

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 12th February 2008
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: Collingwood Fire Brigade Rooms

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Crs N Riley and S Borlase (from 9.10am), L Kennedy (Community Services Manager), N Heyes (Minute Secretary)

APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/02/01**

**THAT the apology for non-attendance from Board member Brookes, and Cr Borlase for lateness be sustained.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/02/02**

**THAT Crs Riley and Borlase be granted speaking rights.
CARRIED**

1. PUBLIC FORUM

The meeting stood for a minute's silence in remembrance of Mr Fred Cowin (ex GB County Councillor), also Tom Hone, Hone Tuwhare and Sir Edmund Hillary.

Jo-Anne Vaughan – tabled and read a submission in opposition to targeted rates for the Golden Bay Community Board. Council is debating this week whether to include the matter in the Annual Plan, with an amount of \$46 per ratepayer being mooted. She asked that voting be put off until the Review of the Local Government Act 2002 is completed around April this year.

Cr Borlase arrived at this point.

Alan Vaughan – supports any effort of the Board to oppose a targeted rate for community boards and tabled and read his submission. He said the Corporate Services Manager's report said the GB Community Board cost in excess of \$135,000 per annum. Mr Vaughan asked Council to provide an audited account of Board costs. He also asked that Council waits for the completion of the Review of the Local Government Act before deciding to include the matter in the Annual Plan.

There was some discussion on the Board putting in a submission on the Local Government Act 2002 Review.

The Chairperson said Fletcher Vautier Moore has put out an opinion on the Rating Act regarding targeted rates for community boards.

Pete Watkins – spoke about the Collingwood Rugby Club; he said it is one of the oldest clubs in the country and owns its own grounds. The Club had recently held a fundraiser to maintain the clubrooms and grounds which was a great success. Around 400 people had attended. The Club would like to thank everyone involved.

Penny Griffith – thanked Council for the new toilets at Collingwood. She also raised the matter of the Heritage Committee being discontinued. Ms Griffith and Graham Anderson had attended the December Full Council meeting in Richmond and expressed their concerns, and subsequently met with Mayor Kempthorne and Cr Wilkins on 19th December 2007. As a result of that meeting they have prepared a proposal on how a Heritage Community Committee might ‘fit’ into the scheme of things. The proposal is to be discussed with a wider group possibly including the Community Services Manager, the CEO, Policy Planner Rose Biss and other TDC staff; no date for the meeting has been set.

The Chairperson drew the meeting’s attention to community concern about the destruction of the old tramway embankment at Dodsons Road. He said there is a commitment in the TRMP to a Heritage Committee.

Alan Blackie – Expressed concern regarding the New Zealand road death and injury rate – 440 deaths last year which is one of the worst in the world. He suggested that the GB community could help the Government to reach its goal of no more than 300 deaths by 2010 by the Board lobbying Council to review speed limits and reduce these to 80kmph on Council roads in Golden Bay.

There was some discussion on this; while generally the ‘Warrant System’ is applied regarding the setting of speed restrictions, a precedent has been set by Council in two areas around Riwaka. The Board is making a submission to Transit NZ on the latest Review of SH60, which is due next month.

The Chairperson said the Board is also asking about both ends of Takaka Township where development has crept out and the 50kmph speed restriction signs need to be moved further out also.

It was suggested that counters be put in place over holiday times instead of the middle of winter, and that speed limits past schools should be 40kmph, an hour before and after school.

Martin Milligan – represented the Collingwood Tennis Club Committee; he expressed the Club’s willingness to communicate with the Community Board and Council regarding the tennis courts in the Collingwood camping-grounds. He said the Club has owned the land since the 1920s. He said the Club is committed to seeing the courts resurfaced and would like to see some plans put to them that would lead to discussions.

The Board considered the matter of the siting of the courts needs to be put to the Collingwood community. It was pointed out that keeping the camping grounds viable is paramount.

