

MINUTES

TITLE: GB Community Board
DATE: 9th May 2006
TIME: 9.00am
VENUE: GB Service Centre Meeting Room

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Askew (Service Centres Manager), N Heyes (Minute Secretary) and members of the Press and Public

The Chairperson read an explanation of the quilt hanging on the meeting room wall that depicted Abel Tasman's arrival in Golden Bay in 1642. The quilt had been made by six people over an 8 month period.

Tarakohe Harbour Manager, Alan Kilgour, reported the quilt had been taken to the Mystery Creek Field days and had received a lot of praise.

It was reported that there is another similar quilt hanging in the GB Museum.

In reply to a question, the Service Centres Manager said that Liza Eastman, the quilt's designer, wanted it to go to Richmond to be hung in the main foyer of the re-vamped building.

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Riley/Borlase
GB06/05/01

THAT the apology from Board member Hill be sustained.
CARRIED

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Julia Griffiths and Penny Griffith - attended to speak about the Old Collingwood Post Office; Julia Griffiths was introduced as the new owner. Penny Griffith said Collingwood would celebrate the centenary commemoration of the Old Collingwood Post Office in July this year; she tabled information on the events and associated activities planned to mark the occasion. Ms Griffith said it is hoped that most events would be self-funding

but that they had asked for some funding and the Tasman District Council Heritage Subcommittee had allocated two grants of \$200.

Julia Griffiths said she is delighted to be in the old building that is so respected by the community.

Penny Griffith raised the matter of rubbish being left on the roadside adjacent to the Ngarua Caves on the Takaka Hill.

The Chairperson reported that the Transit NZ Maintenance Contract has a 'rubbish' component in it; the Board will follow it up. The Service Centres Manager said he would take photos on the way home and talk to Engineering Services.

Alan Kilgour – spoke from the aspect of being a school bus driver; he said the road from Pohara to Wainui is much safer and he congratulated the community board for pushing for safety on all Golden Bay roads. Mr Kilgour said the modification of the 'hole in the rock' has made that piece of road much safer. He asked that the Board carries on the good work. Mr Kilgour said he would like to see the speed limit lowered to a maximum of 70kmph beyond Pohara.

The Chair said the Board did have concerns about the consent process of enlarging the hole in the rock and that the speed limit was confirmed at 100kmph through that stretch of road when the rock modifications were being considered. He suggested that if Mr Kilgour and other school bus drivers were to write and support reduced speed limits past schools and elsewhere then this would help the Board in its efforts. Mr Kilgour supported this suggestion and said that another issue is motorists not observing the 20kmph speed limit past stationary school buses when they are collecting or dropping children off.

Julia Griffiths mentioned that in Australia they have school zones with a speed restriction of 40kmph when children are arriving at and leaving school but the signage can be a distraction to motorists.

Nicola Basham – spoke about comments in newspaper articles that talked about 'scrapping the recycling'. She said Council is a service provider and people are taxed for that service.

The Chairperson explained the issue is one of cost and whether the cost is fairly spread.

Cr Riley said the councillors had looked at recycling in action; he said there were trucks coming into the Richmond transfer station with mixed rubbish and it just went straight down the chute. Cr Riley said cost and income is not balancing out – there is a deficit; he considered the recycle rate should be around \$110.

It was suggested that perhaps the people who do not sort their rubbish could be penalised. It was pointed out that originally the cost of rubbish bags was to be \$1.85.

Cr Borlase pointed out that the trucks with the unsorted rubbish were private contractors; he said \$104 is \$2 a week – he understood that private contractors charge about \$7 a week to collect people's rubbish. He said Tasman District and Nelson City councils' charges need to be comparable to stop people taking their rubbish to Nelson's landfill.

It was suggested that both councils get together to talk about charges and that there is a disincentive for people who do not recycle.

The Chairperson commented that people should be making submissions to the LTCCP about recycling and the bag fee.

Nicola Bashman pointed out that a lot of the plastics that are used for packaging are not recyclable; for example, the foam trays that the supermarket uses to pack meat, also plastics with the numbers 3,4,5 and 6; she asked whether an approach could be made to the supermarket with the request that they use something recyclable.

The Chairperson replied that the Board had written to Goodman Fielder asking them to recycle their tetrapack containers.

NgAng – spoke about the Rototai Road footpath; he said most landowners have been approached and agree with the concept. He pointed out that at one point the road is actually on Theo Blyth's land.

Sara Chapman – thanked Cr Riley and Board Chair Bell for attending the Mangarakau fire prevention meeting. She said the Fire Service report has been submitted and includes community concerns; recommendations have now gone forward – some for Council, some for Department of Conservation and some for the Fire Service. Ms Chapman said another meeting is to be held at Milnthorpe, which will include civil defence aspects and evacuation procedures.

Ms Chapman gave the Board an update on the Aorere Centre; she spoke to and tabled reports for the Community Services Committee from both the GB Heritage Aorere Trust and the Community Services Manager. She commented that while the proposal has been endorsed by the Community Board, the Collingwood Museum will not give their approval as lessees. Ms Chapman read the minutes from the last GB Heritage Aorere Trust meeting, that was seeking to change from the original lean-to to a stand alone structure and asking for financial assistance of about \$10,000. She read Council's resolution that the Collingwood Museum Society lease be investigated by the Property Manager, with the aim of resolving the need for permission from the Society to add a lean-to onto the TDC building housing the Collingwood Museum and the matter be reported back to the Community Services Committee.

Alan Vaughan – commented about the digging up of flaxes between White Bridge and the Aorere Bridge; he maintained that it occurred because the flax leaves wrap around the contractor's mower blades but the digging up was unnecessary.

Mr Vaughan also commented on the Service Centres Manager's visit to the Collingwood marine farms; he said the problems regarding the renewal of permits have been resolved.

Mr Vaughan commented on the insufficient lighting in the meeting room; the Service Centres Manager replied that eco friendly bulbs are being ordered.

Dave Whittaker – considered that Council is trying to put people off recycling. He also pointed out that the large roadside signs prior to the turnoff to the Takaka Transfer Station read: "Refuse Recycling" – a message that is somewhat confusing. Mr Whittaker considered a lot of money is being wasted by bad management; he said greenery that was to be composted is now being carted out of Golden Bay.

The Chairperson commented that all the recycling issues needed to be explored through the LTCCP process.

Sara Chapman – reported that the Collingwood Fire Brigade has received its rescue equipment and would embark on some serious training. She said that about 45% of the money for the gear had come from the Collingwood marine farmers and the GB Lions; a demonstration of the equipment would be advertised through the GB Weekly.

Board member McLellan asked for information as to whether greenery is leaving the Bay; Cr Borlase said he would look into it.

Board member McLellan – said she would like the Board to pass on its congratulations to Harry and Mavis Riley on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary; Mr Riley had previously been Chairman of the GB County Council.

Mrs McLellan also asked that good wishes be sent to the miners in Beaconsfield expressing the Board's happiness in the rescue.

It was agreed that both those requests be carried out.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 GB Community Board meeting held 11th April 2006

**Moved Crs Riley/Borlase
GB06/05/02**

THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 11th April 2006, (containing resolutions GB06/04/01 – GB06/04/20) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

2.2 In-committee Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held 11th April 2006

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby
GB06/05/03**

THAT the In committee Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 11th April 2006 (containing resolutions GB06/05/21 – GB06/05/22) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

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

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

CARRIED

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairperson's Report

Totally Local Easter Fair

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

THAT a letter be sent to the organisers of the Totally Local Easter Fair expressing the Board's congratulations on a hugely successful event and asking whether it is to be an annual fair.

CARRIED

Tarakohe Archway

The Board discussed the process for the removal of rock at the Tarakohe archway; it was generally agreed that if it is an iconic feature it should have been a notified application.

The Service Centres Manager pointed out that the 'hole in the rock' is not regarded as important in the Tasman Resource Management Plan, however, it was generally agreed that if it was a matter of special significance to the community it should be notified; the Chairman commented that there are clauses in the RMA and Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan that covered such a case.

Cr Riley considered that the while the RMA did cover it, it was fairly 'broad', and that iconic features in Golden Bay should be being looked at and noted.

It was pointed out that the Board had already stated its position regarding work on the 'hole in the rock' and for it not to be consulted was considered to be high-handed.

**Moved Board members Bell/Gamby
GB06/05/06**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Tasman District Council CEO expressing strong concern about the process by which consent was issued and the non notification of the affected/interested parties that this had happened and requires, as a matter of policy, that meaningful consultation and communication is entered into with the Golden Bay community in future and where proposals concerning iconic features are made that these are in accord with the relevant parts of the Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan and the provisions of S94C(2) of the RMA which provides for notification if special circumstances exist.
CARRIED**

Cr Borlase asked that 'iconic features' be included on the Board's next workshop agenda.

RMA Making Good Decisions Accreditation

Cr Borlase explained that part of the reason for the voting down of the Board's request for members to attend a seminar on RMA Making Good Decisions was that it was mistakenly supposed that it was a refresher course; it was not mentioned in the staff report that it was a new accreditation.

The Chairperson asked that enquiries be made as to when there is another accreditation course and the Board asks again for permission for interested members to attend.

Community Board Delegations

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB06/05/07**

**THAT a letter be sent to CEO RG Dickinson asking when delegations to the Community Boards would be considered.
CARRIED**

Golden Bay Wharves

The Board discussed whether the matter should again be referred to Council for consideration of the implications of not retaining the wharves.

Cr Borlase commented that a private trust is proposed that is prepared to repair the wharves and will allow full and free access to them. Discussion followed on the ownership of the wharves; it was pointed out that legal advice said the wharves belong to the Department of Conservation. It was pointed out that this was only by default.

Board member McLellan said she would like DOC to talk to the Board about how they are going to administer the wharves in conjunction with the proposed Trust.

Moved Crs Riley/Borlase
GB06/05/08

THAT the GB Community Board request that the Department of Conservation develops a management plan for the administration of the Golden Bay wharves.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.41am and resumed at 11am.

Joseph Thomas (Resource Scientist Water

Mr Thomas joined the meeting to brief the Board about the Takaka Water Resource Inventory.

The Chairperson reported that since the drought broke three weeks ago, about 20.5 inches of rain has fallen at Milnthorpe.

Mr Thomas agreed that Takaka water resources have been to the forefront this past summer. He tabled and spoke to a report and map of the Takaka water management catchment, as background to the water resource inventory.

Mr Thomas commented that the present rules to manage water are very general. He said when farmers apply for irrigation permits they provide farm management plans and are allocated water accordingly.

He spoke about the public process to produce a Takaka Water Management Programme Plan. He said Council is committed to producing the plan and would like the support of the GB Community Board.

The Chairperson commented on people's concerns over the last summer regarding water use.

Mr Thomas considered that it had been one of the more severe droughts in Golden Bay and that it is very timely that Council progresses the plan; he said water is a public resource and while Council must manage the use of water the plan requires community input to improve the uses and values put on water.

In reply to a question he explained why the water used for irrigation purposes does not necessarily return to the aquifer. He explained that water returning to the aquifer means too much is being put on which leaches the nutrients from the soil.

Mr Thomas explained that the K-line system of irrigation runs 24 hours a day because the lines need to be shifted to cover the paddocks incrementally. He said it is a very efficient system and that orchards would use more water than dairy farmers on some occasions. He said he would like to take the Board to a farm that has K-line irrigation and have the farmer explain the system to them.

Mr Thomas said the taking of water is a Discretionary Activity; it goes to the panel and has to 'stack up' on its merits. He said people who have existing consents will also be subject to the new plan, with the exception of the Cobb dam – they have a consent for 35 years, however they have a minimum operating level (slightly above the intake), and a maximum operating level for dam safety.

In reply to a question about trade-able water rights making some land very valuable, Mr Thomas explained that currently people 'transfer' water between themselves (Council is not involved); however, if Government asks Council to put a value on the water it would then become a commodity which may become tradable. He said government is very keen to see councils recover money from water resources.

Concern was expressed about rights being traded away from the property they were assigned to and that the fisheries quota system provided an example of the dangers in doing this.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Thomas for his briefing and said the Board would welcome the opportunity to be involved in the consultation.

3.1 Chair's Report Cont.

Abbeyfield Finances

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member McLellan
GB06/05/09**

THAT the GB Community Board requests that the \$50,000 bridging finance advance to Abbeyfield from the Golden Bay DILs account (pending other Tasman District Council funding) be replaced as soon as practicable to enable it to be used for other Golden Bay projects.

CARRIED

Combined Boards' Forum

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Borlase
GB06/05/10**

THAT a letter of thanks be sent to Georgina Beyer, Stephen Phillips and Kerry Marshall for being prepared to give up part of their weekend to informatively engage with the community boards, and further that a vote of thanks be made to the Service Centres Manager for all his work and that of the staff in putting on the forum.

CARRIED

Foreshore Protection

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Riley
GB06/05/11**

THAT the GB Community Board recommends those groups planning measures to mitigate coastal erosion, consult with the Tasman District Council Reserves Department and suggest that coast care using native pingau and spinifex may be most appropriate.

CARRIED

LTCCP Draft

The Board agreed to meet on Friday 12th May at 9am to prepare a submission to the Draft LTCCP.

Golden Bay Planning

Tentative dates of Friday 26th May at 9.30am or Tuesday 30th May were agreed upon.

Takaka Carparking Study

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Borlase
GB06/05/12**

THAT the GB Community Board requests that the Takaka Carparking Study be revived and distributed for consideration by the Board for its June meeting, with a recommendation to be forwarded to Council.

Further, that the matter of Takaka carparking be flagged for discussion at the Board's workshop to prepare a submission to the Draft LTCCP.

CARRIED

Alteration to Order of Agenda

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.3 GB Museum Society – Request for Representation

Cr Riley said he has been the Board's representative to the GB Museum Society for a number of years and has seen some changes in that time, including the alteration of the constitution which is presently being dealt with. Cr Riley considered that rules were there to be obeyed and because of this viewpoint had fallen out with some committee members. He said he has been kept up to date via emails and would attend meetings if necessary. Cr Riley said he would step down if someone else wants to be the representative.

In reply to a question as to whether he can effectively do the job given the circumstances, Cr Riley believed he could.

Board members supported Cr Riley continuing in the position; Board member McLellan pointed out that she does not attend all the meetings of her committees, but is available if they need anything.

It was agreed that the Board notify the GB Museum Society that Cr Riley remains the Board's representative on that committee.

3. Reports Cont.

3.2 Cr Borlase – Tata Beach Frontage

**Moved Crs Borlase/Riley
GB06/05/13**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Tasman District Council requesting that a review of the 2001 Tata Beach Management Plan be undertaken giving full cognizance to the continual threat to the reserve area, safety, and the legal issues of allowing cars to continue to use part of the Esplanade Strip as at present.

CARRIED

3.3 Service Centres Manager's Report

Didymo Signage

The Service Centres Manager read and tabled a letter from Biosecurity NZ regarding its position of not erecting roadside signage, however, Biosecurity NZ offered support to the GB Community Board if it wished to encourage freshwater users to 'check, clean and dry' their gear.

Port Tarakohe Tunnel

The Chairperson reported that Council's Corporate Services meeting would be held in Golden Bay on Thursday at the Pohara Boat Club; he hoped some members would attend and it would be an opportunity to view the Tarakohe Wharf and Archway and Ligar Bay road works. Mr Bell commented that the citizenship ceremony would be held during that meeting.

The Board asked why the citizenship ceremony was being carried out at the Corporate Services meeting instead of on the board meeting day, as has been the practice.

The Service Centres Manager was asked to enquire into the matter.

3.4 Community Services Manager's Report – DILs Funding : Takaka Memorial Library

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member McLellan
GB06/05/14**

THAT the GB Community Board recommends to the Community Services Committee that a contribution of \$120,000.00 be made from the Golden Bay Reserve DILs to the new Takaka Memorial Library with \$70,000 to come from the current balance and \$50,000 to be refunded from the Abbeyfield bridging loan.

Cr Riley considered the library would cost over one million dollars; Cr Borlase said he understood the parents' room and carparking is included in the \$750,000, but not the meeting room.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

4. Correspondence Cont.

4.1 Pohara Beach Boating Club

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB06/05/15**

THAT the GB Community Board supports efforts by the Pohara Beach Boating Club to attain and improve cell phone coverage in the eastern Golden Bay area and that the Board informs the club and Telecom NZ of this support.

CARRIED

4.2 RG Dickinson – Increasing Fuel Costs

It was considered that Mr Dickinson had misunderstood the Board's request for information.

The Board discussed the fact that increased fuel prices are already having an effect both on home help service providers and by people having to do without other things.

It was agreed that instead of enquiring again from the CEO, that the Board wait and sees what happens. Discussions focussed on the economy of a shopping bus, car pooling and provision of a couple of mini buses. The Board has previously supported a fuel cost study by Local Government New Zealand because this is a national issue.

4.3 Golden Bay Museum Society – Request for Board Representation

This item of correspondence was discussed earlier.

4.4 Pohara Beach Boating Club – Honorary Launch Wardens

This item of correspondence was received earlier in the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.41pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: