Triangle of Life', Mr Burrows said it had been decided to stay with the old ways of how to survive that people are familiar with.

Mr Burrows said an 0800 number for people to phone during a disaster is being worked on.

Board member Hill left the meeting.

### **Water Testing in Golden Bay – Joseph Thomas**

Mr Thomas presented a survey of sources and quality of the residential water supply and wastewater/sewage disposal of coastal settlements in Golden Bay, with the aid of a tabled memorandum and overhead transparencies. He said the settlements have been there for a long time and wastewater systems are pretty old with no data collected in the past.

The survey questions comprised the source of the water, whether anyone has become ill from it, whether it has ever been tested (and the result), the method of waste water disposal, whether there are sewage smells and/or evidence of seepage on the beach and/or surrounding area.

Mr Thomas explained the tests that were carried out in the field including, total suspended solids, nitrate-nitrogen, reactive phosphate, coliform bacteria, biochemical oxygen demand, and iron. He displayed maps showing the location of wells and bores; also a photograph of a typical well at Patons Rock, right next to a septic tank. In his summary, Mr Thomas displayed figures for water supplies; wastewater disposal means included 10 long drop toilets, 5 composting toilets and 206 septic tanks.

Mr Thomas agreed to send board members copies of the report.

In reply to a question from the Chair as to the quality of the Anatoki River below Anatoki Salmon, and in the Takaka River below the Uruwhenua Bridge where water is drawn off

for irrigation, Mr Thomas said Anatoki Salmon are monitored every month and have always met the conditions of their consent. With regard to the Takaka River, Mr Thomas said that the river going dry is a natural happening; he considered Council should look at stock crossing waterways.

In reply to a question from the Board as to whether the survey would be repeated in two years' time, Mr Thomas replied that it would be good for the Board to give some direction on that. He invited the Board to have a look at the fire station monitoring bore, and asked whether members would like to be included in an upcoming tour of possible water sources in the Bay.

The luncheon break was taken between 12.50pm and 1.25pm.

### **3. REPORTS**

#### **3.1 Chairperson's Report**

##### **Coal Barging and Transhipment Proposal**

Mr Bell said he would give board members a copy of the coal barging proposal brief. He said that subsequent to his report he has heard from environmental groups and understands fishers are opposed for various reasons. Mr Bell said it has been suggested that coal be used on the West Coast, close to the area where it is mined.

It was agreed that the Board needs to see all the facts.

##### **Takaka Library**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB05/04/05**

**THAT the GB Community Board ask for a letter to be sent to Heather Lamond thanking her for her work, initiative and commitment to the community.  
CARRIED**

##### **Physical Activity Plan**

Mr Ward commented that the Golden Bay meeting was better attended than in other areas, and that they are starting to talk about programmes that could be put in place.

Board member Gamby said he understood the mobile squash court brought here by Sport Tasman, may not be able to come again due to lack of funding. Mr Ward asked to meet with Board member Gamby after the meeting to discuss funding for the mobile squash court.

## **Keep Golden Bay Beautiful**

Mr Bell said he had sent a letter to Council's Jeff Cuthbertson regarding consent conditions for the Collingwood water reservoir, seeking a funding contribution towards the plantings and for selective gorse seedling control to be done.

## **RMA Accreditation**

Board member McLellan read an article from the Rural Bulletin regarding funding from the Ministry for the Environment and Auckland University for accreditation opportunities.

## **Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby GB05/04/06**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board requests Tasman District Council that Board members be offered the opportunity to become accredited as Hearing Commissioners for resource consent applications.**

**CARRIED**

## **MSS Bus Visits**

There was some discussion regarding the 'rural adjuster' funding that is available for allocation.

## **Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan GB05/04/07**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the NMDHB requesting that the \$12,000 per annum needed for staff and laundry costs etc for the MSS bus visits to Golden Bay be met by the DHB, as suggested by Annette King.**

**Further, that the Board would like information as to how the rural adjuster is applied.**

**CARRIED**

The Board asked that copies of the letter be sent to Hon Annette King, Hon Damien O'Connor, Rural Women, GB Health Group and Ali at Dry Crust.

## **Marine Issues Meeting**

## **Moved Board member Bell/Cr Borlase GB05/04/08**

**THAT the GB Community Board works with the Environment Centre and organises a meeting to discuss marine issues with stake holders with a view to**

**developing a Golden Bay Fisheries Management Plan which would then be referred to the wider community for consultation, and that Corporate Services be requested to provide appropriate funding for advertising and venue hire.**

**CARRIED**

Following a further discussion on advertising, Mr Ward suggested the matter of TDC communication be put on the Board's May agenda.

### **Pohara Footpath**

Cr Borlase was asked to check at the Engineering Services meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> April that the footpath has not been dropped from the Annual Plan/LTCCP.

### **Volunteers' Afternoon Tea**

It was agreed that the list of volunteer organisations be dealt with following the meeting.

### **Anzac Day**

It was agreed that the meeting secretary check wreath laying arrangements for Anzac Day.

### **Engineering Infrastructure Tour**

A date of 24<sup>th</sup> May 2005 was suggested; to be confirmed.

Cr Borlase left the meeting at 2.43pm and returned at 3.10pm.

### **Invitation to Attend Zone 5 Community Boards' Forum**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB05/04/09**

**THAT Cr Borlase attend the Zone 5 Community Board's Forum as the GB Community Board's representative.**

**CARRIED**

### **3.2 Service Centres Manager : SH60, Commercial Street Takaka – Heavy Traffic Bypass**

This report was received earlier, and the Board awaits a response from Ms Henwood of the Road Transport Association.

### **3.3 Montgomery Watson Harza : Contract 461**

It was agreed that Cr Borlase ask whether the Ligar Bay road works have been moved up the list, as the Board requested at its February meeting in GB05/02/11.

Also, that Cr Borlase ascertain what subdivision conditions have been put on the Rototai (AG Field) subdivision regarding footpaths.

### **3.4 Board member McLellan : Follow-up of Costs for Study into Amalgamation**

Board member McLellan spoke briefly to her report and commented on the approximate cost of \$65,000 to have a study carried out.

Cr Borlase commented that under the Local Government Review process, with our present population, we may well lose a councillor; the Chairperson said the matter had been raised at the Community Board Conference and that representation purely on a population basis is not the best way for rural areas. It was suggested by Cr Borlase that community boards should be 'beefed up' by way of delegated authority.

The Chair pointed out comments in Peter Foster's letter regarding the importance of having the right information to make a decision.

Mr Ward commented that any study must be done over the whole area; he questioned the cost of \$65,000 and said that Council does not have a budget to do the study. Mr Ward said the question needed to be asked who the beneficiaries would be; he considered the cost of a study would be several hundred thousand dollars at least.

The Chair spoke about a meeting to discuss de-amalgamation that he had attended, where he had suggested alternatives to de-amalgamation.

Following further discussion it was agreed that the matter lie on the table until the May meeting; the Chair pointed out that the Board could make a submission to the Annual Plan requesting that finance be made available for a study.

## **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **4.1 Peter Foster : Amalgamation Study**

This item was discussed during the Board's consideration of the preceding report.

**4.2 Steve Elkington (Asset Engineer) : Name Signs, Collingwood Area Bridges and Culverts**

The Board agreed that this item lie on the table and that any feed back be passed to Board member McLellan or Steve Elkington, and that a copy of the information be forwarded to Bill Richards of Ferntown, and Harry Riley of Puponga for their comment and suggestions also.

**4.3 P Hardie & G McGeady : Road Signage – Cnr Glenview and Central Takaka Roads**

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan  
GB05/04/10**

**THAT the item of correspondence be referred to Engineering Services with the recommendation that signage to “Pohara” be erected prior to the intersection from both East Takaka and Central Takaka directions.**

**CARRIED**

**4.4 D & G Cockerell : Camping Bylaws and Policy**

The Chair reported that Mr Cockerell appeared happy with the outcome of the morning’s discussions and suggested that he be invited to the meeting of interested parties to be called as part of Council’s review of its Overnight Camping Policy.

**4.5 Rosemary Jorgensen : Vehicles on Beaches**

**Moved Board members Bell/Gamby  
GBO5/04/11**

**THAT the correspondence received from Rosemary Jorgensen regarding vehicles on beaches be forwarded to Council’s Neil Jackson for consideration as part of the suggested bylaw review.**

**CARRIED**

**4.6 Graham Caradus : Harbourmaster – Neville Rogers, Navigation Safety at Tata Beach**

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan  
GB05/04/12**

**THAT a copy of the Harbourmaster’s letter be forwarded to Mr Rogers for his consideration and comment.**

**CARRIED**

**4.7 Joan Whiting Collingwood Rest Home Trust : Deed of Trust Rules on Membership**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB05/04/13**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board supports the proposed amendment to the Deed of Trust for the Joan Whiting Collingwood Rest Home and will nominate representatives for the Trustee Appointment Committee.**

**CARRIED**

Cr Borlase returned to the meeting at 3.10pm.

**4.8 Anatoki Lodge Motel : Early Morning Traffic Noise, Commercial Street, Takaka**

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member McLellan  
GB05/04/14**

**THAT the Board's Engineering representatives refer the matter to Solly's Freight, in line with suggestions to use Motupipi Street instead of Commercial Street and that Mr & Mrs Prince be advised of the outcome.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member McLellan  
GB05/04/15**

**THAT a copy of the letter from Mr & Mrs Prince be forwarded to Engineering Services as support for the need for a heavy traffic bypass.**

**CARRIED**

**5. OTHER**

It was reported that a letter from the Corporate Services Manager had been received at an Arts Council meeting, asking for more detail relevant to the criteria for application to the Community Facilities Rate.

Mr Ward replied that while more information was required the Arts Council Showcase application was in last year's LTCCP and would also be in this year's plan.

Board member Gamby left the meeting at 3.17pm.

Mr Ward reported that Council had adopted the Draft Annual Plan 2005 – 06 and that there would be a 6.1% increase in the rate take.

The increase would be made up by: Stormwater charges up 4%; pan charges up \$40, to \$360; kerbside recycling \$50; refuse collection service \$21.55; (refuse bags down to 80 cents per bag); and Rivers (X, Y, and Z) up 26.5%.

Mr Ward said the Draft Annual Plan will be released on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2005; there would be a public meeting regarding the plan on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2005, and following the close of submissions on 27<sup>th</sup> May, hearing of submissions would take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June in the Takaka Fire Brigade Rooms.

The meeting closed at 3.42pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: