

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 11th September 2007
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: Collingwood Fire Brigade Rooms

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)

APOLOGIES

Nil

The Chairperson welcomed new Board member (elect) Karen Brookes.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Pam King – raised the matter of the trees alongside the camp in William Street which had been trimmed 2 years ago; she asked that they be topped again as they are blocking the winter sun. Mr Kennedy said he would investigate.

Alan Vaughan – brought cake for morning tea; he congratulated the Board on the job it has done over the last 3 yrs.

The Chairperson replied with thanks to Mr Vaughan for his input into Board meetings over the years.

Peter Foster – asked the Board to make a statement about its connection with regard to the Self-reliance Steering Group. He said over 200 people went to the very successful self-reliance forum weekend, however, there is a need to say where the boundaries are between the Board and the steering group.

Mr Foster also commented on 'energy descent' – he said Golden Bay cannot be considered in isolation; there needs to be a district-wide analysis of how it is to be dealt with.

The Chairperson reported that there is a Hub meeting of representatives from the various action groups on 2nd October 2007, between 4pm and 5.30pm in the Tasman District Council GB Service Centre meeting room. He hoped that guidelines would be set at that meeting.

Mr Bell asked whether the Board would like to discuss that matter as a late agenda item as there would not be board meeting for 2 months.

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member McLellan
GB07/09/01**

THAT the matter of boundaries and responsibilities between the Self-reliance Steering Group and the GB Community Board be discussed as a late agenda item.

CARRIED

Sara Chapman – thanked the Board and relevant staff for a successful term for the Board, especially for its work regarding the representation review.

Ms Chapman updated the Board regarding the Aorere Centre; construction is complete and stormwater is connected and they are waiting for the Building Inspector to do the Code Compliance Certificate inspection. Interior of the building is still to be done; the project is on budget - \$44,000 excl GST. Ms Chapman said they have a funding application in for the ‘theatre’ lighting, and they hope to open on Labour Weekend. She read and tabled a letter to the Board inviting them to the official opening on 20th October 2007.

Ms Chapman said they are working on the landscaping with Council’s Kathy Tohill.

The Chairperson congratulated the Aorere Centre team on their work and dedication to the project.

BJ White – expressed appreciation regarding the Board’s work over the term. He raised his concerns again regarding the signs about dogs at Pakawau and overnight camping that needs to be looked at before the holiday season. He offered to top the trees, free of charge, in William Street, also fell the pines on Gibbs Road.

The Chairperson said that Mr Kennedy is taking over Mr Askew’s responsibilities; he suggested Mr White meets with Mr Kennedy. Mr Bell said he understood there is money in this year’s budget for signage. With regard to the pine trees on Gibbs Road, Mr Bell said a service request has been put in for the pine tree above the slip.

Mr Kennedy explained the slip had been cleared and Council’s Steve Elkington is to check on the likelihood of further slippage. With regard to overnight camping, the Board’s concerns have been passed on to Control Services Nelson.

Mr Bell said that in the past Control Services Nelson had appointed a local person to monitor overnight camping.

Mr Kennedy noted concerns about the pine tree where the slip had occurred and said he would follow it up.

Alan Vaughan – said the Salisbury Bridge flood monitoring has been upgraded however it has not been completed; cell phones won't operate with the existing aerial. People need to know that the old phone number is still working.

Mr Kennedy said he would follow it up with Council's Martin Doyle.

Joanne Vaughan – also thanked the Board; very grateful for its work.

Mrs Vaughan Invited the Board to look at the coast care work that has been carried out. They had tried hard to maintain the sand ladder, however, where people used to walk has allowed the water to come in behind the dunes.

Mrs Vaughan brought to the meeting's notice that there is a Weed Busters meeting to be held on Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Community Centre; she would like the Board to attend.

The Chairperson thanked Mrs Vaughan for her wide-ranging work in the community.

Cr Riley – reported that the Totaranui Road slip is being worked on with restrictions to vehicles using the road.

Also Eureka Bend – there is a slump at the bailey bridge site. Transit NZ is to look at that in conjunction with the adjoining landowner.

Cr Riley reported there will be no further Transit NZ/TDC liaison meetings until after the elections.

Also, there is a safety issue on a bend on Rototai Road with sight lines obscured by a fence; a mirror is to be installed in very near future.

With regard to the walkway on Rototai Road, it was reported that culverts into Theo Blyth's property need to be done first.

Leigh Gamby – has spoken with Stuart Machin at the GB High School regarding bikes on footpaths. He and other teachers are keeping an eye out and trying to keep students off the paths and also trying to find out what the school's responsibility is regarding students off the school grounds and whether they can stop pupils bringing bikes to schools if they have been seen offending.

Mr Gamby also raised the matter of the cutting down of bigger manuka trees (for fire wood) and ferns at the Blue Hole at Upper Takaka. He asked about ownership of that area of land as both Council and DOC say it is not theirs.

Mr Kennedy will follow the matter up with Council's Property Manager.

Sara Chapman – reported the Collingwood Fire Brigade will be having fire works over the Aorere on Labour Weekend; this year they are planning a tribute to the Anzacs as 12th October 2007 will be the 90th anniversary of the Battle of

Passchendaele. The display will start at 9pm on Saturday night. Funding for the event is from Pub Charity and Sealords and a gold coin donation.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 GB Community Board – 14th August 2007

There was some discussion as to the accuracy of the Minutes regarding whether the Community Services Manager was included in checking the draft community board minutes (last paragraph, page 7).

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby
GB 07/09/02**

THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 14th August 2007 (containing resolutions GB07/08/01 – GB07/08/19) be accepted, with the clarification that Mr Kennedy be included in checking the content and amount of unconfirmed Minutes prior to mailing these out.

CARRIED

The Chairperson spoke about an emailed letter he had received from the Chief Executive Officer about the Board purportedly holding a 'meet the candidates meeting' and a request he had received from another Board member for the matter to be discussed; he asked whether members wished to discuss the matter as a late agenda item.

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase
GB07/09/03**

THAT the matter of the Board purportedly holding a 'meet the candidates meeting' be added as a late agenda item.

CARRIED

**Moved Cr Riley/Board member Gamby
GB07/09/04**

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

CARRIED

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson spoke to his report.

Self-reliance Forum Action Planning

The Chairperson said over 300 people had attended over the weekend, with some even coming from Richmond and Motueka.

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

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Self-reliance Steering Group and thanks them for all their work in organising such a successful weekend.
CARRIED**

Tarakohe

The Chairperson spoke to his report about information that is received in open meeting being made public, and that he had requested a copy of the Property Manager's report for the Board on that basis; he had been given a copy of the report with some information removed from it.

Crs Riley and Borlase stated that the Financial Report had been received in open meeting, however the Property Manager's report had been received 'In committee'.

It was reported that the Strategic Plan for Port Tarakohe would go to the 3rd October 2007 Enterprise Subcommittee meeting; then full Council, GB Community Board, Users Group, and the public.

Mr Kennedy said that the Property Manager (Jim Frater) would talk to the Board about the strategic plan after Council has seen it.

Questions were asked about:

- Whether the plan would come out as a draft;
- GB Community Board having input into the draft plan;
- Some Tarakohe debt being 'retired';

Takaka Fire Wells

The Chairperson said he had received calls from people who are concerned that nothing is happening; that if the fire risk is real there is nothing yet to mitigate that beyond the extra water tankers.

The meeting was informed that Mr Firestone from the NZ Fire Service in Wellington is not available to attend the meeting of interested parties until after the elections; it was thought that a date has been arranged. There was some discussion on who would attend the meeting; Mr Kennedy said he would follow the matter up and email Board members.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.25am and 10.51am.

Annual Plan Meetings

After some discussion it was agreed that the 8 annual plan meetings be arranged for the three weeks following 15th October 2007.

Summer Decorations

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB07/09/06**

**THAT the GB Community Board applies to Council's Grants from Rates, and to Creative Communities, for funding for the summer decorations for Takaka and Collingwood.
CARRIED**

Cr Riley wished it noted that he did not take part in discussions as he is on the Grants Subcommittee.

It was clarified that the summer decorations are in addition to hanging baskets.

Final Meeting

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their assistance to the community board; he considered it to have been a very positive term; also a very real 'community' board with 765 submissions to the Local Government Commission regarding the representation review.

Board Members thanked the Chairperson for:

- Preparing of submissions;
- Travelling to Richmond to put the Board's viewpoint;
- His work and leadership;
- His very fair chairing of the Board; and
- The huge amount of work he has done.

3.2 Community Services Manager's Report

Mr Kennedy spoke to his report.

Golden Bay High School Gymnasium

Mr Kennedy reported that Council provides annual funding to the gymnasium and this year nearly \$36,000 was allocated towards a future upgrade; the school has now supplied a list of costs to upgrade the gym, along with details of public use.

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Symmons
GB07/09/07**

**THAT the GB Community Board agrees to the share of works as outlined in the letter from the GB High School dated 27th August 2007 and recommends to the Community Services Committee that the funds allocated in the 2007/08 Annual Plan for upgrades to the School Gymnasium, be provided to the school for this work, provided that the GBHS receives the funding applied for from the Ministry of Education.
CARRIED**

Local Authority Elections

Mr Kennedy reported that Stuart Bryant was elected unopposed to the Lakes/Murchison Ward as were the four Golden Bay Community Board members.

Tukurua Beach Access

The Chairperson reported that the access had been closed while no managers were in residence. He said the new camp managers are now happy for locals to walk through the camp if they make themselves known to the camp managers. The camp owner is currently overseas.

Mr Bell said that access might be able to be negotiated over other privately owned land if necessary; these options are being looked at.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 GB Self Reliance – Thanks for Support

This item was received earlier in the meeting.

4.2 Corporate Services Manager – GBCB Annual Plan Submission

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB07/09/08**

**That the letter be received and disappointment expressed that the purchase of the strategic property has not been taken up as there are innovative ways to fund it and utilise the assets that it would provide.
CARRIED**

It was suggested:

- That it is not always Council that makes things happen – sometimes it is the community; the community can fund-raise for a property then vests it back in Council.
- If the community raises 30% - 40% then goes back to Council, perhaps something could be done.

4.3 Cr E Henry – Candidates Meeting

This item of correspondence was received earlier in the meeting.

4.4 Rt Hon Winston Peters (and other Ministers) – Country of Origin labelling

These items of correspondence were received earlier in the meeting.

4.5 Engineering Manager – Engineering Projects 2007-08

This item was received earlier in the meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the Board being given the monthly engineering work schedule, also Environment & Planning and Community Services information pertaining to Golden Bay.

Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby GB07/09/09

**THAT the GB Community Board asks for two-monthly Engineering work schedules, alternating with Community Services updates on Golden Bay reserves.
CARRIED**

It was pointed out that from the 2007/08 Engineering project figures on the agenda it was estimated that \$5,185,000 is to be spent in Golden Bay.

The compiling of Golden Bay issues from Standing Committees was discussed.

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan GB07/09/10

**THAT Community Board members be responsible for providing information pertinent to Golden Bay from their individual portfolio.
CARRIED**

4.6 Murchison & Districts Community Council – GB Community Board's offer to visit Murchison

This item was received earlier.

5. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Meet the Candidates meetings

The Chairperson said he had responded but other members have comments to make. He asked Mr Kennedy how the wrong assumption had been drawn.

It was explained that the CEO was acting on a concern that was raised with him; that he probably did not know about the letter about the actual 'meet the candidate' meetings on the agenda. He said the CEO's email gave the Board the opportunity to back out if they were going to hold a 'meet the candidates meeting'.

The Chairperson said that the matter could have been easily resolved by a phone call: that the Board is aware of responsibilities and had sought advice on electoral matters as an example of this care. It was disappointing that someone would suggest that the Board would organise such a meeting.

Various hypotheses were put forward; it was considered that it may have started off as a rumour.

It was pointed out that the CEO was doing his job in bringing it to the notice of the Board.

It was reiterated that the Board is not holding a 'meet the candidates' meeting and further has never contemplated doing so.

5.2 Setting Boundaries for the Board – Self-reliance Interim Steering Group

The Chairperson said he had received a letter from the group asking about funding for a person to progress the matters that came up at the Forum weekend. He said he had replied that the Board does not want to be in the role of fund-raiser but could suggest possible agencies to which to apply.

It was explained that the Board had facilitated the initial community forum on self-reliance, from which an interim steering group had been formed, then the self-reliance week end forum had been organised and out of that, Action Groups were formed.

It was suggested that some Board members need to go to the 2nd October 'Hub' meeting and put the Board's point of view.

**Moved Crs Riley/Borlase
GB07/09/11**

THAT the GB Community Board ask that the matters of boundaries and vested interest issues be discussed at the Hub meeting on 2nd October, with a view to

**being covered by the Action Groups.
CARRIED**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.54am.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: