

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Golden Bay Community Board  
**DATE:** 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007  
**TIME:** 9.00 am  
**VENUE:** GB Service Centre Meeting Room, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Crs N Riley & S Borlase, L Kennedy (Community Services Manager), N Heyes (Minute Secretary), members of the Press and Public, and Mayor Kempthorne from 2.15pm

## APOLOGIES

Nil

### 1. OPENING, APOLOGIES, WELCOME

The Chairperson welcomed everyone and introduced the Board and staff to the first attendees of Public Forum.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan  
GB 07/12/01**

**THAT Crs Riley and Borlase have speaking rights at the meeting.  
CARRIED**

### 2. PUBLIC FORUM

Alan Vaughan – offered to submit a report of progress on the Challenger Inshore Fin Fish meetings being held over the next year across the Top of the South Island.

Mr Vaughan said he had attended the Environment Court to hear the appeal of the Friends of Nelson Haven regarding coastal landscapes and estuaries. The case had been adjourned as the judge had disqualified himself.

The Chairperson said that it was intended that a new judge would be appointed and the case heard early next year.

Mr Vaughan said he supports the request by the Takaka Police to shift the 50kmph speed sign further out at the south end of town.

Victoria Davis – spoke on behalf of cyclists in Golden Bay; she said there is a protest tomorrow regarding the road widening work that is happening at SH60 Rangihaeata.

They do not want the deep ditches on the side of the road as they are dangerous for cyclists. She considered that traffic is going to go faster when the road widening is finished and asked for white lines on the road side for safety for vulnerable road users.

Ms Davis reminded the meeting:

- That this area is going to be developed and it will be dangerous for children learning to bike.
- Birds Hill road widening plans are 25 years old;
- Those plans need to be updated to attract other road users and keep them safe.

Ms Davis said she is giving up the job of spokesperson for cyclists in Golden Bay as there is no encouragement. She considered that people giving up cycling because of lack of safety on Golden Bay roads, poses a serious social and environmental issue for Golden Bay.

The Chairperson said the Board had made a submission to Transit NZ's 10 year Draft Plan; he read an excerpt from Transit's response to the Board's submission which considered Golden Bay to be a low traffic area where cycle lanes are not a priority.

Ms Davis left the meeting at this point owing to another appointment.

It was pointed out that road widening does make room for other road users when two trucks are passing.

Praise was expressed for the work Ms Davis had done as she has been extremely effective in bringing cycling issues to everyone's notice.

NgAng – Reported that Rototai Road walkway is progressing. The Chairperson read from a Memorandum from Council's Steve Elkington, which said that some work is to be undertaken in the New Year, however it appeared work on the section adjacent to Theo Blyth's property may not happen for a year or two.

It was considered that the section adjacent to the Blyth property should be done first for safety reasons.

NgAng – also raised the matter of water shortages and the need to be aware of the use of water – a lot is wasted that could be recycled and used on gardens.

Penny Griffith – acknowledged the positive contributions that Tasman District Council has made to the Golden Bay community; there are new public toilets in Collingwood, and also the recent work that has been done at Salisbury Bridge.

Ms Griffith expressed concern that the Heritage Sub-committee has been discontinued again and asked the Board to consider taking this matter up.

It was reported that Cr Wilkins has picked up the portfolio for 'Heritage'.

Mr Kennedy explained that 'heritage' comes under the E & P umbrella; and funding from the Grants Committee.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB07/12/02**

**THAT the matter of the Heritage Sub-Committee be added as a late agenda item for discussion with a view to writing to Council about it.  
CARRIED**

It was suggested also that the matter be discussed with Mayor Kempthorne.

Peter Foster – asked whether there is any progress regarding re-establishing the Delegations Sub-committee and delegations to community boards.

Mr Kennedy said the matter has not been forgotten.

The Chairperson said that in Auckland some councillors have been reportedly 'fighting' over the seats to be on their community boards, and also that the Far North District Council is doubling the money paid to community boards and stepping up their delegations.

Noel Riley – reported that the Takaka Airport runway has just been resealed and that there is a possible expansion of air services out of the airport.

Mr Riley spoke about the tennis pavilion at Pohara; a group of people are maintaining and painting it but some problems have been found and they are looking for funding for the roof that leaks.

Mr Riley also reported that a mirror is being put up to aid visibility at the new subdivision at Rototai.

Bill Wallis – raised the matter of the entrance / exit point at the Fresh Choice supermarket onto the SH60; the entranceway needs to be splayed so vehicles do not need to stop before entering or leaving. He tabled a drawing and said the work needs to be done urgently.

Mr Wallis also raised the matter of the Anatoki Bridge; he said initially they had been asked not to approach DoC for funding however he now understands that DoC and Council are working together in other areas.

Mr Wallis also asked why there is no launching dock at Tarakohe for small boats.

Alan Kilgour (Tarakohe Harbour Manager) said the whole area where boats are launched is to be redesigned and they are looking at putting in a floating dock.

With regard to the Anatoki Bridge, Cr Borlase said that while DoC does not think they should be involved they may contribute to the road.

Mr Kennedy said that as Neil Clifton (Nelson DoC) and Council are meeting he will get the details and informally raise the matter of DoC contributing to the road.

Alan Kilgour – said he is now the Bio-Security NZ advocate for Golden Bay. His role is to inform the public of what Bio-Security NZ is doing with regard to marine security

issues – looking at boats/ ships that come into Golden Bay and making sure they are ‘clean’ – and giving out questionnaires; also an educational role to make people more aware.

Mr Kilgour also reported that the GB Cement Works is holding a reunion in November 2008 to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the closure of the works. The reunion is to be held in the Pohara Hall, however the interior needs refurbishing.

Mr Kennedy said Council has spent around \$15,000 – \$16,000 on roofing work and it is intended this year to start on the inside with putting in a disabled toilet and also repairing ceilings. He said he would try to ensure the work is completed by November 2008.

Alan Vaughan – said he is delighted that there is wheelchair access to the Pohara Hall now.

Jo-Anne Vaughan – asked whether the matter of a targeted rate for community boards is still being considered.

Mr Kennedy said the matter had been raised in submissions to the annual plan so Council must consider it.

The Chairperson said it is disturbing that only the Board costs are being taken into account, that no community benefit is being considered. He said he had been advised by Simon Blakemore from the Murchison Community Association that the submissions seeking a targeted rate were a backlash following the TDC vote to reduce the Lakes/Murchison councillor representation from two to one.

Board member Gamby thanked Mr Kennedy for coming to Upper Takaka and discussing the hall.

Mr Gamby asked about the sealing of the community workers carpark – some work had taken place recently at the Work Centre carpark. He also asked about resolving the access problems between the Work Centre and the Community Centre.

Mr Kennedy said he understood there was money in this year’s budget for some work to be done at the Community Centre carpark; he would follow it up.

In response to a comment from the Board about there being no management committee for the Pohara Hall, Mr Kennedy explained that many of the halls are coming back to Council to administer and that arrangement can work very well.

The Chairperson wished everyone a happy Christmas and said the February community board meeting will be held in Collingwood.

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### **3.1 GB Community Board – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007 – Ordinary**

Pg 1 – Paragraph 4 – Delete “.....be considered for the GB Museum” and add “.... hung away from the window”.

**Moved Board members Brookes/McLellan  
GB07/12/03**

**THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007 (containing resolutions GB07/11/01 – GB07/11/18) as amended be accepted as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

### **3.2 GB Community Board – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007 – Inaugural**

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan  
GB 07/12/04**

**THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007 (containing resolutions GB07/11/01 – GB07/11/07 be accepted as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB07/12/05**

**THAT the Reports and Correspondence contained the agenda be received and the following be considered as Late Agenda items.**

- **Takaka Police 50 kmph**
- **Heritage subcommittee**

**CARRIED**

## **4. REPORTS**

### **4.1 Chairperson's Report**

#### **Vessels at Anchor in Golden Bay**

The Chairperson spoke to his report and reiterated the concerns about bio-security checks on vessels that have not come from a NZ port. He said he had sought information via the Environment and Planning Manager and had received a reply but not the attachment from MAF Bio-security NZ; he would forward it to everyone upon receipt.

**Moved Board members Brookes/McLellan  
GB07/12/06**

**THAT a letter be sent to Bio-Security New Zealand and the Tasman District Council Environment & Planning Manager saying that the Board appreciates the appointment of a Marine Bio-Security Officer for Golden Bay, and further, that the GB Community Board follows up on the response from MAF Bio-security NZ, if necessary, on issues raised regarding cargo boats in**

**Golden Bay.  
CARRIED**

**Western Golden Bay Planning**

The Chairperson said the reference appeal hearing at the Environment Court on coastal landscapes had been adjourned; he said a public process is needed to pick up all the issues and the Court will most likely rule that Tasman District Council embarks on a such a process. He said coastal landscapes had been withdrawn from the PTRMP notified in 1996 and the Friends of Nelson Haven and Golden Bay want adequate rules and policies put back.

Mr Bell said he is going to attend the Environmental & Planning Committee meeting at Richmond on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, and would like speaking rights, along with Board member McLellan; all Board members are welcome to attend.

There was some discussion on visiting community board members not having speaking rights at recent meetings in Richmond, apart from during Public Forum, and it was suggested that the Board asks Mayor Kempthorne about this when he arrives.

**Broadband Access**

The Chairperson said there is a fibre optic cable between Takaka and Collingwood, also out to Pohara/Clifton but Telecom are reportedly reluctant to put the necessary boosters on.

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan  
GB07/12/07**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to Telecom and other providers as appropriate and asks for consideration in making better use of the fibre optic network in Golden Bay by making broadband more accessible, and further, that a copy of the letter be sent to Council's Peter Darlington asking if the Community Board can do anything to help Council pursue the case.  
CARRIED**

**Seasons Greetings**

The Chairperson said there have been a lot of achievements during the year and it is very heartening to see the items ticked off; he wished everyone well for Christmas and the New Year.

The morning tea adjournment was taken between 10.35am and 10.55am.

**4.2 Board member Gamby – Verbal Report on Holiday Season Banners**

Board member Gamby spoke about the funding from the Board's Discretionary Fund and Pub Charity for the purpose of making banners for Takaka and Collingwood. Banners are now being designed and painted with Liza Eastman and Dave Myall driving the project and artists and students painting them. Cr Borlase is to take them to Nelson to be heat treated, after which Mark Allinson will put in eyelets in readiness for the banners to be put up in the next few days.

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan  
GB07/12/08**

**THAT once the banners are up, the GB Community Board writes letters to Liza Eastman, Dave Myall, and a letter to the GB Weekly to thank schools, artists and everyone involved for their time and effort in this project.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes  
GB07/12/09**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the GB Arts Council thanking them for the \$400 granted to the project.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting was reminded that the accountability form must be completed at the end of the project for the funding received from Grants from Rates.

It was reported that the hanging baskets are to go out on Monday.

**Santa Parade – Collectable Car Club**

The Chairperson reported that the Collectable Car Club is organising a Santa Parade on 22<sup>nd</sup> December; Shirley Bayliss had asked if they might apply to the Board for funds if they are short.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB07/12/10**

**THAT a letter be sent to the Collectable Car Club and anyone else who was involved, thanking them for the Santa Parade.**

**CARRIED**

**Dr Tracey Osbourne – Marine Plan for Golden Bay**

Tracey Osbourne, a marine scientist residing in Golden Bay, joined the meeting and tabled copies of her presentation on a Marine Ecosystem Planning Initiative.

Ms Osbourne explained her idea to involve the community in putting together the initiative; she said the funding criteria allows them to apply this year to the Sustainable Management Fund. Ms Osbourne has taken up the initiative because integrated management is not happening and she has been asked to by people in the community.

Ms Osbourne is working towards a representative group of stakeholders to lead them to a shared, agreed management plan. She said Australia and Canada have very good models to look at. The aim is to show people how ecosystems work, and “what would happen if .....” scenarios.

Outcomes sought are improved relationships, skills and technical knowledge, improved knowledge of the Golden Bay marine ecosystem, and a win/win outcome for all stakeholders.

Ms Osbourne answered questions from the Board. She said they want NIWA to do a research survey of Golden Bay and they are working on costings to do that. It would be carried out over the whole Bay.

Other outcomes would be an Increase in social capital, also bringing together all the information.

It was pointed out that stakeholders all have an Interest in keeping the Bay in a healthy condition.

Management of funds will be by the Tasman Environmental Trust and Manawhenua Ki Mohua.

### **Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan GB07/12/11**

**THAT the GB Community Board supports the Marine Ecosystem Planning Initiative project in principle, and writes letters of support for their funding applications which identifies community support for the plan as shown in “Golden Bay In 2022” and other community consultation.**

**CARRIED**

The Board asked to be kept informed of progress and that Biosecurity NZ and the Ministry of Transport be added to the official advisory group as listed in Ms Osbourne’s presentation.

### **4.3 Reserves Manager’s Report – Update on Golden Bay Reserves**

The Board asked that its thanks be forwarded to Council for the work that was done at Salisbury Bridge and the new toilets at Collingwood. Cr Riley is to provide a picnic table for the Salisbury Bridge area after Christmas.

With regard to Collingwood people being worried about fires being lit close to vegetation, the Board asked that Mr Kennedy investigate the use of the international ‘no fires’ sign in vulnerable areas.

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **5.1 Transit NZ – GB Community Board’s Submission**

With regard to Transit New Zealand’s comments about cycle lanes, the Chairperson commented:

- wider roads must be safer for all road users; trucks were previously taking up the whole side of the carriageway;
- the wider verge must be helpful;
- the ditching is to aid water drainage off the road and from under the seal;
- Unfortunately cycle lane not feasible or fundable at the moment.



**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes  
GB07/12/12**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to Transit NZ asking that the request from the Takaka Police to relocate the 50kmph sign at the south end of Takaka township needs to be reconsidered, and that the request is supported by the Board who points out that the safety issue is not just about low traffic volumes, and attaching a copy of the letter from Police. The Board considers the sign should be in the vicinity of Bridgers Hollow.**

**Further, that the 50kmph sign at the north end of Takaka town be relocated north of Pages corner.  
CARRIED**

## **5.2 Ligar Bay Homeowners Association – Request to extend Licences**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB07/12/13**

**THAT the writer be advised that the Board has included this matter in its submission to Tasman District Council for the 2008-09 Annual Plan/LTCCP.”  
CARRIED**

One option to be considered is that licence holders can stay in their homes as long as they wish, however they cannot pass on or sell the properties.

Board member Gamby is to attend the proposed Engineering Services meeting where the matter will be discussed.

## **5.3 Engineering Manager – Engineering Standards & Policies Review**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes  
GB07/12/14**

**THAT a letter be sent to Mr Mik Symmons thanking him for presenting the Board’s submission to the Engineering Standards Review.  
CARRIED**

## **5.4 Utilities Asset Manager – Cassidy’s Corner Sewerage Pumping Station**

This letter was received earlier in the meeting; it is further noted that the information has been sent to the residents in the area. The Chairperson understood that another meeting to brief the residents has been held.

## **5.5 GB Promotion Association Inc – Rubbish & Recycling Facilities**

**Moved Board members Brookes/McLellan  
GB07/11/15**

**THAT GB Promotions be advised that the Board has included this item in its submission to Tasman District Council for the 2008 – 09 Annual Plan/LTCCP.”**  
**CARRIED**

## **5.6 GB U3A Climate Group – NZ’s Climate Change Solutions**

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan**  
**GB07/12/16**

**THAT the writer be advised that the Board has included climate change in its submission to Tasman District Council for the 2008 – 09 Annual Plan/LTCCP.”**  
**CARRIED**

## **5.6 Tina Bridgman – Widening of SH60 – Rangihaeata**

Following discussion it was agreed that the letter be held in abeyance until the road works at Rangihaeata are completed. Further, that a letter be sent to Ms Bridgman explaining the Board’s position and asking her to contact Council if there is still a problem at the completion of the works.

## **5.7 NZ Police, Takaka – 50kmph Speed Restriction at the Top of Town**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

The luncheon adjournment was taken between 12.30pm and 1.18pm

## **6. OTHER**

### **6.1 Library Carpark Plan**

Mr Kennedy presented the proposed new library carpark layout and spoke to it; the proposal is to maximise ease of getting cars in and out.

There was some discussion regarding the old Environment Centre property and the Chairperson spoke on the history of it and that he personally had been prepared to buy it for community purposes, but the purchase did not eventuate. It was suggested that the matter be put on the Board’s February agenda as a possible Facilities Rate project.

It was pointed out that the building does need work done on it.

With regard to the building being used as a Youth Centre, it was not considered to be an ideal place; it was suggested that the building could be moved over closer to the skate park.

With regard to pedestrian access to the new Library, it was suggested that a walkway from the village green to the library may be better than the one on the proposed plan.

There was a discussion about the Council leasing out the ‘green’ area on the plan adjacent to Reilly Street for commercial purposes to offset costs of purchasing the old

Environment Centre property and Mr Kennedy agreed to talk to the Manger Property Services to determine whether this would be possible.

## **6.2 GB DILs – Allocation of Funds**

Mr Kennedy tabled his Department's suggested allocations. He said that as budgets are not being finalised until February, no immediate decision needs to be made.

Cr Riley left the meeting between 1.54pm and 1.59pm.

Mr Kennedy explained the suggested allocations. With regard to coast care work and plantings, the Board asked that three quotes be obtained to ensure pricing is competitive.

With regard to the playground at Parapara, it was asked that consultation with the residents be carried out in order to have the playground at the best site.

Mr Kennedy said he would look into whether interpretative signage at Pakawau Beach, Clifton Cemetery could be done this year.

The Board asked that the land being offered as reserve adjacent to the Hansen Winter Reserve (Bay Vista Drive), at Pohara, be added to the allocations, with the \$60,000 perhaps being spread over 2 years.

Allocations totalled approximately \$460,000.

## **6.3 Regional Transport – Request for Information**

The matter of public transport in Golden Bay was discussed; it was pointed out that a Regional Transport Subsidy had been looked at previously, and that public transport could work in conjunction with Sustainable Golden Bay. Once a week transport Collingwood to Takaka and Pohara to Takaka was suggested on a trial basis.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB07/12/17**

**THAT the GB Community Board request information from Council and Government agencies on what subsidies are available for public transport specific to Golden Bay, with a view to including it in the Board's submission to the Annual Plan.**

**CARRIED**

**Mayor Kempthorne joined the meeting at this point, being 2.15pm.**

## **7. LATE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **7.1 NZ Police, Takaka – 50kmph Speed Restriction**

This item was dealt with earlier.

## 7.2 Heritage Sub-committee

The Chairperson explained to Mayor Kempthorne the concern about no Heritage Sub-committee being appointed and invited his comments. Mayor Kempthorne questioned the necessity of such a sub-committee; he said Council had decided that any heritage issues can be considered by Environment & Planning and funding by the Grants Committee. He said there is no intention to revisit that decision at the moment.

Mayor Kempthorne said that interested people can still meet and that the issues raised forwarded to Environment & Planning.

It was pointed out that Environment and Planning is a busy department with many responsibilities.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB07/12/18**

**THAT the GB Community Board records concerns expressed regarding heritage issues and the lack of a Heritage Sub-committee and takes a 'wait and see' approach as to whether concerns will be adequately addressed through Environment & Planning.**

**CARRIED**

The Chairperson said the Board is keen to keep Golden Planning in focus and would like to come to the Environment & Planning meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December but would like to be assured they would have speaking rights.

Mayor Kempthorne said he would raise the matter with the Chair of the committee and they would have speaking rights.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.28pm to prepare for a Citizenship Ceremony.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: