

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 12th June 2007
TIME: 9.03 am
VENUE: Collingwood Fire Brigade Rooms, Collingwood

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

IN ATTENDANCE: B Askew (Service Centres Manager), N Heyes (Minute Secretary), P Wylie (Chief Executive Officer)

1. APOLOGIES

Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Borlase
GB07/06/01

THAT apologies received from Cr Riley and Board member McLellan be sustained.
CARRIED

The Chairperson drew attention to the trophy displayed on the table which was awarded to the Golden Bay Community Board for the winning entry in the 'Consultation' category of the NZ Community Boards Best Practice Awards. He read comments from the judges that included congratulations on the good working relations between the Board and Council staff which presented a worthwhile model for other boards to follow. Mr Bell thanked staff members including Mr Askew, Sonya Leusink-Sladen and Steve Markham for their valuable contribution to the project 'Takaka Eastern Golden Bay Urban Growth Study'.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Sara Chapman – Congratulated the efforts of the community on Operation Jump Start; she said there is probably now an excess of funds raised for the new defibrillator.

With regard to the Aorere Centre, Ms Chapman said the framing for the building had been delivered the day before, and a large proportion had been erected that day. She asked that the Board go on-site and discuss the plans. Ms Chapman said that while the land belongs to the NZ Fire Service, apart from the land used by the fire station building, the rest is leased to Tasman District Council.

Alan Vaughan – raised concerns with regard to the disabled accessway proposed by the Collingwood Museum. He said they want access from the street and up the ramp into their building. He said there is a high kerb to negotiate, followed by a 'gap' of empty space then a locked door with no key instructions.

On behalf of the Aorere Centre, Mr Vaughan spoke to the meeting regarding correspondence on the agenda about the three family benches that are planned for the Collingwood Playground. It is now decided to have macrocarpa benches made by Brian Cooper, at a cost of around \$950 each; the concrete slabs for the seats are already installed. Mr Vaughan asked if the GB Community Board would provide the funding for one of the benches.

Mr Paul Wylie, CEO, arrived at the meeting and was introduced by the Chairperson; Mr Wylie spoke briefly saying he had underestimated the travel time on a windy road. He has been in local government for 6 years but that it is the first time he has worked with a unitary authority. He acknowledged there would be challenges.

Mr Vaughan commented on the newly resealed SH60 through Takaka township; he said that due to the smooth surface of the road there is sun strike reflection from it outside the Community Gardens and that there is potential for an accident to happen there.

Warren Iggo – spoke on behalf of the Collingwood Boat Club who had put in a submission to the Draft Annual Plan. He spoke to tabled information and said that the concept is not new and has been worked on since 1991; resource consent had been approved but had now lapsed. He explained the unsatisfactory boat access that goes through the Collingwood Camp and the long history of planning to extend William Street. The Boat Club is seeking alternative boat access away from the camp. Mr Iggo acknowledged all the work that has been carried out in Collingwood but said if the Collingwood streetscaping is finished it would include the extension of William Street. He asked what the Club had to do to progress the matter.

The Chairperson explained that the Collingwood Boat Club's submission to the Draft Annual Plan would be considered by Council; he said the Board has asked for the streetscaping to be included in the Annual Plan and completed. He said the Board had asked for safe walking access up to the JW Rest Home and through to Poplar Lane. He said the Board would continue with that after the Annual Plan process.

Tony Sandall – thanked the Board for its support regarding the reticulated water supply for Takaka. He considered that people were disillusioned at the hearing of submissions to the Draft Annual Plan. Mr Sandall said that people do want something for the Fire Brigade to work on – he suggested that the Board, Council's Engineering department and the Fire Brigade all sit around the table and work out what will satisfy everyone in the interim and long term. Mr Sandall considered that fire wells would be satisfactory and that a well (similar to the one in Motupipi Street) could be sunk in the centre of town that could pump 250m of water which would serve the whole CBD.

The Chairperson said the matter is on the agenda and would be discussed later in the meeting.

Sara Chapman – spoke as a volunteer with the Collingwood Fire Brigade and thanked Mr Sandall for his work; she said the fire brigade was disappointed at the

response to submissions to the Draft Annual Plan and that they now need a short and medium term solution. She considered that fire wells in the centre of Takaka would provide adequate fire protection and that is needed now. Ms Chapman said adequate water is needed in the first 15 minutes of a fire. She endorsed Mr Sandall's proposition that Council, the Community Board and the Fire Department should come to agreement.

Cr Borlase reported that Council's Jeff Cuthbertson is in consultation with the Fire Service in Wellington.

The Chairperson considered that local input is also required.

BJ White – raised the matter of roading work carried out at Pakawau – he said he has been raising the matter for six months now and today, just prior to the meeting, had been handed a letter from Engineering Services that did not make a lot of sense.

Service Centres Manager, Bob Askew, said he understood that a resource consent was not required for the work as it was carried out above mean high water springs.

Mr White asked why Council has said originally that they would obtain a retrospective consent when they are now saying resource consent was not required. He said he still has three fence posts that were broken by the digger doing the work.

Mr Askew said he would see Mr White and get all the details.

Nicola Basham – hoped the Board would have time to look at the completed Collingwood mural with the associated plaque that explains it.

With regard to the GB self reliance project, Ms Basham said the core group formed from the 21st May community forum has called itself the Interim Steering Group for Self Reliance in Golden Bay and the group wants to host an event to identify action plans, timetables and personnel to drive the project; they are seeking Community Board funding of \$1000 to host the 2-day event which would include video filming. Longer term budget requirements to be assessed would include a website, monthly news column, bulletins, reference books and DVDs. Budget requirements for the 2-day event, and longer term, were tabled.

The Chairperson said the matter was on the Agenda and would be discussed later.

Ms Basham also spoke on behalf of Forest and Bird; she said they are very concerned about the decline in numbers of Hector's dolphins – there used to be around 30,000 of them but currently there are only 7000 in the South Island. Forest and Bird are seeking to ban set nets nationwide but are presently trying to educate people not to leave their nets in the water overnight. She said the dolphins are caught in nets in Golden Bay and it only takes a couple of minutes for them to drown.

Denise Langmuir – spoke in regard to the tennis courts in the Collingwood Camp; she and her husband currently run the camp and they would like the courts to be part of the camp area as only two or three dozen people a year play on the courts.

Mrs Langmuir raised the matter of overnight camping in the foreshore carpark.

Mrs Langmuir also raised the matter of the road to the boat ramp that runs through the camp; it is dangerous especially during the Christmas holiday season.

BJ White- identified the small bridge towards the Pakawau Hall as a major place for birds to congregate; he asked for a plaque to say what birds are there, and for a seat for people to observe the birdlife.

Cr Borlase – spoke on behalf of Harrie Wells who is still concerned about cyclists on the footpaths; he said the offenders are not just small children but also teenagers and adults. Cr Borlase said they are not isolated incidents and need to be dealt with; the same problem occurs in Motueka.

The Chairperson asked Board member Gamby in his role as Police liaison person to talk to the Takaka police again and, in response to a suggestion, ask whether it needs to be dealt with at a higher level.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 GB Community Board – 8th May 2007

The following amendments were noted:

Pg 6 – First paragraph – Onekaka Hall should read “Mussel Inn”

Pg 12 – Second paragraph – “.... taking place over 2 days” should read “..... taking place of 3 days”.

Pg 15 – Joint Boards’ Workshop – ADD “to take place on 19th June 2007”

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

THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 8th May 2007 (containing resolutions GB0705/01 – GB07/05/17) as amended, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Symmons
GB07/06/03**

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

CARRIED

The Chairperson asked that an item of correspondence regarding the Review of the Police Act be considered as a late agenda item.

Moved Board member Symmons/Cr Borlase

GB07/06/04

THAT the following item be added to the agenda:

**Police Act Review
CARRIED**

H.A.N.D.S. and GB Self Reliance Presentation

Joanna Piekarski and Murray Rogers joined the meeting and spoke to the item of correspondence contained in the agenda. Ms Piekarski said she has been a member of HANDS for 8 years; it has its own local currency, directory, brochure and website where members can access their accounts. She said there are 300 HANDS members in New Zealand.

Mr Rogers considered that HANDS would strengthen the Golden Bay community; he said it is not a substitute for the global economy.

Ms Piekarski considered the local economy needs to be independent; she said that HANDS creates a self-reliant community. Mrs Piekarski asked for the Community Board to show its support for self-reliance in Golden Bay by joining HANDS.

Board member Gamby said he had been a member in the past and may join again as it did serve a purpose.

Board member Symmons, who is a member, said he enjoyed the social networking at the HANDS markets and that it is good to see local produce. However, he said it is hard to integrate GST in the transactions. He said he does not feel he has gone into debt by being 'in debit'.

Mrs Piekarski said they have debit and credit limits – they do keep an eye on what is happening.

Mr Rogers explained that GST is recorded as 'kiwi' dollars and a cheque is written out to pay GST.

**Moved Board member Bell/Cr Borlase
GB07/06/05**

**THAT the GB Community Board thanks the HANDS representatives for its presentation and agrees it is up to the individual Board members as to whether they take up the invitation to join the initiative.
CARRIED**

The Chairperson wished them every success.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.30am and 10.48am.

Control Services Nelson – To Update the Board regarding Dog Issues and Overnight Camping

John and Phil Bergman joined the meeting; Mr John Bergman said it would be helpful in the future to show the Board a PowerPoint presentation of how to avoid being attacked / bitten by dogs. He gave a brief history of being contracted by Council to carry out dog control in the Tasman District; Control Services Nelson carry out dog and stock control and deal with illegal camping and abandoned vehicles.

The Chairperson reported that matters raised in public forum today included overnight camping in the carpark on the Collingwood foreshore, and a request for dog control at Pakawau Beach where migratory birds are harassed by dogs.

John Bergman said that over the 5 or 6 years they have been contracted by Council the camping problem has gradually improved; a Golden Bay person usually deals with the camping issue over the Christmas period. He said Control Services are only contracted for four months, from December through March and outside of that time they will deal with it when doing the 'dogs on beaches' patrols.

The Chairperson suggested the sign at the Collingwood foreshore carpark probably needs to say "No Overnight Staying", rather than "No Overnight Camping". He tabled a photograph from Sara Chapman of a number of campervans at the carpark.

Phil Bergman pointed out that the self-contained campervans are not too bad, but they are still asked to move on.

John Bergman said the 10-day period around Christmas and New Year was the worst when all the camps are full. He pointed out the need to welcome visitors/tourists to the Bay but was conscious also that camping ground owners are missing out on money if people are not using the camps.

Cr Borlase commented that the Waitapu Bridge area is full over holiday time, and at whitebaiting time – October – it is full for weeks.

Phil Bergman pointed out that they are not contracted at that time to move people on; it should go to Council's 'Compliance' people. He said Waitapu Bridge is a tricky area as there are multiple owners – Council, Transit NZ and a private landowner.

In reply to a question about the Blue Hole at Upper Takaka, Phil Bergman said it is Department of Conservation land.

The Chairperson reiterated that the signage needs to be compatible with the policy; for example, the sign in the Collingwood foreshore carpark should say 'No Overnight Staying'.

The Service Centres Manager was asked to take the matter of the signage up with Jean Hodson (Manager Resource Consents). Phil Bergman commented that they cannot put signs up on DOC land, and that some existing signs are out of date. He said the \$1500 fine is now \$20,000 for dogs harassing birds.

In reply to a comment by BJ White that people do not know who to contact regarding dogs harassing birds, John Bergman said people need to phone Council. He offered to send Mr White the information that dog owners get.

It was suggested from the public gallery that honorary rangers over the summer months could be helpful; John Bergman said it was a good idea as they rely on people to tell them what is going on.

In reply to a comment from the public gallery that their dog runs on the beach and has never caught a bird, Phil Bergman pointed out that it is the disturbing of the birds that does the damage, and that while people can take their dogs almost anywhere they must be kept under control at all times.

Board member Gamby left the meeting at 11.26am and returned at 11.31am.

The Bergmans thanked the Board for the opportunity to give members an update and the Chairperson thanked them for their helpful attendance.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chairperson's Report

Takaka Fire Wells

The Chairperson said concern has been expressed about the hearing of submissions to the Draft Annual Plan that people had made incorrect submissions on the Takaka fire wells proposal.

He said the 30th November Engineering Services meeting had discussed Jeff Cuthbertson's report and a resolution was passed "to include in the 2007/08 draft Annual Plan the proposal to install a fully-reticulated potable water supply in Takaka, and to proceed by completing all feasibility investigations, design work and community consultation activity."

Cr Borlase said the annual plan round was talking about what was in the Annual Plan - \$200,000 for a fire fighting water supply. There was overwhelming opposition expressed by the community. There was nothing about it going to houses. He said he had spoken to Jeff Cuthbertson and there is a satisfactory outcome on the way; the Fire Service will not accept fire wells because of the stones they can suck up with their pumps.

The Service Centres Manager suggested the potable water supply had 'got involved' because of the subsidy which made a drinking water system cheaper than a system just for fire fighting. He said the community does not want a potable supply.

Board member Gamby said that people thought that what was in the Draft Annual Plan would drive a potable supply.

The Chairperson said that people had submitted in good faith and their submissions were not regarded in the spirit they were written. It was difficult to see from the Engineering services record as to how the proposal had gone from a fully reticulated potable supply on 30th November to what is in the draft Annual Plan.

Cr Borlase said that Council had been clear all the way through that it was just for fire fighting protection for Takaka; they are now talking about taking it out of the township and just having it for the CBD.

The Chairperson said the matter would be discussed later in the meeting when considering the Engineering Services Managers' letter.

Directorship Payments

The Chairperson read a letter from Board member McLellan which expressed her concern about proposed payments to trustees of the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust - \$29,000 this financial year and rising to \$58,000 the following year. She said that while she has now learned that the \$29,000 is to be divided up between all trustees, Mrs McLellan considered that the Isel Park facility badly needs upgrading to protect the collection and artefacts and that should happen before any decision is made to increase trustees' payments to \$58,000.

Cr Borlase said that both Nelson City and Tasman District councils had made a request that these payments be made; it is not the fault of the trustees that the museum is short of funds. Cr Borlase said he hoped the 'Port Nelson share dividend' would fix the problem, as well as Port Tarakohe.

Board member Gamby concurred with Board member McLellan and that every cent should be spent on the preservation of the collection. He was happy with trustees getting \$29,000 now and the increase once the museum is viable. He pointed out that the \$29,000 would equate with what Board members are getting.

Board member Symmons said he did not have a problem with them being paid but the emphasis should be on the preservation of the collection.

The Chairperson said that a consultant had been asked to review payments to directors of Council Controlled Organisations and the proposed payments are the outcome of that review. He said he understood that some of the trustees may not wish to pick up the payment.

Mr Wylie said if they do not take their payment the money would stay in the Trust.

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Borlase
GB07/06/06**

THAT the GB Community Board supports \$29,000 being paid to the Trustees of the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust, but does not support the increase to \$58,000 until the museum is better off financially.

Further, that the Board asks that the councils' contribution to the budget be increased by the amount of the trustees' payments.

CARRIED

Community Services Manager, Lloyd Kennedy - Collingwood Tennis Courts and the Aorere Centre Project

Mr Kennedy gave a brief background; he said that in 2006 the Tennis Club had written to Council and said they did not want to continue; subsequently Martin Milligan had asked that the courts be upgraded. It was then wondered whether the school courts should be used. The school was happy about that, however during the winter the courts are used for netball. The options were to put in a new court at the school, or on the reserve in the new subdivision, or where they are now. Mr Kennedy said Council does not own all the land where the camp is, nor does it own the tennis court.

One suggestion was putting a tennis court in the camp along side William Street. He said he would like to talk to the Tennis Club and Martin Milligan with the Community Board.

In reply to a question as to whether the reserve land at the McDonald subdivision is flat, Mr Kennedy said it is reasonably flat but there is the issue of having tennis courts in a residential area; he would like to have them a bit further away.

The Chairperson asked whether it was possible to have another court on the school grounds dedicated to tennis.

Mr Kennedy said they had not approached anyone yet but Council can provide courts on school grounds however they must be open to the public all the time. He said a new court cannot be put close to the existing two courts.

Board member Symmons pointed out that the camping grounds are important to Collingwood, also that two courts are needed for competition.

Mr Kennedy clarified that the school courts would be available during competition time.

The Chairperson said he had talked with Mr Milligan who said that two courts are the ideal. He said the question being asked is whether one court is repaired or a new court is built somewhere else. He suggested the Board look at the courts before lunch.

The meeting discussed the suitability of having a tennis court up by the school; the question of wind was raised.

Mr Kennedy said there is quite a lot of land at the school however he had not yet discussed the matter with the school.

Various points were raised including community consultation and possible increased use of the courts if they were repaired.

Discussion moved to the Aorere Centre; Mr Kennedy said that Council had originally agreed that the two facilities would compliment each other, however the Collingwood Museum Society did not agree with that. He said a lot of time has been spent trying to get agreement between the Museum Society and the Heritage Aorere Centre Trust, and the Museum Society has written to the Ombudsman; the Museum Society want a metre gap between the buildings – the existing gap is 750mm. Mr Kennedy said Council has offered to extend their lease from 9 to 35 years, to provide a ramp to their building, and provide for upkeep of the museum building, however the Museum has turned that down. They still want a 1metre gap.

Mr Kennedy suggested that the Community Board meets with the Museum Society committee to see whether some agreement can be reached. Council does not want to see conflict continuing; he said Council will still look at extending the Museum Society's lease etc if agreement can be reached.

Meeting adjourned at 12.17pm

An inspection of the Aorere Centre construction and a demonstration of the difficult use of the Museum ramp and inspection of the Collingwood tennis courts took place during the lunch break. The latter included discussion on-site with Tennis Club representatives.

The meeting resumed again at 1.15pm.

There was some discussion regarding the best way to progress the matter of the Collingwood tennis courts.

**Moved Board member Bell/Cr Borlase
GB07/06/07**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board be kept informed of Community Services discussions regarding the provision of tennis courts in Collingwood.
Carried**

With regard to the Aorere Centre discussion, it was agreed that the matter of the Board meeting with the Collingwood Museum Society be held in abeyance until the report from the Ombudsman is received.

Chairperson's Report Cont.

Energy Descent

Klaus Thoma joined the meeting. He said he understood from the Community Forum that had been held on 21st May that every group who spoke wanted some baseline data – 'what we are doing and what we need'. Mr Thoma tabled a paper written in 2000 that he considered relevant. He said he had contacted Caroline Saunders of Lincoln University who had put together a project proposal: "Golden Bay: An Analysis of the Current Economic Base of the Region". Mr Thoma said Caroline Saunders and Paul Dalziel have been doing sustainable economic development studies all over New Zealand so they are generic only, however they have done regional economic work and worked out what we have already got and the things that need to be brought in. He tabled a baseline study they had carried out for Selwyn District Council.

The Chairperson said that we need to know how much it will cost or whether it will be done by Lincoln University without cost.

Mr Thoma said he wants to see in the near future whether there is an interest at Community Board level before wasting anyone's time. He said the Community Board would not be a funding provider but would act as a catalyst. He considered the first step would cost around \$10,000.

Cr Borlase reminded the meeting that Bill Findlater of the Nelson Economic Development Agency had said that he can apply for money from Central Government for just such a project. He said he would like the matter to be put to Mr Findlater to see if he can get funding as he doubted whether Council would want to put funding in at this stage.

Board member Symmons said the matter could also fit the criteria for applying to the Sustainable Management Fund.

Cr Borlase considered it very difficult to apply; he said he has spoken with Mr Findlater who is happy to come over.

Mr Thoma said he is not expecting anything financial from the Board but wants it to endorse the project. He said he would be happy to coordinate things up to a certain point and wants support in principle from the Board to do that. He said the funding does not have to happen tomorrow but they need to start planning; he did not consider it a big problem to find \$10,000.

In reply to a question as to whether students would carry out the project, Mr Thoma said Paul Dalziel and Carolyn Saunders would be happy to do it themselves.

It was AGREED that the GB Community Board favourably receives the information and supports the project in principle, and undertakes to read the information prior to making a decision at the July Community Board meeting.

With regard to the request for funds for an Energy Descent Forum to be held in July, the Board resolved:

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Borlase
GB07/06/08**

**THAT the GB Community Board grants \$500 from its Discretionary Fund, to the Interim Steering Group for Self Reliance in Golden Bay, for advertising, venue hire and other expenses for the energy descent forum weekend of 14 – 15th July 2007 and that the funding be administered by Claire Webster, Council's contracted Environmental Education Officer.
CARRIED**

Tata Beach

**Moved Board member Symmons/Cr Borlase
GB07/06/09**

**THAT the GB Community Board meets to consider a submission to the Tata Beach Management Plan Review.
CARRIED**

4.2 Service Centres Manager's Report

Discretionary Funds

The Service Centres Manager reported that there is now \$2826.00 in the Board's Discretionary Fund.

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Symmons
GB07/06/10**

**THAT the balance of the GB Community Board's Discretionary fund, as at 30th June 2007, be transferred to the Golden Bay DILs account.
CARRIED**

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 H.A.N.D.S. and GB Self Reliance – Invitation to Community Board

This item of correspondence was dealt with earlier.

5.2 Engineering Manager - Takaka Fire Wells

**Moved Board member Bell/Cr Borlase
GB07/06/11**

THAT the GB Community Board reiterates its view that the up to \$200,000 proposed to be spent on feasibility investigations, design work and community consultation be used to provide actual improved fire fighting water access for the Takaka CBD.

CARRIED

Cr Borlase pointed out that the \$200,000 would not necessarily all be used.

5.3 GB Heritage Aorere Trust – Family Benches at Collingwood Playground

**Moved Board members Gamby/Symmons
GB07/06/12**

THAT the GB Community Board supports the purchase of a seat for the Collingwood Playground; the seat to be compatible with others within the Collingwood streetscaping, and with the funding to come from the Furniture Account in the Golden Bay DIL's budget.

CARRIED

5.4 GB Community Arts Council – Sculpture Outside the New Library in Takaka

**Moved Board members Bell/Gamby
GB07/06/13**

THAT funding be made available for the purchase of an appropriate sculpture to be installed outside the new library with funding to come from the proposed Community Services 'Art Purchase' budget.

CARRIED

5.5 NZ Fire Service – Tankers at Takaka and Collingwood Fire Stations

This item of correspondence was received earlier.

5.6 J Riddle – Beach Speed Limit

**Moved Board member Bell/Cr Borlase
GB07/06/14**

THAT the GB Community Board sends a copy of Mr Riddle's letter to Council's

Environment and Planning Manager suggesting that closing beaches to other than authorised users be considered as an alternative to the previously proposed speed limit.

CARRIED

The Service Centres Manager pointed out that beaches are classed as roads.

5.7 Jan Morganti – Local Government Commission Decision

**Moved Board members Gamby/Symmons
GB07/06/15**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Ms Morganti thanking her for her kind comments and advising that the Board will continue to make representation to Council for meaningful delegations.

CARRIED

**5.8 Nicola Basham and Victoria Davis (Totally Local Market Fair) –
Traffic Control Around Events**

**Moved Board member Symmons/Cr Borlase
GB07/06/16**

THAT the GB Community Board replies to the writers, advising that the Tasman District Council Road Safety Coordinator has replied to the invitation to participate supporting the need for trained people in Golden Bay to avoid qualified people having to travel to the Bay to erect Event Signage.

CARRIED

6. LATE AGENDA ITEM

6.1 Police Act Review

It was AGREED that the Police Act Review discussion document would be circulated to Board Members and that Brian McGurk would be invited to the 10th July Community Board meeting to discuss the document prior to the Board considering whether to make a submission before the closing date of 31 July.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.01pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: