

MINUTES

TITLE: GB Community Board
DATE: 9th August 2005
TIME: 9.32am
VENUE: Collingwood Fire Station, Collingwood

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

IN ATTENDANCE: D Ward (Corporate Services Manager) from 11am until 2.07pm, N Heyes (Minute Secretary)

APOLOGIES

**Moved Cr Riley/Board member Gamby
GB05/08/01**

**THAT the apologies from Cr Borlase and B Askew (Service Centres Manager) be accepted.
CARRIED**

1. PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairperson read and tabled a letter from Wendy McLellan of the Collingwood Museum Society to NZ Historic Places Trust (NZHPT), postponing a meeting between NZHPT and the Museum Society of 29th July until a later date, and a letter to the Board explaining the meeting was postponed while the Society awaited further information and a suitable date for the society's members. Mrs Wendy McLellan asked that her correspondence be tabled and said that NZHPT is concerned about disagreement within the heritage community which would not provide a good basis for heritage progress in Collingwood in the future. The Museum Society agreed with that and said they are endeavouring to resolve the outstanding issues.

Nicola Basham - spoke on behalf of GB Bag Ladies – they are to run a plastic bag 'famine' on the weekend of 20 and 21st August; people are being asked to refrain from using plastic shopping bags for that weekend.

She said there is to be a bag-making workshop on the Saturday and on Sunday 'bag police' will be out and about to swap cloth bags for any plastic ones they spot.

The Board considered they could promote Golden Bay being plastic bay free at the Community Board Zone 5 Forum on Saturday 13 August, by supplying cotton bags and posters.

Jock Lill - spoke about Collingwood Streetscaping; he expressed concern that nothing appears to be happening and that October and the Trafalgar 200 commemorations are drawing nearer. Council's Engineering Services are contributing \$8000, and \$10,000 will come from the Golden Bay DILs account, however the DILs money cannot be uplifted until the engineering works are done. The Chairperson reiterated the Board's support for the streetscaping and having it done prior to October.

Cr Riley said he hoped to have information regarding costings from Council's Engineering Services meeting the following day; he would also be meeting with Mr Lloyd Kennedy.

Mr Lill also spoke on behalf of the Collingwood Fire Brigade regarding fundraising for rescue equipment. He said Central Government does not grant funding for rescue equipment for fire brigades and \$40,000 is needed.

Sara Chapman – updated the Board on the Aorere Centre. She said the NZ Historic Places Trust had verbally approved the additions and were preparing formal approval for the addition to proceed.

Ms Chapman – spoke on behalf of the Collingwood Trafalgar Society; she thanked the Board for its \$300 donation towards the Heritage Day afternoon tea, and said that council and the community board had been fully supportive of the bicentenary commemoration programme.

NgAng – spoke on behalf of the GB Futures group; they had picked up Claude Lewenz and had had a very successful meeting with TDC planners. He encouraged the Board to carry on with the process of planning for the future of Golden Bay. In reply to a question regarding the availability of maps for Thursday's meeting, the Chairperson responded that he had been advised that maps would be available.

NgAng asked about the availability of Community Services minutes regarding the integrated arts and cultural centre to be informed as to what had happened at that meeting; Cr Riley replied that there is some doubt as to whether the groups are prepared to work together and that Council is waiting for more input.

Cr Riley – spoke on behalf of Kaye Miller; she asked that the 70kmph speed restriction on the way into Collingwood could be changed to 50kmph.

The Chairperson pointed out that the previous community board had been advised that approval had been given for that to happen.

Kaye Miller reported that the 'Children' sign on Washington Street is facing the wrong way and needs to be turned around.

Thirdly, Mrs Miller protested at the yellow 'No Parking' lines in the turnaround on Beach Road and asked that they be removed.

The Chairperson read and tabled a letter from Paul Clements regarding the Pohara Water Survey, which said that not everyone had received a letter and to enable the survey to be meaningful everyone in the area should receive a survey form.

Mr Bell then reported that Engineering Services has subsequently advised that the mail-out to property owners was not done all at once and has now been completed.

Board member McLellan – spoke on behalf of Alistair Grey regarding land that leads to the river at Salisbury Falls. She said that the landowners had traditionally allowed people access – via a stile at the roadside and a gate down to the river – but they have not been shutting gates and a cow had died in the river. Mrs McLellan said the access is also used by TDC water monitors. It was considered that a stile, instead of the gate, would solve the problem.

Penny Griffith – reported that the Community Board's agenda is not on the website.

Ms Griffith read and tabled a letter expressing concern regarding access to emergency information; she acknowledged that people are told they must take greater personal responsibility and listen to the radio, however, Collingwood does not receive Fresh FM on a battery-powered radio, and when there is a power cut (there have been two 5-hour outages within the last four months), there is no broadcast from National Radio.

Mr Griffith pointed out that many modern telephones depend on a power supply; she asked how people access emergency information when the need arises.

Cr Riley said he would follow the matter up as the generator providing alternative power for the National Radio Transmitter on Mt Burnett should cut in automatically.

Additions to Agenda

The Chairperson sought the Board's permission to add items to the agenda, including correspondence from Dr Pearson regarding road safety on Birds Hill, and lobbying MPs for funding for rescue equipment for the Collingwood Fire Brigade.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 GB Community Board Meeting held on 12th July 2005

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB05/08/02**

**THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 12th July 2005 (containing resolutions GB05/07/01 – GB05/07/15) be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

With regard to the Minutes, the Chairperson reported that the community bus is presently garaged in Takaka at a convenient location on a short term basis.

Cr Riley said he had spoken to Roger Slade who would discuss garaging the bus at their Takaka office with his directors and notify their decision.

**Moved Cr Riley/Board member Hill
GB05/08/03**

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

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairperson's Report

Tarakohe Governance and Accounts

Cr Riley reported that TDC has given authority to the Enterprises Committee to manage Port Tarakohe and get it running transparently so people know what is going on; he said he is awaiting more facts before he can comment. Cr Riley said the committee will take over some other Council enterprises in the near future.

Board member McLellan asked formally that all GB Board members receive the Minutes from the Enterprises Sub-committee meetings. In reply to a question about a proposal for a fish chiller to be constructed on the wharf, Board member Hill, (the Board's representative on the Port Tarakohe Users Group) said that is not going to happen. Mrs McLellan asked for public information from a Port Users Group meeting that was being held that night and pointed out that the port is an asset held on behalf of the whole community.

Morning tea was taken between 10.30am and 10.45am.

The Chairperson welcomed Mrs Darla Blake-Gillard, former Service Centres Manager, who was in the public gallery.

Neil Jackson (Policy Planner): Aquaculture

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Jackson who updated the Board regarding aquaculture; he explained that Council became partly responsible (along with the Ministry of Fisheries) for aquaculture in 1991 when the new RMA came into effect, and now has to 'draw lines in the water' to define areas. Following the Environment Court's decision, aquaculture is now generally not permitted within 3 nautical miles of the shore in Golden Bay. Existing blocks that are within 3 miles will generally continue, however these will be reviewed on expiry of consents. Future use of Aquaculture Management Areas can only be increased in 50ha increments following monitoring over 3 years and two crop cycles. Future allocations for space will be made by giving first preference to existing consent holders, but only for spat catching – consent holders cannot automatically gain consents for marine farming. Spat catching is considered to have lesser effect on the ecosystem.

Mr Jackson said that the aquaculture management areas that the Court came up with are deemed to be interim areas and need to go through three more Ministry of Fishery 'steps' before they are confirmed as being available for aquaculture; he did not know how long that process would take.

In reply to a question regarding requests to have a 'line drawn across the Bay' to keep commercial scallop vessels from dredging in the Bay, Mr Jackson considered that very strong evidence would be needed to show that commercial scalloping is causing ecological problems that fall under the RMA rather than the Fisheries Act. He said that the Court had accepted that dredging has been going on for so long that the seabed has adapted to that activity.

Mr Jackson said he is currently looking at vehicles on beaches and the damage to foreshores (which had been forwarded by the GB Community Board); he said the whole question of commercial passenger vessels around the coastline would need to be looked at again now that the Abel Tasman foreshore has been made a reserve.

In reply to a question, Mr Jackson said Council has not yet received an application for coal barging.

Tasman's Future – Consultation Process

David Ward (Corporate Services Manager) spoke to the Board regarding the LTCCP consultation process, with the aim of finding out what people want their district to look like in 10 years' time. Managing growth and the demand for land would be one of the big challenges. He said Council needs to ask the question whether traditional activities and levels of service and funding are still applicable. He outlined the timetable which would see results of consultation analysed and reported to Council in November 2005.

In reply to a question from the public gallery as to the place in the process where anyone can have input, Mr Ward replied they could have that input during annual plan submissions, through a questionnaire in a special edition of the Newslite, resident/ratepayer meetings and through focus groups. He stressed it is important for people who take part in the questionnaire to identify where they come from and in answer to a question as to whether Golden Bay outcomes can be put together, Mr Ward said that is one of the reasons why it is important that people say where they are from.

3.1 Chairperson's Report Cont

Refuse & Recycling

It was reported that people in the community are annoyed about the recycling bin being taken out of the carpark, and that the contract was taken away from a local business which meant that jobs were not staying in the Bay.

It was explained that servicing the recycle bin was more expensive than first envisaged due to a positive response to recycling, also that people were dumping their household rubbish in it.

The comment was made that the people who are complaining about the bin being removed are not paying for the service in their rates. However, they are not receiving a kerbside collection either.

Moved Cr Riley/Board member Gamby GB05/08/04

THAT the GB Community Board consults with the public during its annual plan meeting round and asks whether people want a recycling bin in town and how it will be paid for.

**Further, that if such a service is charged over every rate payer, what the cost would be, including a differential for those already paying for kerbside recycling.
CARRIED**

Golden Bay Wharves

It was agreed that both TDC and DOC seem to be 'hedging' on the issue and seem to be waiting for someone else to take over the wharves. The Board did not want a private trust running the wharves and considered that both TDC and DOC (either jointly or separately) should take over the running of the wharves.

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan GB05/08/05

THAT the GB Community Board seek to facilitate a meeting with Tasman District Council and the Department of Conservation in order to come to some arrangement for the management of the Golden Bay wharves, other than a private trust, and that such a meeting takes place within the next two months.
CARRIED

Cr Riley asked that the Motueka Community Board be informed because they may have similar issues with wharves in their area.

Building Permits

It was agreed that as the Service Centres Manager was not in attendance, the matter lay on the table until the Board's September meeting when a member of Council's staff could speak to it.

Fonterra Fire

The matter of Fonterra being asked to make a capital contribution to Golden Bay projects from its insurance cover pay-out was discussed at some length, with the consensus being against the Board making a request.

Moved Board members McLellan/Hill GB05/08/06

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Fonterra and thanks them for their continued involvement in the community and that there are some jobs being retained but acknowledging also the people who have lost their jobs.
CARRIED

Zone 5 Community Boards' Forum

Members' attendance and carpooling were discussed, along with promoting Golden Bay being plastic shopping bag free by including a cloth bag in the welcome pack. It was agreed that the Board consider making a donation to the GB Bag Ladies towards the bags provided.

Meeting Dates

Moved Cr Riley/Board member McLellan GB05/08/07

THAT the GB Community Board's Annual plan / LTCCP meeting round dates be set in conjunction with the Corporate Services Manager liaising with the Meeting Secretary, over the end of October / beginning November.
CARRIED

Overnight Camping

It was agreed that the meeting be held on Friday 19th August in the GB Service Centre, with a time to be confirmed, and that Elizabeth Dransfield from the Information Centre be asked to contact camping ground operators and ascertain an appropriate time.

The luncheon adjournment was taken between 12.35pm and 1.39pm.

3.2 Service Centres Manager's Report

David Ward, Corporate Services Manager, sat in for the absent Service Centres Manager.

Levy on Plastic Shopping Bags

Mr Ward considered a levy on plastic bags to be unlikely; however, a copy of the report on the matter would come to the Board.

Bikes on Footpaths

Board member Gamby reported that he had approached both the Takaka Primary and GB High School; the Primary School had subsequently included a piece in its newsletter stating their preferred stance that children under 10 years should not bike to school or ride on footpaths, however they could not prevent children from biking to school. Contact with the high school had not produced any immediate result.

The Board requested that a supply of the 'fluro' armbands for next year's Bike Wise week come to Golden Bay.

Integrated Arts and Cultural Centre

Mr Ward explained that money is allocated under the Facilities Rate and submissions have been received from the Arts Council, Performing Arts Theatre and for an integrated arts and cultural centre; he said the different parties need to get together and then perhaps the Board could prioritise. He said Council has retained funding in the Annual Plan for a project.

It was considered that if an integrated arts and cultural centre went ahead the present new library site would probably not be big enough.

Board member Gamby reported that at a meeting of all the interested parties, Min Hall had said she would put some concept plans together; various siting options had been discussed, however no-one had put up their hand to 'drive' the project. Mr Gamby said they need to know what the community wants.

Mr Ward did not consider it to be the Board's role to lead the project. He said the process is in place to allow the groups to discuss the project amongst themselves and then to come back to Council.

It was suggested that perhaps the Board could facilitate a meeting of interested parties; it was considered that the matter of the new library needs to be clarified.

**Moved Board member Bell/Cr Riley
GB05/08/08**

THAT Board members McLellan, Gamby and Cr Riley meet on 18th August with groups interested in forming an integrated arts and cultural centre to endeavour to find a pathway forward and report back to the Community Board and to Community Services.

CARRIED

Launch of Website

Mr Ward reported on the success of the new website; he said there would be a 'stage 2' to the website in February next year.

The Chairperson said that today's Board agenda is not on the website and asked Mr Ward to follow it up. He also requested acknowledgement of two 'Feedback' service requests that he had put in on the website, but has not received replies to.

Logging on East Takaka Road

It was reported that a 4-wheel drive vehicle is still needed to travel that piece of road.

3.3 Reserves Manager's Report

**Moved Board members McLellan/Hill
GB05/08/09**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board ratifies the Te Kakau Stream Management Plan.

CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Carol Sims – Recycling

4.2 D Amos – Recycling

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB05/08/10**

**THAT both Ms Sims and Mr Amos receive a response to their correspondence, detailing the Board's resolution during discussion of the Chairperson's report.
CARRIED**

4.3 John Lee – Energy Costs

The Chairperson suggested that oil companies are 'leveraging' price increases off each other and the Board could write to the Commerce Commission and ask for its comments. He further suggested that the Board could write to the government and ask for tax relief on the pump price as consumers are paying GST on top of other taxes, and pointing out that Golden Bay pays around 10c a litre more than other places, (on top of the 5c litre for Auckland's roads), and ask for nation-wide pump pricing as previously applied.

Public transport between main population areas in Golden Bay was discussed; it was considered that the Board could consult the community about this during the annual plan round. Alternative fuels such as ethanol and canola and solar energy were raised. The Chairperson suggested the mass production of solar panels and government input of \$100M, as was expended on the failed project Aqua scheme, instead of the \$120,000 reported by Pete Hodgson in reply to a personal letter from Mr Bell.

Due to the high price of petrol at the pumps, it was pointed out that people are worrying about the cost of fuel.

**Moved Board member Bell/McLellan
GB05/08/11**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Commerce Commission and government agencies about the price of petrol and petrol taxes, and the effect of the high price of fuel on remote communities.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB05/08/12**

**That the GB Community Board consults with the community regarding thoughts on public transport in Golden Bay, during its annual plan round of meetings.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB05/08/13**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Ministry of Energy making a strong statement about the provision of solar energy incentives for the Top of the South Island given our high sunshine hours and asking if there is any social development money that may be available.

CARRIED

4.4 Moira Tilling – Vertical Mowing of Pohara Cliffs and Ligar Bay Hillside

It was pointed out that mowing at both the Pohara cliffs and the Ligar Bay hillside is part of the mowing contract and the contractor is obliged to fulfil the terms of that.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB05/08/14**

THAT the GB Community Board supports Mrs Tilling's concerns and asks Engineering Services to acknowledge and reply to her letter and requests that only essential trimming of the Pohara Cliffs and Ligar Bay hillside be carried out on an 'as necessary' basis, with the contract being modified if that is what is required to prevent damage to the cliffs and hillside.

Further, that a copy of Mrs Tilling's letter and the Board's response be given to the contractor.

CARRIED

4.5 Darla Blake-Gillard – Thanks to Board

This item was received earlier in the meeting, and the Board thanked Mrs Blake-Gillard, who was in the public gallery.

5. OTHER

5.1 Pohara Water Supply

The Chairperson explained that he had taken the matter up with Jeff Cuthbertson and Peter Thomson; he read Kim Arnold's reply to his email that explained that not all the questionnaires had been mailed at the same time and that 'nothing is set in concrete'.

Disappointment in the lack of consultation with the Board was expressed; it was pointed out that a huge number of people do not want the water supply, both in Takaka and Pohara. Further, that people had expressed concern about the question 'neither support

nor 'oppose' and considered it would be interpreted as 'support' and that this may be incorrect.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Hill
GB05/08/15**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Engineering Services (with a copy to the Engineering Committee) expressing its disappointment in the way the process has started with the community board and the GB Service Centre being left out of the loop, (which has hindered a smooth passage regarding consultation), and asking for a briefing at the Board's September meeting.

CARRIED

Additions to Agenda

1. **Dr Arthur Pearson – Road Safety, Birds Hill**

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB05/08/16**

THAT the GB Community Board forwards Dr Pearson's letter to Transit NZ, with the Board's support for his suggestion of a 50kmph speed restriction between the Pupu Springs turnoff and Rangihaeata Road at the least.

CARRIED

2. **Rescue Equipment for Collingwood Fire Brigade**

Board member Hill reported that the Fire Service will only fund and maintain one rescue unit in an area. Maintenance is also quite costly.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Hill
GB05/08/17**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Fire Service seeking the provision and servicing of a rescue unit for the Collingwood Fire Brigade, in recognising the wide area served by the two brigades in Golden Bay.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.58pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: