

MINUTES

TITLE: GB Community Board
DATE: 12th July 2005
TIME: 9.32am
VENUE: Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka

PRESENT: J Bell (Chairperson), C McLellan (Deputy Chair), Cr N Riley and Board members N Hill and L Gamby from 9.34am

IN ATTENDANCE: RJ Dickinson (CEO) from 9.30am until 11.08am, R Askew (Service Centres Manager), N Heyes (Minute Secretary)

APOLOGIES

**Moved Cr Riley/Board member Gamby
GB05/07/01**

**THAT the apology from Cr S Borlase be sustained.
CARRIED**

1. PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairperson explained the process for Public Forum and introduced Mr Bob Dickinson (CEO) and Mr Bob Askew the newly appointed Service Centres Manager.

John Smith – said he had trialled planting a Totara tree at the Te Kakau reserve – it had grown very well. He wondered about planting 50 – 100 Totaras, which could be harvestable in 20 – 30 years which could provide an income, as the reserve is not suitable for children to play soccer etc on.

Mr Smith expressed concern about the weed growing in the Te Kakau stream and suggested the use of Grass Carp. He said they could be rendered sterile and so would not become a pest fish.

Mr Smith said he would like a wooden paling gate to the Te Kakau Reserve that could be locked to keep vehicles out, with an adjacent 'kissing gate' to allow pedestrians through. He offered to make the gate for around \$200.

Nicola Basham, Victoria Davis and Alison Ramsey – GB Bag Ladies. Ms Basham spoke for the group and thanked Council for its support of the GB Bag Ladies initiative

and for funding a cloth shopping bag to each resident on the refuse run. Ms Basham said anyone outside the route can obtain a cloth bag from the Information Centre, and also the Collingwood and Bainham Post Offices. She said the group had also been awarded money under the Zero Waste fund grant and are going to carry out an education programme in the schools, which would give the children an opportunity to paint a bag for their own use.

Ms Basham said the group had been advised at the Annual Plan hearings that Council could not make a bylaw to put a levy on plastic shopping bags, and that they should lobby Central Government, however, Hon Marian Hobbs had advised that the NZ Waste Strategy says levies can be applied at national, regional or local levels, and that the LGA provides for that also. Ms Basham said she has now written to Mayor Hurley (with a copy to Marian Hobbs) asking why a bylaw may not be possible. She tabled a copy of the letter.

Victoria Davis – said that Golden Bay is referred to as a ‘fearful’ place lately with regard to governance from Richmond and the Fonterra fire; she said Golden Bay lacks identity and needs to accept that small is beautiful. Ms Davis acknowledged that part of Golden Bay must be seen as ‘regional’. She asked for a representative from the Board to attend the Cycle Forum in Nelson that is held every three months, and for the Golden Bay Futures groups to be ‘taken seriously’. Ms Davis welcomed Mr Bob Askew.

Board member McLellan – commented on the safety for cyclists sign at the Waitapu Bridge.

Alan Vaughan – read an update from the Aorere Centre Trust on behalf of Sara Chapman; the NZHPT have delivered a formal assessment of the plan and have raised no objections to the addition and have taken into account previous changes to the original building. A meeting with NZHPT is to take place at the end of July to discuss heritage interests in the Collingwood township. He tabled the update.

Mr Vaughan thanked Mr Bob Dickinson for his reply to queries regarding Tarakohe income; he considered however, that the accounting method for Tarakohe needs to be altered to be transparent.

Victoria Davis – asked what the rate take and expenditure is for Golden Bay; she said her rates have increased dramatically and she would like to see the figures.

Mr Dickinson explained that the rating income from Golden Bay is available, however, it is difficult to determine what is spent in Golden Bay.

Various comments were made that people may be surprised at what is spent in the Bay compared to what is collected, however, it was considered that this would vary from year to year and that transparency is important. The Chairperson said the matter would be followed up.

Elizabeth Warren – introduced herself as the new ‘Guardian’ reporter. As a ratepayer she commented that rates are hard to pay. Ms Warren asked about progress with regard to the Pohara footpath. The Chairperson explained that the project has presently been withdrawn from the Annual Plan due to a lack of funding. He said once the plans are re-drawn the project will come back to the Board and be put out for public consultation.

Ms Warren expressed concern about the ‘boy racers’ who drive through the settlement on the windy, hill part of Rototai Road.

The Chairperson explained that the Board has made comments about appropriate speed limits in Golden Bay and that speed review trials are to be carried out on Rototai Road.

Ms Warren asked Council to supply water to Rototai Road, if a reticulated system goes to Pohara/Tata Beach, and for a footpath for her area. The Chairperson explained that the request for a footpath has been passed on to Engineering Services and while there are no plans at present it is acknowledged that the new subdivisions have changed the ‘picture’.

Lethea Erz – spoke on behalf of GB Futures; she extended an invitation to the Board and community to attend the group’s AGM. Ms Erz explained that the purpose of the organisation is to or-ordinate issues between the community and various official bodies with their priority to work on future planning for Golden Bay. GB Futures has invited Mr Claude Lewenz to speak on community planning at the AGM and would like the Board to meet again with Mr Lewenz and Council planners after the AGM.

Ms Erz said as a resident of Rototai she does not want a water system.

NgAng – expressed concern about the arts and cultural venues in Golden Bay; he said the old venues are out-grown. He would like to see an integrated arts and cultural centre combining the new library, an arts showcase and performing arts centre. NgAng considered that it would be more practical to combine all the facilities and would attract better funding opportunities. He tabled a submission that had been put to the Draft Annual Plan along those lines.

Harrie Wells – raised the unresolved problem of bikes on footpaths; he said the problem is the worst it has been and asked whether the Board Police liaison representatives had achieved anything.

Board member Gamby said that while the police ask the cyclists to get off the footpath, the road safety person at the Takaka Primary school tells the young ones to bike on the footpath.

Mr Wells said he had asked Mayor Hurley to have notices put up nearly two years ago; he said young people believe they can ride on the footpath without a helmet. Mr Wells said he once again has skin off his leg from a cyclist running into him.

Penny Griffith – congratulated Council having Newline Updates in the GB Weekly; she asked if Minutes and Agendas are going to be on the TDC website.

Ms Griffith said a protocol for the combined use of footpaths would make better and safer use of the footpaths.

Peter Foster – noted the Chairperson's suggested resolution in his July Report that there be a longer time between the hearing of submissions to the annual plan and the Council's deliberation on the submissions; he asked that the public meetings to deliberate on the submissions be advertised as such so it is understood what those meetings are for.

Kirsty Barr (Council's Road Safety Co-ordinator) – said she is happy to talk to people about bikes on footpaths. She clarified that shared facilities are for both pedestrians and cyclists, however, footpaths are for pedestrians. It was acknowledged that there are problems for young children riding their bikes on the road too.

Ms Barr updated the Board on the Golden Bay cycling project, which is now complete, and which was funded by the Land Transport Authority and Council. She said the main goal was about sharing the road and that feedback from the rural areas was that people who want to walk, cycle or ride their horses do not feel like an equal with vehicles using the road. Ms Barr said there is a need to create a road environment that caters for all road users.

Ms Barr reported that Chris Finlayson had painted three billboards which have been erected around the Bay to make motorists aware of cyclists; she said postcards had been made which show cyclists on Golden Bay roads, and movie slides have been developed which will run for 12 months. Ms Barr said the bill boards will stay up for about a year then be refreshed, and there are also radio adverts on Fresh FM.

There was some discussion on the height of the bill board at Waitapu Bridge – perhaps too high.

Addition to the Agenda

The Chairperson explained that Board members would take their oaths again as they had originally sworn as elected members to serve Tasman District Council instead of the Golden Bay community. Each member took the oath, and declarations were signed by each board member and the Chief Executive Officer.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 11.08am and 11.25am.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 GB Community Board Meeting held 14th June 2005

**Moved Board members Hill/McLellan
GB05/07/02**

THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 14th June 2005 (containing resolutions GB05/06/01 – GB05/06/13) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

**Moved Cr Riley/Board member Gamby
GB05/07/03**

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

CARRIED

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairperson's Report

**Moved Cr Riley/Board member Gamby
GB05/07/04**

THAT the Chairperson's report be taken as read.

CARRIED

Annual Plan Process

**Moved Cr Riley/Board member McLellan
GB05/07/05**

THAT the Golden Bay community Board holds its Annual Plan/LTCCP community meetings in October/November each year to allow the maximum possible time for matters raised to be included in the Draft Plan and further, that Tasman District Council be requested to allow for a full month between the hearing of submissions and the finalisation of the Plan each year so that all submissions can be properly considered and taken into account.

The Board discussed catering for people who are not in the Bay during October/November; it was considered that annual plan/LTCCP matters could be a focus for a Board Community Forum in January.

It was agreed that the matter be advertised in the GB Weekly.

The recommendation was put and CARRIED.

Monthly Meeting Agenda

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan GB05/07/06

THAT THE Golden Bay Community Board monthly meeting agenda close-off time be 12 noon on the Monday week prior except in weeks where a public holiday falls on a Monday, when it shall be 12 noon on the Friday week prior.

CARRIED

Planning Accreditation

The Chairperson said he had enquired from the Ministry for the Environment to see what is involved in the course; they are to send copies of the course information out. The fee is \$1250 + GST with some funding being available towards the cost on application by a council if money is a problem.

During discussions disappointment was expressed that some councillors had places for the previous course and did not attend; it was considered that the various funding options should be explored. It was pointed out that Cr O'Regan finds it difficult to get days that suit all the hearing panel members and that there is a benefit in others being trained. It was pointed out that the CEO's report to the Council meeting said the money could come from the Elected Representatives Training Budget – which is generally under-spent.

It was suggested that the CEO be asked what funding is in the training budget and that the matter then be taken back to Council.

Two Board members indicated their interest in the training.

Moved Cr Riley/Board member McLellan GB05/07/07

THAT the Chief Executive Officer be asked what funding has been spent from the Elected Representatives Training Budget, and what monies would be available to community boards for training.

CARRIED

It was further agreed that the Service Centres Manager search out other funding opportunities.

Representation Review

The Chairperson pointed out that the review of each authority should be carried out by councillors and community board members. He considered it would be good for the Board to meet with Council's Review Sub-committee and put its point of view.

It was agreed that the Golden Bay community should be consulted about governance during the Annual Plan community meetings process and the results brought back to the Review Sub-committee through Cr Riley.

In reply to a question about information on the rate take and what is spent in Golden Bay, the Service Centres Manager said he would look into the matter.

3.2 Cr Riley – Verbal Report

Cr Riley said he had attended a Collingwood Streetscaping meeting; he pointed out on a plan where work is required and hoped funding for that would be obtainable.

He reported that the Golden Bay Museum is setting up a generic job description.

Cr Riley reported that he had met with the GB Recreation Officer regarding BMX tracks – one for younger children and one for bigger children – suggested sites were down Reilly Street.

Cr Riley had visited the Buller Gorge with members of the planning committee and others, regarding a licence to allow jet boating on the Buller River. A decision is pending.

Cr Riley reported that Council had, on 30th June 2005, adopted the Annual Plan.

He reported that logging activities at East Takaka had damaged the road.

With regard to Te Kakau Stream, Cr Riley said Council is aware of the weed problem and that nearly all solutions require the adjacent landowners' approval. In reply to a question as to whether the ford on Haldanes Road had been programmed, Cr Riley said it has been, however they are waiting for a property owner to move his fence.

In reply to a question regarding a motor cross site, Cr Riley said a meeting is due to be held to see what Council can do about motor sports.

With regard to the BMX tracks, Cr Riley considered that if the track for the smaller children was very small, it would not attract the older children. He said that the children and their parents need to 'own' their tracks; he would report back to the Board in the future.

3.3 Board member Gamby – Verbal Report

Board member Gamby reported that he had attended a GB Environment Centre meeting the day before; he said their funding had fallen through, and that Charlotte Squires had left and was no longer on the Trust. He said that while the Centre has funding of \$2000 for a Resource Management advisory service, they do not have the funding to administer it.

The Chairperson said that Hon Marian Hobbs had acknowledged the Board's letter requesting a review of the decision not to provide core funding for the Environment Centre. A full answer was awaited.

Mr Gamby said he had attended a meeting with the Arts Council, and would have a further meeting that afternoon with David Ward (Corporate Services Manager) and representatives of the Arts Council regarding the Gateway project.

Dates of interest: Bay Lit would be held on 22nd September at the Mussel Inn, and Bay Art on 1st October at the GB High School.

Mr Gamby reported that the new Arts Worker is John Arcus.

Board member Hill reported on the use of an additional paddock at the GB Rec Park for playing soccer, and that some road works had been carried out on the East Takaka Road.

There was some discussion regarding damage to the East Takaka Road from the logging activities. Cr Riley reported that the Engineering Manager had said it was a contractor's problem.

The meeting adjourned for lunch between 12.37pm and 1.17pm.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Shirley McNeill – Fonterra Fire

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB05/07/08**

THAT the letter from Shirley McNeill be acknowledged with thanks, and a copy of her letter be sent to Fonterra for their information.

CARRIED

4.2 GB Community Board – Letter to Fonterra offering support

The Chairperson reported that another letter has now been sent to Fonterra, which

included reference to the high value products that were made at the factory.

4.3 Nelson-Marlborough DHB – Rural Adjuster

**Moved Board members McLellan/Hill
GB05/07/09**

THAT Mr Trainor’s letter be acknowledged with thanks, and a copy of his letter be sent to Rural Women, the GB Health Group, GB Medical Centre and the Community Hospital for their information, especially highlighting the offer in the penultimate paragraph regarding the MSS operating expenses of \$12,000 per annum.

CARRIED

Board member McLellan took the opportunity to update the Board on the integrated health system for Golden Bay that the Health Group is working through, and the need for the right site.

4.4 TDC Property Manager – Removal of Building at former Sicon Yard

The Chairperson reported that he had been unable to find out what will happen with housing the ‘Wrinklies’ bus; Cr Riley suggested the garage at the house where Fletcher Vautier Moore attends – he agreed to follow the matter up with Roger Slade.

4.5 Cr Kempthorne – Cycle & Walkway Strategy

There was some discussion regarding the cycle and walkway strategy and the fact that some crucial land had changed hands. It was reiterated that it is important for Council not to dispose of land that could be used for off-road cycle and walkways.

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Riley
GB05/07/10**

THAT the GB Community Board supports the Cycle and Walkway Strategy in principle and will facilitate it where possible, and asks Council not to dispose of legal unformed roads without first looking at these possibilities.

CARRIED

4.6 CEO Bob Dickinson – Staff Briefings for Community Boards

The Chairperson asked that the Board outline a brief for Council’s Neil Jackson to speak to at the August meeting of the Board.

The Board prioritised its first four items on the suggested list as follows:

i. Aquaculture

Following discussion it was agreed that Mr Jackson be asked for his comments on management of the Bay; the Coastal Issues Paper; allocation of space; and Community Trust space.

ii. Roading

Special Purpose Roads
Unformed legal roads and walkways

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB05/07/11**

THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Transport (Mr Pete Hodgson) to ask about progress on the special purpose roading review.

CARRIED

iii. Property

Likely proposed purchases and sales in the Ward for the next year
Likely property asset upgrades planned (eg Library extension)

**Moved Board members McLellan/Hill
GB05/07/12**

THAT a copy of Lethea Erz's proposal on an integrated arts and cultural centre be forwarded to Community Services for costing and siting consideration prior to any tender for the new library being accepted.

CARRIED

iv. Pensioner Cottages

Policy
Future Plans

Board member McLellan said she is interested in discussing Council's Significance Policy. It was agreed that the matter be discussed with the Corporate Services Manager at the August meeting, along with the asset list and additions to it of the Transfer Station and Port Tarakohe and that Mr Ward be advised of the topics the Board wishes to discuss.

4.7 Collingwood Trafalgar Society briefing for Community Board

The briefing was taken as read.

**Moved Cr Riley/Board member Gamby
GB05/07/13**

**THAT the Collingwood Trafalgar Society's letter be acknowledged and they be thanked for the update and advised that the Board is looking forward to the event.
CARRIED**

4.8 CEO Bob Dickinson – Requirements for Public Notification

The Chairperson pointed out with regard to public advertising that events must be advertised in the daily newspapers to meet the legal requirements.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB05/07/14**

**THAT the GB Community Board thanks staff for the reply and comments and asks that a list of the Golden Bay meetings be included in the GB Weekly 'Newline' advertisements.
CARRIED**

5. OTHER

The Chairperson reported a letter had been tabled from the Department of Conservation regarding a suitable memorial place for John Mitchell, and suggesting either Milnthorpe Park or the Washbourne Reserve. Mr Bell pointed out that there are already two places in the Milnthorpe Park that are named for John.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Hill
GB05/07/15**

**THAT the GB Community Board suggests that the Washbourne Reserve could have a seat on the farthest part of the reserve as a memorial for John Mitchell.
CARRIED**

The Agenda item 6.1 about Refuse collection and recycling was inadvertently not discussed and will be carried forward to the August meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.33pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