Mr Milligan pointed out that without the Club owning the land the courts would have disappeared and the issue of maintaining the land needs to be addressed by the Club, Community Board and Council.

Mr Kennedy explained that the Council could possibly lose almost two thirds of the camp owing to the recent realisation that it is not all Council land. He said Council has a real concern for the camp and its effect on the economy of Collingwood which was why it offered to provide new courts, possibly at the high school.

The Chairperson suggested the matter be added as a Late Agenda item. He said there had been no contact with the Collingwood Tennis Club because Council was trying to gather further information.

Mr Milligan said they have canvassed in the community and generally people are supportive of the courts being where they are. He said the courts have been cleaned up and have been well used this summer; there are currently around 20 signed up members.

BJ White – suggested the Collingwood playground could be shifted down to the camp as well and a new site found for the camp.

Sara Chapman – said there is a lot of concern in the community regarding the future of the camp; a huge number of visitors use it which adds to the economy of Collingwood; there is a need to maintain a viable camp in Collingwood.

Peter Foster – spoke regarding the legal situation of targeted rates; he said it illustrates the importance of the Golden Bay councillors not having a vote at this table when a targeted rate is discussed at Richmond.

Carolyn McLellan – spoke on behalf of Ivan and Lily McKay regarding the lack of visibility caused by the erection of a high fence in the subdivision at Rototai. It was reported that Engineering staff have inspected the site and the matter is in hand.

Sara Chapman – spoke about the water tanker that was transferred from the Takaka Fire Brigade to the Collingwood Brigade. She said all the charges of maintaining the tanker will now fall to the Collingwood Fire Brigade Trust – around \$4000 a year to keep it on the road; they will be relying on the community for its assistance as there is a lot less demand for water deliveries in Collingwood to fund the operating costs.

BJ White – asked for an update on the walking track from Collingwood to the Collingwood Area School.

The Chair reported that it is in the plan to be done however there is currently no funding. The Board has asked for it to be done in stages.

Penny Griffith – said the gravel path that was installed in Washington Street (from Lewis Street to Gibbs Road) is not maintained by Council; she has been doing the weed spraying.

Mr Kennedy said he would investigate the matter.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 GB Community Board – 11th December 2007

**Moved Board Members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/02/03**

THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 11th December 2007) containing resolutions GB07/12/01 – GB07/12/18) be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/02/04**

THAT the reports and correspondence contained in the agenda be received and the following be considered as Late Agenda items.

- Legal opinion from Barrister Warwick Heal, to be tabled
- Collingwood Tennis Courts
- Ratification of GB Community Board's Further Submission to Variation 57
- Ratification of the Board's suggested delegations.
- Legal opinion from Fletcher Vautier Moore (via LGNZ) be tabled and accepted.
- Takaka Memorial at Takaka Library

CARRIED

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairperson's Report

Environment Court Hearing in Nelson - Coastal Landscapes

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/02/05**

THAT the GB Community Board supports a settlement of the reference relating to Coastal Landscapes by negotiations between the parties.

CARRIED

Summer Banner Project

Mr Gamby reported that the Arts Council had received a letter from the Community Board asking for more banners to be made. Liza Eastman is to investigate.

The Chairperson thanked Cr Borlase for his work with the hanging baskets; he said there had been very positive feedback on them.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/02/06**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to Golden Bay Promotions thanking them for the hanging baskets and the ongoing work of maintaining them.
CARRIED**

Jazz on the Village Green

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/02/07**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to Grant Knowles as organiser of Heart Art thanking them for raising the major part of the funding for the stage canopy for the Village Green.
CARRIED**

Vehicles on Beaches

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/02/08**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Far North District Council and Central Government expressing its concern about the fatal accident where a motor cycle had run into two girls sitting on the beach, and offering support for developing appropriate rules governing vehicles on beaches.
CARRIED**

Complaints and Feedback Policy

The Chairperson explained that the CEO had declined to accept the suggested policy.

The Board agreed to leave the matter to lie on the table until the matter of the targeted rates is completed.

Joan Whiting Patient Sling

There was some discussion regarding the best way to handle applications to the Ann Castle Memorial Fund as breaking the investment meant a loss of interest monies.

**Moved Board members Bell/Gamby
GB08/02/09**

**THAT the application to the Ann Castle Memorial Fund by the JW Rest Home for \$851.51 for a patient sling be approved, with payment to be made upon maturity of the investment.
CARRIED**

It was suggested that the Board look at annually donating a small amount from its Discretionary Fund to the Ann Castle Memorial Fund.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.35am and 10.55am.

Property Manager – Updating the Board on Port Golden Bay (Tarakohe) Development

Mr Frater gave a power point presentation on the proposed development of Port Golden Bay. He said the name change was the Port Manager's idea as people seemed to think that Tarakohe is in the North Island.

He emphasised the need to maximise development at the port to get others to invest which will in turn lead to employment opportunities.

The presentation included a plan of the land ownership and facilities at the port and detailed the following proposals:

- To extend the inner western arm to stop erosion happening inside the port;
- To separate commercial and recreational areas which will lead to improved recreational facilities; increase the volume of goods over the wharf; make it into a 'provisioning' port. There is presently a waiting list for 20 berths.
- Put together a good marketing plan in partnership with key stakeholders.

That the port be self-funding and be built according to demand and affordability. The existing debt will remain or be capitalised into the port. Charges must be competitive, with a user pays philosophy.

Proposed time lines were given for:

- Replacing the wooden wharf;
- A new floating marina – up to 178 berths;
- A new boat ramp;
- Supporting infrastructure – roading, parking, storage, upgrading electricity and water.

Projected income and expenditure for this year will be in the Annual Plan with major capital expenditure in the 2009/2019 LTCCP.

Mr Frater answered questions from the Board; he said an independent accountant has prepared a business plan for the port.

Ligar Bay issues – Mr Frater said he is happy to have a meeting. He said GB County Council had reached agreement with the bach owners with a finite date being set and that is still the official Council position. The area of land where the baches are is Road Reserve but used as a Recreational area. He put the question: will the road have to be widened again in the future.

Mr Frater said he would call the meeting with bach owners; the GB Community Board would be included in the meeting.

Chairperson's Report (Cont)

Ann Castle Memorial Fund Trustees

**Moved Cr Riley/Board member Gamby
GB08/02/10**

**THAT Senior Customer Service Officer, Nancy Heyes, becomes a trustee of the Ann Castle Memorial Fund.
CARRIED**

5 Knot Marine Speed Limit

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/02/11**

**THAT the GB Community Board takes the issue of publicity for the 5-knot speed limit up with Tasman District Council and the Water Safety Council.
CARRIED**

There was some discussion on people not knowing the regulations and how best to get the information to them; it was considered that advisory stickers needed to be available where boats are purchased and signage where boats are launched.

With regard to policing of the 5-knot speed limit, it was reported that complaints go to Council's Graham Caradus.

SH60 Review

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/02/12**

**THAT the GB Community Board prepares another submission on the SH60 review and submits it to Transit NZ (with a copy to Engineering Services) before the closing date in March 2008.
CARRIED**

Cr Borlase asked that the Board's submission highlights one-way bridges, also the Birds Hill section of road.

Airport Parking

**Moved board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/02/13**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to Nelson Airport asking about the possibility of long term parking being at a cheaper rate for rural residents as a matter of district equity.
CARRIED**

Targeted Rates

Crs Riley and Borlase withdrew from discussions.

The Chairperson drew the Board's attention to Late Agenda items regarding this matter: the letters of opinion that the Board has obtained from Warwick Heal, and the Fletcher Vautier Moore opinion received from LGNZ.

He explained that Warwick Heal believes that Schedule 7 Paragraph 39 does not permit a targeted rate for community boards. The Fletcher Vautier and Moore opinion referred primarily to the Rating Act.

Mr Bell pointed out that Warwick Heal also comments on the Council's 'district wide' policy and gave examples of the Mapua chemical cleanup, District Facilities Rate etc and referred to a memorandum from ex CEO Bob Dickinson on "Think District".

Mr Bell further pointed out that there are issues with the wording of the Local Government Act in regard to a targeted rate, and these have been referred to the current Parliamentary Review of the Act and that no decisions regarding a targeted rate for community boards should be made until the result of the Review is available.

Moved Board members Bell/McLellan GB08/02/14

THAT the GB Community Board formally requests Tasman District Council to endorse a funding request to the Local Government New Zealand Ready Response Fund for a definitive, explanatory declaratory judgement on the intent and purpose of Schedule 7 Clauses 38 and 39 (1), (2) and (3) considered in conjunction with the Purpose of the Local Government Act 2002."
CARRIED

It was considered important to get that judgement and that Council needs to support the community board in a spirit of partnership. It was reported that the GB Community Board has been offered support by other councils to obtain the judgement and that it would be unfortunate if a targeted rate for community boards goes into the Annual Plan before all the facts are on the table. It was also pointed out that the intent of the Act is to empower communities.

There was wide-ranging discussion on the annual cost figures available for the GB Community Board (\$135,000) that had no supporting background material, and the Board's information that supported annual costs of around \$39,000. Concern was expressed that there would not be time for Council to read and absorb the large amount of material the Board has assembled and that Board members would not have speaking rights at the Full Council meeting to be held on 14th February 2008 where the matter of a targeted rate for community boards is to be discussed.

The Chairperson said the Board had been told by the CEO it would be consulted prior to any discussions on a targeted rate and this had not happened. It was considered that the amount of the targeted rate may very well sway Council's decision as to whether to have such a rate or not.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/02/15**

**THAT the GB Community Board makes a formal submission to the Local Government Commission Parliamentary Review of the Local Government Act 2002 concerning Schedule 7, Clauses 38 and 39, (1), (2) and (3).
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/02/16**

**THAT if Council will not support the GB Community Board in accessing the Ready Response Fund, the Board will approach another council for support.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/02/17**

**THAT the GB Community Board formally requests (in writing) speaking rights at the Full Council meeting of 14th February 2008 , as provided for in Standing Orders 3.19 .1, and 3.19. 2 (Under Urgency), to enable it to take part in discussions regarding a targeted rate for community boards.
CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned for lunch between 12.35pm and 1.35pm.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were received earlier.

- 4.1 Marama Markman – GBCB Donation to GB High School Closing Ceremony**
- 4.2 Engineering Manager (P Thomson) – Engineering Standards and Policies Review 2007**
- 4.3 Progressive Enterprises – Country of Origin Labelling**
- 4.4 Office of the Minister of Transport – Regional Transport Subsidies**
- 4.5 Joan Whiting Rest Home – Ann Castle Memorial Funding Application**
- 4.6 Road Asset Engineer (S Elkington) –Golden Bay Roding Works**

The Chairperson reported that the most dangerous area is to be done first.

- 4.7 Information Services Manager (P Darlington) – Broadband Access**

The Chairperson reported that Telecom is still to provide a formal response.

4.8 Moutere Hills Governance Board – Board member Training

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/02/18**

THAT the letter be received and that it is up to individual Board members as to whether they attend.

CARRIED

4.9 Utilities Asset Manager (J Cuthbertson) – Takaka Firewells

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/02/19**

That the letter be received and the meeting date noted to be 22nd February 2008, commencing at 9.30am at the Takaka Fire Station.

CARRIED

4.10 thepacific.net – Broadband access, Golden Bay

The Chairperson said that a group initiative is investigating the possibility of extending the fibre optic cable to Pakawau, and that depending on the content of a reply from Telecom, the Board will then need to decide the next step.

4.11 Helen Kingston – Banded Rail sighting

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/02/20**

THAT the letter be received and the reply by the Chairperson endorsed.

CARRIED

4.12 Associate Minister of Energy (Hon H Duynhoven) – Revised Draft Minerals Programme for Minerals

The Chairperson said the document is huge and cannot easily be accessed from the website.

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/02/21**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Associate Minister of Energy and asks for a print copy of the Revised Draft Minerals Programme for Minerals publication.

CARRIED

5. OTHER

5.1 Ligar Bay Leases – The future of these leases, Use of the vacant section for public access / picnic area.

Mr Kennedy advised the Board to consider what its position will be; the decision made regarding the Ligar Bay Licences to Occupy may affect others in the district; the Board needs to think 'district'. He asked the question that if the baches stay should they be valued and charged a market rent.

It was reported that Ligar Bay residents want to discuss issues other than the Licences to Occupy and that separate meetings were needed.

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/02/22**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to Jim Frater asking for a meeting with the Ligar Bay bach owners to be set up.
CARRIED**

5.2 Ligar Bay Issues – Meeting date to talk to residents

It was agreed that this meeting would take place after the meeting with the Ligar Bay bach owners.

5.3 Recycling at i-SITE

The Board considered that while the i-SITE people are concerned that there is no recycling facility there, it must be remembered that the Information Centre is the 'gateway' to Takaka.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/02/23**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the GB i-SITE and explains it has spoken with Community Services, who is responsible for the land, and that previous experience has shown that such a facility is not appropriate in this location but that the Board will take the matter up with Council.
CARRIED**

6. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Collingwood Tennis Courts

The Chairperson reminded the meeting that the Board had met with the Collingwood Tennis Committee a year ago, and that members are keen to hold onto that site.

It was reported that tennis club members say they have not been consulted; it was considered that a meeting should be held and any decisions made after that.

The viability and iconic status of the camp was considered; if it is not viable then the whole of Collingwood would suffer.

Mr Kennedy explained that Council is also using land that belongs to Maori owners; he said the camp itself was given by Peter Riley's father and was unsure as to who gave the tennis courts. The merits of having new courts at the Collingwood Area School were considered and the Chairperson asked for Mr Kennedy to enquire about the Club's constitution.

The meeting discussed the following:

- Whether a long term lease could be arranged with the Maori owners
- Shifting the playground to the camp and moving the camp to another site
- Putting a picnic area by the boat ramp
- Putting a new pavilion with two courts up at the Collingwood Area School

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/02/24**

THAT the GB Community Board and the Community Services Manager meets with the Collingwood Tennis Club with each club member to receive a personal invitation.

CARRIED

6.2 Ratification of Board's further Submission to Variation 57

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/02/25**

THAT the GB Community Board's further submission to Variation 57 be ratified.

CARRIED

6.3 Ratification of Suggested Delegations Model (Draft)

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/02/26**

THAT the GB Community Board's suggested Delegations Model (Draft) be ratified.

CARRIED

6.4 Fletcher Vautier Moore – 2006 Legal Opinion on Targeted Rate for Community Boards (faxed from Local Government NZ)

This letter was tabled for the Board's information.

6.5 Takaka Memorial at Takaka Library

Mr Kennedy reported that the Takaka RSA has asked for plaques to be shifted to the new library along with the Memorial status of the library and advised that the actual Memorial is to remain at the Golden Bay Service Centre.

Mr Kennedy also advised that the contract for the library carpark had been awarded to Concrete and Metals with the work to be completed in March.

6.6 Golden Bay Reserve DILs

Mr Kennedy tabled the revised DILs allocations and the Board discussed two further revisions. It was agreed to add \$20,000 under **Tennis Courts**, and \$5000 for the Village Green under **Picnic Areas** for electrical work and a water supply etc.

Board member McLellan advised that a request is coming from Bainham for a playground beside the hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.55pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: