

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 14th August 2007
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: GB Service Centre

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

IN ATTENDANCE: L Kennedy (Community Services Manager), N Heyes (Minute Secretary)

1. APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB07/08/01**

**THAT the apologies for lateness received from Crs Riley and Borlase be accepted.
CARRIED**

The Chairperson introduced Mr Kennedy and explained his role of advisor to the Community Board.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Joanne Vaughan – expressed concern about the item in the Community Services Manager's report about shortening the Minutes.

Alan Vaughan – considered that Minutes reflect the change of thinking that occurs over time with Board members. If reductions were needed he felt these should be by reducing the papers in the information pack not the Minutes.

Peter Foster – gave reasons why the Minutes should not be shortened and tabled a letter outlining his concerns. This included the need for openness and transparency; a record of options considered and a summary of what was said as a basis for decision-making, an important source of information, a tangible record of the Board fulfilling its statutory role, a record of proceedings for accountability purposes; shorter minutes can take more time to compile. Mr Foster provided examples of adequate and inadequate Council minutes.

Chris Findlayson – spoke to a tabled proposed Heart Art project of stencil art on the Rose Garden footpaths. Mr Findlayson sought the Board's and public support for the

project. The art would have a colourful environmental theme and be a non-skid paint. Timely consideration was needed because a funding application is due by the end of the month.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Symmons
GB07/08/02**

**THAT the Heart Art proposal be added to the Agenda.
CARRIED**

Richard Kempthorne – said he is standing for Mayor and showing the flag in places where people do not know him; he will be attending a meeting in the Bay for candidates to share his policies. Mr Kempthorne said he has a good appreciation of the district; he supports the retention of community boards; is opposed to a targeted rate for community boards; and supports a commercial governance structure for Port Tarakohe that has a community board member included in that structure.

Harrie Wells – spoke forcefully about his and Abbeyfield residents' frustration regarding cycles on footpaths and the fact that cyclists can be abusive when asked not to ride on the footpaths.

Crs Riley and Borlase arrived at this point being 9.32am.

The Chairperson advised that the Police have been issuing infringement notices and Board member Gamby is following it up with the schools and Police.

Dave Myall – Recreation Officer tabled and spoke to costings for upgrading and replacing existing street decorations to a total of \$1445.00.

Mr Myall said he also was concerned about cyclists on the footpaths and is going to get together with Council's Krista Hobday; he is happy to involve Mr Wells in discussions.

David Amos – raised again the matter of dog and vehicle signage at Clifton and was advised that a meeting of interested parties was proposed and that he would be advised when a date has been set.

Claire Webster – said the interim steering committee for self-reliance in Golden Bay is to host a forum (1st and 2nd September) on self-reliance in Golden Bay. She invited the Board to attend; different groups would discuss issues such as cycle ways, bio diesel, an on-line supermarket for things grown in the Bay and the use of barges for transportation etc.

Ro Piekarski – tabled a letter requesting greater delegated authority to the Board and expressing his concern that Council is delaying that process by ignoring a number of the Community Board's submissions to the Annual Plan.

Board member Symmons – updated the Board on the ponding outside the Top Shop that has been dealt with, also the willows at Tata Beach. Mr Symmons asked Mr Kennedy about Council policy on the use of Council assets for community projects, such as the Golden Bay Housing Trust, and it was agreed that a generic policy will not fit all situations

Board Member McLellan – sought Board support for ‘Country of Origin’ labelling and also asked for the Board to investigate the reportedly awful conditions of the Nelson Police cells.

Moved Board members McLellan/Symmons
GB07/08/03

THAT ‘Country of Origin labelling’ be added as a late agenda item.
CARRIED

Carolyn Lecomte – spoke on behalf of the Collingwood Tennis Club; she asked why the Club is not involved in negotiations with Council regarding the future of the courts.

Mr Kennedy said Council has not been negotiating with anyone yet and explained that it was quite a complex issue that would be discussed with the Club and the School. The boat club and the campground must also be taken into account.

The Chairperson said the Board is looking for the best outcome for the Club and the community.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 GB Community Board – 10th July 2007

Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Riley
GB07/08/04

THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 10th July 2007 (containing resolutions GB07/07/01 to GB07/07/23) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Moved Board members Symmons/Gamby
GB07/08/05

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

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chairperson's Report

Annual Plan

The Board agreed that holding the annual plan meetings after the October election would be a good introduction to any new community board members, as well as having information in early to be considered for departmental budgets.

The Community Services Manager advised that the Board-elect could undertake community consultation between the election and the formal swearing-in provided it was only an information gathering process.

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan GB07/08/06

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board holds its eight Annual Plan meetings immediately after the elections in October.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.36am and 11am.

Staff Briefing - Andrew Burton : Soil Mapping in Golden Bay

Mr Burton made a power point presentation and explained that in the last year he was involved with soil mapping in the areas of Rangihaeata, Puramahoi, Onekaka; the 3149 hectares mapped cost \$13.05/ha with the work being carried out by Ian Campbell. He said the flat land areas are important in planning issues. Mr Burton explained the different soil types and their classification; Puramahoi soils – 409 ha – Class A soils. Ohanau soils – Class E soils – pakahi land. He said the lower classes of soils still have a use – dairying, growing maize etc. Orikaka soils – hills soils – Class F land. Mr Burton considered the elite soils, which are very fertile, robust and can be used for anything, (Motupipi, Rameka soils) need greater restrictions regarding subdivision. Elite soils are classified A1; he agreed with a comment that more classes need to be protected however there is competition for its use including residential development.

Mr Burton considered that mapping in fragmented areas is important to show what the land can be used for. He said the classification is a regional classification and the addition of 'climate stations' and the soil information will be helpful in making good decisions. He answered questions throughout his presentation.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Burton for his informative presentation.

Chairperson's Report Cont.

Congratulations

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB07/08/07**

THAT the GB Community Board sends letters of congratulations to the Friends of Mangarakau Swamp and the Takaka Volunteer Fire brigade on their achieving Community Awards.

CARRIED

Climate Change

The Chair said he would circulate a book 'A Rough Guide to Climate Change' which gives a balanced view.

Telecom

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB07/08/08**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Telecom pointing out the Telstra Clear initiative and asking that they too consider making Nelson-Motueka, Murchison and Golden Bay a toll-free calling area.

Further, that the Board suggests that other groups and individuals ask Telecom to do likewise.

CARRIED

Holiday Decorations

Mr Kennedy said he would find out whether there is still a budget for 'Street Decorations' that the Board may be able to access.

There was some discussion on the type of materials that should be used to extend the life of decorations – nylon poles and polyester fabric.

Funding for the upgrading and replacement of decorations could come from:

- Sponsorship by retailers in Commercial Street;
- Street Decorations budget (if still in existence);
- Application by GB Recreation Co-ordinator to Grants from Rates;
- GB Community Board's Discretionary Fund

Whether sponsors names should be on the banners was also discussed.

**Moved Crs Borlase/Riley
GB07/08/09**

THAT the GB Community Board supports the hanging of banners in Commercial Street as a form of decoration in line with the GB Recreation Co-ordinator's presentation, and that funding for these be investigated.

Carried

Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase

GB07/08/10

THAT the GB Community Board supports the proposal and recommends that the proposal as presented and costed by GB Recreation Co-ordinator be submitted to Tasman District Council as an application to Grants from Rates. CARRIED

It was noted that Cr Riley withdrew from the discussions on this resolution.

The meeting adjourned for lunch between 12.30pm and 1.16pm.

4.2 Community Services Manager's Report

Mr Kennedy spoke to his report.

Community Board Minutes

Mr Kennedy said he had spent considerable time checking the Minutes from the Board's last meeting and felt that there was a need to review of the quantity of community board minutes.

He considered:

- There was a lot of personal opinions and in some cases comments made and recorded that were not factual.
- Too much detail resulted in querying of accuracy;
- Should record factual decisions and background to those decisions;
- Reducing minutes does not affect their accuracy;
- A lot of time taken by Mayor, Councillors and staff to read minutes.

Cr Borlase joined the meeting at this point, being 1.20pm.

- Need to just provide the necessary detail;
- Regarding Public Forum – other meetings only record the subject;
- He wants to work towards reducing the length of the Minutes without reducing them dramatically.

The Chairperson responded:

- That this is the fourth time the length of the community board's minutes has been raised;
- He wants to find a way for the Board's and Council's needs to be met;

- They are the Community Board's minutes;
- The Board is accountable to the community and the community wants to know what has happened to the issues they raised;
- The minutes record a summary of the discussion – they are not verbatim. Mr Bell pointed out that some Council agendas had no supporting report and the minutes of some meetings are inadequate;
- Less enquiries are made when issues are recorded fully. People can be referred to the minutes (on line), or the Service Centre;
- Standing Orders – 3.17.2 – sets out the minimum that is to be recorded; for example, the time people leave and come back is important – councillors can be held accountable;
- The minimum does not provide a summary of what lead to the resolution;
- Believes simply recording the minimum requirement is the lowest common denominator. Would like them kept basically as they have been since 1995.

Board members put their various comments forward:

- Balance required in recording. Need relevant points recorded. Minimum standards may need to be expanded upon;
- Minutes should be in concert with the agenda – item by item so do not need a great deal of detail;
- Cannot trace the outcome of the Takaka water issue through Council's minutes;
- Public Forum minutes 3 - 5 pages – not exorbitant, but could be cut back perhaps. Reads Motueka Community Board minutes and cannot understand what it was about and how they came to their decision. Comfortable with size of our minutes. Would like to know how many people read the minutes;
- Difficult to follow the thread of other Council minutes;
- Suggestion that people use 'Auto summarise' function on computer. Important for Golden Bay to have full minutes;
- Minutes for GB Community Board and our community; the Board reflects their views. People come well prepared to Public Forum with an issue they wish to have addressed; the Minutes show respect for their efforts;
- There is substance to the meeting – Takaka water, Tukurua Beach access etc;
- Researching things – “these Minutes are an historians joy”. The Board's brief is for Golden Bay;
- This Board has had only one split decision; it works really hard to get consensus; important to do that for the community. Do need to record various aspects of the debate which led to the recorded decision;
- Perhaps Minutes of staff briefings and addresses could be removed;
- Perhaps advantageous regarding a targeted rate if the Board could be seen to try and reduce costs by reducing the Minutes.

Following further discussion it was AGREED “that the concerns raised have been noted and the Chairperson and Minute Secretary will be judicious in putting just the right amount in the Minutes.”

Collingwood Tennis Courts

Mr Kennedy would like support from the Board regarding the matter of the tennis courts and recommended that a meeting be held in Collingwood to discuss the issue. He pointed out that the camp has a huge impact on the economy of Collingwood.

The meeting was reminded that the courts are in a private title and that first discussions should be with the Tennis Club. It was further suggested that as the courts have been cleaned up and people are playing there, an overall picture of tennis in Golden Bay would also be beneficial.

Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby GB07/08/11

THAT the GB Community Board takes the issues and options paper on the Collingwood Tennis courts up with present and potential stakeholders as a basis for facilitating community discussions.

Board members asked for information on the Collingwood Tennis Club trustees; the Club's constitution; whether or not rates are paid, and any other relevant information.

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 John Smith – Thanks for Abbeyfield Seat

5.2 Tasman District Council – Tata Beach Reserves Draft Management Plan

5.3 Damien O'Connor's Office – Steven Cleary : Acknowledgement and Reply

5.4 Department of Conservation – Kahurangi National Park – Partial Review of Management Plan

The Chairperson noted that this is a preliminary part of the planning process; a draft will be circulated in due course.

5.5 Department of Conservation – Draft West Coast Conservation Management Strategy

The Chairperson reported that the Draft Management Strategy is available free on line or on CD or by hard copy for \$55; however it does not have a great deal of relevance for Golden Bay.

5.6 Aorere Centre – Benches at Collingwood Playground

The Chairperson reported that the new Aorere Centre has been lined out and the wiring is being fitted; the gap between the two buildings has been filled by a solid fence and the seats and new path are in place on the adjacent reserve.

5.7 Hon Damien O'Connor – NZ Community Board's Best Practice Awards

5.8 GB Grey Power – Letter of Appreciation and Congratulation

Correspondence items 1 – 8 were received earlier in the meeting.

5.9 Tasman Bays Heritage Trust – Directorship Payments

**Moved Crs Borlase/Riley
GB07/08/12**

THAT the GB Community Board thanks the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust for its response and invitation to meet and suggests 10am on 14th September 2007 at the Regional Museum.

CARRIED

5.10 Takaka Police – Waitapu Road / Meihana Street Intersection

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Riley
GB07/08/13**

THAT the letter from the Takaka Police be received and the Board forwards a copy to Moira Tilling for her information."

CARRIED

5.11 Golden Bay Promotions – Abel Tasman Quilt

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB07/08/14**

THAT GB Promotions be advised of resolution GB07/07/13 from the July 2007 Board meeting regarding the Abel Tasman Quilt.

CARRIED

5.12 Engineering Services – New Seal : Waitapu Road

**Moved Crs Borlase/Riley
GB07/08/15**

THAT the letter from Engineering Services regarding the new seal at Waitapu Road be received and the reply forwarded to Nicola Basham for her information.

CARRIED

5.13 Engineering Services – Takaka Water : Fire Fighting

**Moved Board members Symmons/McLellan
GB07/08/16**

THAT the letter be received and Engineering Services be requested to hold the proposed meeting regarding Takaka Water for fire fighting as soon as possible.

There was some discussion that while the issue was in the Engineering Chair's report for the 2 August Engineering meeting, there was no mention of it in the Minutes. However, it was reported that while it had not been discussed during the meeting the Council's Utility Assets Manager has now written to the NZ Fire Service.

The motion was Put and **CARRIED**.

6. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Chris Finlayson – Proposal for Heart Art Festival 2008

While the Board was enthusiastic about the proposal, concern was expressed that the over time the footpath art may make the footpath look scruffy.

It was explained that the art could be water-blasted off and perhaps funding could be tagged for either removing or repainting it. It was further suggested that a hopscotch pattern could be incorporated in it.

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Borlase
GB07/08/17**

THAT the GB Community Board supports with enthusiasm the proposed Heart Art footpath art in the rose garden reserve and it was suggested that a display of the proposal be put in the library.

CARRIED

6.2 Country of Origin Labelling

**Moved Board members McLellan/Symmons
GB07/08/18**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to relevant ministers, with a copy to Hon Damien O'Connor and Chris Auchinvole, in support of country of origin labelling, in particular for all foodstuffs, cosmetics and oral health items.
CARRIED**

7. OTHER

7.1 Guest speakers and Staff briefings – discussion on public attendance and participation and whether it should be held within or separate from the Board meeting.

Discussion ranged around the best time of day to hold such briefings and addresses; the meeting was reminded that the staff briefings were initiated by ex CEO Bob Dickinson.

It was suggested that if the business proper of the meeting was concluded by 12 noon, the presentations could happen over the lunch hour or immediately after lunch. There was also discussion with regard to the best time to hold Public Forum.

**Moved Board member Bell/Cr Borlase
GB07/08/19**

**THAT the GB Community Board look at a change in meeting format after the elections.
CARRIED**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: