

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 13th November 2007
TIME: 11.00 am
VENUE: GB Service Centre Meeting Room

PRESENT: J Bell (Chairperson), C McLellan (Deputy Chair), L Gamby and K Brookes

IN ATTENDANCE: Crs N Riley and S Borlase, N Heyes (Minute Secretary), L Kennedy (Community Services Manager) and members of the Press and Public

APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB07/11/01**

**THAT the apology received from Mayor Kempthorne be sustained.
CARRIED**

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Alan Vaughan – tabled a report on a Marine Management Plan for Golden Bay that he had written following the Self-reliance Forum held on 1st and 2nd September 2007. He has forwarded a copy to Dennis Bush-King who said Council is looking at a marine plan for Wainui Bay.

Mr Vaughan commented on the old soils map that has always hung in the GB Service Centre meeting room since he first attended a Community Board meeting in 1995. When the new soil map was completed following a study by Dr Ian Campbell, Mr Vaughan had asked Council's Andrew Burton for an enlarged copy that he had framed. The new map was unveiled and Mr Vaughan presented it to the Community Board; he said the set of papers that explained the different soil types will be available in the Service Centre reception.

The Chairperson thanked him on behalf of the Board and the GB Service Centre; he considered that the greater detail on the new map is essential for proper planning.

Board member Gamby asked that the old soil map be considered for the Golden Bay Museum.

With regard to Mr Vaughan's Marine Management Plan report, Mr Bell pointed out that he had been told there is funding available from the Ministry for the Environment until the end of January 2008 on a 4 – 1 basis; the information has been included in the summary of the Board's Annual Plan meetings and Mr Vaughan's report would also be attached.

Peter Foster – spoke to a submission and recommendations he had made at the Takaka Annual Plan meeting regarding climate change, the need for socio-economic studies preparing for peak oil, and the three Top of the South councils working together. He has emailed a copy of his submission to Mr Dennis Bush-King.

Mr Foster commented on councillors not being members of the Board. While he supported them not being on the Board, he considered a full public explanation needed to be made. He pointed out that their allegiance is to the District not the Ward and it is important that they do not take part in community board discussions/decisions so their voice is heard around the Council table.

The Chairperson said the matter is in his report and will be discussed later in the meeting.

Penny Griffith – spoke about the Salisbury Swing Bridge which was opened in 2004 and its special heritage status. She has asked previously for work to be done on the carpark that was closed off since late 2006 because it was only able to be accessed by 4-wheel drive vehicles; the path to the bridge is now overgrown and access to the Information Panel must be achieved by climbing a stile, walking over a paddock and crossing the bridge. Ms Griffith said when the bridge was restored maintenance was not considered. She asked the Board to seek restoration of the path to the bridge, and ensure maintenance. She tabled photographs showing the state of the carpark.

It was pointed out:

- The Board has been following up on the matter
- It was on last year's Annual Plan
- It is on the Board's priority list for this financial year
- Mr Kennedy said there may be some assistance from Community Services (for the path).
- Mr Kennedy said he would follow it up with Mr S Elkington so hopefully there is access this summer.

Neil Wilson – spoke representing the GB Community Workers Board, that operates out of the GB Community Centre. They have expressed an interest in being relocated to the old library but have been told Council is looking for a figure of around \$25,000 for rent. Mr Wilson asked if Council could grant the funding to the Community Workers; it is a good building, handy to the playground and could also be considered for a Youth Centre.

The Chair said the Board did put in a submission to Council for a Youth Centre.

Mr Kennedy pointed out that rental of the old Library is to go towards payment of part of the loan for the new library. A grant of \$25,000 would be a large part of the \$200,000 budget. The rental of the old library is currently in the hands of real estate people. He said any significant building alteration would require the building to be raised to cope with flood levels.

It was further pointed out:

- Community Workers provide a unique service in Golden Bay;

- They operate on a shoestring budget;
- It would be good for TDC to recognise them by giving a grant each year;
- They provide services that are not provided in either Nelson or Motueka;

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

**THAT Councillors Riley and Borlase have speaking rights.
CARRIED**

It was suggested that a multi-purpose building is needed in Golden Bay for the Community Workers, young people, Performing Arts – which could form an application to the Facilities Rate. Also that Government funding is available for purchase and development of such facilities – perhaps Council could offer to sell the building for community purposes; there is also considerable lotteries funding available.

Sara Chapman – reported on the public fireworks display which drew an audience of around 1500 people. The display took place at Beach Road due to the windy conditions and was a tribute to the Anzacs and commemorated the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Passchendale. There were no fireworks incidents and Ms Chapman said their model is now being picked up by other fire brigades; she expressed gratitude for the support from Tasman District Council, the public and sponsors. Ms Chapman considered they may need a Traffic Management Plan next year.

With regard to regional heritage Ms Chapman said the Da Vinci machines have arrived in Nelson for exhibiting at the Nelson Provincial Museum; the working models were specially made for the exhibition which runs until the end of February 2008.

Ms Chapman spoke regarding the GB Heritage Aorere Trust; she thanked the Board and Councillors for attending the opening ceremonies. They are seeking a Community Board representative on the Trust.

The Board informed Ms Chapman that Members Gamby and McLellan are representatives on the Trust.

Claire Webster (Enviroschools Facilitator) – reported that the TDC/NCC Smart Home will be in Golden Bay 4th – 21st December; it is hoped to have it in the carpark behind the organic shop. It has an energy efficient focus and shows people what is available.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 GB Community Board held - 11th September 2007

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB07/11/03**

THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 11th September

**2007 (containing resolutions GB07/09/01 – GB07/09/11) be accepted as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

2.2 GB Community Board Community Annual Plan meetings held from 15th October to 5th November 2007

The following corrections were noted:

Page 1 – Upper Takaka Meeting – No. 6 last sentence: “..... acknowledged there was no consultation....” Should read ‘.....acknowledged there was insufficient consultation....’

Page 27 – Bainham Meeting – Present: Add Logan King and Ian Langford.

Page 30 – Pohara Meeting – Present: Add K Brookes

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB07/11/04**

**THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board Community Annual Plan meetings be adopted as a true and correct record with the recorded amendments.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members Brookes/McLellan
GB07/11/05**

**THAT the reports and correspondence contained in the Agenda be received.
CARRIED**

3. REPORTS

3.1 J Bell – GB Community Board Member

Letters of congratulations were discussed for:

- The Collingwood Fire Brigade’s fireworks display that their model is to be taken up;
- The opening of the Patons Rock Steam Museum; and
- Opening of the Aorere Centre.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Bell
GB07/11/06**

THAT letters of appreciation and congratulations be sent to the Collingwood

Fire Brigade, the Patons Rock Steam Museum and the Aorere Centre.
CARRIED

Motupipi River Catchment Community Meeting

Concern was expressed regarding a comment in the GB Weekly article where it was reported that Council's Mr James had said that work on another catchment in the Bay (Aorere) had showed that only 10% of cow effluent was captured on site, whilst the rest flowed into the river and into the sea. It was considered that the comment was not true and a correction should be made. It was clarified that the comment referred to high rainfall events.

Ratification

Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB07/11/07

THAT upon completion the summary of the Board's Annual Plan community meetings that is currently circulating around the Board for comment be sent to Tasman District Council for departmental consideration, along with the appendices/submissions received at the various meetings.
CARRIED

Councillors as board members

Mr Bell expressed his concern about Councillors not being appointed to Community Boards.

Comments from the Board included:

- Having Councillors as Board members is invaluable.
- If Councillors are not members they may feel they do not have to attend.
- Councillors provide information to and from Council; they can have input as long as they are not making the decision. For example, if a councillor attends a Community Council meeting and talks about roading issues, is he then not able to talk about it at the Council table?
- Community Boards' Minutes are circulated throughout Council; it is not a problem whether Councillors are appointed to the Board or not.– they will still attend Board meetings as it is part of their role.
- Easier for Councillors not to take part in the initial issue, but would not participate less in Board meetings.
- Essential to have Councillors on the Board.
- Very small voting group if Councillors are not on the Board.
- Cannot see that there is any great problem if Councillors are on the Board.
- Previous Mayor reportedly said he was sad not to be representing TDC or Motueka – lost voice for Motueka at the Council table.

In reply to why the matter of Councillors being appointed to community boards has suddenly become an issue, Mr Kennedy explained that the Tata Beach Management Plan issue was only used as an example and was not the reason for the change. In future similar issues the Board needs to decide whether it will put in a submission or

leave it to the public to decide. Members felt that the Board could consider such Plans as local issues.

The Chairperson considered if Councillors are appointed to the Board they can withdraw from the items where there could be a conflict of interest.

Other comments included:

- More important to take part around the Council table.
- The assumption that Councillors will not turn up to Board meetings is incorrect.
- Concern about Council meetings being scheduled in conflict with Community Board meetings.
- If Councillors are appointed to the Board they will have to be on guard all the time.
- Matters of conflict do not happen very often.
- It would need to be made very clear in the Minutes that councillors have withdrawn from certain items.
- Whether on the Board or not, Councillors can still provide information to the Board
- People know when they vote that the councillors sit on the community boards.

**Moved Board members Bell/Gamby
GB07/11/08**

**THAT GB Ward Councillors consider being appointed to the GB Community Board provided adequate safeguards protecting their rights in taking part in Council decision-making are assured.
CARRIED**

Crs Riley and Borlase said they would seek advice from the Chief Executive Officer and Local Government NZ.

Delegations

The Chairperson said the Motueka Community Board also wants to move this forward so both Boards need to meet to determine how this will be approached. The Local Government Commission Determination said a review of delegations can take place early in the new term.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB07/11/09**

**THAT a letter be forwarded to the Motueka Community Board suggesting a meeting of the two Boards be held in Golden Bay prior to Christmas.
CARRIED**

The luncheon adjournment was taken between 12.30pm and 1.19pm.

The Chairperson reported he had been approached by Claire Webster about the garden competition; she has offered to organise it.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB07/11/10**

**THAT the GB Garden Competition be added as a late agenda item.
CARRIED**

**3.2 Community Services Manager – Elected
Members’ Remuneration**

Mr Kennedy explained to the Board that it is required to give its approval to the Elected Members’ Remuneration and Rules for Expenses and Allowances Policy.

Mr Kennedy reminded the Board of the various options offered and that previously Council and the Board had adopted Model G. He further explained that the remuneration is set by the Remuneration Authority and how the formula is made up, and that it is funded by Council. This could be from the General Rate or by a targeted rate.

The Chairperson reminded the meeting that prior to Model G when the Boards were originally formed, Council had made the decision on remuneration and had voted for the maximum for councillors, but only half the entitlement for community board members. That was to be reviewed but still has not happened. Mr Bell considered there had also been ‘quite a lot of slippage in relativity’ due to percentage increases.

Mr Kennedy considered that there had not been consultation with the Boards when Model G was adopted and this took place in 2003.

Other points raised were:

- The GB Community Board had approached the Remuneration Authority to get a determination, but it came down on Council’s side.
- Council meets more often than the Board. This raised further discussion.
- One of the Board’s roles is to keep in touch with the community – consultation and representatives on community committees.
- There is no cost of living increase in the remuneration package.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB07/11/11**

**THAT the GB Community Board recommends to Council that Model G continues to be used as the basis for Councillor and Board member remuneration post 2007 Local Authority elections, however, it would like Council to review the remuneration for the Board some time next year.
CARRIED**

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Engineering Manager – Engineering Projects 2007/08

This item was received earlier in the meeting.

The Chairperson reported that Motupipi residents are worried about the upgrade of the Cassidy's Corner pump station and that if it is closer to the river it may be inundated by rising sea levels, also that there was insufficient holding capacity in the event of a pump failure.

In reply to a question from the public, Mr Kennedy said he would seek clarification regarding the \$200,000 budgeted for the Takaka Fire/Water Feasibility Study; the Board had been told the amount budgeted had been altered to \$90,000.

4.2 Engineering Manager – Community Board Request regarding Engineering Projects

This item of correspondence was received earlier.

4.3 Derry Kingston – Establishing a Community Chest

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB07/11/12**

THAT the GB Community Board approves in principle the establishment of a Community Chest.

Further, that the Board will consider the matter of a donation, pending community support and terms of reference.

CARRIED

Board member Gamby asked that it be recorded that he did not take part in the discussion.

4.4 Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology – Thanks for Hosting ELTO Group

This correspondence was received earlier, however it was considered that next year more time could be allowed as the meeting was a little rushed.

4.5 Minister of Consumer Affairs – Country of Origin Labelling

This correspondence was received earlier.

4.6 Minister of Health – Country of Origin Labelling

This item was received earlier.

4.7 Minister for Food Safety – Country of Origin Labelling

It was reported that a petition seeking Country of Origin labelling is to be presented to Government shortly.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB07/11/13**

**THAT the GB Community Board sends a letter of support to both Foodstuffs and Progressive Enterprises for their positive initiatives in having Country of Origin Labelling.
CARRIED**

**4.8 Local Government NZ – NZ Community Boards’ Executive
Committee Elections – Call for Nominations**

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB 07/11/14**

THAT the GB Community Board receives the correspondence from Local Government NZ regarding the call for nominations for representatives and deputies on the NZ Community Boards’ Executive Committee.

**Further, that a letter be sent saying that logistically it is difficult for anyone from Golden Bay to be part of the Executive, however the Board is happy that the Zone is in good hands.
CARRIED**

4.9 Fraser Galloway (Controller, CD) – Bailey Bridge on Takaka Hill

There was some discussion as to what constitutes a civil emergency; Mr Kennedy explained that if life was at risk there would be a civil emergency. Foodstuffs can be flown in.

4.10 Minister of Police – Nelson Police Cells

The Board agreed it was good to put forward the community’s concerns; also helpful to see the Nelson Mail’s article along the same lines.

**4.11 Corporate Services Manager – GBCB’s Submission to Pt Nelson
Shares Fund**

The Chairperson considered that it was not a good process regarding submissions to the Pt Nelson Shares Fund. Initially the matter was in the annual plan, then taken out and now submissions received are being referred back to the Annual Plan.

Mr Kennedy explained that over half the submissions were asking for debt to be paid off; Council is investigating whether that is to happen. He said other submitters can apply again in the next Annual Plan.

It was considered that schools should be looked after by the Education Department; with regard to Port Tarakohe, Council had been told it was being looked after and it would be reported on at the November Enterprise Committee meeting.

The main area of concern was that all submitters had received a generic letter instead of one that was relevant to their submission.

Mr Kennedy said he would follow that aspect up with the Corporate Services Manager and that the Board would hear further about Port Tarakohe following the Enterprise Committee meeting on 28th November 2007.

4.12 Be Well Golden Bay – Mobility Crossings at intersections

The Chairperson read the email communications that had been ongoing between him and Council's Roading Asset Engineer, Steve Elkington regarding the difficulty for people with mobility scooters and walking frames crossing side roads in Takaka township.

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan GB07/11/15

**THAT the GB Community Board follows up the issue of people with mobility scooters and walking frames having difficulty crossing Hiawatha Lane, Lake Crescent and other side roads, with S Elkington as commenced on 6th October by email.
CARRIED**

4.13 GB High School – Thanks for Community Board donation

This item was received earlier.

5. OTHER

5.1 Approval of Board's letter to Shirley Ford as requested by Tasman District Council

It was noted that the Chairperson took no part in the discussions and left the room. Mrs McLellan took the Chair.

The following points were raised:

- Concern was expressed about a second market opening;
- Junction Street market proceeds go to the Rescue Helicopter;
- Where will the new market's proceeds go?
- Concern expressed that the carpark is not finished;
- A review asked for in 6 months' time;
- Public concern that a second market may negatively impact on the helicopter funds;
- Plans for the carpark are being drawn up now – hopefully to be completed at the same time as the new library; may not be the best place for a market;
- Concern about taking out two carparking areas at once;
- No charge for stalls at the first market; after that \$20 per stall; Junction Street market is \$3 per stall.

There was some discussion about work being done on the carpark while the market is in progress, and whether the market will continue on the grass or seal after the library development is completed.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB07/11/16**

THAT the GB Community Board asks that Council looks at how the market is going to impact on the Library and carpark development and whether to relocate the market while that work is on.

**Further, that the Board reviews the market at its December meeting once the parking plan is available.
Carried**

5.2 Approval of the list of items prepared from the eight community meetings for 2008/09 Annual Plan LTCCP for consideration.

The list of items was not tabled as it was still being circulated.

There was discussion on the issue of the Community Centre / Work Centre driveway layout; this needs addressing and sealing.

After further discussion it was agreed that research on the history of the matter be carried out prior to having a meeting of all parties. It was pointed out that it is the wrong place for a Play Centre and that the Work Centre has 'grown' a lot.

Mr Kennedy suggested also that the Board talk to all parties about relocation.

With regard to the list of Annual Plan items the Board is compiling, Mr Kennedy asked that it be forwarded to the Managers as soon as possible.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB07/11/17**

**THAT upon completion, the Golden Bay list of Annual Plan items is forwarded to Tasman District Council for preparing departmental budgets for the 2008-09 Annual Plan.
CARRIED**

5.3 Garden Competition

In response to the offer by Claire Webster to organise the GB Garden Competition, it was considered that perhaps February is not the best month for it. The Chairperson said the funding of \$500 from the Board's Discretionary Fund and \$500 from Parks and Reserves has been organised.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB07/11/18**

**THAT the GB Community Board thank Claire Webster for her kind offer which is accepted gratefully, but asks whether the competition could be held prior to Christmas instead of in February.
CARRIED**

It was further suggested that another category of “New Garden” (up to six months old) be considered.

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

Date Confirmed:

Chair: