

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Golden Bay Community Board  
**DATE:** Tuesday 10 October 2006  
**TIME:** 9.00 am  
**VENUE:** Golden Bay Service Centre Meeting Room, Takaka

**PRESENT:** J Bell (Chair), C McLellan, L Gamby, M Symmons, Crs N Riley and S J Borlase

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Motueka Community Board Chair (C Satherley), Service Centres Manager (B Askew), Minute Secretary (V M Gribble)

## 1. PUBLIC FORUM

### 1.1 Ms L Milne and Mr L Naughton, Department of Labour

Ms Milne advised that Department of Labour staff are in the Bay for several days to check on health and safety issues and employment contracts with local businesses.

### 1.2 Ms S Chapman

Ms Chapman spoke about the Takaka Eastern Golden Bay Growth Strategy and noted that the submission period has been extended.

### 1.3 Mr D Whitaker

Mr Whitaker advised that Golden Bay Futures has considered the Takaka Eastern Golden Bay Growth Strategy in great detail and has submitted on it. He asked about plans for the old Rototai dump which he noted has been tidied up.

Mr Askew advised the area will be grassed and grazed.

### 1.4 Mrs C McLellan

Mrs McLellan commented on the Anatoki Track road bridge that Council has advised is unsafe and must be removed. The residents are prepared to try and fund a new bridge. They have asked the Board to negotiate with Department of Conservation for a contribution.

Cr Borlase said the bridge was non-consented and is on Council road reserve land. Council has written to residents advising that it will be removed.

Mrs McLellan said the Motupipi Street Car Park is not up to standard and asked that it be tidied up before Christmas 2006.

Mrs McLellan advised that \$1,000 had been received from Grants from Rates towards purchasing the Abel Tasman Quilt and they are awaiting a decision from

Creative Communities. If funding is not received from Creative Communities they will apply to the Arts Council for funding.

Mrs McLellan congratulated Rural Women on re-launching Rural Bulletin. She tabled a letter she had written to NZ Post concerning the loss of a post code for Bainham.

### **1.5 NgAng**

NgAng spoke about the Rototai walkway and cycleway and he tabled a site plan which is being sent to Roading Engineer, S Elkington. He advised that Golden Bay Futures sent a letter to the Environment and Planning Committee requesting that discretionary activity resource consents in Golden Bay be publicly notified until the completion of the plan changes are approved and that the Golden Bay Community Board be advised of all consent applications received. A reply had been received advising that consents could be advertised in the Golden Bay Weekly as well as the Nelson Mail, but that consent applications would not be sent to the Community Board. NgAng advised that Golden Bay Futures had submitted their petition for greater delegation for Community Boards to the Representation Review.

### **1.6 Mr D Kingston**

Mr Kingston commented on the controversy at Tarakohe with the tennis courts and basketball court. He said a meeting had been held three years ago when it was decided the third court could be used for basketball if there was a retractable backboard. He said then there turned out to be only two courts and basketball hoops were permanently installed which is now causing problems. He also commented on the removal of the mezzanine floor at the Pohara Hall which happened without consultation with the community. He encouraged the Board to look at the extension to the Nyhane Reserve at Ligar Bay.

### **1.7 Ms K Brownlie**

Ms Brownlie addressed the Board on the running of sporting fixtures for children. She said there is no touch rugby or other sporting activities and the Athletic Club is trying to get restarted in the Bay. She asked if a Hillary Sports Commission co-ordinator could be employed for the Bay.

Board member McLellan said there is money from SPARC to help funding for travel to sports events. She advised there is a "Way 2 Go" co-ordinator in Takaka and suggested that Mike Tasman-Jones be invited to a future Board meeting to discuss the issues and that the Community Board support Ms Brownlie in her endeavours.

Cr Riley undertook to arrange a meeting between Mike Tasman-Jones and Ms Brownlie.

### **1.8 Mrs J Vaughan**

Mrs Vaughan advised that DOC has found a number of settlements of Brown Mudfish in Mangarakau. She suggested that the tennis court and basketball court problem at Pohara is an example of a local issue which should be delegated to the Golden Bay Community Board to sort out. Mrs Vaughan also commented on the Boffa Miskell

study that had been undertaken that has not yet been adopted by Council, which means the coastline is very vulnerable.

**2. SPEAKING RIGHTS – C SATHERLEY**

**Moved Crs Riley/Borlase  
GB06/10/01**

**THAT Mr C Satherley be granted speaking rights at this meeting.  
CARRIED**

**3. LATE ITEMS**

**Moved Board Member C McLellan/Cr Borlase  
GB06/10/02**

**THAT the following late items be received:**

- **Golden Bay Garden Competition**
- **Golden Bay A & P TDC Show stand attendance**
- **Long Plain Road Bridge**

**CARRIED**

**4. RECEIPT OF REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**Moved Board Member L Gamby/Cr Borlase  
GB06/10/03**

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

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**5.1 Golden Bay Community Board, 12 September 2006**

Community Board Member M Symmons to be noted as being present at this meeting.

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board Member McLellan  
GB06/10/04**

**THAT the minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board held on 12 September 2006, containing resolutions numbered GB06/09/01 to GB06/09/31, as amended, be confirmed as a true and complete record of the proceedings of that meeting.  
CARRIED**

**5.2 Golden Bay Community Board Meetings, Pohara, Collingwood, Takaka**

**Moved Board Member McLellan/Cr Borlase  
GB06/10/05**

**THAT the minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board Community meetings held at Collingwood, Pohara and Takaka during September 2006 be received.  
CARRIED**

**6. REPORTS**

**6.1 Chairperson's Report**

**6.1.1 Community Board Portfolios**

The Board discussed the portfolios. It was agreed that Mainstreet would be amalgamated with Golden Bay Promotions.

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board Member L Gamby  
GB06/10/06**

**THAT the portfolios previously held by Board Member Hill be transferred to Board Member Symmons.  
CARRIED**

**6.1.2 Pohara Hall Mezzanine Floor**

The Board considered correspondence from Lloyd Kennedy and Ron Lomas concerning the removal of the mezzanine floor at the Pohara Hall.

**Moved Board Members L Gamby/C McLellan  
GB06/10/07**

**THAT Golden Bay Community Board write to the Community Services Manager requesting consultation with Pohara hall users about the removal of the mezzanine floor and whether it should be reinstated and upgraded to resolve safety concerns.  
CARRIED**

The Chairperson said Pohara Hall is unique in that it is administered by Tasman District Council, not by a management committee. He suggested asking users of the hall if they were prepared to form a management committee.

**Moved Board Member J Bell/Cr Riley  
GB06/10/08**

**THAT Golden Bay Community Board identify user groups of Pohara Hall and suggest that they and the wider community consider re-establishing a hall**

**committee for that facility.**

**CARRIED**

### **6.1.3 Citizenship Ceremonies**

The Chairperson said requests had been received from members of the community for the Community Board to be more involved in Citizenship Ceremonies.

**Moved Board Members J Bell/C McLellan**

**GB06/10/09**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the Minister of Internal Affairs requesting that Community Board Chairpersons be added to the list of citizenship ceremony celebrants.**

**CARRIED**

### **6.1.4 Representation Review**

Submissions received have been sent to the Local Government Commission for hearing and consideration in due course and who would also acknowledge submissions.

### **6.1.5 Community Gardens**

During the recent visit of Lianne Nichols from the Ministry of Social Development possibilities for local initiatives were discussed. It was suggested developing a horticulture module between the Community Gardens and the Golden Bay High School. The purpose of this would be to provide training in the raising of native plant seedlings which would result in plants being available for riparian and coast care projects in the Bay.

Cr Borlase said the experts are at the community gardens and suggested that Glenn Thorn also be approached if necessary.

**Moved Crs Borlase/Riley**

**GB06/10/10**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board presents the idea of a plant nursery formally to Community Garden Trustees and Golden Bay High School.**

**CARRIED**

### **6.1.6 Water Heating**

Board Member Gamby was perturbed about comments made by Mayor Hurley at the last Community Board meeting about solar heating.

**Moved Board Members McLellan/Gamby**

**GB06/10/11**

**THAT Golden Bay Community Board supports Solar heating water systems and are interested in any way that this can be promoted within the Golden Bay**

area.  
**CARRIED**

Cr Riley left the meeting at 10.45 am.

## **6.2 SERVICE CENTRES MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **6.2.1 Rototai Landfill Site**

Mr Askew tabled and spoke to a memorandum received from Environment and Planning Manager concerning use of the Rototai landfill site by the SPCA. The memo advised that the Department is not in a position, nor is it seen as necessary, to conduct any further monitoring tests. Mr Askew said it would be good to be able to include a dog pound on the site.

Board Member Symmons said the site is still an option for SPCA and Jenny Easton said the site's suitability would depend on the type of buildings that would be used.

Board Member Gamby considered the site was too far out of town for a dog pound.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **7.1 Golden Bay Environment Centre Trust**

The agenda contained a letter from Golden Bay Environment Centre Trust seeking Board support for a proposed petrol-sharing scheme which could overcome the limitations for carpooling.

Board Member Gamby expressed concern about money changing hands with this initiative.

Mr Askew said once you take money, even as a donation, you are ostensibly performing the service of a taxi cab.

**Moved M Symmons/C McLellan**  
**GB06/10/12**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board supports in principle the idea of the Golden Bay Environment Centre Trust to establish hitching post sites, including two wooden benches at designated places in Commercial Street and Motupipi Street, Takaka, with the Trust to undertake appropriate consultation with adjacent property owners and Tasman District Council Engineering Services Department.**

**CARRIED**

### **7.2 Takaka Drama Society Inc**

A meeting will be held at the Community Centre on 17 October 2006 at 7.30 pm to discuss design features for a proposed new performing arts centre for Golden Bay.

**Moved Board Member L Gamby/Cr Borlase  
GB06/10/13**

**THAT Golden Bay Community Board responds to Mr Clem Randall, Convenor for the Steering Group for the new Golden Bay Playhouse by accepting an invitation for representatives to attend a public meeting proposed for 17 October 2006.**

**CARRIED**

**7.3 Jeff Woodward**

The agenda contained a letter from Jeff Woodward addressed to Mayor Hurley concerning the proposed Richmond Beautification project and asking for a poll to be conducted on the matter.

Cr Borlase advised that Council was made aware that Collingwood Streetscaping was only partially completed. He said Richmond is the centre of the District and it is looking shabby. He said people are elected to represent the community and it is not possible to hold a poll on every project.

Mr Satherley said the matter was discussed at the last Motueka Community Board meeting where it was mentioned that Motueka streetscaping has not been finished. They supported spending the money in Richmond as long as Motueka and Golden Bay get their streetscaping finished.

**Moved Board Members L Gamby/C McLellan  
GB06/10/14**

**THAT Golden Bay Community Board passes the letter from J Woodward onto Engineering Services requesting that in light of the high capital cost involved that there be wider consultation on the proposed Richmond CBD project and further that the Board request that the partially completed Collingwood project be completed before the Richmond project commences.**

**CARRIED**

**7.4 Awaroa Inlet Association Inc**

The Association requested funding for a water tank to increase storage to the small scheme operated by the residents.

It was suggested that the Association be advised that the Torrent Bay scheme is a legacy from Waimea County Council.

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board Member C McLellan  
GB06/10/15**

**THAT Golden Bay Community Board writes to Awaroa Inlet Association stating that providing assistance for private water schemes would create a precedent for the Board which would be unfair to other groups. The Board acknowledges the important part that such schemes play in local communities and wishes the**

**Awaroa Association success in their initiative.**  
**CARRIED**

**8. GOLDEN BAY GARDEN COMPETITION**

It has been suggested that the competition be held in January 2007, instead of November 2006.

Cr Borlase suggested early December might be better as often in January there is a drought.

It was decided that judges would be appointed at the next Board meeting.

**Moved Board Member McLellan/Cr Borlase**  
**GB06/10/16**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board Garden Competition be held during the week commencing 4 December 2006.**  
**CARRIED**

**9. GOLDEN BAY A & P SHOW, 20 JANUARY 2007**

Cr Henry had requested Board Members to schedule times to be in attendance at the A & P Show. Board members indicated their availability to cover the 10-12, 12-2 and 2-4 durations.

**10. LONG PLAIN ROAD BRIDGE**

The Chairperson said if the bridge is safe it should be able to be used and if it is unsafe it should be closed. He said the bridge sits on shingle and not proper abutments and should be able to be fixed at a minimum cost.

Board Member McLellan said it has a notice saying it is unsafe.

Cr Borlase said it would take a lot to bring it up to Council standards.

Board Member Symmons said it is being used now more than ever and people use it rather than the ford. It is a dry creek for most of the year.

Board Member McLellan suggested writing to Engineering Services and advise that the residents are at present trying to raise the funds and ask for an extension of time and the residents be sent a copy of the letter also. She also asked that the Board approach Department of Conservation for a contribution after a meeting with the residents.



**Moved Board Members L Gamby/C McLellan  
GB06/10/17**

**THAT Golden Bay Community Board supports continuing negotiation of the two Ward Councillors with local residents and a meeting be held with them at 4.00 pm Monday 16 October 2006 regarding resolution of the situation of the Anatoki Track Road Bridge.  
CARRIED**

**11. HIGH SCHOOL CORNER**

Board Member Gamby advised that he is in contact with Police about the corner and will report back to the next Board meeting.

**12. STAFF BRIEFING – JEAN HODSON**

Ms Hodson was in attendance and addressed the Board.

Ms Hodson said the method within which Council has to deal with consent applications is controlled by the Resource Management Act. If effects are deemed to be more than minor an application has to be publicly notified. If less than minor, then we have to consider who affected parties are and to step over the procedure laid down in statute and make arbitrary decision to say all consents need to be advertised in Golden Bay would place unfair impact on applicants. It would be wrong to have a blanket policy that says the Golden Bay Community Board is an affected party for all discretionary consent applications.

The Chairperson noted that “minor” or “more than minor” is not defined. The Board was concerned that applications may come forward while it is developing the strategic plan and some, whilst discretionary, may conflict with the need to have a robust strategic plan for Golden Bay and consideration of them could compromise that plan.

Ms Hodson said there are guidelines in the Act and each case has to be determined. If there was a proposal in the rural zone for a big subdivision, policy and objectives would show that effects are more than minor.

Mr Askew said Council has to determine who is adversely affected, and make a judgement call based on case law and criteria in the RMA under due diligence. We have a process of checks and balances.

Cr Borlase left the meeting at 12 noon.

The Chairperson said notification of consents has been an issue. Tasman District Council seems to have a comparatively low number of notified consents.

Ms Hodson said this year there have been only a few hearings, but there is a big stream coming through now.

Mr Vaughan said a very contentious word in the resource consent applications is “minor”. The RMA does not define the word “minor”. He asked how Council arrives at what is “minor” and what is “more than” or “less than minor”. Is there a Council definition or is it left up to the discretion of the person reviewing the application?

Ms Hodson said the 2004 amendment gives guidance on how to assess effects and there is a lot of case law that can be referred to. The reporting officer makes a recommendation to the Consents Co-ordinator, based on working knowledge of the plan and case law.

Ms Hodson commented on the concept of “interested parties” as opposed to “affected parties”. Council is often approached by groups or individuals interested in particular issues asking Council to consider notifying them on their particular area of interest. The Act doesn’t have a concept related to “interested parties” and Council has resisted requests from lobby groups to be given a heads-up on particular types of applications. There is interest in the Bay with regard to the Bonaparte Diamond Mines NL application and we’ve taken a list of people who have contacted us and we will advise when we receive an application, but that doesn’t necessarily mean they are affected parties. Each application has to be dealt with individually. You need to have an interest greater than the public at large to be an affected person. What’s written in the plan is a strong signal as to how the process will go. Policies and rules create opportunities and framework for the process.

Board Member Symmons asked if it is possible to put a condition on a subdivision consent saying that no more subdivision of that property can occur.

Ms Hodson said it comes under cumulative effects and if it can be measured as unacceptable. A no-subdivision condition or covenant is also a reality and the applicant will offer it. It is only a legal condition if it is offered as people have the right to apply for consent to subdivide.

Ms Hodson said there was a health facility granted a resource consent in Commercial Street. The plan creates opportunity and people have the right to take advantage of the rights created and this was one of them. If it was just three health practitioners without retailing it would have been a permitted activity. What difference does it make that they retail a bit of stuff on the side? The question was asked are the effects of that something that would make the land use inappropriate?

Board Member Symmons said there are cumulative effects that have an impact on traffic flows and car parking on the state highway.

The Chairperson said it was a house occupied by a family which is now occupied by a business.

Ms Hodson said this is an opportunity we created through the rules.

The Chairperson asked about temporary accommodation when someone buys a block of land and builds a shed first to live in while a new house is being built.

Ms Hodson said the TRMP allows temporary activities and one is to provide as part of construction, living accommodation, with a period of time associated with it. It is a

permitted activity. If they set up a garage to live in, it still has to meet requirements of the Building Act.

Mr Askew said sometimes people establish a garage as a living unit and then build another house and want to keep the temporary accommodation and then submit an application for subdivision.

The Chairperson asked about speed limits for vehicles on beaches and restricted access.

Ms Hodson said Neil Jackson is intending to raise the matter with the Environment and Planning Committee in November 2006. She said it is the behaviour of people in vehicles on beaches that can create problems. If a rule was made it needs to be established who will monitor and enforce it.

Board Member Gamby said he is concerned about the damage to the environment.

The meeting concluded at 12.50 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: