

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 13th May 2008
TIME: 9.05 am
VENUE: Collingwood Fire Station, Collingwood

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/05/01

THAT Crs Riley and Borlase be granted speaking rights.
CARRIED

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Michael Thomas – spoke on behalf of the GB Environment Centre Trust regarding a meeting it had held on “Feed the Bay” – growing food in the Bay for the Bay, which had originated from the GB Self reliance Forum – an initiative that the Trust is taking up to grow food sustainably in the Bay. He said a good cross section of people had been in attendance. One of the goals from the meeting was to form a working group to get things moving. He thanked the Board for getting things rolling with its donation of \$500.00. Mr Thomas said the Trust is also continuing to promote petrol sharing, (started by Derry Kingston). The Trust has been given a grant of \$6,000 and will use it to brighten up the petrol sharing benches and promote where they are.

The Chairperson congratulated the Environment Trust on “Feed the Bay” – it was one of the things the Board had hoped would come out of the Self-reliance Forum.

In reply to suggestions by the Board that the Trust consider seats outside the community hospital, Upper Takaka and the high school shop, Mr Thomas said there will be suggestion forms in the GB Weekly.

Alan Vaughan – said he is representing Forest and Bird on the Ministry of Fisheries Challenger Inshore Fin Fisheries Management Plan Advisory Group. He said they are making slow progress in trying to ensure overall management of fin fish in the Top of South Island to achieve sustainability. Mr Vaughan said his role is to get rules

incorporated into the Management Plan to make the Ministry of Fisheries more responsible for managing the marine environment.

Mr Vaughan also spoke on aquaculture sites in Tasman and Golden Bays that the Environment Court has identified as being available; four of the sites are in Golden Bay and are being investigated by the Ministry of Fisheries so they can be permitted to carry out spat catching of green shell mussel. They had been granted consent by Council many years ago but the consent was not activated; he said those areas may or may not be permitted to be used for marine farming. The sites will be for either fin fish or shell fish, not both. Mr Vaughan said Forest and Bird will be submitting on this in the next week.

Mr Vaughan also raised the matter of Western Golden Bay Planning which is included in the Draft Annual Plan. He considered that submissions should be made on the basis of no firm decisions to be made until new NZ Coastal Policy Statement becomes operative. He said the new Statement may be a lot more rigid than the current one.

The Chairperson said the Board will deal with the Spat Catching application letter later in the day.

With regard to Western Golden Bay Planning, the Chairperson said a meeting has been held to identify areas and that it will be handled the same as Eastern Golden Bay Planning. It was agreed that Mr Vaughan join the meeting for the discussion on the spat catching matter.

Don Mead – thanked the Board for its good work; he considered it to be a vital connection between the Bay and Council. With regard to the proposed targeted rate for community boards, Dr Mead was hopeful that it would not go ahead. He also considered that Council should be holding rates to no greater than inflation.

Dr Mead considered it very unfortunate that there is dissension over the targeted rate; he sought a positive way forward for the Board working with Council.

It was pointed out that most of the time the Board does work very positively with Council, especially with the staff; it was hopeful that it would work through the present 'hiccoughs'.

John Smith – spoke about the report on the Te Kakau Stream Management Plan. He asked how much the plan had cost and pointed out that there were errors in the report including the fact that the mute swans are not on the lake; they have been gone for 8 years. He would like to see the report corrected.

Liza Eastman – spoke about the new library's sculpture; she asked that the Board support the 'Four Winds' sculpture as it met all the criteria and is not as vulnerable to vandalism as people thought; she said it is 'engineered' and will be set down into concrete through the stones.

It was pointed out that the lighting around the new library has made the area safer. Mr Kennedy suggested that the two Golden Bay councillors and the Chairperson of the Community Services Committee could make the final decision.

Mrs Eastman explained that originally the Kaka Beak was voted the number one entry, but the Selection Committee had made a site visit and it was considered that the site was not suitable for that sculpture. She thanked Council for offering the money for the sculpture.

A member of the Board suggested that bollards could be installed to prevent vehicles from travelling onto the half circle in front of the new library.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GBO8/05/02**

**THAT the sculpture for the new library be considered as a late agenda item.
CARRIED**

Penny Griffith – asked for an update on Civil Defence Emergency Management in Golden Bay. She expressed concern about getting emergency information out to the people due to the recent power cuts and said at one stage there had been no broadcast from the National Radio 98.2.

Cr Riley explained that emergency management is being worked on at present; he is asking for a standby transmitter and explained that the electronic equipment is aging.

Ms Griffith suggested an item in the GB Weekly to update the community.

The Chairperson explained that an emergency response plan is being put together with all relevant groups taking part.

Margaret Bell – reported that the Milnthorpe community has taken it upon themselves to ensure they are ready for an emergency with boxes of provisions organised. She considered that any area can be shut off and small areas need to be responsible and ready for emergencies.

Cr Riley pointed out that people need to know they are responsible for themselves for the first 3 days (minimum); radios are going to areas that can be isolated. He said no alarm system has been decided upon yet.

Peter Foster – spoke about the bio fuel issue; he said it is a common misconception that bio fuels will reduce emissions. He did not consider that the Bio- fuels Bill will get through this sitting of Parliament.

The Chairperson reported the Board's late submission was received by the Select Committee.

Mr Foster – said he has a letter to take to Richmond on Thursday regarding Council and the Community Boards working together. He suggested that the way the present issue of the proposed targeted rates is being handled means that money is being used counter productively. Mr Foster explained: the 'essence' of community boards (as laid down in the Local Government Act); he said delegations are not compulsory; and that Council has the liability for board performance. He considered Boards and Council can only work together if they trust each other. Mr Foster asked that both parties agree to start again with a clean slate and recognise the governance structure. He said it is recognised that Council is the boss, but their oath includes working with the community boards; Mr Foster suggested that the GB Community Board would need to withdraw its complaint to the Ombudsman. He suggested a Sub-committee of Council which includes Community Board representation to work towards achieving a good working relationship.

Mr Foster said he would like to withdraw his suggestion for the Board to deal with the issue of the content of Minutes (as he tabled at the April Board meeting). He reiterated that the past be forgotten and a fresh start made.

The Chairperson thanked him for his presentation and asked to hear the outcome from his letter on Thursday. He said the matter of Minutes is on the agenda, that it had been over looked last meeting as a Late Agenda item and that the Board would bear his comments in mind.

Marion Riley – who lives at Milnthorpe expressed concern regarding the launching of boats; she said boats in that area are quite prolific now and people ignore the 5-knot rule. She asked for a sign to remind people of the rules.

The Chairperson replied that the Board had written to the Water Safety Council and suggested that safety stickers be available at sales outlets of boats; unfortunately the request had erroneously been taken as a complaint. Mr Bell said the Board wants to clarify the intention and ask for stickers to be made available nation-wide. He said he would like the Board to endorse the suggestion of a "5knots – 200metres" sign (that looked like a road speed restriction sign), to Water Safety NZ.

It was considered that people are ignorant of the 5-knot rule; it was suggested that the Board speaks with Council's Graham Caradus about the matter.

Joanne Vaughan – spoke about the Te Kakau Stream meeting. She said in mid-summer the water is toxic to fish and it would be good to rehabilitate the stream. She expressed gratitude to Trevor James for taking on the task and explained that the stream needs shading on both sides.

Mrs Vaughan said that the Friends of Mangarakau Swamp are concerned regarding Western Golden Bay Planning. She said the Mangarakau Swamp is a very precious

natural area which was very accurately planned for in the Boffa Report and the Ramsar biodiversity document; she asked that the Board uses the information in those documents when it works through the Western Golden Bay Planning.

The Chairperson reassured Mrs Vaughan that Council's Deborah Hewitt is well qualified in planning and has accumulated a large file of background information for Western Golden Bay reference.

The Board thanked Community Services for the new Takaka Library. The RSA had also asked Cr Riley to pass on their thanks for the wonderful new facility.

It was reported that the numbers of books borrowed on a Saturday morning has increased greatly.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 GB Community Board – 8th April 2008

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB 08/05/03**

THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 8th April 2008 (containing resolutions GB08/04/01 – GB08/04/23), be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

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

**THAT the Reports and Correspondence contained in the agenda be received.
CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.25am – 10.48am.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

4.1.2 Spat Catching Application – Notification by Ministry of Fisheries

Mr Vaughan was invited to the table to speak on this matter; the Chairperson read the suggested recommendation from the Agenda.

Following discussion and explanations regarding the various uses of the sites, the following points were considered important to the Board's submission on the applications made by the Ring Road Consortium.

- The security of gear anchorage on off-shore sites;
- that the spat catching sites should have same precautionary restrictions as the Aquaculture Management Area (AMA) sites;
- That the spat catching sites not to be made into mussel farms on the basis of this application. (Existing sites are for spat catching.)
- Taking into account new technology such as spat catching ropes wrapped around frames;
- Keep marine farming outside 3 nautical miles.
- Assessment of effects on the marine eco-system needed.
- Monitoring of solid structures such as suspended frames as opposed to lines on marine mammal habitats etc.
- The positive and negative effects on trawling, dredging and lining.

Mr Vaughan said there are 3000 hectares in Golden Bay that has been set aside, but it needs permits and there is a good chance that most of it will not get permits.

The Chairperson further explained that when people applied for spat catching it was the only thing they *could* apply for at the time; they applied in the hope that in the future it may be able to be used for mussel farming.

Mr Vaughan said people still have to get a permit from the Ministry of Fisheries. He said Iwi is to get 20% of all new space.

In reply to a question, Mr Vaughan agreed that the existing sites are largely within the 3 nautical miles.

Mr Vaughan said that the Ministry of Fisheries will talk to Tasman District Council about the applications, however there will not be a public submission process.

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

**THAT the GB Community Board considers the issues concerning the Ring Road Consortium Spat Catching Permit application and resolves to make a submission on it before the closing date of 23 May 2008.
CARRIED**

It was agreed that the Chairperson puts together a draft submission and will forward it to Councillors, Board members and Mr Vaughan.

**4.1.3 Vessels at Anchor in Golden Bay – Response from MAF
Biosecurity**

The Chairperson said the letter proposed a number of intentions; he suggested the Board ask the Ministries for the Environment and Agriculture to progress those intentions.

It was considered that the rules need to be tightened to prevent bio-security accidents however the Board was grateful for being kept in the loop.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/05/06**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board formally writes to MAF Bio-security thanking them for the information now being provided regarding vessels that are intending to anchor in Golden Bay.

CARRIED

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/05/07**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board also writes to the Minister for the Environment, and other relevant ministers, supporting MAF NZ in its intentions to improve processes for dealing with the vessels that anchor in our Bays specifically investigating: whether controls under the RMA can be used more consistently to address cleaning/defouling of hulls; extending the powers of the Biosecurity Act to the NZ Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ); application of the ANZECC code of practice for Anti-fouling and In-water Hull Cleaning and Maintenance ; putting advice on the Maritime NZ Website alerting mariners to requirements.

CARRIED

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/05/08**

THAT a letter be sent to Liz Jones thanking her for providing the information and including copies of the Board's letters to MAF Bio-security and the Minister for the Environment.

Carried

4.1.4 Targeted Rate on Communities with Community Boards

The Chairperson explained that the Board would hold a workshop directly after this meeting.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB08/05/09**

THAT the GB Community Board formally submits in opposition to the 2008-09 Tasman District Council Draft Annual Plan proposed targeted rate on communities with community boards, together with any other issue in the Draft that the Board may wish to bring to the attention of Council."

CARRIED

4.1.5 Vehicles on Beaches

There was brief discussion on whether the Board could assist the Far North District Council in its development of rules and policies.

Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby

GB08/05/10

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Far North District Council and updates them about the death of the seal pup and the damage that can be done by vehicles on beaches and that the Board hopes their investigations are going well.

CARRIED

4.1.6 Transport Subsidy

The Chairperson read the suggested recommendation on the Agenda.

Cr Borlase reported that Council would have to put in a similar amount to the subsidy; he said Council considered that Nelson's population, around 40,000, is probably too small to support a public transport system. He said there is already a private company running transport from Richmond to Nelson.

There was some discussion on Golden Bay having a bus from Collingwood to Takaka and Pohara to Takaka just once a week – a shopping run; people would have to pay a bus fare. It was thought that the matter had been raised at an Environment Centre meeting and was already being considered.

It was pointed out that things have changed dramatically now with petrol price rises etc, and that this was a request from the community.

Moved Board members Brookes/McLellan

GB08/05/11

THAT the GB Community Board makes a submission to the 2008-09 Draft Annual Plan requesting that Tasman District Council again looks at the need to become involved in subsidized public transport taking into account recent and predicted further fuel price rises which are making it more difficult than ever for some members of our community to meet their transport needs.

CARRIED

4.1.7 Seasonal Speed Limits

It was reported that people at Parapara started expressing their concern the day the speed limit was changed from 50kmph – 70kmph. However, it is not just Parapara people who are concerned. It was pointed out that weekends can be just as busy as holiday time, also there are more children now at Parapara.

It was reported that the warrant for Meihana Street is 70kmph, but the speed limit is 50kmph.

**Moved Board members Bell/Gamby
GB08/05/12**

THAT the GB Community Board supports the request for the seasonal speed limit to be extended year round where this is requested by the communities concerned and that the Board supports the specific request by the Parapara community.

CARRIED

4.1.8 Economic Study

The Chairperson reported that Klaus Thoma was working with Lincoln University regarding an Input and Output study and that the Board understood Mr Thoma was looking for \$10,000 funding for it.

The Chairperson read the suggested recommendation from the Agenda.

It was suggested that the GB Community Board should be finding out whether there is any funding; the Ministry for Economic Development was suggested. It was also suggested that the Board could work with the GB Work Centre Trust – a local and national approach.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/05/13**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Minister of Economic Development and the Minister of Rural Affairs seeking support for funding for an economic study, with a copy to the GB Work Centre Trust seeking their support.

Further, that the GB Community Board requests Tasman District Council approach Local Government NZ, supporting the need for a comprehensive study on the economic effects on rural communities from rising fuel and food prices seeking suggestions as to how these may be mitigated and pointing out that Golden Bay is an ideal place for a pilot study given its isolated community status.

CARRIED

4.1.9 Community Board Delegations

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB08/05/14**

THAT the GB Community Board discusses the Tasman District Council response to the Community Board delegations paper during the proposed workshop.

CARRIED

4.1.10 Coastal Erosion

It was reported that about 40 metres has gone from Parapara Peninsula adjacent to the Estuary largely since Christmas, and that Rangihaeata also has big erosion problems.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/05/15**

THAT the GB Community Board include in its submission to the Draft Annual Plan an assurance that sufficient funds are available for the coastal bench mark surveys or other coastal monitoring measures to be kept up to date in order to provide accurate, timely information to Council.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.1 5-Knot Speed Limit – Response from Water Safety NZ

The Chairperson explained that the Board's letter to Water Safety NZ was not a criticism of Council's Harbourmaster; the Board was trying to help. It was considered important to pursue the matter.

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/05/16**

THAT the letter be received and the suggestion of a sticker advising the 5-knot speed limit within 200 metres of the shore to be made available at boat sales outlets be reiterated in a reply.

CARRIED

5.2 Te Kakau Stream Rehabilitation – Letter from Council's Trevor James seeking Community Support for Streamside Planting Project

The Chairperson said the report was useful, despite some inaccuracies in it.

**Moved Board members Bell/Brookes
GB08/05/17**

THAT the letter be received and the writer advised that the Community Board is supportive in principle of efforts to clean up Te Kakau Stream and

encourages community participation towards this to be undertaken in an environmentally appropriate and cost effective manner.”

CARRIED

It was reported that ‘Weeping Willow’ has been recommended as shade for the stream.

It was agreed that a copy of the resolution to be sent to Council’s Trevor James; it was reported that rubbish is still being dumped along the stream and needs to be dealt with by Compliance staff.

The meeting adjourned for lunch between 12.33 and 1.33pm.

5.3 Engineering Projects 2007/2008 – Update from Engineering Department

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/05/18**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Engineering Services thanking them for the projects being undertaken in Golden Bay and that the Board is pleased to be notified as to what is about to happen.

CARRIED

5.4 Bird’s Hill Cutting – Response from Transit NZ

The meeting was reminded that there were two fatalities on SH60 at Birds Hill cutting, and that there is a Transit NZ / TDC Liaison meeting being held next week.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/05/19**

THAT the letter be received and the writer informed that the proposed warning system was suggested as a very temporary measure until real road improvements are undertaken; further that this reply be held in abeyance until the forthcoming Transit NZ / TDC Liaison meeting has been held.

CARRIED

6. OTHER

6.1 TDC Local Governance Statement – Removal of the Requirement to record ‘the main thrust of the debate’ in Council Minutes

The Board discussed at some length whether this matter should be withdrawn or held in abeyance, given Mr Foster’s request that the matter be withdrawn.

Cr Riley said he did not personally agree with 'the main thrust of the debate' being taken out of the Statement and the Chairperson considered that the Minutes must reflect what happened at the meeting.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/05/20**

THAT the GB Community Board expresses its concern regarding 'the main thrust of the debate' being taken out of the Tasman District Council's Local Governance Statement and requests Council to consider reinstating the wording.

CARRIED

6.2 Community Board Annual Costs

Further correspondence from the Chief Executive Officer was tabled and the Chairperson read the suggested recommendation from the Agenda.

The Chairperson said that the Board will address the matter at the Workshop at the conclusion of the meeting. He said this is the first time the Board knew it had a budget.

Mr Kennedy explained from 1st July 2008 Council must charge out staff time against projects, activities etc and this includes community boards.

It was suggested that the cost of elections should not be a charge against the Community Board as the papers still have to go out whether there is a Board or not. Mr Kennedy replied that elections cost around \$90,000; he said a by-election is not taken into account in the cost of \$4,702 and would cost around \$8,000 – \$9,000.

Concern was expressed by the Board that it is being asked to agree on a budget that may determine a targeted rate prior to the Annual Plan submissions being considered.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/05/21**

THAT the budget for the 2008/09 financial year as shown in the Golden Bay Community Board's Costing Paper be reviewed, and that a recommended budget be referred to Council for adoption in the 2008/09 Annual Plan.

CARRIED

7. LATE AGENDA ITEM

7.1 New Takaka Library Sculpture

The Chairperson reminded the meeting that the Board had asked questions about vandalism before; he considered that if people wanted to vandalise something they would. Mr Bell said the Four Winds sculpture could be seen from the road, it looked good on the site and fulfilled all the criteria sought by the Arts Council. He Asked the Ward Councillors and the Community Services Manager to pass on the Board's endorsement that "Four Winds" be selected as the sculpture for the new library.

It was pointed out that any vandalism would be a cost on the ratepayer.

In reply to a comment that not all the Selection Committee members were present when the Four Winds sculpture was chosen as the winning piece, Board member Gamby said there had not been a full representation of the members at any of the Selection Committee meetings. It was also pointed out that not all the Selection Committee members had been notified when the decision on the winning sculpture had changed.

It was considered that "Four Winds" is symbolic of Golden Bay. In reply to a comment that bollards across the entrance to the library would safeguard the sculpture, Mr Kennedy said these were already being considered.

Following the discussion it was agreed that the Board supports the "Four Winds" sculpture and asked that its support be expressed to the Golden Bay councillors and the Chairperson of the Community Services Committee, Cr Bryant.

The Board also agreed to encourage the GB Arts Council to apply to other funding agencies for the purchase of other community sculptures for public spaces as a consequence of the very high standard of entries submitted for consideration as the library sculpture.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.43pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: