

MINUTES

TITLE: GB Community Board
DATE: 11th April 2006
TIME: 9.03am
VENUE: Golden Bay Service Centre Meeting Room, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka

PRESENT: J Bell (Chairperson), C McLellan (Deputy Chair), Crs N Riley (until 3.55pm), and S Borlase (until 4.33pm) and Board member L Gamby

IN ATTENDANCE: B Askew (Service Centres Manager), L Kennedy (Corporate Services Manager), J Frater (Property Manager), Brian Patterson (District Librarian), Jay Robinson (Takaka Librarian), N Heyes (Minute Secretary)

APOLOGIES

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member L Gamby
GB06/04/01**

**THAT the apology received from Board member N Hill be sustained.
CARRIED**

1 PUBLIC FORUM

Barry Cashman – reported on the work to date at the Pohara Band Rotunda; rusty pipes have been removed, holes plastered and painting carried out. He said there is now a BBQ table in the rotunda (relocatable), and that Mr Downes from Pakawau had donated \$100, which has been spent on paint. Mr Cashman said the foundation stone has also been refurbished. He expressed thanks to the people (Derry Kingston and Jeff Salmon) who had donated their time to the work on the rotunda.

Mr Cashman pointed out that the Pioneer memorial is run down; he said there is a small fund for refurbishing monuments and asked that it be cleaned, painted and the missing lead letters replaced. Council's Kathie Tohill is to look at it.

Mr Cashman expressed disappointment at the condition of the old Sicon yard; he said as agreed two years ago, the buildings have been removed, but the tidy-up work has not been done. Mr Cashman said the same applied to the ex-Waitapu Engineering site.

Mr Cashman also spoke about the stormwater pipe blockage behind the Museum that stops water draining from draining Commercial Street.

The Chairperson explained there is currently no finance to tidy up either carpark at the present time, and that he understood the blocked stormwater pipe was to have been unblocked.

He considered that the Tasman District Council Carpark Study could form one of the staff briefings.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Cashman on behalf of the Board and the wider community for the work on the band rotunda and said that the other issues would continue to be followed up on.

NgAng and Wendy De Maat – tabled a concept drawing and photo map for the safe walking access on Rototai Road, as discussed at the Board's March meeting. NgAng said he understood that \$40,000 had been put aside for 'maintenance' for the footpath; he asked if some of the DILs funding from the Field subdivision could be used also. He showed the Board the area along the footpath where landowner Theo Blyth had offered to move her boundary fence in and donate land for the footpath in return for enlarging two culverts on her land to assist with drainage. They answered questions from the Board.

The Chairperson thanked them and considered an on-site inspection is required and investigation into adding Mrs Blyth's land to the road reserve. It was agreed that Crs Riley and Borlase and Board member Hill meeting with the Service Centres Manager and the local residents, along with Council's Steve Elkington.

NgAng said he was willing to obtain signed agreement from Rototai Road residents.

Sara Chapman – on behalf of the Collingwood Volunteer Fire Brigade, spoke about the second fire at Mangarakau and the subsequent debrief, with a decision being made to hold a public community meeting at Mangarakau on Sunday 23rd April 2006 at 2.30pm. The Board has been invited, along with Fulton Hogan and the focus is to look at rural fire protection. A similar meeting is proposed for Milnthorpe residents later in the year.

Nicola Basham – tabled photographs of an area of road reserve between White Bridge and the Aorere Bridge where flaxes have been destroyed. She considered the destruction to be unnecessary.

The Chairperson explained that roadside flaxes had been an issue before; he said the maintenance contractors are required to keep the road verge trimmed for 3m from the roadside and they cannot 'cut' flax. He considered that removing them affected the aesthetics of the area and the Board would follow it up.

Penny Griffith – spoke about the lack of emergency radio broadcasts during power cuts; she said the power at Collingwood was off on the 2nd April and there was no National radio broadcast.

Cr Riley reported that Golden Bay Emergency Radio had just paid \$5000 for a generator that would automatically put the power back on within 15 seconds of a power cut, however the battery back-up that was in use on that day had obviously failed. He said he would look into it.

Sara Chapman said that when there is a power outage the Collingwood Fire Brigade dispatches a person to the fire station who raises the doors manually so the vehicles can be used in the event of a fire.

Board member McLellan – raised the matter of the suggested postponement of the Representation Review; she said the Board wants to know what Council's decision is as they do not want it put off until it is too late.

Mrs McLellan asked for an update on the motocross issue after Council makes its decision.

Mrs McLellan asked that a 'thank you' card be sent to the Provincial Museum including comments expressing the Board's confidence in the museum. The Chairperson said he had phoned and left a message of thanks with Wayne Marriott.

Rosemary Jorgensen – noted that Abbeyfield matters are on the agenda; she said Abbeyfield is needing to cost cut and may take out solar water heating. Ms Jorgensen asked whether a special loan could be raised to ensure solar water heating is installed.

Board member Gamby – said a Clifton resident had expressed concern that he could travel at 74km past the Motupipi School without incurring a traffic infringement.

The Chairperson said the Board had raised the matter of school zones in its submission to the Speed Limit Review.

Cr Borlase – asked that a letter from the Board go to the Motocross Protocol committee saying the trial time is up and requesting an update.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 GB Community Board meeting held 14th March 2006

Moved Crs Riley/Borlase
GB06/04/02

THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 14th March 2006, (containing resolutions GB06/03/01 – GB06/03/29) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Board member McLellan said that the GB Community Board minutes give a very good picture of what is discussed. The Chairperson pointed out the provision in Standing Orders is the minimum requirement for minutes and that full minutes provide a greater understanding and record of the issues. The Board thanked the Minute Secretary, Nancy Heyes, for the excellent minutes provided.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB06/04/03**

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

CARRIED

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairperson's Report

Anzac Day Representation

**Moved Crs Borlase/Riley
GB06/04/04**

THAT Cr Riley represent the Board at the Takaka Anzac Services, and Cr Borlase and Board member McLellan at Collingwood.

CARRIED

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority Annual Forum

With regard to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority Annual Forum, Cr Borlase asked whether an increase in the amount paid for power being put into the national grid was discussed; he said currently 2 cents a unit is paid. The Chairperson said that Council has taken the matter forward.

The meeting discussed possible incentives for people to install solar panels when building, including being paid 6 cents a unit if surplus power is put into the national grid.

The Service Centres Manager commented that under the Building Act, a building consent is required to put in solar water heating, and it was pointed out that charges vary from council to council - \$300 - \$1200.

It was suggested that solar water heating is now an affordable option for most people and would be a great saving on people's power account; it was further suggested that Council could assist with this.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.34am and 10.52am.

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase
GB06/04/05**

1. **THAT the GB Community Board requests Council support an Energy Conservation Plan to incorporate all energy conservation measures and allowing for building consents to be charged at a nominal rate of (say \$5) for installation of solar water heating. This to run for an initial period of say three years.**
2. **That the GB Community Board, together with Council, continues to lobby Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) and local MPs to make energy conservation measures affordable and attainable.**
3. **THAT the GB Ward be approved by Council as a pilot scheme area for such initiatives.**

CARRIED

Staff Briefing – Rob Smith : Envirolink and Marine Management Plan

Mr Smith explained the Envirolink Fund of \$1.6M that enables councils to seek advice from research providers. Funds are allocated by way of small (<\$5,000) and medium (\$<20,000) advice grants, and Tasman District Council has asked for 14 small advice grants so far.

Mr Smith said that the criteria for applying for the grants are that the information being asked for is not Council's normal business, and that the advice must be sought from one of the listed providers. Mr Smith said Envirolink is a two-year trial, and is only open to 9 "less well-funded" councils. He said Council has received information on trawling effects in the Coastal Marine Area, which includes Golden Bay.

The third fund of \$20,000 to \$500,000 is open to all councils and is to fund new projects where there is no information available elsewhere.

The Chairperson commented that the Board is working on a marine management plan for Golden Bay in conjunction with the Environment Centre and that six of the listed items would be compatible with the marine management plan project.

Mr Smith said the three coastal items on the list of requested advice would be of value to Golden Bay.

He reported that funding from Central Government will enable increased monitoring in the Motupipi Catchment under the Clean Streams Accord.

Alteration to Order of Agenda

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Andy Clark Architectural Design : Abbeyfield House Development – Golden Bay

The Chairperson pointed out that the Reserve DILs had already been paid and will be taken off the amount owing.

Mr Clark said there is \$2800 to be refunded, however, they are still objecting to the number of HUDs for sewerage and roading. They are being charged 4 HUDs for sewerage = \$6970; he considered 2 HUDs to be reasonable. They are also being charged 3 HUDs for roading = \$6600. Mr Clark said they have paid \$125 to appeal the decision and are asking for Board support for that appeal.

Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase GB06/04/06

**THAT the GB Community Board supports the request by Abbeyfield for a reconsideration of the development levies proposed to be charged and a reduction as set out in the Abbeyfield submission.
CARRIED**

5. OTHER

5.1 Takaka Library – Report by Community Services Manager

Lloyd Kennedy, Jim Frater, Brian Patterson and Jay Robinson joined the meeting at 11.45am. Mr Robinson tendered an apology from Geoff Rennison of the Friends of the Takaka Library; he said Mr Rennison is in support of the new library.

Mr Frater tabled the proposed floor plan and two coloured artist's impressions of the new library. Mr Kennedy spoke to the decision-making process notes previously tabled.

Mr Patterson explained that international and national standards on libraries are worked out on a population basis. He said that the required number of books cannot fit in the present Takaka library and facilities for children and young readers are not adequate. In reply to a question from the Board, Mr Patterson said that children like to 'hang out' in the library after school and use the available material.

Mr Frater said that if the present library building was extended, it would need to be built higher, due to flooding levels.

The meeting discussed future extensions, which would be possible on the new library. The various options of buying an existing building, or leasing a building, were discussed; Mr Frater considered neither option was really viable.

Mr Robinson said the meeting room was taken out of the proposed plan in order to keep costs down.

Mr Frater said the proposal as presented may cost more than \$750,000, but should be less than \$800,000, 'set up and ready to go'.

In reply to a question regarding any interest in leasing the 'old' library, Mr Frater said there are two people interested in a long term lease.

Board member McLellan said people would be delighted about the inclusion of a parents' room; she said Plunket would be happy to do fundraising towards decoration of that room. She also thanked Mr Robinson and the staff for allowing the library to be used by nursing mothers.

The Chairperson commented that the Board has supported the new library in principle; now the funding needs to be worked out and options brought back to the Board, including whether funding from GB DILs is needed.

In reply to Cr Borlase asking for the meeting room to be put back in the plan, Mr Kennedy asked for a recommendation from the Board in support of the project and for GB DILs to be available perhaps for the meeting room, parents' room and landscaping.

With regard to the RSA memorial at the present library, Mr Frater reported that the RSA has asked that the memorial be transferred to the new library.

**Moved Board member Bell/Cr Borlase
GB06/04/07**

THAT the GB Community Board supports Council proceeding with the new library project, with funding to be determined and the meeting room extension to be priced in; and if there is any shortfall in funds that consideration be given to this coming from the Golden Bay DILs account.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for lunch between 12.33pm and 1.17pm.

3.1 Chairperson's Report Cont.

Abbeyfield Accessway

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB06/04/08**

THAT the GB Community Board supports the request to increase the Council's share towards forming the accessway from Commercial Street to the Abbeyfield site and Lake Killarney, to the up-to-date costing of \$49,170 and that this be funded from the Golden Bay DILs account.

CARRIED

It was agreed that the Service Centres Manager follow up the matter of recommendation GB05/12/16, regarding bridging finance for a loan to Abbeyfield of \$50,000 from Golden Bay DILs and that the matter be put in the Board's Action List.

Rural Rating Concerns

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase
GB06/04/09**

THAT the GB Community Board refers the concerns expressed by the ratepayers to Tasman District Council, Local Government NZ and Central Government, with a view to determining a fairer more viable way of funding local government.

Further, that information be requested from Richmond on the trends in rural, urban/residential and coastal rates within the Tasman District, with figures specific to the Golden Bay Ward, if these can be extrapolated.

CARRIED

Cr Riley rejoined the meeting at this point, being 1.28pm.

Tarakohe Accounts

The Chairperson explained that there will be an 'in committee' briefing of the Board, and a visit to Tarakohe prior to returning to the meeting.

Affordable Housing

The Chairperson considered that the reporting of the split Community Services Committee decision regarding the Takaka Council cottages by the media was, perhaps, too negative and called on the Ward councillors present to comment.

Cr Riley commented that a representative of the Trust and Housing NZ presented the matter to the committee. Concerns were expressed by the committee, also the possible illegality of Council using the cottages in such a way. He said that the committee did not have the requested information from the Chief Executive and did not want to make a decision without it. Cr Riley said that the various questions asked by councillors are in the process of being clarified and that hopefully at the next meeting the Community Services Committee would be able to make an informed decision. He also suggested the possibility of the matter needing to go out for public consultation under the Council's Significance Policy.

Cr Borlase said that the matter is with Council's solicitor, Warwick Heal and information would be available for the full Council meeting on 20th April 2006. He said he has been addressing councillors' concerns and felt that was successful with the exception of the Mayor who does not want housing divested from Council.

Cr Borlase said that currently the Trust is seeking funding from four different agencies.

The Chairperson commented that the original Council cottages were funded by Government and the new ones by loan through the BNZ and money from the sale of the old cottages.

National Energy Strategy

Following discussion on how effective forums are in bringing about change, it was

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Riley
GB06/04/10**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Local Government NZ supporting the need for a National Fuel Crises and Climate Change Forum and suggesting following the forum a team travel the country presenting the options from the forum to local communities.

CARRIED

The Chairperson drew the Board's attention to the Summary of current defined roles of Tasman District community boards on the agenda.

3.2 Service Centres Manager's Report

Didymo Signage

**Moved Board member Bell/Cr Borlase
GB06/04/11**

THAT the GB Community Board refers the matter of Didymo signage on the

**Takaka Hill to Biosecurity NZ.
CARRIED**

Ex Environment Centre Property

It was suggested that perhaps some DILs funding could be used towards the purchase of the ex Environment Centre property.

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Borlase
GB06/04/12**

THAT the GB Community Board requests Council to make an offer of what it is prepared to pay for the ex Environment Centre property, and determines ways the purchase could be funded.

CARRIED

Energy Issues

The Service Centres Manager reported that he had received a reply from the Chief Executive Officer regarding the Board's recommendation GB06/03/23 and it would be on the Board's May agenda.

Cr Borlase said he had attended an alternative fuel 'talk fest'; he said it was a very interesting meeting with a speaker talking about methods being used in Europe of extracting the 'nasties' out of effluent.

Colouring Competition

Board member McLellan said she has purchased most of the prizes, however, she is still to purchase some prizes and would be asking for the money pledged at the last meeting.

Staff Briefings

Following discussion it was

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB06/04/13**

THAT the GB Community Board seek staff briefings on:

- 1. The Water Resources Inventory**
- 2. Solar panels**
- 3. Freedom Camping – seasonal debrief**
- 4. Safe walking accesses, including site visits**

Further, that future staff briefings include an update on aquaculture, vehicles on beaches etc, building costs/levies/compliance, waste water (septic tanks), rivers, and a further briefing on Golden Bay soils.

CARRIED

4. Correspondence Cont.

4.1 Andy Clark Architectural Design : Abbeyfield House Development

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

4.2 Department of Conservation : Bonaparte Diamond Mines

in conjunction with

4.3 Ministry of Economic Development – Crown Minerals : GBCB Submission

**Moved Board member Bell/Cr Borlase
GB06/04/14**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Nelson Marlborough Conservation Board advising its concerns about the Bonaparte application.

CARRIED

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB06/04/15**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Minister of Conservation seeking urgent legislative change to enable much wider community consultation on issues such as the Bonaparte Diamond Mines application, with copies to Council's E & P Manager, Harry Duynhoven Minister of Energy.

CARRIED

4.4 Golden Bay Pony Club : Possible Relocation of SPCA Cages

4.5 Riding for the Disabled : Possible Relocation of SPCA Cages

Items 5.4 and 5.5 were discussed in tandem.

**Moved Crs Riley/Borlase
GB06/04/16**

THAT the GB Community Board advises Community Services that the Board accepts the concerns from the GB Pony Club and Riding for the Disabled that the

grounds they lease are not a suitable site for the SPCA cages.
CARRIED

**Moved Cr Riley/Board member Gamby
GB06/04/17**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to both the GB Pony Club and Riding for the Disabled thanking them for their letters and advising them that the Board will not be pursuing the possible use of their grounds for the SPCA cages.
CARRIED**

Cr Borlase raised the old Rototai dump as a possible site for the SPCA cages.

**Moved Crs Borlase/Riley
GB06/04/18**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Engineering Services requesting whether the Rototai dump property could be tidied up and used as a SPCA location.

4.6 Goodman Fielder : Tetrapak Milk Containers

There was some discussion regarding responsibility for the end result of the tetrapak milk containers.

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Riley
GB06/04/19**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to Goodman Fielder thanking them for their letter and expressing the Board's satisfaction that the tetrapak containers can be recycled and asking them to offer the recycling of the product so they can continue to sell it in Golden Bay.
CARRIED**

6. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

The Chairperson read the matter to be considered in committee, the reason for passing the resolution and the grounds.

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Borlase
GB06/04/20**

THAT the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Port Tarakohe

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for passing this resolution are as follows:

Subject	Reasons	Grounds
Port Tarakohe	Commercial Update	To enable the Local Authority to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.35pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

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