

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 8th April 2008
TIME: 9.02 am
VENUE: Golden Bay Service Centre

PRESENT: J Bell (Chairperson), C McLellan (Deputy Chair), and Board members L Gamby (from 9am until 9.55am) and K Brookes

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

1. APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/04/01**

**THAT the apologies for non attendance from Cr Borlase, and the early departure from the meeting of Board member Gamby be sustained.
CARRIED**

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

**THAT the Board grant speaking rights for Cr Riley.
Carried**

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Jo-Anne Vaughan – spoke about the Department of Conservation's Proposed NZ Coastal Policy Statement 2008 that has been notified for submissions. Mrs Vaughan said the coastal landscape and access to and along the coastal marine margins are important aspects for the people of Golden Bay to make submissions on. She said it is important to protect indigenous species habitats and areas important to migratory species such as godwits. Submissions are due by 5pm on 7th May 2008.

The Chair said that Team Golden Bay is meeting with Deborah Hewett this week, regarding Western Golden Bay planning and may need to take the Proposed NZ Coastal Policy Statement into account.

Alan Vaughan commented that the wording in the document is still very 'wishy-washy' and the document is weak in that respect. Because of that he did not consider the Proposed NZ Coastal Policy Statement 2008 to be a good guide for local authorities; he suggested there is a need to lobby for stronger wording.

Michael Thomas – said he has been made Chairperson of the GB Environment Centre Trust as Derry Kingston is stepping down. Mr Thomas said he wanted to acknowledge Derry’s work and that he would keep on supporting issues such as petrol sharing, self-reliance in Golden Bay, solar water heating etc. and is willing to work with the Community Board and Tasman District Council towards funding for these things, and to share other ideas he has.

Spring Thomas – Invited the Board to the exhibition of art from the Farewell Spit Residency to be held on 18th April at the GB High School hall commencing at 6pm.

Peter Foster – spoke to a letter he had emailed to the Board, regarding his attendance at Council’s Public Forum on 3rd April 2008 to see what had happened to a letter that he had tabled at the 6th March meeting as he had not received a reply.

In reply to a question from Mr Foster, Mr Kennedy considered Mr Foster’s letter should have formed part of the April Council agenda.

Mr Foster explained the basis of the conversation at the April Public Forum was about having good quality minutes and that the Local Governance Statement said the minutes must contain the ‘main thrust of the debate’; he had stressed the value of full minutes.

Mr Foster said that the Local Governance Statement was a late Agenda item during the April meeting and there was no public copy. It was emailed to him upon his return home, however the ‘main thrust of the debate’ was not included in what they had adopted that day. Mr Foster spoke about the implications both for the district and community boards, including:

- The erosion of transparency;
- Undermining of accountability;
- No basis for decisions that are made;
- Community Boards and Associations unable to fulfil their responsibilities owing to not understanding why decisions are made by council;
- No archival records for future councillors, boards and associations on how past decisions were reached;
- Information would have to be imparted by different methods that would be more expensive;
- If there is no ‘main thrust of the debate’ to be recorded, then in Council’s view there would be no need for minute secretaries to be provided.

Mr Foster asked the Board to address the matter. He said now only the nature of the topic, motions and amendments and resolutions adopted needs to be recorded.

The Chairperson said the Board has always endeavoured to maintain good records and that the Board would take the matter up, especially regarding the ‘main thrust of the debate’ being removed from the Local Governance Statement.

Cr Riley said he had raised the matter with the Mayor that the LGS must be dealt with within 6 months of the election. He said he has not seen the minutes from that meeting where the LGS has been amended. He understood there were to be only minor modifications to the document.

There was some discussion that the items as per Standing Orders that only the matters which *must* be recorded were being taken as the standard. The importance of minutes being an historic record was discussed. It was clarified that Mr Foster's comment about there being no minute secretary since last July meant that the person taking the minutes since then did not type them during the meeting.

**Moved Board members Brookes/McLellan
GB08/04/03**

**That the Tasman District Council Local Governance Statement be discussed as a late agenda item.
CARRIED**

Board member Gamby – read a letter from Arthur Gould – ratepayer – pertaining to inappropriate speed limits in Golden Bay, following an article in Motueka/Golden Bay News. Mr Gould considered it is possible to change speed restrictions.

Cr Riley said he addressed the matter of inappropriate signage at Cassidy's corner with Engineering staff – 100kmph sign just prior to the corner.

It was reported that people are not happy now the 'summer' speed restrictions no longer apply; lower speeds keep everyone safe. The 70kmph sign on Lewis Street, adjacent to compulsory stop was also mentioned.

The Chairperson said the matters raised would be discussed later in the meeting.

Board member McLellan asked if the Board would sponsor the Pohara hall hire for the Masquerade Ball.

Mrs McLellan also commented on integrated health in Golden Bay, being the Board representative on that committee. She said the focus is to integrate all the health services in Golden Bay and that representatives from all community groups are on the committee. The District Health Board is funding an interim manager to bring together all the different aspects. If the building is supplied by private investment Mrs McLellan said all sorts of things may be possible if it goes ahead, for example a therapeutic pool. She said since the project started the PHO's role has expanded and it may possibly be the employer of all the staff including the doctors, however, nothing has been decided yet. It was reported that the GB Medical Centre Trust has had all the information and has been invited to the table; it was hoped that the Trust would become more involved.

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

**THAT the Masquerade Ball be added as a late agenda item.
CARRIED**

Cr Riley - reported that the National Radio repeater at Mt Burnett suffered an electronic failure which put the station off the air. It has now been repaired.

Cr Riley reported that there is to be a second meeting about fire protection in Takaka, to be held on Friday 11th April.

Cr Riley read a letter he had received from the NZ Motor Caravan Association; it gave a breakdown of the thousands of dollars the association puts into the local economy. All vehicles are self-contained, however, the present dump sites barely cope and they would like to see dump sites in Brightwater and Nelson City. The Association is prepared to contribute the actual dump station as their share in the installation costs. There are 18,500 registered motor homes in NZ.

Cr Riley reported that tenders have been called for the footpath on Rototai Road.

Penny Griffith – asked for a correction to the March Community Board minutes when she spoke about a heritage group; ‘Golden Bay’ should be ‘Tasman District’.

Ms Griffith also raised the matter of signage on SH60 regarding the Takaka – Collingwood highway. She spoke of Belgium tourists who came out of the Pupu Springs road and turned left to Takaka following the signage. She considered that another sign post is needed which clearly points to Takaka and said she would write to Council’s Steve Elkington and request that he contact Transit NZ.

John Calermbo – said he is a member of two communities – Golden Bay and Waiheke Island. He said Waiheke Island has a great deal in common with Golden Bay; he was seeking twin district /community status for the two communities where art exhibitions could be exchanged and mutual support exchanged.

The Chairperson said the Board would be discussing the matter during ‘Correspondence’.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 GB Community Board – 11th March 2008

As requested during Public Forum, the following amendment was noted:

Pg 3 – Second paragraph, delete ‘Golden Bay’ and insert ‘Tasman District’.

Board member Gamby left the meeting at 9.55am.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/04/05**

**THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 11th March 2008, (containing resolutions GB08/03/01 – GB08/03/19) as amended, be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/04/06**

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

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chairperson's Report

4.1.1 Targeted Rate Debate

The Chairperson spoke to his report; he emphasised that community boards *are* of value to their communities and to Tasman District Council. There was also a letter on the agenda from Mrs E Taylor supporting the Boards opposition to Targeted Rates.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/04/07**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board takes the matters of legality and the process leading to the inclusion of the targeted rate for communities with Community Boards in the 2008-09 Annual Plan up with the Office of the Ombudsman and any other relevant agency; and further, that Mrs Taylor be thanked for her response and interest in this matter.

CARRIED

4.1.2 Bio Fuels Paper

The Chairperson explained that this matter is to be discussed later in the meeting when Peter Foster is able to attend again.

4.1.3 Local Government Act Review

The meeting discussed the suggested recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes a submission to Parliament requesting that consideration be given to Community Boards being established in each council Ward as the only elected local government representation. These Boards then elect/appoint their representatives to form the council and those councillors then elect/appoint their chairperson/mayor.”

The Chairperson said there had been considerable support from the Local Government Workshop and that this type of ‘bottom up’ governance model is being advocated in some parts of Australia resulting in much more community involvement.

Mr Kennedy felt that there is already that sort of representation with councillors being elected from each Ward.

There was considerable discussion on the merits of this system of representation with each community having a community board as it appears at present that some councillors do not have a district-wide perspective.

The Chairperson further explained that the objective would be for each Board to elect their most capable people to represent the area, and those representatives in turn would elect their Mayor or Chairperson. He suggested that STV might be the best method for such elections.

With regard to minutes of meetings, it was pointed out that councillors need to ask to have their comments recorded.

Mr Kennedy cautioned against making such a recommendation at this point. He considered that the Board needs to concentrate on other more important issues.

While the Board saw the suggestion as a positive way to strengthen community governance, it was resolved:

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GBO8/04/08**

**THAT the GB Community Board holds a workshop in July and the issues of representation and governance be discussed at that time.
CARRIED**

4.1.4 “Collingwood to Waitapu” Book

The Chairperson commended the Bainham Reunion Committee on its work in producing this book; another piece of the historical jigsaw of Golden Bay.

**Moved Board members Bell/Brookes
GB08/04/09**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Bainham Reunion Committee congratulating them on the compilation of their latest book.
Carried**

The Chairperson thanked Mrs McLellan for all her work on the book; Mrs McLellan commented that the prime objective is to get the history of the area out and expressed gratitude to everyone who had contributed photos, funding etc to the production.

4.1.5 Annual Plan Meetings

The Chairperson reported that the Annual Plan meetings for Golden Bay are 4pm in the Senior Citizens Hall, Takaka, and 7.30pm in the Collingwood Memorial Hall on 22nd April 2008.

Mr Kennedy said that on the way over for the Annual Plan meetings, councillors may call in at Upper Takaka for the unveiling of the new fire engine.

The meeting was reminded that there is a Delegations meeting at Motueka Service Centre on 22nd April between 10am and 12 noon.

The morning tea break was taken at 10.33am – 10.52am.

4.2 Reserves Manager’s Report

The Chairperson reported that the landscaping work carried out at Lake Killarney has greatly enhanced the area, as do the gardens at Abbeyfield; he said the new library is a very fine facility and a great asset to the community.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/04/10**

THAT a letter be sent to Community Services thanking them for the new library, and everyone who was associated with its construction, including Engineering Services for its work on planning the car park.

CARRIED

It was explained that money from the Golden Bay DILs account was loaned to Engineering to allow the carpark work to be carried out and completed in conjunction with the new library.

In reply to a question, Mr Kennedy said negotiations are being carried out regarding leasing the old library building.

Cr Riley reported on the successful work endeavouring to eradicate oxygen weed in the Te Kakau stream; he said the stream, from Roses Road back upstream, had been covered with a fabric to block out sunlight and that it had worked very well.

It was further reported that the long term plan is to plant appropriate trees to provide a shade canopy to help combat the weed.

It was reported that the Te Kakau Stream ford at Haldane Road is to be replaced by a splash and culvert pipes.

The Board thanked the Community Services Manager for the work at Lake Killarney; it was considered that reserves in Golden Bay are well looked after.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

- 5.1** Broadband for Golden Bay - Copy of letter from Minister for Communications & Information Technology to Dr Andrew Tilling

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/04/11**

THAT the GB Community Board thanks Mr Tilling for his letter, and again writes to Telecom requesting a response to the letter of 20th December 2007 to which only a telephone acknowledgement has been received. Further, that matters contained in the letter from the Minister for Communications and Information Technology to Andrew Tilling be raised, and informing Telecom that fibre optic cable has been laid in Golden Bay from Collingwood to Ligar Bay.”

CARRIED

- 5.2 Vehicles on Beaches - Far North District Council response**

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/04/12**

THAT the GB Community Board thanks Far North District Council for its response and requests that the Board be advised of the outcome of the development of workable rules for the regulation of the activities of vehicles on beaches.

Further, that the GB Community Board is interested to see that Far North District Council has in-house counsel and asking how it works and whether they need to contract out any of their legal work.

CARRIED

In reply to a question from the Board, Mr Kennedy explained that solicitors specialise in certain areas of work and Council's business is very wide-ranging, which is seen as a difficulty for in-house counsel. He pointed out that some legal costs for planning hearings etc are recoverable.

5.3 Recycling Facility in Takaka Township – Engineering Services response

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/04/13**

THAT the content of the reply from Engineering Services be noted and that a copy of their memorandum be sent to the Golden Bay i-SITE for information purposes.

CARRIED

It was reported that there is a good possibility of a small trial of a public place recycling facility in the very near future.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/04/14**

THAT the GB Community Board contacts Utilities Asset Engineer, David Stephenson, and offers to assist in the application to the Ministry for the Environment for funding for public place recycling.

CARRIED

It was asked that the GB i-SITE be informed of the Board's offer of assistance to Mr Stephenson.

5.4 Subsidies for Public Transport – Hon Annette King's response

The Chairperson reported that since the agenda had been set information on subsidies for public transport had been obtained from James Willcock of Land Transport New Zealand.

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/04/15**

THAT the information from Mr Willcock be circulated to Board members and if it is deemed appropriate, approaches be made to the local bus companies to determine if they are interested in such a subsidy for Golden Bay. Further, if

there is interest in a subsidised service, that the Board asks Council for it to be included in the Annual Plan.

CARRIED

The meeting was reminded that the Board discussed a bus service from Pohara to Takaka and from Collingwood to Takaka a number of months ago; since then the price of petrol has risen considerably.

5.5 Long Term Parking Fees – Nelson Airport’s response

It was reported that while Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council own the Nelson Airport, Directors run it and Council does not have any influence on the charges that are set for long term parking.

5.6 Speed Restriction Signage, Takaka Township - Transit New Zealand’s response

With regard to the safety of cyclists in difficult areas such as Birds Hill, it was reported that there are cyclist-activated warning systems available, such as a flashing light with a time switch.

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/04/16**

**THAT the outcome of the current review is awaited with interest.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/04/17**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board wishes to support the suggestion from Transit NZ of a cyclist-activated warning system in the Birds Hill cutting area.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/04/18**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to Engineering Services and asks for a review of inappropriate speed restriction signage in Golden Bay. For example, Haven Road Collingwood, (moving 50kmph sign to where the 70kmph presently is), Abel Tasman Drive (moving the 100kmph sign which is just before Cassidy’s Corner), and taking into account roading geometry for setting appropriate speed limits.
CARRIED**

The Board asked that seasonal speed limits be included in the May agenda.

Chairperson’s Report Continued

4.1.2 Bio Fuels Paper

Peter Foster joined the meeting to address the Board on his submission to the Parliamentary Select Committee.

Mr Foster expressed concern that the Bio Fuels Bill is so 'full of holes' but still able to get this far.

The Chairperson said that unfortunately the time for putting in a submission had passed. However, Golden Bay needs to be concerned about security of supply, costs, compatibility with vehicles and vessels and the reduced storage time. It was pointed out that ethanol cannot be used on boats. The Chairperson read from an AA publication which pointed out wide-ranging problems with bio fuels at this time.

Mr Foster said he has all the other submissions to the Bill on a CD, along with the references used in his paper, a copy of the latter had been sent to Environment & Planning Manager, Dennis Bush-King. Late submissions may still be considered.

Following discussions it was agreed to send the Board's concerns as a late submission to the Select Committee's Secretary, Peter Hoare, and let him decide where it should go from there.

Concern was expressed that growing bio fuels is taking up good food producing land and bio diversity is also being lost as land is cleared for cropping.

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/04/19**

**THAT the submission be received and be considered by the GB Community Board as a basis for its own submission to the process on this issue, and listing matters of concern which could arise for our community.
CARRIED**

5.7 Twin Communities suggestion with Waiheke Island

**Moved Board members Brookes/McLellan
GB08/04/20**

**THAT the GB Community Board formally writes to Waiheke Island Community Board expressing interest in exchanging information of mutual interest to our respective communities."
CARRIED**

5.8 Invitation to the opening of the 'Endless Horizon' of the Farewell Spit Residency 2007

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/04/21**

**THAT the invitation be received with thanks and it be left up to individual Board members as to whether they are able to attend.
CARRIED**

6. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Donation of Hall Hire Charges – Masquerade Ball

The meeting discussed a donation from its Discretionary Fund for the payment of the Pohara Hall hire fees for the holding of a masquerade ball to launch a Community Chest that is being organised by Barb Hall.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/04/22**

THAT the GB Community Board donates \$260 from their discretionary fund for the hire of the Pohara Hall in June, to enable a masquerade ball to be held to launch a Community Chest.

CARRIED

6.2 Proposed NZ Coastal Policy Statement 2008

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/04/23**

THAT the GB Community Board looks at the DoC Proposed NZ Coastal Policy Statement with a view to putting in a submission by 5pm on the 7th May 2008.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.15pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: