

MINUTES

TITLE: GB Community Board
DATE: 14th February 2006
TIME: 9.00am
VENUE: Golden Bay Service Centre Meeting Room

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Askew (Service Centres Manager) until 2.03pm, L Kennedy (Community Services Manager, from 10.45am to 12.25pm), N Heyes (Minute Secretary)

APOLOGIES

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby
GB06/02/01**

**THAT the apology received from Cr N Riley be sustained.
CARRIED**

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Richard Womersley – tabled his comments and photographs regarding stormwater problems being experienced at Patons Rock following small amounts of rainfall, when septic tank soakage areas and the road are inundated with water due to accreting sand in the areas where the stormwater pipes come out on the beach.

Mark Holloway – endorsed Mr Womersley's comments; he said the drains on the Walker property where he lives hold the stormwater and it smells. Mr Holloway said he believed there was agreement that Council upgrades the drainage system.

Cr Borlase said he would take the matter to the Engineering Services Committee and ask that an engineer visit Patons Rock to look at the problem spots with residents.

Mik Symmons – asked about the matter of Affordable Housing; it was agreed that the matter be dealt with immediately following Public Forum.

Alan Vaughan – thanked the Chairperson and Cr Riley for attending the Representation Review meeting and advocating for the retention of the community board and two councillors for Golden Bay. He expressed concern that there was some confusion

regarding which option that actually was. The Chair agreed saying there is a need to ensure the minutes of the meeting are correct.

Nicola Basham – expressed the local community’s concerns that the Pakawau Camp is about to be sold, including the petrol pump, shop and café, into private ownership and eventual subdivision.

The Chairperson said the matter would be discussed later in the meeting.

Elizabeth Warren – read and tabled a presentation regarding the Rototai Road footpath and the various views held by twelve residents and expressed at an informal meeting.

The meeting was informed that Cr Borlase is to take the matter to Engineering Services prior to a date being set to meet with the residents. Cr Borlase said the ‘safe walking access’ is to be regarded as a maintenance item and he would find out from Engineering Services when the work is to be done.

Moira Tilling – raised concerns about the use of jet skis and asked about rules governing the use of them. She asked for more people to monitor what happens over the Christmas period for the safety of swimmers and kayakers.

The Chairperson pointed out that the matter of honorary launch wardens is on the agenda to be discussed later and the basic rule is that the jet skis cannot exceed 5 knots within 200 metres of the shore, where there are other vessels and swimmers.

Sara Chapman – commended people who made submissions to the Representation Review, especially those in favour of the status quo. She asked that it be recorded that she considered the ex community board chair’s submission for the abolition of the board to be a mark of disrespect.

The Service Centres Manager commented that it is the Local Government Commissioner who makes the final decision and that it is important that people continue their support if it is the status quo that is put forward.

The Chairperson explained that the review happens every six years but that it is different this time as a population threshold has been introduced; Golden Bay is just under that threshold for retaining two councillors. He said there is provision in the Act for an ‘isolated community’ designation to retain greater representation and he considered Golden Bay can make a strong case for that.

Leigh Gamby – drew the Board’s attention to the state of disrepair of the Upper Takaka footpath. The Chairperson asked that Crs Borlase and Riley take the matter up as a maintenance issue.

Alteration to Order of Agenda

It was agreed that the Chairperson's Report be taken first, followed by the Community Services Manager's briefing.

Additions to Agenda

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan GB06/02/02

**THAT Board approval for a donation to the GB Hospice Service, and dates for visits to the Regional Museum and Pt Tarakohe be added to the agenda.
CARRIED**

Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Hill GB06/02/03

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

2. REPORTS

2.1 Chairperson's Report

Community Events

Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase GB06/02/04

**THAT a letter of thanks be sent to the organisers of the community events that took place in Golden Bay over the holiday season.
CARRIED**

GB Wharves and Jetties

The Service Centres Manager reported he is to meet with the proposed trustees regarding the democratic election of trustees being included in the trust deed, then refer the matter back to the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bob Dickinson.

Council Cottages

Cr Borlase read and tabled information regarding Affordable Housing in Golden Bay and its proposal to acquire the Council cottages in Takaka to use the equity in them as the community contribution for applying for funding from Housing New Zealand's Innovation

Fund. He said the proposal received a good deal of support from the Community Services Committee (there was only one person against the proposal). Cr Borlase explained that Affordable Housing would receive 85% of the funding for a project after the community raises 15%.

Mr Kennedy said he supports the proposal and that Council would continue to manage the cottages. He said that if the idea works, it will give the opportunity to work with the Nelson/Tasman Housing Trust, which is able to acquire quite large grants. Mr Kennedy said there is no urgent need to build more cottages, however, there is more demand for lower cost housing for other parts of the community.

The Chairperson pointed out that the cottages are of 'significance' so there is a community consultative process to follow. The main thing is that the cottages are not put at risk by being used as security for funding.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Hill
GB06/02/05**

**THAT the GB Community Board supports in principle the proposal for Affordable Housing in Golden Bay to acquire the Council cottages in Takaka to use their equity in applying for funding from Housing New Zealand's Innovation Fund, subject to a full community consultative process being favourably carried out.
CARRIED**

Pakawau Motor Camp

The Chairperson explained that it is not just the sale of the camp that is of concern but also the associated business of the petrol pump and shop. He considered the retention of it as a family camp would be helpful to the economy of Golden Bay.

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase
GB06/02/06**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board approach Council about the possible purchase and retention of the camp as a community facility.

The Board discussed the possibility of a 3-way ownership of the camp including Council, Department of Conservation and Central Government.

Mr Vaughan sought permission to speak; he said the Minister of Conservation has flown over the site. Mr Vaughan said the problem of non-compliance with Council's standards for sewage treatment had made the current owner decide to sell the property.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase
GB06/02/07**

**THAT in the event of the Tasman District Council being unable to accept the proposal to retain the camp, that an approach be made to both DOC and the Ministry for the Environment.
CARRIED**

Bonaparte Diamond Mines NL

Concern was expressed that if the application for a prospecting permit was approved, it may lead to the expectation that full scale mining could be carried out.

The Chairperson tabled and read a draft submission to the Ministry of Economic Development – Crown Minerals – and asked for comment.

Cr Borlase said that Bonaparte Diamond Mines NL is a foreign company and that if mining was carried out any profits would be likely to go offshore.

Board member Gamby considered it to be exploitative with no benefits to Golden Bay.

Board member Hill said he did not want any part of it.

It was agreed that the draft submission be altered thus:

That 'could' be changed to 'would' with regard to mining undoing the benefits of aquaculture development taking place 3 nautical miles from shore; and that Bonaparte Diamond Mines NL is a foreign company and if the application was granted and mining carried out, any profits would be likely to go offshore with royalties going to central government and Golden Bay exploited and its environment spoiled.

The Service Centres Manager considered the Chairperson's draft submission to be appropriate for the situation and indicates the Board's concern about the proposal; he asked that a copy be sent to Tangata Whenua.

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby
GB06/02/08**

**THAT the GB Community Board send the submission as amended to Crown Minerals with a copy to Iwi.
CARRIED**

Dog & Launch Wardens

**Moved Board member Bell/Cr Borlase
GB06/02/09**

**THAT the matter of launch and dog wardens be referred back to the Harbour Master and Control Services Nelson respectively, and enquiries made as to progress on making appointments to the voluntary positions.
CARRIED**

Beach Speed Limit

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby
GB06/02/10**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to Council's Neil Jackson and asks about progress on the speed limit bylaw for beaches.
CARRIED**

Representation Review

The Chairperson explained that at the Representation Review Sub-committee meeting of 7th February 2006 resolved that the recommendations to go forward to Council were that the GB Community Board be retained, the Motueka Community Board be abolished and two councillor options be put; one a council of 12 councillors and the other of 13 councillors, with Council to decide whether Golden Bay has 1 or 2 councillors.

Mr Kennedy explained that Council staff will put together the case for an 'isolated community', and that they would be happy to receive any suggestions.

Cr Borlase pointed out that new councillors take about a year to get up to speed, so if Golden Bay only had one councillor it would not be effectively represented for that first year.

Mr Kennedy did not think such an argument would be given weight to, and that concentration needs to centre on the isolated community reason.

While the Board was pleased that the sub-committee has endorsed the retention of the Golden Bay Community Board, some concern was expressed about the Motueka community board being abolished leaving only one community board for the whole district, and it was agreed to support the retention of the Motueka board if that is what that community wishes.

The Service Centres Manager pointed out that it is the community support that is vital and that is what will carry weight with the Commissioner.

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB06/02/11**

THAT the matter of support for the Motueka Community Board be held over until the combined Motueka/Golden Bay community board workshop, and a submission be formulated then.

CARRIED

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB06/02/12**

THAT a vote of thanks be recorded from the Board, and on behalf of the community, regarding Board member Bell and Cr Riley's attendance at the Representation Review Sub-committee meeting to advocate for the retention of the GB Community Board and two councillors for Golden Bay.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.37am and 10.55am.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Two amendments to the Minutes were sought:

Page 4: At the end of the second paragraph, add "but the public would have full and free access."

Page 8: Golden Bay Medical Centre Trust, second paragraph, insert "at this time" after does not want money spent , and insert "the facility is" and delete "it should be", to read: "Board member McLellan said she does not want money spent at this time at the Medical Centre if the facility is going elsewhere."

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase
GB06/02/13**

THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 13th December 2005, as amended, (containing resolutions GB05/12/01 – GB05/12/20) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Staff Briefing : Community Services Manager, Lloyd Kennedy

Mr Kennedy reported that he had also prepared a draft proposal for Golden Bay DILs for the ten year period.

Library Facilities

Mr Kennedy explained that the 'new library' proposal had developed due to issues regarding protected trees, the rose garden and the public toilets in the immediate vicinity of the existing library. He said rental from the old library would help cover costs, and the present library is really lacking in space that makes using the facility difficult and damages books; the children's area is very small and the staff workspace very cramped. There is also a lack of reading/workspace for the public. Mr Kennedy said the budget for the new library had been increased from \$500,000 to \$700,000. He commented that Council needs to talk to the RSA regarding relocating the memorial status of the existing library to the new facility.

There was some discussion as to whether a new library is needed; Mr Kennedy said that huge numbers of people use the library and a new building is a priority; he considered something else may have to be dropped from the budget.

Some concern was expressed about the rental of the old library building; it was reported that there is already one large building in the main street that is vacant.

Board member McLellan raised the matter of the parents' room that was to have been included in the new library; she said the room at the new supermarket is not what is required.

Mr Kennedy said the parents' room did not go ahead at the rose garden public conveniences due to safety issues, nor did he consider it good to have a parents' room associated with public toilets. He thought lack of space would be a problem at the new library, also library hours would restrict its use and a mum feeding a baby would prohibit anyone else from using the toilet.

It was suggested that perhaps part of the old library could be set aside for a parents' room, to be accessible from the outside.

Mr Kennedy said he had noted the Board's concerns.

Additional Sports Grounds

Mr Kennedy said the Board could make allowance for sports grounds in the DILs, however, the present grounds are very much under utilised. He said Council had indicated that when the subdivision in the area got under way that would be the time to think about sports grounds. He said Council presently pays money to the schools towards maintenance of their grounds which are used as sports fields.

Pound and SPCA

Mr Kennedy said there have been very few complaints regarding the present siting of the pound; he suggested posting a contact phone number at the pound in case of complaints.

It was agreed that the present location is convenient to all concerned.

With regard to the SPCA wanting somewhere to put their cages, Mr Kennedy suggested that perhaps an area of land at the Pony Club and RDA grounds could be set aside for SPCA purposes. He asked the Board to facilitate that idea.

The Chairperson said he had sent an email to the Parks and Reserves Manager along those lines.

Property Sale at Milnthorpe

The Chairperson said Mr Oates is the landowner selling the property adjoining the reserve; he considered if there was a boundary adjustment it could consolidate the reserve. He said that the walkway on the reserve is part of a 'loop' walk.

Mr Kennedy explained that the walkway may be partly on the private land adjoining the reserve.

It was suggested that if the adjacent landowner wants to undertake the exchange he can approach Council.

Pool roofing for GB High School and Collingwood Area School, and GBHS Gymnasium Upgrade

Mr Kennedy said the gymnasium is partly owned by Council and he has put a figure in the draft GB DILs. Regarding the roofing, he suggested that one could be done in three years and one in five years; he said there are also different options for roofing pools.

GB DILs

Mr Kennedy explained the opening balance and projected income for the GB DILs account and the meeting discussed the proposed items as drafted by the Community Services Manager.

Tennis Courts

The Chairperson considered that all the courts needed to be looked at to make sure they are being funded to best effect.

Community Centre Carpark Reseal Etc

The Board considered this to be a good opportunity to put in a 'circuit' access/exit. It was pointed out that there are lots of minor accidents in the carpark and that the visibility on leaving the Community Centre is very poor. The Board asked that funding be made available in the 2007/08 year for extending the accessway.

Mr Kennedy said he would talk to Engineering Services and the Property Manager regarding how much money needs to be set aside for next year.

School Pools Roofing

Mr Kennedy said the Board needs to talk to the two schools and explain they need to fundraise their share of the costs. He said there is a proviso to schools receiving DILs funding that the pools are open to the public outside of school hours.

Airport Loan

Mr Kennedy said the refund from the Takaka Airport has been taken into account in the projected DILs income.

Re-vegetation Projects

Cr Borlase said he was impressed with the work John Smith has done on the Te Kakau Stream reserve; a really lovely walkway. He asked that a letter of thanks be sent from the Board.

Board member Gamby reported that the former Environment Centre property is for sale and commented how scarce space is for groups. He said the building is moveable.

The Chairperson explained that when an opportunity comes up, there is not 'pool of funds'; he suggested that the sale money from the Pakawau Pound should have gone into a capital fund pool, which could then be used to make purchases such as the former environment centre property .

Cr Borlase said he is strongly in favour of the building being purchased for a youth centre.

Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase GB06/02/14

**THAT the Service Centres Manager contact the appropriate Council staff seeking the purchase of the Environment Centre property and pointing out that the proceeds from the Pakawau Pound are going into the general fund.
CARRIED**

It was reported that the asking price is \$350,000.

The meeting discussed property sale money going into a capital fund.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Hill
GB06/02/15**

THAT the GB Community Board appoints a sub-committee made up of board representatives on Engineering Services and Community Services (Cr Borlase and Board member McLellan) to investigate the purchase of the former Environment Centre property and the matter of a capital fund with monies to be used to take advantage of property purchase opportunities.

CARRIED

Information Centre

Mr Kennedy said he would deal with the damaged kerb and investigate the requested improved signage for the public toilets.

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Borlase
GB06/02/16**

THAT the Draft 10 year DILs financial proposal, as amended, go forward for consideration by the Community Services Committee.

CARRIED

The luncheon adjournment was taken between 12.25pm and 1.03pm.

2. REPORTS Cont.

2.2 Service Centres Manager's Report

Collingwood Signage

It was reported that there is still an issue with this, but the matter is in hand.

Waitapu Bridge Signage

The Service Centres Manager reported that there is already a small sign there and the most effective way to control camping is to monitor it.

It was suggested that the monitoring needs to start prior to Christmas.

Didymo Signs

**Moved Board member Bell/Cr Borlase
GB06/02/17**

THAT the GB Community Board supports the action taken by the Department of Conservation to close the Te Waikoropupu Springs to swimming and diving to reduce the risk of Didymo.

CARRIED

Cycling on Footpaths

The Service Centres Manager tabled a draft “Push not Pedal on the Path” back to school postcard to encourage people not to cycle on the footpaths.

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Borlase
GB06/02/18**

THAT the GB Community Board approves the draft proposed postcard “Push not pedal on the path”.

CARRIED

Board member McLellan asked that Council’s Kirsty Barr be congratulated on the initiative and asked whether it could be made bigger as a poster to go in shop windows and be displayed at schools. She also suggested that it go out initially in black and white and be used as a colouring competition (supported by the community board) subject to the artist’s approval.

Public Transport Funding

Cr Borlase reported on the Engineering Services Committee supporting the concept of public transport funding following a presentation by Ian Hunter of Land Transport NZ. He said they will fund up to 50%, including administration.

The meeting was reminded by the Chairperson that there had been a community meeting called by the GB Environment Centre.

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member McLellan
GB06/02/19**

THAT the GB Community Board reports the outcome of the Engineering Services Committee meeting to the GB Environment Centre, (following the presentation by Land Transport NZ), with the information that a subsidy of up to 50% is available for approved public transport operations, including administration.

CARRIED

Genetically Modified Organisms

Mr Askew reported that Council is currently working in conjunction with ERMA and looking at their policies before doing anything else. He said that detailed information had been received from other Councils following the Board's request.

**Moved Board member Bell/Cr Borlase
GB06/02/20**

**THAT the information on genetically modified organisms received from the inter-Council Working Group on GMOs be circulated to all Board members, who are then to report back to the March meeting with their comments.
CARRIED**

The Chair pointed out that what is required is a summary of principles to take to Council, as was initially suggested by Cr Borlase.

Extracts from Council Minutes

The Chair drew the Board's attention to an email (Pg 11) from Council's Steve Elkington regarding the widening of Meihana Street, which was in reply to a letter from a Meihana Street resident, Brian McKenna, about cyclists using the footpath. He pointed out that Meihana Street is recommended as part of the heavy traffic bypass.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Hill
GB06/02/21**

**THAT the GB Community Board recommends to Engineering Services that Meihana Street be widened to improve the carriageway width, as it is part of the recommended heavy traffic bypass, also there are two schools in the vicinity, and there is insufficient lane width with parking on the south side, and further, that the street is a designated cycleway in the Regional Cycling and Walkway Strategy.
CARRIED**

The Chair said that Mr Elkington had considered the points to be valid and the works could possibly be done under the maintenance contract.

Trading in Streets and Public Places Bylaw – Dispensation Request, Mr P Lyons

It was pointed out that there are issues regarding the consumption of food at the Te Waikoropupu Springs, and the matter needs to be considered under the Springs Management Plan.

Transfer of Four Wharves in Golden Bay

The Chair commented that it is important that the Board is informed of the outcome of the report by Mr Sangster before any action is finalised.

Concern was expressed about the Board giving its approval to the trust setup before Council approves the trust deeds, trustees etc; those things were considered to be the Board's responsibility to its community.

Concern was also expressed regarding the restoration and appropriate uses of the wharves.

The Chair pointed out that the Chief Executive Officer has suggested there be 'selected' and 'elected' trustees.

Cr Borlase commented that as it will be a registered charitable trust, it must have democratically elected trustees. He said he has an issue with the trust wanting management of the adjoining land, which is already 'accessible to the public'. Cr Borlase suggested the income from the Waitapu wharf was around \$3000 annually.

Mr Askew commented that it would cost quite a lot of money to repair the wharves; he also expressed concern about safety in their present state of disrepair. He said he has been instructed to liaise with the trustees and meet with them after 1st March 2006 with the matter going back to Council if there is a satisfactory outcome from the meeting.

Moved Cr Borlase/Board member McLellan GB06/02/22

THAT following the Service Centres Manager's discussions with the proposed trustees and the provision of a trust deed, the matter comes back to the GB Community Board for its consideration at the same time as it is considered by Council.

CARRIED

Visit to Regional Museum

The Board discussed available dates for its visit to the Regional Museum, along with members of the former Collingwood Trafalgar Society. Dates put forward were 28th March, 4th and 7th April. It was agreed to meet at the GB Service Centre at 8.30am.

Visit to Tarakohe

It was agreed that 9am on 3rd March 2006 be confirmed with the Port Tarakohe Ltd owners. Members to meet at the GB Service Centre.

Mr Askew reported that Georgina Beyer would be available to attend as guest speaker at the joint Motueka and GB Community Boards workshop on 22nd April 2006, in Motueka.

Mr Askew left the meeting at this point.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Jessica Miller – Thanks: School Prize-giving

This item was received earlier in the meeting.

4.2 Collingwood Trafalgar Society – Heritage Information Panel

This item was received earlier in the meeting.

4.3 S Elkington – Tangmere Road Maintenance

Cr Borlase said the letter was in response to a thank you letter from Sue Lindsay of Tangmere Road.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB06/02/23**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to Engineering Services thanking them for their on site meeting with Tangmere Road residents and the information provided.
CARRIED**

4.4 John Lee – Tetrapak Milk Containers

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase
GB06/02/24**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Meadowfresh expressing its concern that the tetrapak containers cannot be recycled and requesting that a recyclable alternative be used for all milk variations.

**Further, that a reply be sent to Mr Lee pointing out that this is a national problem, and that the milk vendor be approached prior to the letter to Meadowfresh being posted.
CARRIED**

4.5 Crown Minerals – Prospecting Permit Application : Bonaparte Diamond Mines

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

4.6 John Lee – Water Management : Acknowledgement

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

4.7 John Lee – Tasman ‘Newline The Mag’ – 1 December 1005 : Pohara Water Study

This item was received earlier.

Additions to Agenda

Donation from GB Community Board’s Discretionary Fund

**Moved Board members McLellan/Hill
GB06/02/25**

**THAT the GB Community Board approves a donation of \$100 to the GB Hospice service, in lieu of flowers on the death of Shirley Hayward.
CARRIED**

Mural for “Fresh Choice” Wall

Board member Gamby reported that it has been agreed that a mural be put on the large, blank wall of the Fresh Choice supermarket.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.25pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: