

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 9th December 2008
TIME: 9.03 am
VENUE: GB Service Centre Meeting Room

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/12/01**

**THAT the apology for non attendance received from Cr Riley be sustained.
CARRIED**

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

**THAT the GB Community Board raises its concerns about Tasman District Council scheduling a committee meeting on the same day as the Board's meeting.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB08/12/03**

**THAT Cr Borlase be granted speaking rights.
CARRIED**

The Chairperson said that the Friends of Rototai were requesting \$100 funding to enable the next stage of the Rototai Road walkway to be undertaken and asked for the matter to be considered as a late agenda item.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB08/12/04**

**THAT the request for funding for the Rototai Walkway project be considered as a Late Agenda item.
CARRIED**

The Chairperson said there would be a Mayoral presentation of an Environmental Award to the Bainham Reunion Committee later in the meeting.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Ross McDonald – expressed his concern about the lack of progress regarding Labyrinth Rocks Park. He said the Friends of the Labyrinth group had received a letter from Council saying the carpark that had been proposed was unsuitable as the access to/from it would be unsafe.

The Chairperson said the Board was disappointed to hear that the carpark part of the proposal had not been accepted. He said the matter would be discussed in conjunction with the GB Reserve Financial Contributions. The Chairperson said a letter had been received from Fay Brownlee outlining the Friends of the Labyrinth concerns that they could not get on with weeding due to a lack of access to the Park.

Mr Kennedy explained there are no capital works funds for this year but it is in the budget for next year. He also explained that the site for the carpark proposed by the group creates a safety issue as there is a sharp turn coming from the transfer station and the road is used by trucks and because of that, Engineering Services will not recommend that site. He said the size of the carpark is also important; it needs to be big enough to enable vehicles to turn around. With regard to being able to weed, Mr Kennedy said Council can provide temporary access for that purpose, but the walk cannot be open this summer to the public without adequate car parking.

Mr McDonald considered that road marking would address the safety aspect; he said there is room for vehicles to turn at the transfer station gates. He asked that engineers do an actual inspection.

Mr Kennedy said he would discuss this issue with the Council engineers.

The Chairperson said the Board will work with Mr Kennedy to facilitate matters; Mr McDonald expressed gratitude for Mr Kennedy's involvement. The Chairperson said the matter will be discussed further later in the meeting during GB Reserve Financial Contributions item.

Lillian McKay – said she understood that Council's Mr Elkington is dealing with the matter of the road safety issue regarding Rototai Road; she asked when something will happen.

Mr Kennedy reported that he had talked with Mr Elkington and that the speed limit had been reduced to 70kmph and it is not justified to lower it further.

Mrs McKay said the speed limit had recently been reduced to 50kmph on an adjacent stretch of road during road works and the Chairperson said the Board is justified in taking the matter up again due to the changed circumstances of the road.

NgAng – commented about the Labyrinth Rocks carpark; he thought it was an opportunity missed that Council did not buy the old carpark when it was for sale. He spoke about the Rototai Road walkway 'gardens of Rototai' and the mural; he said he hoped the shed mural would be finished before Christmas and asked the

Board if it could give \$100 towards completing that project. NgAng said water and rock melons are being planted, also raspberries; the project is a role model for other areas. He said the project would be promoted in the NZ Gardener magazine next year.

The Chairperson thanked NgAng and others involved in the project; the request would be discussed later in the meeting.

NgAng said Steve Elkington is coming over next week to help progress the garden; the Chairperson suggested he could look at the Rototai Road issue also.

Jo-Anne Vaughan – thanked the Board, Councillors and others for their work on behalf of the Golden Bay community.

Mrs Vaughan reported that her funding request regarding weeds on public land had been turned down, due to asking for multiple areas. However, she can apply again in March and will make it specific for Labyrinth Rocks.

The Chairperson thanked Mrs Vaughan for her valuable work in Weedbusters and her other areas of interest.

Rosamund Arthur - asked what is happening with the Gibbs Road walkway; she said there is potholing damage after the rain.

The Chairperson advised her to phone the GB Service Centre and a 'Confirm' would be put through. He explained the walkway reinstatement has been held up pending drainage problems further up the hill, however it was supposed to be undertaken before Christmas but seems to have been delayed. The work needs to be tied in with the Gibbs Road drainage without increasing water down by the Courthouse Café – not a straightforward matter.

The Chairperson said that reporting issues as they arise is the way to draw Council's attention to problems and work that needs to be done.

Penny Griffith – commented that it is good to see the Civil Defence GB Community Response document. She said that while three radio frequencies were mentioned in GB Weekly to access information in an emergency, she is unable to receive any of them. She asked whether there maps to say where the different frequencies can be accessed from around the Bay so people who cannot receive one frequency will be able to access one from somewhere else.

The Chairperson expressed concern that National Radio was out of action during the 24th November flood event and remained out for a number of days. He said he had received a very recent request from Fresh FM to ask if they could be used in an emergency.

Alan Vaughan – commented that the radio on Mt Burnett does not have an automatic default reset and that it needs to be properly programmed to automatically reset after an outage.

Board member Gamby expressed concern that National Radio was out for two or three days, and upon coming back on it broadcast the Breakfast programme from TV 1.

It was agreed that Fresh FM's offer be passed on to the Civil Defence people.

Cyd Daughtry and Eileen Thawley – made a presentation to the Board. About five years ago they started researching all the men from this District who had fallen in the two world wars. They thought it would be good for Golden Bay to have their own book; one would be housed at the Takaka museum and one at Collingwood; the Takaka museum had given them access to considerable information.

The Chairperson thanked them both on behalf of the Golden Bay community for the tremendous amount of effort that went into producing the books.

BJ White – reported that he still has not heard anything from the Engineering Department; he said Cr Riley was to have followed it up. He said the stormwater problem was supposed to have been dealt with before Christmas. Mr White said the walkway is a major issue for the town.

Rosamund Arthur – commented that Council's Jeff Cuthbertson had received her letter and photos; she had spoken with him about it but had still not had an acknowledgment. She had asked for a letter of acknowledgement.

The Chairperson considered that a response to all concerned would "take a lot of the heat out of the situation". He asked if the matter could be discussed at a Managers' meeting. Mr Kennedy said there is a huge workload for engineers at present however he would follow it up.

In response to a question, the Chairperson said the proposal to remedy the situation would be taken to the community.

Mr White said he had raised the matters of "freedom camping" and vehicles on beaches at the last meeting and they are still waiting for signage at the bird habitat at Pakawau.

The Chairperson said the bird signs are in the Annual Plan – a joint effort between Council and DoC. With regard to vehicles on beaches he reported a Council in the North Island has recently set a speed limit.

Elizabeth Warren – wished the Board a happy Christmas; she also thanked NgAng for his work on the Rototai walkway garden. Ms Warren reported that NgAng had recently won a national award for some of his art work. She asked for an increase in the funding that NgAng had asked for earlier in the meeting – perhaps another \$100 – \$200. Ms Warren commented on the recent resealed area of Rototai Road; she commented it would have been easy to put in speed bumps to deter the girl and boy racers.

Dave Whitaker – spoke about Labyrinth Rocks; he said he still goes in there and does a little bit of weeding.

Mr Whitaker reported that friends had come over to Golden Bay on the night of the flood and were turned back at Upper Takaka and told to go home. He considered the Takaka Hill on the Riwaka side needed to be closed.

The Chairperson agreed and reported that this had been discussed at the de-brief the day following the flood.

Board member Gamby said there were about 80 people in Upper Takaka who could not travel either way. People were later transported by Unimog from Upper Takaka to Takaka.

The Chairperson explained what had been discussed earlier regarding Labyrinth Rocks. He said access is to be arranged so people can go in and weed the area. The matter of funding will be discussed later in the meeting.

Mr Whitaker pointed out that there is a 5kmph speed limit at the transfer station and that the corner is no longer a blind corner – it was cleared to improve visibility.

NgAng – suggested a sign at 3 Oaks to say that Labyrinth Rocks is temporarily closed; Mr Whitaker offered the old Labyrinth Rocks sign so NgAng could alter that to inform the public.

Board member Gamby suggested that a letter be sent to the Burnham Military Camp thanking them for their assistance on the night of the flood. He said they fed people and transported them to Takaka.

Mr Gamby updated the Board regarding the holiday banners; it was hoped to have them put up in about a week. He said they have found a contractor who will put them up for \$700. Mr Gamby said the old brackets are being adjusted so they will all be the same. He said they still have a shortfall of \$1000; he asked about a loan from the Board's Discretionary Fund to enable the banners to be put up, then they will look for the funding to repay the loan.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/12/05**

**THAT the matter of any shortfall for the banners be added to the discussion on funding for the Friends of Rototai walkway project.
CARRIED**

Board member McLellan – said it was 'outrageous' that everything on the Enterprises Sub-committee agenda, except for the Chair's report, is in committee.

Mrs McLellan thanked the people who attend public forum for coming and supporting the Board at every meeting.

Disappointment was expressed that the Enterprises Sub-committee meeting is being held on the GB Community Board meeting day.

Cr Borlase said that due to workshops being held to try and have an LTCCP that people can read and understand, this was the only day the Enterprises Sub-committee meeting could be held.

Joanna Piekarski – attended on behalf of HANDS (How About a No Dollar System). She thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. She said there are 360 HANDS members and that it increases by approximately 50 people each year. Mrs Piekarski explained how the group was formed. She said one of her roles is to help people find what they want through HANDS; she is also the communications person for them. Mrs Piekarski spoke about the markets they hold, their website and the HANDS exchange vouchers.

NgAng – (Committee member HANDS) considered their system is the cornerstone for Golden Bay economy in times of recession. He said Golden Bay Futures would like to donate the subscription for the 'Yes' magazine to the Board. He spoke about a 'green' economy and that supporting legislation is finally on the way.

Murray Rogers – (Committee member HANDS) said that they have a new account to acknowledge the people for their service to the community. He said they raise the money for this account mainly by raffles at markets. Mr Rogers said the HANDS Committee would like to acknowledge the dedication of the Community Board members by presenting them with vouchers and inviting them to attend the HANDS market on Sunday.

The Chairperson thanked them for the explanations of HANDS and for the vouchers.

Cr Borlase thanked them for the vouchers he had been given for the hanging baskets. He said there are 185 to go up this year.

Ro Piekarski – thanked the Board for its work; he hoped for delegated authority to the Board and considered it to be an issue that Council needs to address.

The Chairperson thanked everyone, especially the memorial books done by Ms Daughtry and Ms Thawley.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.45am – 11.10am.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 11th November 2008

The following correction was noted:

Pg 10 – First paragraph following GB11/11/10 “.....is acceptable” should read “is NOT acceptable”

**Moved Board members Brookes/McLellan
GB08/12/06**

**THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 11th November 2008 (containing resolutions GB08/11/01 – GB08/11/ 15) as amended, be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/12/07**

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

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chairperson's Report

Light Pollution

The Chairperson said that one of the treasures of Golden Bay is the night sky – visitors comment on its beauty and clarity.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/12/08**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board passes on Dr Eastman's concerns to the Tasman District Council's Engineering and Environment and Planning departments with a request that as the Golden Bay night sky is highly regarded and valued, lighting requirements need to be set in such a way that they do not unnecessarily compromise this.
CARRIED**

Comments were made by the Board that:

- More electricity is used than needs to be;
- Birds and bats get 'trapped' in the lit area and cannot get out;
- There is more lighting put in than is necessary; and
- The correct type of lighting needs to be used.

Cr Borlase said he would raise the matter with the two relevant committees.

Non Violence Campaign

The Chairperson reminded the meeting of the presentation made to the Board at the September meeting by Emma Brazendale and read his suggested recommendation.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/12/09**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board formally supports the efforts made to raise awareness about family violence and the “It’s not OK” message and offers Board member attendance at events where possible, such as street stalls and the A & P Show.

CARRIED

The Chairperson asked if Board members could do a short stint on the stall at the A & P show.

He commented that the Board had been asked whether the non-violence banners could be interspersed with the holiday banners but that it had been thought the non-violence banners would have more impact on their own after the holiday banners come down.

Takaka Flooding

The Chairperson tabled photographs of the recent flood event in town and spoke of the launch of the Civil Defence GB Community Response Plan the day after the flood. TDC hydrologists reportedly considered it was fortunate that the rain stopped when it did or the flood may have been bigger than the 1983 flood event. He said it was reported that as the river over-topped and flowed into Bridgers Hollow it started flowing into the township. He read excerpts from the book “Golden Bay – One Hundred Years of Local Government” regarding river protection work and the adverse effects on people’s property.

It was suggested that if the river was left to follow its natural pathway, there would be less chance of Takaka township flooding in some flood events and that the actual height of the flood bank is critical to the safety of the town.

The Board asked for a copy of Doug Nottage’s Report on flooding in Takaka.

The meeting discussed the flood protection that was offered in 1985 that would have attracted two thirds funding from Central Government however it was turned down by a ratepayers’ referendum.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/12/10**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Tasman District Council Environment and Planning and Engineering Services advising of the reported observation that the river began flowing into Takaka township at a similar time as it began flowing over the stop bank into Bridgers Hollow, and making a service request for this factor to be investigated by appropriate staff.

Carried

The Board considered it was urgent for Takaka to have the LIDAR survey undertaken.

Cr Borlase reported from an email of 4th December that the LIDAR flight will be done soon; Eric Verstappen has had enviro link accepted; modelling proposed is in the LTCCP; TDC will shortly have revised the flow data; and TDC will be able to address the stop bank issue and what is required once accurate information has been determined.

Cr Borlase commented that work is going on and that the LIDAR work will be able to answer a lot of questions; perhaps looking at March/April 2009 before anything conclusive is to hand.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/12/11**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board supports all efforts by Tasman District Council to complete the LIDAR survey as soon as possible.
CARRIED**

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

**THAT the GB Community Board requests when the LIDAR survey is complete a data presentation workshop is held in Takaka to explain what has been done, how it has been done and what results have been shown up.
CARRIED**

Waitapu Road Flooding

The Chairperson spoke to his report. He said that the right-of-way is now closed and the pipe is in disrepair.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/12/13**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board formally advises Engineering Services of the flooding problem from Waitapu Road drainage affecting private property and makes a Service Request for this to be urgently investigated and addressed.
CARRIED**

The Chairperson said the matter had been raised at a NZ Land Transport Authority liaison meeting and there was a note to say that the matter is to be addressed by Tasman District Council.

It was reported that part of the pipe had been dug up during development of the section.

Flooding and the After Hours Service

The Chairperson reported that there is a loss of information to the public once emergency staff have been stood down. He read his suggested recommendation and said the process needs to be recorded in the CDEM GB Community Response Plan.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB08/12/14**

THAT the Tasman District Council 'after hours' service be kept informed of up-to-date information so that callers can be provided with this or alternatively be provided with a local contact who will be able to assist.

CARRIED

The meeting discussed various ideas for dealing with the problem.

It was reported that people who could not get out of town went out to have a look when they were unable to access the information by phone.

An interim management team was suggested before everything was finally stood down.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/12/15**

THAT the GB Community Board recommends when the road is closed between Upper Takaka and Takaka, the organisation who closes the road must also take responsibility for closing the Takaka Hill on the Riwaka side.

Further, that traffic be 'filtered' so those people going to Upper Takaka or Canaan can carry on.

CARRIED

**Moved Board members Bell/Brookes
GB08/12/16**

THAT the GB Community Board requests of Civil Defence Emergency Management that consideration be given to the local community radio Fresh FM also being used to broadcast information in the event of a civil emergency.

CARRIED

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/12/17**

THAT observations which become apparent after an emergency event be relayed to Civil Defence Emergency Management for addition to the GB Community Response Plan document.

CARRIED

Arts Strategy

The Chairperson said this is an opportunity to make a submission on the Arts Strategy. He asked for the feeling of the meeting.

**Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby
GB08/12/18**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board considers making a submission on the Draft Nelson Tasman Arts Strategy before the closing date of Friday 16 January 2009.

CARRIED

The Chairperson asked all members to take a look at the Draft strategy and write down what they want to see in the Board submission.

Environment awards

The Chairperson read the list of those who had received awards in Golden Bay:

- Golden Bay Stream Care
- Albie Burgers
- Bainham Reunion Committee
- Jerry Reuhl

With two commendations being received by:

- Aorere Heritage Centre
- Waitapu Fishing Company

Four of the seven awards came to Golden Bay, and three to Motueka.

GB Garden Competition

The Chairperson said there had been 37 gardens with 55 entries in the competition. The prize winners had been notified and winners would be advertised in the 12th December edition of the GB Weekly.

Christmas Greetings

The Chairperson thanked the Minute Secretary, the Community Services Manager and Board members for their work, and wished everyone well for the festive season.

Environment Awards

Mayor Kempthorne joined the meeting to present the Award to the Bainham Reunion Committee. Sandy Isbister represented the publishers of the book "Between the Ports – Collingwood to Waitapu", by Carol Dawber and Cheryl Win, that had been commissioned by the Bainham Reunion Committee.

Mayor Kempthorne applauded the cultural and historical information that was gathered and put in the book. The Award was presented and photos taken.

The meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.25pm – 1pm.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Light Pollution – Dr Vic Eastman

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/12/19**

**THAT the letter be received and Dr Eastman be thanked for the information provided and advised of the Board's discussion and proposed action.
CARRIED**

5.2 Funding for Tourist Access Roads – Office of John Key

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/12/20**

THAT the letter be received and the matter of funding for tourist access roads be referred to the Minister of Transport, (Hon Steven Joyce), and the Minister of Local Government, (Hon Rodney Hide).

**Further, that the Board also writes to Geoff Dangerfield, Chief Executive of the NZ Transport Agency, as recommended by the Office of the former Minister of Transport the Hon Annette King, regarding funding for tourist access roads.
CARRIED**

**5.3 Board submission outcomes to Variation 57 of the PTRMP –
Manager, Policy – Steve Markham**

The Chairperson reported that most of the items in the Board's submission had been included; he said the Variation provides the framework for future policies.

**5.4 Board submission on Draft 2008/09 Transport Programme and 10
Year Financial Forecast – Chief Executive, NZ Transport Agency**

The Chairperson said there had been some Takaka speed limit changes and improvements had been made to the sightlines at the entrance to Excellent Street.

5.5 Takaka Carparking – Sue Baigent

The Chairperson said he had talked with Shirley Ford and whilst she believes the requirements are being complied with she would remind stall holders of them.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/12/21**

THAT the letter be received and the writer advised that carparking will be monitored, and a copy of the letter forwarded to the market operator and Council's Property Manager for their information.

**Further, that the Property Manager be asked to inform the Market operator that stall holders are not to park outside of the stall area.
CARRIED**

The Chairperson said Ms Ford had explained the money from the stalls is donated to charity once all expenses are paid.

It was reported that there had been a complaint made to library staff after the last market that there was no parking for people wanting to use the library.

Mr Kennedy said he had received two complaints that voiced concerns about parking over the Christmas period as there are only two carparks in Takaka. He had been asked whether another site could be found for the market. Suggested options may be leased land, school grounds etc. The market lease is to be reviewed in the New Year.

It was suggested that cones and a sign could be put out on Market day to ensure carparks for the library users and Mr Kennedy asked Board members to think about the matter.

6. OTHER

6.1 GB Reserve Financial Contributions – 2009 – 2029

Mr Kennedy tabled an amended list and explained the reasons behind the changes.

In reply to a question regarding Chris Rowse's suggestions for the Clifton Cemetery Reserve, Mr Kennedy said Parks and Reserves Manager, Beryl Wilkes will write a report.

Mr Kennedy said the \$20,000 for next year allowed for Labyrinth Rocks is for the carpark and toilet; the funding in year two is for other work in the park.

It was suggested that Engineering staff carry out a proper inspection of the carpark area proposed by the Friends of the Labyrinth; there was some discussion as to whether there is enough room if the gate were shifted further back.

Mr McDonald said he is an ex bus driver and considered four big buses could fit in the area now. He pointed out that buses do not have a problem parking at the 'Grove'.

Other comments made were:

- Having a toilet at Labyrinth is not an issue.
- A carpark is top priority.
- If the carpark is over the road, a pedestrian crossing would be required.
- There is only slow traffic on the Transfer Station road – suggested a yellow centreline.
- Probably a dozen cars would fit in the proposed carpark. Will not see the large numbers of people as in the past; it will just be a walk.
- Mr Whitaker offered a loan to get the carpark constructed if the decision is made prior to Christmas; he would like to see it completed.
- Suggested on-site meeting so matter addressed prior to Christmas.
- Concern that enthusiasm will wane unless the project keeps moving.
- Other traffic not an issue outside of the transfer station hours.
- It is not Parks and Reserves land – Engineering Services needs to be convinced.

The Board thanked Mr Whitaker for his very generous offer. Mr Kennedy considered that if they were just looking at the carpark, he could probably find funding of \$5000. He said he would talk to Council's Steve Elkington.

It was pointed out that it was a very good quote from Sollys.

It was suggested that the proposed carpark could be trialled and if it wasn't suitable then another site could be looked for.

With regard to the toilet requested at Wainui Falls, Mr Kennedy reported it is Department of Conservation land.

Mr Kennedy explained that Council has accepted the need to preserve the small wharves and is putting aside money to do that. The Board thanked Council for agreeing to preserve them.

With regard to the maintenance of halls, Mr Kennedy said there is now a District-wide account for this, which is paid for out of the general rate.

He said these figures are for the Draft LTCCP and will be open for submissions.

The Chairperson asked for Council to re-register each of the small wharves as registration has lapsed.

Mr Kennedy said it is difficult to predict Reserve Financial Contributions; it is good to keep expenditure down and maintain a reasonable credit balance. He clarified that the money going into the district-wide account for halls is proportional.

7. LATE AGENDA ITEM

7.1 GBCB Discretionary Fund - Application for \$100 – Friends of Rototai Road

**Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby
GB08/12/22**

**THAT the GB Community Board approves \$100 from its Discretionary Fund to the Friends of Rototai to enable work to commence on the mural and the recommendation be ratified at the Board's February meeting.
CARRIED**

**And further, that the application for up to \$1000 additional loan funding for the banner project be approved and the recommendation to be ratified at the February meeting.
CARRIED**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.08pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair: