

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 13th February 2007
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: GB Service Centre Meeting Room

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Hurley from 2.00pm, B Askew (Service Centres Manager), N Heyes (Minute Secretary)

APOLOGIES

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby
GB07/02/01**

**THAT the apologies from Cr Riley be sustained.
CARRIED**

The Chairperson paid tribute to Hugh Webb, who passed away recently and the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect; Mr Webb had great leadership qualities and had recently taken over the position of Civil Defence Controller for Golden Bay. Mr Bell said that Mr Webb was well respected throughout Golden Bay, with many people at the funeral service from across various sectors including tributes from young people.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Ina Holst–Stoffregen – spoke on behalf of people from the Clifton community who are seeking a speed limit reduction to 70kmph on Abel Tasman Drive in the Clifton area following a third serious accident. She tabled a petition of handwritten comments from the families concerned. Comments included the lack of footpath/cycle lanes and the growing number of children.

The Chairperson pointed out that the Board has previously taken the matter to Council, however the area does not meet the warrant system criteria for 70kmph; he agreed that 100kmph is not appropriate given the narrow road with its undulations.

Cr Borlase commented that Council has moved away from the warrant criteria in one or two areas, so a precedent has now been set.

NgAng – brought two proposals to the Board, accompanied by sketches and photographs. He also reported that the Rototai footpath/cycleway is still happening.

NgAng's first proposal was regarding a parking area and a pick up bay in the area of Stade's Bay at Tarakohe, where people stop to gather sea grass for their gardens; at present people park and walk across the narrow road.

The second proposal was for a parking area where people park to go rock climbing; at present they just park where they can, which is unsafe.

Joan Butts, representing Port Tarakohe Ltd owners of the adjacent land, supported the proposals and said the company offers to prepare one of the proposed parking places. The Board generally endorsed the proposals and agreed to pass the photos and sketches on to Engineering Services.

Penny Griffith – raised the matter of access hours to the Isel Park research facility at the Provincial Museum, which she had previously spoken of at the Board's December meeting. Ms Griffith commented that museum collections were unable to be accessed last week as the archivist was on leave. This followed closure for three weeks over the Christmas period.

Ms Griffith reported that she had presented a submission to Tasman District Council regarding the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust's Statement of Intent 2007/08. She asked the Board to consider making a submission to Council on the service levels that are given in the Statement of Intent. Ms Griffith tabled copies of her submission for the Board's information. She explained that funding for the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust is through the LTCCP and that the Statement of Intent is a public document.

Sara Chapman – spoke on behalf of the Joan Whiting Rest Home's "Silver Lining" fundraising group, who are raising money for two additional rooms at the rest home. So far just over \$5000 has been raised of the \$10,000 community share needed. The rest home is able to have 17 beds and currently only has 15.

Alan Vaughan – thanked Council for the wheelchair access that has been provided to Pohara Hall.

Jo-Anne Vaughan – raised the matter of replacing the condom machines at Collingwood in particular, but Takaka also; she said Rural Women is now involved, and asked whether they can access funds from the Ann Castle Memorial Fund if there is a shortfall.

Mrs Vaughan reported that the MSS bus had been in the Bay in early December and that there was concern about not enough people on the waiting list however the local dentist had decided to do some dental surgery which had filled up the shortfall. Mrs Vaughan said that Mr Stuart Gowland, who is in charge of the bus, had brought over someone from the Public Health Organisation and they had met with local doctors about using the bus.

The Chairperson said he had received a call from the organisers of the Totally Local Market, who are looking for a larger venue for Takaka; they had approached the High School for the Easter market and had been declined.

Cr Borlase suggested the Booth at the Recreation Park; he said it has been relined and would be ideal.

Board member Gamby suggested the Takaka Primary School hall, in conjunction with a marquee.

Comments were received from the public gallery; the need for 'inside' and 'outside' space; good to have the market in the middle of town; huge numbers would attend the Easter market; if in town, it would benefit the other businesses as well.

The Chairperson further suggested the Village Green hall.

Stuart Percival – raised the matter of mining the old Rototai landfill site; he spoke to his item of correspondence which was on the agenda. He commented that the pollution plume has made its way into the estuary. Mr Percival said the mulching of old tree stumps by tractors has exacerbated the toxins coming out from the old rock wall due to compaction of the tip. He said it is unknown what old metal 'assets' are in the landfill and he is keen to mine it; he can obtain labour through Task Force Green. Mr Percival said that the Tasman District Council reports he has copies of consider that something has to be done, however, the Waste Management Plan does not have a timeframe for cleaning up the site. He pointed out that Montgomery Watson Harza are charged with monitoring the site, however it is now 8 months since they tested the area. Mr Percival had attended the site with a Council compliance officer who said staff would come back to see the area of 'ooze' and take samples. He commented that Council had a resource consent to put in a bund wall outside the rock wall at a cost of around \$3 million; Mr Percival considered the money would be better spent cleaning the site and disposing of the rubbish. He said he has started the resource consent process which he has funding for.

The Chairperson said that there is a precedent for mining an estuary site; the Waimea Estuary is being mined for the bark that was dumped there; the bark is now being exported. There may be environmental impacts from mining a mixed refuse site however.

Mr Percival read excerpts from one of the reports regarding contamination of the estuary, contaminants entering the ground water, and intrusion of seawater.

Beth Burdett – endorsed Ms Holst-Stoffregen's comments and requests for a 70kmph speed limit at Clifton earlier in Public Forum.

Board member McLellan – spoke in support of reducing speed limits at Clifton-Pohara.

Mrs McLellan also spoke in support of the condom machine being replaced at Collingwood.

With regard to the parents' room in the new library, Mrs McLellan suggested the Board could put in a small amount from its Discretionary Fund.

Mrs McLellan spoke about the Pattison Swimming taking place at the Rockville School pool; she said the new covers have made the pool very warm and the children are far easier taught if they are not cold; a bouquet to the committee that runs the pool.

The Chairperson commented on the solving of the many issues that have been raised at Public Forum.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 GB Community Board – 12th December 2006

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member McLellan
GB07/02/02**

THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 12th December 2007 (containing resolutions GB06/12/01 – GB06/12/16) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB07/02/03**

**THAT the Reports and Correspondence contained in the agenda be received.
CARRIED**

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson briefly spoke about items that had been discussed at the Board's Workshop and the process they are going through.

It was agreed that another workshop be held on Friday 23rd February 2007, commencing at 9.30am, to discuss and compile a submission to the Shared Fisheries Consultation document.

Port Tarakohe

The Chairperson said he had discussed formal leases regarding Port Tarakohe with the Service Centres Manager and had suggested that they could be on a month by month basis in the meantime; he reiterated the Board's support for the new management of the port.

Mr Bell expressed concern about the \$9,166.68 charged to the Port Tarakohe account to partially answer questions about inadequate accounts.

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB07/02/04**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Enterprise Sub-committee requesting that the cost of the prepared partial accounts be reimbursed to the Port Tarakohe account from the Corporate Services account.

The Service Centres Manager explained that the accounts were prepared by the Council's accountant. He said that the costs are reasonable and a lot of time was spent compiling the accounts. Mr Askew said while it is the Board's prerogative to request the amount to be taken from another account, the cost was incurred in a spirit of transparency.

Board member McLellan pointed out that the accounts were not done properly and that if they had been it would not have cost as much.

The Chairperson explained that there is new management at the Port, which is supported by the Board and this is a 'closing off' of the Board's enquiry; he said the cost makes quite a hole in the account which only has a projected lease income of approximately \$11,000.00.

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

Comparisons

The Chairperson spoke to this item; he commented that the comparison with Christchurch City is unfair and reiterated the reasons in his report.

Didymo

Cr Borlase expressed the hope that Biodiversity NZ's negotiations regarding a cure for didymo do not take too long so the pest can be treated.

Road Safety

It was agreed that this matter be discussed during Correspondence.

Tasman District Council Complaints Policy

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Symmons
GB07/02/05**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to Tasman District Council requesting the development and implementation of a complaints policy.
CARRIED**

NZ Community Boards Best Practice Awards

It was agreed that this would be discussed at the Workshop to be held on 23rd February.

Golden Bay DILs

The Chairperson explained the need to ratify decisions from the Board's Workshop.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB07/02/06**

THAT the GB Community Board allocates \$2600 from the GB DILs account to GB Promotions for the hanging basket project.
CARRIED

3.2 Service Centres Manager's Report

Kinsale Energy Descent Planning

Mr Askew commented on the "10 First Steps for a Transition Town Initiative" that he had sent to Board members. He considered Golden Bay to be ideally suited to be a leader in such an initiative. Mr Askew said most of the transition towns have been around Cornwall, and Ireland. Penwith in Cornwall has a population of 63,000 people. Mr Askew said such an initiative requires a great deal of commitment from the community, also the need to do the spadework particularly in raising public awareness. He said various DVD / videos are currently doing the rounds in Golden Bay, such as 'An Inconvenient Truth'.

The Chairperson said there is going to be a Kinsale Energy Descent plan meeting in Takaka on 27th February in the Community Centre commencing at 7pm. He said that with the US sanctions against Cuba, they had to deal with the same issue, and a film on that is circulating round the Bay at the moment, also 'The End of Suburbia'.

The morning tea break was taken from 10.30am – 10.50am.

GB Promotions Representative – Victoria Davis

Ms Davis joined the meeting to speak about various issues, in particular decorations for the town; she said they want colourful banners to replace the existing Christmas decorations – something that reflects Golden Bay rather than Christmas.

Ms Davis considered that local events need to be well advertised; she said the present bulletin board on the Village Green is to be taken down.

Board member Gamby explained it was only put there as a temporary measure.

The meeting discussed the putting up of banners; it was agreed that having a permanent wire was easiest.

The Chairperson explained the Board was looking for a group to coordinate the Christmas functions – parade, putting up of decorations; he said it would be good to have a diary of events so there is no conflict.

Board member Gamby said the Arts Council is in favour of a calendar of events.

It was suggested that GB I-Site would be a good diary keeper; Ms Davis thought GB Promotions would be supportive of that and offered to push for an events calendar: she agreed that it would be advertised in the GB Weekly.

The meeting discussed the advertising cart that used to be parked on Duncan McKenzie's farm; Ms Davis was keen that such advertising be available to everyone. She said Promotions would support 'rainbow' flags.

The Chairperson explained that Liza Eastman was going to run a workshop to make Christmas decorations.

The meeting discussed options for advertising, such as advertising poles. The Board agreed that Cr Borlase approach Mr C Reynish about having an advertising pole at his supermarket. It was further suggested that A4 size events calendars be available at the GB I-Site for visitors to pick up.

Cr Borlase suggested that it would be good for Promotions to do the firework display at Pohara.

Ms Davis said the Promotions Association is not into promoting Christmas; they are about promoting Golden Bay.

Mrs Butts pointed out there are not a lot of things for children – they should not be missing out.

Mrs McLellan suggested a Santa parade with Christmas decoration. She agreed there are not a lot of activities for children. Ms Davis agreed to put it to the committee that there be free events for children.

Following further discussions about a Santa parade, it was agreed that Cr Borlase and Board member McLellan approach Mr Reynish about having his sleigh on the Village Green, complete with Santa, to talk to the children.

The Board thanked Ms Davis for her attendance.

Service Centres Manager's Report Continued – Kinsale Energy Descent Planning

Mr Askew said he had spoken with Haley Gale who has been to Penwith. Ms Gale considered that Penwith is very similar to Golden Bay, both in the type of people and the geography. Mr Askew suggested that perhaps Golden Bay could be a twin transition community with Penwith.

Discretionary Fund

The Chairperson said that a letter has been received regarding the parents' room in the new library; a hand-basin has not been included in the plan.

Mrs McLellan pointed out that on the plan there is a cleaner's room adjacent to the parents' room that has a sink so it would not be difficult to have plumbing on the other side. She suggested having the change table shifted to the toilet area, which is appropriate, and putting a sink in the parents' room. Mrs McLellan suggested the Board could contribute to the sink and plumbing, also a kettle and microwave, from its Discretionary Fund, in conjunction with Rural Women.

Mr Askew expressed some doubt about changing babies in the toilet area; Mrs McLellan said it needs to be stated that it is for parents – not a public toilet. Mr Askew asked Board member McLellan to make comments on the plan and he would take it to the Community Services Manager.

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase
GB07/02/07**

**THAT the GB Community Board contributes from its Discretionary Fund a maximum of \$2000 to the fitting out of the parents' room.
CARRIED**

Mr Vaughan offered to donate a double stainless steel sink bench.

Board member Gamby pointed out that the Board is still having trouble raising money for the Abel Tasman quilt; he asked about taking a loan against the Discretionary Fund for the shortfall.

It was reported that the Board had not yet received an answer from Pub Charity; the Chairperson said the Board still needs to settle with the quilters and claim the money that has been allocated to them. It was decided to uplift the money granted and pass this to the quilters and await the results from the other application before considering the matter further.

There was some discussion regarding whether DILs funding could be used, and that there is a Council fund for art works; discussion then moved to a sculpture for outside the new library.

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase
GB07/02/08**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the GB Arts Council asking them to suggest a process to obtain an outside sculpture for the new library, and applies to Council for funding for the proposed artwork.
CARRIED**

Golden Bay A & P Show

**Moved Board members McLellan/Symmons
GB07/02/09**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the organisers of the A & P Show thanking them for yet another wonderful event.
CARRIED**

The Board discussed the rubbish that is created by any event; the Chairperson said that he had read that recycling was a condition of putting on an A&P show down south. It was agreed that the Service Centres Manager take up the matter of a protocol for events with Council's Claire Webster.

Holiday Helpers

It was agreed that Cr Borlase take the matter up with the GB Promotion Association.

Bikes on Footpaths

**Moved Board members Symmons/McLellan
GB07/02/10**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Council's Kirsty Barr supporting the continued education of safe and courteous use of footpaths and would like Gerry Tonkin to continue promoting that.

CARRIED

The Board discussed the plan of the Meihana / Commercial streets / Waitapu Road intersection. The Chairperson pointed out where traffic could get stuck; that is vehicles queuing behind the one turning left into Meihana Street from Waitapu Road he said it could be solved by removing the traffic calming island on the high school side of the road. Apart from that the Board considered the drawing is right.

Mr Askew reported that Council is going to lose Kirsty Barr; he asked for it to be recorded that Ms Barr has been a great ambassador for road safety and she will be greatly missed. His comments were echoed by the Board.

Vehicles on Beaches

Mr Askew explained that Council's Neil Jackson does not have anything to add at this time.

Board member McLellan said that Environment Waikato is dealing with this matter at the moment; she asked that a letter be sent to them asking for the outcome.

The Chairperson said the Board needed to write again to Council's Environment and Planning department.

**Moved Board members Bell/Gamby
GB07/02/11**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Environment & Planning reiterating the Board's suggestion of a "bylaw setting a speed limit on Golden Bay beaches which is equivalent to the 5 knot inshore sea limit and that where feasible, barriers and signage be erected to prevent vehicle access of environmentally sensitive areas such as estuaries and bird nesting places" (GB06/09/12), and asking for them to respond formally to the Board's request.

CARRIED

Takaka Office Staffing

Mr Askew said Council is pleased to have Lynley McConnon back after an absence of 8 years.

Board member McLellan suggested the Board putting on a morning tea for the staff; it was agreed that a morning tea be organised at the Board's next workshop.

Nelson Home Builders

Mrs Sheryl Nalder joined the meeting to update the Board about the Nelson Homebuilders. She said the organisation had officially closed down the day before and she was unclear as to what would happen regarding funding. Mrs Nalder said the GB Community Workers would be asking for the funding for Golden Bay to come to an agency here.

The Chairperson suggested that if the letter previously written by the Board in support of Home builders continuing in the Bay under the Community Workers is not suitable, Mrs Nalder should approach the Board again.

3.3 Horticultural Officer's Report – GB I-Site Gardens

The Board expressed surprise at the cost of the work; and the hope was expressed that competitive quotes are obtained. The Board was quite happy with the plan.

The Chairperson asked Board member Symmons whether the advertising cart would fit in the space where the Welcome to Takaka sign is on the plan. It was felt it would.

**Moved Board member Bell/Cr Borlase
GB07/02/12**

**THAT the GB Community Board supports the plan in principle but is concerned about the cost allocation and request that competitive prices be obtained for the work. The Board also asks that consideration be given to the addition of an 'Events' sign adjacent to the 'Welcome to Takaka' sign, in the form of a vintage-style cart that has previously been used for the purpose.
CARRIED**

3.4 Utilities Asset Engineer – Takaka RRC Opening Hours and Upper Takaka Kerbside Collection

The Board was very pleased that the hours have been amended and the kerbside pickup for Upper Takaka is to be consulted on during the 2007-08 Draft Annual Plan process for addition to the contract.

The Board discussed the lack of recycling facilities around the town.

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase
GB07/02/13**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to Engineering Services asking for an additional bin for recycling purposes to be added to all the existing rubbish bins, in all locations, not just Commercial Street.
CARRIED**

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Hon Mark Burton – Rates Rebate Scheme

It was noted that the Minister had taken account of the Board's concerns and will review the amount that is provided by Central Government for this purpose, and that the Board will be allowed to be part of the review process.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB07/02/14**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Hon Mark Burton and asks to be on the mailing list as part of the consultation process.
CARRIED**

4.2 Jake Baxendale – Sponsorship of Collingwood Area School's Senior Prize-giving

This item of correspondence was received earlier in the meeting.

4.3 John Lee – Parking Issues at the Mussel Inn

The Chairperson reported that he had replied to Mr Lee and tabled a copy for the Board's information. He said there is a reluctance to have temporary speed limits for events, not just at the Mussel Inn. Mr Bell said the Dixons had provided '!' signs (the international hazard sign), but these had been taken away by Transit NZ.

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member McLellan
GB07/02/15**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to Transit NZ and Tasman District Council asking for consideration of at least an 'EVENT' sign for events in Golden Bay.
CARRIED**

Mr Askew suggested that perhaps Council could have signs that are loaned out; people would pay a deposit in case of loss.

4.4 Chris Rowse – Sign / Bollard at Motupipi/Meihana Street roundabout

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Symmons
GB07/02/16**

**THAT the GB Community Board forwards Mr Rowse's correspondence to Engineering Services, with the Board's support.
CARRIED**

4.5 B McGurk, Area Commander – Civilian Assistance at Takaka Police Station

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB07/02/17**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Mr McGurk thanking him and urging a review of the Takaka requirement, and also writes to Hon Damien O'Connor raising this issue as a matter of resourcing the police to enable funding for non-sworn staff assistance for the Takaka Police Station.

Further that the Board acknowledges and appreciates the quality of the sworn staff in the Takaka office.

CARRIED

The luncheon adjournment was taken between 12.32pm and 1.15pm.

4.6 Stuart Percival – Rehabilitating Old Rototai Landfill

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan

THAT the GB Community Board request Tasman District Council to investigate Mr Percival's proposal to mine the old Rototai landfill site, including whether such mining has been successfully conducted elsewhere.

Board member Symmons said he would like to go back a step from the proposal because the current compliance concerns needed to be addressed first.

Mr Askew said there are three issues to be considered; the leachate, the proposal to remove the dump completely and rehabilitate the site, (and whether there is a possibility of offsetting the cost by recovering materials in the landfill) and including the concern that when one digs into it, it will disturb chemicals that have been benign, also washing things on site. He said all these aspects will come out in the resource consent process; research needs to be done before any work is carried out.

Mr Percival commented that insoluble sludge is moving into the estuary now. He said that Council has no timeframe to deal with this although national timeframes have been set.

An amendment to the motion was called for.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB07/02/18**

THAT the GB Community Board request Tasman District Council to investigate Mr Percival's proposal to mine the old Rototai landfill site, including the environmental risks of disturbing the site and include enquiring as to whether such mining has been successfully conducted elsewhere.

Further that the GB Community Board requests that Tasman District Council investigate the reports of leachate from the landfill site and undertakes monitoring and remedial work regarding this, and that allowance be made for this in the LTCCP and Annual Plan process, with a subsequent amendment to the Hazardous Waste Strategy setting out a time frame.

CARRIED

4.7 Reiner Mueller – Tata Beach Reserve Management Plan Review

The Chairperson commented on Mr Mueller's site plan; he disagreed with the proposed pedestrian crossing area being at the top of the Boat ramp and felt that it would be better for people to cross where they were more visible and to take account of manoeuvring vehicles, also that at least one disabled carpark space with a view of the sea is required, and the trailer parking in the vicinity of the toilet block is not supported by the Board – parallel parking alongside Petterson and Peninsula roads is better.

It was agreed that the submission be forwarded to Community Services for it to be considered as part of the submission process.

5. OTHER

5.1 Community Services Manager – GB DILs : Funding allocation

It was agreed that the Board ask for competitive prices to be obtained for the various works to be carried out; at least three quotes for the particular projects listed.

5.2 Request for Council Complaints Policy

This item was dealt with earlier.

5.3 TDC Draft Policy on Pensioner Housing

The Chairperson said he understood that staff had asked to have input and were not included; he asked for the Service Centres Manager to pass on that it is good for staff to have an opportunity to comment on the policy.

The Board commented as follows on the Draft policy:

7.1 Include 'beneficial trusts' on a case by case basis.

7.7 Add: "or are destructive to the property'

7.14 INSERT "after consultation with the local community..... THE COUNCIL MAY CONSIDER "

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB07/02/19**

THAT the GB Community Board makes a submission to the draft policy that reflects the comments recorded above.

CARRIED

5.4 Miles Reserve (end of Bishops Road) – Playground suggestions

Board member McLellan said she had raised the matter of a playground at the annual Parapara water meeting and BBQ; she said it had been favourably received and would be a great asset, however it needed to be in keeping with the area. Mrs McLellan said she is now aware that there is a new subdivision on Parapara Beach Road, which includes a reserve and wondered whether that would be a more appropriate site. Mrs McLellan said she is happy to draft a simple questionnaire to the community, but needs further information on the new reserve first.

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Borlase
GB07/02/20**

THAT the GB Community Board asks Board member McLellan to investigate the options of the two reserves with regard to having a playground in the area, and initiates consultation with the local community.

CARRIED

5.5 Streetlight, Parapara – Beach Road / SH60 intersection

Board member McLellan said the matter had also been discussed at the Parapara water meeting, with someone asking how they could get a streetlight at the intersection. It was agreed that the local community be consulted on the same questionnaire as the playground.

There was some discussion on other options of marking intersections; in response to a question as to the cost of a streetlight, Mayor Hurley said streetlights across the district cost \$200,000 per annum.

It was AGREED that Board member McLellan seek other options and costs for marking intersections from Engineering Services.

5.6 Coast Care – Sand Ladders

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase
GB07/02/21**

THAT following complaints, the GB Community Board writes to Community Services and requests that sand ladders be constructed of flat planks covered with netting, instead of half rounds as these are proving hazardous.

CARRIED

Mayor Hurley reported to the meeting that Council expects the new Chief Executive officer to start in the third week of March 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.17pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: