

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 8th May 2007
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: GB Service Centre Meeting Room

PRESENT: J Bell (Chairperson), C McLellan (Deputy Chair), Crs N Riley (from 9.03am), and Board members L Gamby and M Symmons

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

APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB07/05/01**

THAT the apologies for non attendance received from Cr Borlase, and for lateness from Cr Riley, be sustained.

CARRIED

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Andy Clark – complimented the Board on its stance regarding environmental issues that will be affecting our community.

Cr Riley arrived at this point; 9.03am.

Mr Clark commented that only half the Board attended David Holgrem's talk; he was concerned that people need to realise how critical the issues are. Mr Clark handed out books he had bought for the community – for the Board to read first; he asked then that the Board meets to discuss how the issues raised can best be addressed. Mr Clark said he would like councillors from over the hill to read the book also - "A Short History of Progress" by Ronald Wright. Mr Clark considered it is now the time to make changes regarding climate change – we have the means to do so.

With regard to bikes on beaches, Mr Clark said it is not safe to ride at slow speeds – up to 10kmph in soft sand.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Clark for the book.

Hayley Gale – reported there will be a peace walk on 10th June 2007 to commemorate 20 years since New Zealand’s decision to be nuclear power free. The walk would start at the Motupipi Hall and finish at the Village Green.

Shirley Ford – asked Mr Clark what speed restriction there should be for bikes on beaches. Mr Clark replied that ideally he doesn’t want anyone riding on beaches and he didn’t know what a safe minimum speed would be. He suggested the name of a beach user to ask.

Alan Blakie - expressed concern about speed limits in Takaka township; that the 50km speed restrictions start inside the township. He asked the Board to ask Transit NZ to shift the limits out.

The Chairperson explained the Board has recently asked Transit NZ to do that.

Alan Blakie raised the matter of governance and the timing of community board and Council meetings. He considered the start time of 9am prevented people who work from attending or standing for the Board.

Mr Bell explained that the Board has considered that matter from time to time and would re-visit meeting times if the community requested this; he further explained that Public Forum now starts at 9am to lengthen the amount of time for the public to raise issues.

Ross McDonald – spoke on behalf of the Golden Bay Collectable Car Club who are fundraising, in conjunction with the Lions Club, for a new defibrillator for the GB Medical Centre. He said a committee has been formed and an account set up, with Harry Holmwood elected as Chairman of Operation Jump Start. Mr McDonald said the Golden Bay community is totally behind the fundraising and that \$11,000 has already been raised. He said they are seeking funding from the Board for the project, and thanked the Board in anticipation.

The Chairman commented that there is a letter from Operation Jump Start on the agenda; he wished them all the best with the fundraising.

Mr McDonald said that on 10th June there will be a Bay-wide collection involving organisations such as the Collingwood Fire Brigade, Collingwood Rugby Club, Bickley Buses as well as people on motor bikes.

Jenny Treloar said the GB Quilters ‘raffle quilt’ proceeds will go towards it also.

David Amos – asked what time his letter on the agenda would be discussed; he wanted to talk about the meeting held at the Clifton reserve and said that Golden Bay councillors should have been invited to attend. The Chairperson said Mr Amos would be contacted after lunch.

Sara Chapman – spoke on behalf of the Aorere Centre – a “small building with special tales to tell.” She presented their ‘site sign’ and gave a brief history of the project getting to the stage of being able to commence work. Ms Chapman said the

Centre's focus would be on heritage and stories of Golden Bay, both old and new. She said they hope to start construction of the Centre at the end of May and that it has taken four years to get to this stage. Ms Chapman thanked the community for its perseverance and good will to get the project under way.

The Chairperson offered the Board's congratulations to the Aorere Centre Committee in achieving its goal; he agreed that patience and persistence had been required.

Ms Chapman said they hoped the Centre would open on Labour Weekend.

Mik Symmons – acknowledged Fulton Hogan's skill in sealing Commercial Street while keeping it open to traffic, however he considered communication could be improved by advertising such work in advance. Mr Symmons was unaware of anything coming to the Board regarding the work currently being carried out on the southern end of town over the last two and half weeks.

The Chairperson reminded the Board that the Engineering Manager had said the roading reports to the Board would be reinstated.

Victoria Davis – expressed her thanks to Ms Chapman regarding the Aorere Centre, and to Mr Clark for looking to the future. She asked whether Public Forum could also have a spot at around 12.30pm so working people could attend. Ms Davis said she is glad the Board is to continue.

On behalf of the GB Promotion Association, Ms Davis raised the matter of street banners; she said there was no 'Totally Local Market' banner as it was not able to be put up due to the person not being available. Ms Davis considered it should not be up to just one person to put banners up, and asked where the best place is for them to go across the street. GB Promotions is wanting someone to upgrade their website with a community calendar; banners could go on that as well.

With regard to motocross, Ms Davis considered TDC is being lobbied to favour the needs of motocross; she considered a lot of unsubstantiated claims have been made. She considered that TDC could address the matter by having a motocross rural residential zone away from others where enthusiasts could live together and enjoy their activity without being scattered through the community annoying other residents. Ms Davis considered also that bikes on beaches could have mufflers that are not so noisy; people should be able to have their recreation without spoiling the peace and quiet of others. She pointed out that tourists come here for our scenery, peace and quiet – kayaking, walking on the beaches etc.

With regard to speed restrictions in Golden Bay, Ms Davis said she would like one big, funny sign that says "Slow down - You are here" – to embrace all of our road users – vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians etc.

Mr Clark said new bikes *are* well muffled. He pointed out that recreational use of air planes is also noisy – it is not just a motocross issue.

Cr Riley said there is to be a discussion about motocross at Council's Environment and Planning meeting the following day.

Ms Davis considered the law should be applied if people are exceeding noise levels.

Joan Butts – spoke on Port Tarakohe and the need for a business management plan. She considered the sale of the office block and land would not have happened had there been such a plan. She said Port Tarakohe Ltd is willing to work with stakeholders on a plan and asked that Tasman District Council gives the same consideration to Port Tarakohe as it gives to the Motueka airport. She pointed out the importance of the Port given Golden Bay's isolation, in particular with regard to the transportation of goods and services if the hill road is impassable. She asked the Community Board to seek funding for the port from the Port Nelson share buy back monies to ensure the Port's viability. Mrs Butts reminded the meeting that the recreational marina was pushed for by the community and is a huge success that pays for itself. She tabled photos of the port working and commented on the safety issue with the public travelling through.

The Chairperson said the Board would take the matter up.

Jenny Treloar - endorsed Ms Davis' comments regarding a better system of putting up individual banners.

BJ White – raised the matter of the road widening at Pakawau – he said there was no resource consent to do the work; he still has not heard anything from Engineering and he still has a broken fence from the excavator.

The Chairperson said he has sent an email to Peter Thomson, Engineering Manager, asking him to respond to Mr White.

Cr Riley commented that he had followed the matter up and the answer from the Roding Engineer was that they did not believe they needed resource consent for the work but are checking up on it. Cr Riley reported that frequent meetings are now held to discuss projects and the various departments' responsibilities. He said Engineering had said Mr White had been advised about some drainage issues.

Mr White replied that he has not had any communication.

The Chairperson said he had asked for a reply to Mr White with a copy to the Community Board. He said the issue of 'bird/dog' signs has been followed up and there will be some signs erected, also that John Bergman of Control Services will be in attendance at the June meeting.

Cr Riley reported that the new Civil Defence Emergency Management Local Controller appointee for Golden Bay is Roger Broadhurst.

Board member McLellan said she would like the Community Board to send a letter of congratulations and thanks to Mr Broadhurst.

The Service Centres Manager introduced Krista Hobday, Road Safety Coordinator (who replaced Kirsty Barr), and Claire Webster, Environmental Education Officer, who is doing contract work for Council).

Ms Hobday said the next project is a Safe with Age course to be held over 18th and 19th June, for people aged 75 years plus, where there would be help with practical tips; also a subsidy for assessment by a driving instructor.

The Chairperson commented that the Board has worked with Kirsty Barr on several projects and looks forward to doing the same with Krista. He welcomed Ms Webster to the Bay on behalf of the Board.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 GB Community Board – 10th April 2007

**Moved Cr Riley/Board member McLellan
GB07/05/02**

THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 10th April 2007 (containing resolutions GB07/04/01 – GB07/04/18) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

**Moved Board members Gamby/Symmons
GB07/05/03**

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

CARRIED

**Moved Board members Symmons/McLellan
GB07/05/04**

THAT the following items be added to the agenda:

Letter of congratulations and thanks be sent to Roger Broadhurst, CDEM Local Controller;

Request for Management Plan for Port Tarkohe; and

A co-ordinator for the putting up of community banners.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson spoke to his report.

He pointed out that the Board needed an agenda for the Community Forum to be held on 21st May, in view of the huge number of people who turned up at the Onekaka Hall to hear David Holgrem.

It was AGREED to have a workshop on Friday 11th at 8am to discuss an agenda for the Community Forum.

Overland Resources Ltd

Given the huge area (740kms²) that the Prospecting Permit has been issued for, the Board resolved:

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan GB07/05/05

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Crown Minerals and asks to be kept informed of any proposals in the Golden Bay hinterland as a consequence of prospecting/exploration carried out by Overland Resources Ltd or its successors.

CARRIED

Collingwood Mural

Notice of opening and blessing of the Collingwood mural to be held on Saturday 12th May at 1.30pm.

Steepness of Road Verges

Glenview Road, Rototai Road, Rockville, Abel Tasman Drive were cited as examples of steep road verges in Golden Bay.

Moved Board members McLellan/Symmons GB07/05/06

THAT the GB Community Board supports the request by the Nelson Provincial of Rural Women that road upgrades do not result in steep road verges that create hazards for vulnerable road users.

CARRIED

Abel Tasman Quilt Purchase

The Chairperson welcomed the Golden Bay Quilters Liza Eastman, Ann Lewis, Shirley Marcussen and Carole Davis to the meeting. He said the Board would like to acknowledge the work of the quilters in creating such a work of art which is an historical record of Golden Bay.

On behalf of the Board Carolyn McLellan said the Board is proud to have the quilt and acknowledged the wonderful skills that went into it. Mrs McLellan said the Board wanted to secure the quilt for the community; there is something new to be seen in it

each time it is looked at. She reported that contributions came from Pub Charity, Grants from Rates, Creative Communities, Alan Parker (Rural Numbering) and the Community Board.

It was pointed out that two of the quilters who worked on the quilt, Gael Anderson and Lyn Faulkner, were not able to attend the meeting.

Mrs McLellan thanked the quilters for their work and dedication in making the quilt.

Liza Eastman thanked the Community Board for its tenacity in raising the money; she said they had made two quilts, with the other on permanent loan to the Museum, and this one being sold to pay for the expensive materials that were used. She said the quilters are interested in doing one for the new library if there is any wall space; they have some ideas for the blocks to make it up.

Board member Gamby said the Board has put in a submission to the Draft Annual Plan for funding for art works.

Ann Lewis did the handwork on the quilt and said she alone had put 80 hours of work into it.

There was some discussion on lifting the quilt higher on the wall and mounting it on the framing. Mrs McLellan asked Mrs Lewis to note down the museum research visits she had undertaken; Mrs Eastman said she would copy the sketches that were done prior to the quilt being made.

Cr Riley said he is to frame the background information and asked for any further information that could be included.

Carole Davis said each quilter had been given a portion of the quilt to do.

The meeting adjourned for photographs and morning tea at 10.30am and resumed again at 11.02am.

Contract Pest Control Officer – Changes to new Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Strategy relevant to Golden Bay

Mr Strickett joined the meeting and spoke to his tabled presentation. He explained the purpose of the new strategy – to reduce the impact of pests on the environment, and the responsibility for pest control – land occupiers, Councils, (TDC and Nelson City Council), Crown and Roding authorities. Workshops had been held to look at presentations from the review team, stakeholders and Peter Williams from Land Care, with discussions on the challenges, proposed solutions, and changes to the strategy.

Mr Strickett reported that the Proposed Strategy went through the public process; no appeals were lodged with the Environment Court. He said fifteen new pests have been added to the strategy and six pests were removed.

Mr Strickett went through the significant changes for Golden Bay, including the control of Banana Passion Vine.

He spoke on biosecurity setbacks between the years of 2001 and 2006/7 – Didymo, Varroa, termites, sea squirt, Singapore ants, and Argentine and Darwin ants, with only Argentine and Darwin ants being included in the strategy.

Mr Strickett said there are approximately 112 – 115 listed pest plants that cannot be sold; these are also listed in the strategy.

In speaking of biological controls – Mr Strickett said Regional Councils and Department of Conservation provide half a million dollars each year to supplement funding from the Foundation for Research Science and Technology.

He said the focus is on controlling high-risk pests, and supporting Golden Bay landowners with long term goals for the control of Old Mans Beard and Banana Passion vine.

Mr Strickett considered that Old Mans Beard is the biggest threat in this community because of its ability to spread and the risk to native flora; it is thought to have a seed viability of around 10 – 12 years.

Mr Strickett said we must try and arrest the problems of Banana Passion Vine; he wants landowners to help themselves and their neighbours.

The Chairperson said that landowners had approached the Board and Council to try and get control of Banana Passion Vine; being in the strategy gives it a starting point.

Board member Symmons asked about biological control of Banana Passion Vine; Mr Strickett said they are still seeking viable pathogens and agents. While they do have some which appear hopeful he does not have a lot of confidence as they have tried before to bring in biological agents without a great deal of success. However, he said the Seed Beetle for ragwort has had some success.

Mr Strickett considered it will take at least 5 years to have a working plan. There are herbicides that will deal with it, but great care is needed; the question is how much of our desirable plants are we willing to lose to get on top of the Banana Passion Vine? He said he is meeting with Peter Williams on Thursday to view where we are with it and which areas to target to minimise its impact; he considered it will still be here in 50 years' time. It occurs from Wainui to Pakawau around the coastal fringe and is starting to get back into the native flora as well.

Board member Gamby said he is still hearing magpies calling at Upper Takaka; Mr Strickett said the traps are available at Harwood's farm. They have taken 29 magpies out of the Bay over the last few years.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Strickett for his attendance.

Integrated Health Briefing

The meeting was joined by Jan Morgan and John Ayling and they presented an artist's model of the proposal. Mrs Morgan thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. She said they have been working on the proposal for two years now; Mr Ayling had done a feasibility study, and they are now at the start of the community consultation process.

Mr Ayling said the purpose of the presentation is to bring the Community Board up to date with where they are up to. The main players in the proposal are the community, GPs and associated staff, GB Community Centre Trust (GB Medical Centre), JW Rest Home Trust and the Nelson-Marlborough DHB. The proposal was initiated two years ago as the community were concerned about health services in the Bay, particularly the recruiting of health staff.

The main issues were raised – fragmented services; the Medical Centre needs upgrading; JW Rest Home is not viable with relatively low bed numbers; recruiting staff is a problem; the Medical Centre is not suitable for its purpose and 24-hour nursing cover is a problem. Mr Ayling said the public wants certainty and needs confidence that existing services will continue to be available. Population trends look like continuing with us all getting older and more centred in the Eastern Bay.

He said the project team considered six options and concluded with the preferred option of the existing Golden Bay hospital about 12 months ago. They then considered a 'green field' development to bring together all the services, medical centre, hospital, JW Rest Home on a single site. The tabled 'mock-up' will probably bear no resemblance to outcome, however, it is representative of a 'one stop shop'.

Mr Ayling said the two remaining issues to progress are: - the three principal owners (JW Trust, TDC/GB Medical Centre, and DHB), need to be melded together to manage a one stop shop, and the separate sources of funding. The most significant issue is whether they will merge the capital into a single entity.

The benefits include the community having confidence in continuing services, recruitment, local solutions for local problems looking ahead for the next 30 – 40 years.

Mr Ayling considered it would be a good opportunity for doctors for service provision; better emergency care, better all round from the nurse's perspective, better DHB benefits, improved coordination and more efficient use of buildings and services.

He said the next step is getting agreement between the principal owners to merge capital, then to present it to the community of Golden Bay and once the feedback is in, they can start a detailed design.

Members of the Board and public asked questions, and raised matters of concern.

In reply to a question as to who would own the land and facility, Mr Ayling considered the three parties need to agree on that. He pointed out that a Doctor's surgery will still be needed and retained in Collingwood.

Mr Ayling replied to a question regarding the security of ongoing DHB funding; he considered there would always be revenue in the Bay for older persons care, General Practitioners, acute care, etc and that the DHB will continue to be responsible for the existing range of services.

In reply to a question as to what would happen to the old hospital if a new site is decided on, Mr Ayling assumed it would be sold.

Mrs Morgan said the DHB would want a full cost benefit analysis on a new hospital to ensure the right option is chosen.

The Chairperson spoke about the design of a new facility and said there are reported short-comings with the lay-out of the present hospital and the new Nelson hospital – there is a need to ensure that the design for any new hospital to be practical and durable. Mrs Morgan replied that a new hospital would be eco-friendly which would lead to savings in heating etc.

Mr Ayling said the project team will reflect the community's input, also the Medical Centre and JW Rest Home – there would be good patient and public 'flows'.

A member of the public asked what evidence there is that the public actually want a one stop shop; whether the project team knows the community's feeling. He considered there is nothing wrong with the present medical service.

Mrs Morgan said the steering group is very representative of the people of Golden Bay, that they have had public meetings and that this is the start now of talking to the community. She agreed we get good service, but said the doctors and nurses have to struggle to make that good service happen. She said we need to know we can recruit and keep the staff in 5, 10, and 30 years' time and reiterated it is a problem to recruit rural doctors.

The Chairperson said they need to find the best way forward and the committee has been working hard to find that way. He asked what Council's response had been to the committee's presentation regarding the GB Medical Centre.

Cr Riley said that as the discussion had been in-committee he could not say.

A member of the public said there had been a lot of opposition to the present hospital site as it is out of town. She asked whether they have identified a site and where it is.

Mr Ayling gave a general indication of the direction of the site as being within the area from the south east to the north east of Takaka.

There was some discussion on the cost and Mrs Morgan presented the Feasibility Study Report; copies could be obtained from Wendy Earle at Heartlands.

Mr Ayling said the cost analysis will also be available to the public when it is done.

Mrs Morgan said two sites been identified and there may be others; they will be seeking expressions of interest so the whole process is transparent.

A member of the public raised a number of concerns; it has taken 2 years to get to this point; still do not know where the money is coming from; the upgrade of the Medical Centre is on hold in the interim; this integrated health proposal may be a 5 – 7 yr project; if it is a green field site, no area has been zoned for this purpose.

Mr Ayling said he is mindful of that.

In reply to a question as to where people would go in a pandemic, Mr Ayling replied that infectious diseases would be kept away from the hospital.

It was suggested that with separate facilities there are more options to use in a pandemic.

Mr Ayling considered that the issue of isolation and responding to a pandemic cannot drive how we work out a primary health facility.

The Chairperson thanked Mrs Morgan and Mr Ayling for their presentation.

The meeting adjourned for lunch between 12.36pm and 1.23pm.

3.2 Service Centres Manager's Report

Vehicles on beaches

Mr Askew reported that the Board had been invited to the Environment & Planning meeting in Richmond.

The Chairperson said he has drafted up a submission in support of speed limits for Golden Bay beaches.

Board member McLellan pointed out that most of the bikes on the beaches are 4-wheelers, not 2 wheelers, so they can easily go slowly.

Mr Bell said he had spoken to Police and although there are a number of ways they can police a speed limit the most practical way for a beach situation is by a laser device.

Members agreed they were happy with the submission the Chairperson had prepared.

Event signage

With reference to the letter from Transit NZ in the Board's Info Pack, Mr Askew had asked Dave Robertson about 'Event' signage for popular places over the summer; event signage is not for long-term events.

The Chairperson said Council's Dave Cresswell had suggested that people contact Transit, which he did. Stuart Fraser from Transit NZ advises that if people wish to be trained as Site Traffic Management Supervisors; he runs the courses all over the country at no charge with training taking place over 2 days. A venue would need to be provided. He would be available late June early July. Mr Bell suggested that Andrew Dixon or another representative from the Mussel Inn could be trained.

Board member McLellan suggested several groups who hold events and who could be asked to take the course – a minimum of 6 people are needed. People from the A & P Show, Triathlon/Tin Bum, the Naked Bike Ride, Mussel Inn, Dave Myall, Hang Dog, Totally Local Market could all be approached. It was also suggested that training could take place at the Mussel Inn.

Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Riley GB07/05/07

THAT relevant groups such as the A & P Show, Triathlon organisers, the Naked Bike Ride, Mussel Inn, Dave Myall, Hang Dog and Totally Local Market be contacted with a view to doing the Traffic Control/STMS course, enclosing a copy of the letter from Transit NZ. Further, that a letter/press release be put in the GB Weekly and also the Newline.

CARRIED

Joint Boards' Workshop.

It was agreed that dinner be taken at the Junction Hotel at 6pm, prior to the workshop being held in the lounge.

It was agreed that Paul Wylie, CEO, be invited and that agenda items be dealt with at the Board's 11th May workshop.

Valuation of 'Village Green Hall'

Moved Board members Symmons/McLellan GB07/05/08

THAT the GB Community Board forwards the valuation on the 'Village Green Hall' to Tasman District Council's CEO, Property Manager and other appropriate staff with a request that a conditional offer be considered, subject to finance, taking into account the reasons the Board has already provided as to the strategic nature of this property.

CARRIED

It was AGREED that the Board finalises its reasons for wanting the purchase at the 11th May Workshop.

Bird Signage at Pakawau

The Chairperson said that the Department of Conservation is prepared to contribute to the signage, and that Parks and Reserves Manager, Beryl Wilkes, suggested the Board adds a request for signage to its Draft Annual Plan submission.

Cr Riley commented on the very effective coast care work that has been carried out at this end of the Pakawau Camp. He said there are thousands of birds that congregate there.

Minute Snippets

Mr Askew said there is more information available on the Council website.

Abel Tasman Quilt

Mr Askew reported that \$2500 had been donated by Pub Charity, \$1000 from Grants from Rates, \$500 from Creative Communities, \$100 from Alan Parker (Rural Numbering).

Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Riley GB07/05/09

THAT a cheque for \$4800 from the Board's discretionary fund be sent to the GB Quilters.

It was agreed that the \$80 in the vault from the overseas students be used for the quilt purchase also, and that the Board would contribute \$620 from its Discretionary Account to make up the shortfall.

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Operation Jump Start – Funding for Defibrillator

The Chairperson explained the letter is seeking a donation from the Ann Castle Memorial Fund, and it would be good to support this.

It was reported that there is close to \$11,000 in the fund.

**Moved Cr Riley/Board member Gamby
GB07/05/10**

THAT a cheque for \$2,500 be provided from the Ann Castle Memorial Fund to go to Operation Jump Start for the purchase of a defibrillator.

CARRIED

It was agreed that, if necessary, the amount donated from the Ann Castle Fund could be revisited.

It was agreed that the Service Centres Manager notify Operation Jump Start that day.

4.2 Local Government Commission – Determination on Representation

This item was received earlier in the meeting.

4.3 GB Promotions Association – Recycling Station in Takaka Township

There was some discussion on the desirability of a small recycling station in the township.

Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Riley

THAT the GB Community Board appends this request to its submission on the 2007-08 Draft Annual Plan for consideration.

Cr Riley said he had spoken to Council's Jeff Cuthbertson who would look at providing a facility but said that Council contractors would not service it.

Board member Symmons pointed out that with the adjusted opening hours at the Transfer Station, that facility is cost effective and provides a good service.

Board member McLellan expressed reservations about a recycling station at the Information Centre which is the gateway to Golden Bay.

The motion was amended thus:

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Riley
GB07/05/11**

**THAT the GB Community Board appends this request to its submission on the 2007-08 Draft Annual Plan for consideration, with the suggestion that the Information Centre takes responsibility for the recycling facility on a trial basis.
CARRIED**

4.4 David Amos – Restrictions on Beaches

The Chairperson advised Mr Amos that where there are protected birds, dogs must be kept under control, regardless of whether there is signage or not.

Cr Riley had suggested that Mr Amos write to the Board. He said he has spoken to the Parks and Reserves Manager, Beryl Wilkes, who said she would look into the positioning of the sign and move the sign located by the No. 5 hole at the golf course to the DOC sign at the end of the spit, and would come back to Cr Riley when the wording is modified.

Mr Amos expressed some concern about the meaning of the wording “wild life”. He considered that the policy is to be as light-handed as possible and that noticeboards should be restricted to where absolutely necessary. He said as a result of the meeting at the Clifton cemetery there are noticeboards everywhere. The meeting was supposed to be about vehicles on beaches but turned into a meeting about dogs.

Mr Amos considered that the Motupipi estuary needs a notice to say ‘no vehicles’ and then to say where dogs are prohibited and where they can be exercised.

There was considerable discussion about signage on other beaches.

The Chairperson reiterated that the critical thing is the list of birds that are protected under the Dog Control Act; dogs are not allowed to harass them – whether there are signs up or not. In answer to a question from Mr Amos as to what constituted ‘Wild Life’ he considered that creatures like birds, skinks, lizards and seals are generically ‘wildlife’ and that dogs must be under control and not harass anything on the beach. Mr Bell said that wekas at Parapara have been killed by dogs; young shags on beaches are also vulnerable and also killed by dogs.

Mr Amos suggested that a virus had wiped the wekas out, not dogs, however the Chairperson said that DoC considers that juvenile wekas were killed by stoats, and some by dogs, with the result that there was insufficient recruitment to replace the population as it aged.

Board member McLellan spoke about a meeting she had attended on site for the Tata Beach Management Plan, 8 years ago, where a person had let their dog off the leash and it had grabbed a penguin. Mr Amos confirmed that dogs kill penguins.

Mr Bell pointed out that there is quite a severe fine for dogs harassing birds.

Board member Gamby said that Mr Amos has made some good points in his letter and that he is probably a responsible dog owner. He said the issue of the noticeboards is being dealt with, and if the noticeboard in the Clifton cemetery can be shifted to where it is visible, that will be a plus. He said there should have been a notice for vehicles and that needs to be addressed. Mr Gamby considered that the wild life referred to is probably birds.

The Chairperson agreed with Mr Amos' suggestion that the two dog exercise areas be linked up with appropriate signage and said he would raise it with Mr Bergman of Control Services.

With regard to Rototai, Mr Bell said the reserve is a dog exercise area - not necessarily the beach.

**Moved Cr Riley/Board member Gamby
GB07/05/12**

**THAT the GB Community Board supports the siting of the signs regarding vehicles and birds in the vicinity of the Motupipi estuary and the Rototai reserve to ensure that wording, and location, is appropriate with the Dog Control Bylaw.
CARRIED**

5. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Management Plan for Port Tarakohe

The Chairperson said the Board has discussed this many times and it is agreed that a Management Plan is needed, also for the hinterland around the Port.

The Service Centres Manager said he has had good discussions with Port Tarakohe Ltd and that in October 2005 there was a basic draft plan put forward but they could not afford it at that time. He said a management plan cannot be done in isolation; the geography and different stakeholders and the community must be taken into account. Mr Askew said that once the governance issues have been dealt with the matter of a management plan should be raised with Council. He considered that a plan for 20 years plus is required.

Mrs Butts said that the Port has only a tiny area of industrial land which is needed for the running of the Port. She considered the Port would be much better off if it still had the office block and land. Mrs Butts said the roads around the area need to be sorted out.

Cr Riley said Council believes that Tarakohe is an asset to Tasman and Golden Bay and that the Enterprise Committee is working hard and moving in a better direction than 3 years ago.

Mrs Butts said that Port Tarakohe Ltd is happy to do any business in a transparent and public way and they have a good working relationship with Mr Askew and the Port users, but they have been at this point before.

**Moved Board members Symmons/McLellan
GB/07/05/13**

THAT the GB Community Board asks again for a Management Plan for Port Tarakohe and the hinterland for the sensible development of that area.

The Chairperson advised that the Board is asking in the Draft Annual Plan for Port Tarakohe to be considered as a regional facility to attract regional funding.

Board member McLellan stated that the Port is a very strategically placed facility.

Mrs Butts express concern that decisions may be made without councillors from other areas having all the necessary information; that the consequences of decisions will impact on Golden Bay.

The Chairperson considered that coastal shipping is going to be hugely important in the future.

Board member McLellan said she was heartened by Port Tarakohe Ltd coming to the table to discuss things openly.

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

5.2 Letter to R Broadhurst – CD/EM Local Controller

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB07/05/14**

**THAT the GB Community Board sends a letter of congratulations and thanks to Roger Broadhurst on taking up the role of CD/EM Controller for Golden Bay.
CARRIED**

5.3 Banners Across Commercial Street

It was AGREED that the matter be referred back to GB Promotions as it is considered that if they have the Events Calendar it is logical that they look after the banners as well. The Board further agreed to assist with finding a suitable method of hanging and retrieving the banners in an easy and practical way.

6. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

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

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB07/05/15**

THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of the matter while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each 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:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Potential future uses of vacated library building	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Reason to withhold information under Section 6 or 7	Section
Enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 7 2 (j)

CARRIED

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Riley
GB07/05/18**

THAT the public meeting be resumed and the recommendations made during the time the public was excluded be confirmed in open meeting.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.35pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: