

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 10th March 2009
TIME: 9.05 am
VENUE: Collingwood Fire Station Rooms

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr S Borlase, and Cr N Riley (from 9.11am), until 12.07pm, P Wylie (Chief Executive Officer), L Kennedy (Community Services Manager), N Heyes (Minute Secretary) and members of the Press and Public

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

The Chairperson introduced P Wylie, Chief Executive Officer, and L Kennedy, Community Services Manager and explained the safety protocol in the event of fire.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Ross McDonald – raised the matter of Labyrinth Rocks; he said he had been speaking with Mr Kennedy and asked him to update the meeting.

Mr Kennedy said he had met with Engineering staff regarding the roading and carparking at Labyrinth Rocks. It had been ascertained that it is not practical to have carparking within the transfer station grounds and it is now being considered whether it could be created alongside the existing road and a turning circle constructed where the existing gate is. The Engineering Department is drawing this up as a possibility and obtaining a price through Sollys Contractors.

Mr McDonald did not consider it to be the Friends of the Labyrinth group's job to clear the vegetation; he expressed disappointment that nothing has happened yet.

Mr Kennedy explained that the funding would be available from 1st July 2009; he said the cost of this work is not just a small amount that could be found within existing budgets. He considered the work would be done approximately July/August; he said quite a sum is needed just to shift the gate and widen the road.

Cr Riley arrived at this point.

Board member McLellan asked if some of the work could be started before July; Mr Kennedy reiterated that the funding not available until 1st July.

Mr McDonald pointed out that the group cannot put the dolomite down on the tracks until the access and carpark is done, and work is being held up. He reminded the Board that Dave Whittaker had offered to loan money to get the project started but the offer had not been taken up.

Cr Borlase said it was a much bigger project than had been envisaged; he considered that by the time the project is drawn up it will be July and work can commence.

The Chairperson thanked the volunteers who are going to be helping with the project and Mr McDonald thanked Mr Kennedy for his assistance.

The Chairperson asked that the vegetation alongside the carpark be cut back judiciously. It was agreed that the cabbage trees make a good entranceway.

Pam King – had two ‘bouquets’ for the Board; she thanked Cr Borlase for the flourishing hanging baskets in Takaka and Collingwood and said they are a real credit to him. She also thanked the Board for the lookout where people could stand and look up the Aorere River; she said the area had been very overgrown, but Randall Sparrow from Sicon had cleared it all again. She also had a ‘brickbat’ regarding the Collingwood Boat Ramp Access and Parking proposal papers that she had received in the post from Stuart Hughes, Consultants. She expressed concern that the proposal would be right behind her property and that work may affect where high tide waters come up to as she is close to the estuary. She was also concerned about dust from the carpark, the loss of her view of the river, and perhaps loss of her security with people being able to access the back of her section once the work is done. Mrs King said she is happy to compromise and that Stuart Hughes is coming to see her next week.

The Chairperson suggested that Mrs King looks at the proposal and makes a submission, highlighting the issues of concern.

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan GB09/03/01

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

Ken King, (Mrs King’s son), asked for it to be minuted that he has concerns about the reclamation behind their house. The Chairperson advised him to submit on the proposal regarding his concerns.

Alan Vaughan – considered that the document implies it is a Tasman District Council proposal, but on reading it, it becomes clear it is a Collingwood Boat Club proposal. He was not happy with the way the document has been written by Stuart Hughes Consultants.

Rosamund Arthur – said she had received a message from Council’s Jeff Cuthbertson regarding stormwater problems. She said that Council recognises the problem and she is satisfied with the solution offered, but not with the lack of consultation. Ms Arthur said that part of her property will be rearranged and asked whether anyone is going to consult her about the changes that will take place; she

has given her permission for the work to be done. She said others in Gibbs Road are also going to be affected but no-one is being talked to.

Ms Arthur also raised the matter of pot holes on the Collingwood walkway; they have been reported to Council but nothing has been done. They have been outlined with fluro-paint and that they are a safety matter. Mr Kennedy said he would follow up on the potholes.

The Chairperson suggested that a drainage meeting be held on site with the residents where accurate information would be given and questions answered there and then.

With regard to the walkway, Mr Bell said there had been an on-site meeting with Engineering staff and he had understood the pot holes were to be filled temporarily pending the drainage work at Gibbs Road. He was unaware that the temporary fill had not happened yet.

BJ White – said he was not impressed with the proposal – he asked for Council’s Jeff Cuthbertson, neighbour Bruce Hamlin and CEO Paul Wylie to be present at any drainage meeting.

Nicky Morris – said she had phoned Gary Beaumont (of Montgomery Watson Harza), who promised that the water that currently comes down to her property will be re-diverted down Gibbs Road and the culvert under the road will be removed. She said she would be very happy if that happens but the plan does not show that.

Mr Kennedy said that Jeff Cuthbertson has been through a lengthy process and hopefully would have time to come over and talk to people individually.

Mr White said the work done by a resident had obtained retrospective approval; the Chairperson said everyone is trying to find a permanent solution to the problem and there may now be a way forward.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB09/03/02**

That the GB Community Board facilitates a meeting between residents of stormwater-affected properties and Tasman District Council Engineering staff regarding the drainage proposals to be undertaken, with the meeting to be held as soon as it can be arranged, and followed up by people being spoken with individually about their specific properties.

CARRIED

It was conceded by the Board that communication had not been as good as it could have been by Council however talking with the residents would now take place.

Penny Griffith – spoke about the Historic cemetery in Orion Street – one of the ‘local heritage gems’. She said the Department of Conservation had accepted responsibility for maintenance a couple of years ago and, with the advent of subtle work being carried out, it was starting to look cared for in an appropriate way.

Ms Griffith also raised the matter of the proposal that Graeme Anderson and she had put to Council last October regarding the commemoration of the death of Abel Tasman. Ms Griffith said she had brought the proposal to the GB Community Board meeting of 11th November and the Mayor and Mr Staite were going to do something with it, but nothing has happened. She asked for a letter of apology to be sent to Mr Anderson saying that Council does not see itself as being involved.

Mr Kennedy said he would follow the matter up.

Peter Foster – spoke to his letter to the Board, GB Councillors and Mr Kennedy on the agenda. He explained that the purpose of his letter is to try and make sure there is discussion with a proper understanding of the status of the boards and associations; one of the confusions is how the status of the Board is seen. He commented that the Board can only do things by delegation, and also has an advocacy role.

Mr Foster also raised the matter of the Tasman District Council website; he said late agenda items are not on the website, and neither are attachments to reports. Mr Foster asked for those items to be addressed. Mr Kennedy asked him to send an email so the matter can be addressed.

Alan Blackie – spoke regarding the proposed new targeted rate for tourism. He said as a motelier he has a fairly neutral stance on it, but would like to bring the value of tourism to the notice of everyone. He considered that if visitors did not come and spend freely in Golden Bay over the summer, a lot of businesses would not survive. He suggested that individuals need to back tourism as retail businesses paying an extra rate would cause them to put their prices up and makes people shop somewhere else.

The Chairperson commented that everyone shares the cost if they use the services – no matter which ‘pocket’ the money comes out of.

Alan Vaughan – spoke about the Collingwood Boat Ramp Access and Parking proposal. He said a Tasman District Council form was sent to everyone and they were asked to make comments and sign it. If not read carefully people will sign that they have read the application (which was not sent). Mr Vaughan said that part of the form needs to be crossed out so a submission can be made later on.

Mr Vaughan said the application is a Discretionary Activity and needs to have Department of Conservation approval. He reiterated that the TDC green form not be filled in.

Mr Vaughan said he had attended a Seaweek meeting last week and thought it would be beneficial for the Board and Councillors to have a brief update regarding aquaculture in Golden Bay with references to Tasman Bay. He tabled a letter and attached copies of the Ministry of Fisheries’ decision and site maps for both areas. Mr Vaughan said he is still interested in having a local management plan for Golden Bay, however it is at a very early stage and may not be possible under the present Fisheries Act, which would need to be amended; it is currently ‘on the table’ for review.

The Chairperson pointed out that other areas do have Marine Management Plans. Mr Vaughan confirmed that this is so and as with Fiordland they require an amendment to the Fisheries Act to cover each plan.

Mr Kennedy clarified the matter raised by Mrs King about the Collingwood boat ramp access and parking matter. He explained that the proposal is a request from the Collingwood Boat Club, with Hughes Consultants employed by Council to invite comment back from interested people so that when the application comes to Council it will be in line with what the people want. He said while the tennis court proposal is reflected on the plan the two are not intertwined.

Mrs King pointed out that the new tennis court proposed site is right alongside the camper van waste water dump site. Mr Kennedy replied that Council is aware of that; he said while it is not particularly malodorous it is not conveniently sited and Council is looking at perhaps shifting it.

Board member McLellan – spoke on behalf of Lily and Ivan Mackay; she said they are still not satisfied regarding the speed limit on Rototai Road and want it reduced around Arapeta Place; they consider the present speed limit to be dangerous whether they drive forwards or reverse out of their driveway.

Mr Kennedy clarified that Mr Elkington did not mean that the speed restriction in that area would be reviewed now; he considers that the current speed limit is safe for the area. Mr Kennedy said Engineering staff have approached the owners of the property where Mr & Mrs MacKay live and agreement was reached to construct a turning area to enable vehicles to exit the property without having to reverse onto the road. He said the speed restriction will stay at 70kmph in the meantime.

The Chairperson said that the limit does need reviewing with the residential area of Arapeta Place filling up.

Nicola Basham – reported that Collingwood was the first town in New Zealand to become plastic shopping bag free; she asked for a proper sign to be attached to the 'Welcome to Collingwood' sign denoting that Collingwood became plastic shopping bag free in August 2005. She said England and Australia have great signs regarding being plastic shopping bag free, and such a sign will promote the town internationally and encourage tourism.

It was agreed that Cr Borlase take the matter of funding for such a sign up with Golden Bay Promotions, The Chairperson thanked Ms Basham for her work and for representing the GB Bag Ladies.

Board member Karen Brookes – spoke about the intermittent interference happening on the Fresh FM and National Radio frequencies; she said she had received half a dozen replies to her letter in the GB Weekly. Subsequently someone from Nelson had come over and visited as many people in her area as possible, and compiled a report, which would hopefully result in some improvement.

Kaaren Cardwell – reported that the stream that runs under Gibbs Road is full of banana passion vine; the Chairperson referred her to Jo-Anne Vaughan of Weedbusters.

BJ White– said they are still waiting for a bird protection sign for the shags at Pakawau; he understood the funding for the sign is now available and asked about a timeline.

Mr White commented that the Community Board and Councillors do not have as much authority as he had thought. He did not consider he was getting a 'good deal' for his dollar.

With regard to the bird protection sign, the Chairperson agreed it was in the current year's budget and the proposal was for Council to work together with the Department of Conservation. Mr Kennedy said he would follow the matter up with the Parks and Reserves Manager.

Sara Chapman – had a 'bouquet' for the Bainham Rural Women for organising the House and Heritage trail. She said 150 people had visited the houses which was a fundraiser for Play Centre because of the new OSH regulations.

Board member McLellan said they had raised \$3000 for the Play Centre.

Board member Gamby – reported that four magpies had been spotted in Upper Takaka; he had phoned the Service Centre and a service request had been logged.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.34 and 10.50am.

Upon resuming the meeting the Chairperson said there had been discussion with members of the public during the break regarding the Tourism rate; he asked Mr Wylie to explain.

Mr Wylie said that while Council recognised the value of tourism to the district, it was under a lot of pressure as to why it subsidises tourism from the general rate. He said bigger annual grants are being asked for by Nelson Tasman Tourism and Council has identified the 'public good' part of the Agency which is running the individual i-Sites (at \$309,000 for each council), however, the Agency wishes to further promote the Nelson Tasman area through 'Destination Marketing'. The Agency is presently supported by the 'big players' but not the small ones who also benefit from the industry, and is asking for additional funding of \$181,000. A targeted rate of \$285 for businesses that directly benefit from tourism and \$85 for those who indirectly benefit is being sought. Mr Wylie said if the industry supports the targeted rate it will proceed; if not, the rate will probably not proceed and the additional 'destination marketing' will not take place. There is no Plan 'B'. He clarified that the targeted Tourism rate money will be collected by Council and will go directly to the Agency.

3. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GH09/03/03**

**THAT the meeting discuss making submissions for funding for Tourism
Access Roads and a request from the GB Museum for funding from the GB**

**Reserves Financial Contributions as late agenda items.
CARRIED**

Tourist Access Roads

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB09/03/04**

THAT as recommended by the TDC Engineering Services manager, the Golden Bay Community Board makes a submission to Council's LTCCP and the Draft Regional Land Transport Programme for funding for tourist access roads from Central Government sources.

CARRIED

Golden Bay Museum

Cr Borlase reported that a quote of \$7000 had been received to repair the archive floor at the GB Museum. He said the Property Manager had ear-marked \$3,500 from the Maintenance account and is looking for a loan from the GB Reserves Financial Contributions fund; the floor is in a dangerous condition.

Mr Kennedy said the problem stemmed from when the mobile shelving went in; the floor was not designed to carry that weight, and recently the problem has worsened and become dangerous. He said the money was proposed to be refunded from other funding agencies, however if that does not happen he will ask if the loan can be made into a grant.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB09/03/05**

THAT the GB Community Board approves a loan from the GB Reserves Financial Contributions Fund of \$3500 to repair the archive flooring at the GB Museum, with the loan to be refunded from other funding agencies.

CARRIED

The Chairperson expressed the Board's disappointment that the Takaka Fire Fighting Water Supply hearing was being held in Takaka on the same day as the Board meeting; he said the Board has been a part of the working party on that proposal from the outset, and that they will try and finish the Board meeting by 12.30pm so that members are able to attend the Hearing if they wish to do so.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**4.1 Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 10th
February 2009**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB09/03/06**

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 10th February 2009 (containing resolutions GB09/02/01 – GB09/03/28) be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED

5. REPORTS

**Moved Board members Brookes/McLellan
GBO9/03/07**

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

5.1 Chairperson's Report

Recession

The Chairperson made a correction to his report – Pg 1, 3 February, should read ABBI and Bjarne Vanderskog.

He read his suggested recommendation.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB09/03/08**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board remains alert to individuals and agencies who are finding difficulty at this time of recession and brings matters of concern to the attention of authorities as they become apparent.
CARRIED

Board member McLellan read an excerpt from Motueka Community Board Chair's report regarding the recession and short term projects that could be actioned instead of long term ones; Mrs McLellan said the GB Community Board could liaise with the Motueka Board regarding ways to push projects ahead.

Board Agenda Setting

The Chairperson spoke to his report and reiterated the reasons the Board wants to return to the old way of setting the Agenda. He said he had not received his Agenda until Saturday afternoon, which was in breach of the statutory requirements, and that this had not happened previously.

Mr Bell read his suggested recommendation:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board returns to the former agenda setting time of a week and a day prior to Board meetings except for when a public holiday falls on the relevant Monday in which case the Agenda will be set the Thursday prior.”

Mr Bell considered that the memorandum from Mr Wylie carried quite a lot of information and because of the Fire Fighting Water Supply hearing in Takaka that afternoon there would not be enough time to go through it. He suggested that the

memorandum be received and that the Board responds formally to the matters raised in it.

The Chairperson considered there were some misunderstandings in Mr Wylie's memorandum, namely the definition of a chief executive with regard to meetings.

Mr Bell said that previously agendas were set with the Service Centre's Manager; he said while there is no longer a service centres' manager, there is a senior office person who liaises with Mr Kennedy and that agenda setting could be well managed within the time of one week and one day, and it meets Standing Orders.

Mr Wylie responded; he said the way the Board had been setting the agenda does not meet the requirements of the Act and that agenda setting should be done in co-operation with the Board and staff. He said if agendas were set co-operatively the public had a complete agenda to see and decide how they want to be involved with the meeting. Mr Wylie considered that if the agenda is prepared 'in isolation' and was only available to him and Council staff after publication, no relevant information is available to the Board to consider, or it is rushed through as 'late'. He asked the Board to read his memorandum and consider it from that aspect. He pointed out that if agendas are not complete the whole process takes a lot longer. Mr Wylie said that all the committees of Council set agendas as he is asking the Board to do and he would like everyone to work together.

The Chairperson said that there are now more late agenda items than before and suggested the proposed recommendation lie on the table until the Board has an opportunity to consider and respond to Mr Wylie's memorandum.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB09/03/09**

THAT the memorandum from the Chief Executive regarding preparation of agendas be received and the Board responds formally to the matters raised in it.

CARRIED

Unexplained Council Charges

The Chairperson explained that since the report was written some details of the charges have been provided. He said the charges relating to engineer time on Gibbs Road issues should not be charged to the Board. He pointed out that all the dates provided for the Chief Executive's time were Sundays, and asked whether Mr Wylie could provide the detail for the charges.

Mr Wylie said they are not charges, they are costs and that time has to be allocated. He said he has no knowledge of the requests being made nine times talked about in the Chairperson's report. He said most costs could be avoided if the Chairperson phoned either himself or the Mayor, and accepted the legal opinions obtained by the Council.

The Chairperson said the Board has asked for the details of the costs; they have received the information from Engineering and need the same from the Chief

Executive Officer and other staff. He said he will provide details of the repeated requests made for the information.

The Board discussed comparable charge out rates such as for accountancy and the local garage; the Board did not believe that any advice it may seek warranted a charge out rate of \$336 an hour.

Mr Wylie said Council is not running a business; that charge out rates are subject to audit and are in accordance with accounting practice; if he is required to deal with matters for the Board, then that time must be allocated.

The Board considered that the costs to the Board are 'real' money; if it goes over its budget, the targeted rate will go up. With regard to phoning the Mayor and Chief Executive instead of writing, the Board said it needs to have a record of discussions. Mr Wylie said that the Board is not accepting legal opinions and it needs to submit to the LTCCP if it wants the targeted rate overturned.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB09/03/10**

**THAT the letter from Mayor Kempthorne regarding Council charges be received and the Board responds formally to the matters raised in it.
CARRIED**

It was agreed that the Chairperson's suggested recommendation be held in abeyance until the details are received from the Chief Executive Officer.

Takaka River Oxbow

The Chairperson said that a letter had been received by Keep GB Beautiful regarding privatisation of land in this area. He said that on the basis of the information to hand the Board cannot make the recommendation as suggested by the Property Manager.

He said there are important issues that require answers.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB09/03/11**

THAT the GB Community Board makes further enquiries into the rationalisation of land known as the Takaka Oxbow, including determining answers to:

- **What happens if the river changes course again?**
- **Is it the intention to rationalise other land where erosion, accretion or avulsion has occurred?**
- **The area proposed to be exchanged with the Wards is a natural flood way – when is a river not a river?**
- **What are the comparable values of the two parcels of land proposed to be exchanged?**
- **The proposed cycleway finishes at a dead end – a through route on public land needs to be negotiated. Is this being done as part of this proposal?**

- **Will adequate provision for riparian fencing be identified as conditions of the proposal?**

CARRIED

Elected Member Mileage

The Chairperson read his suggested recommendation.

Mr Wylie pointed out that he had always thought it was a straight reimbursement; not like that at all; something like 35c for the cost of running a small car and 35c as some sort of recompense of the time taken to run the car. He said there has been a strong reaction from councils around the country with everyone pushing for there to be a continuation of reimbursement in some form.

The Chairperson said the AA website gives schedules of actual vehicle running costs; people can also claim expenses for running the vehicle.

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan GB09/03/12

THAT the GB Community Board requests the Remuneration Authority retain the existing Elected Member mileage system setting out reasons why removal of mileage reimbursement would seriously disadvantage rural community representation and compromise rural equity, with a copy of response provided to the Tasman District Council.

CARRIED

Abbeyfield Loan

Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes GB09/03/13

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board requests that the loan monies advanced to the Abbeyfield project from the GB DILs account be reimbursed to the GB Reserves Financial Contributions account and asking when they will be paid.

CARRIED

5.2 Community Services Manager's Report

Mr Kennedy spoke to his report.

Tukurua Beach Access

The Chairperson said that there had been two meetings of local residents about this matter and it is hoped that a solution to the access problem will be found.

Crs Riley and Borlase left the meeting at this point to attend the hearing of submissions on the Takaka Fire Fighting Water Supply proposal.

5.3 Corporate Services Manager's Report

Elected members Remuneration 2009/2010

The Chairperson commented that at the outset of amalgamation the Board's salary was set at half the allowable amount while the councillors of the day granted themselves the full amount.

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan GB09/03/14

**THAT the GBCB supports the Model "G" formula for the 2009/2010 year."
CARRIED**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 & 6.2 Te Kakau Stream Rehabilitation

Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes GB09/03/15

**THAT the letters from Robert Charlton and Margret Sullivan be acknowledged and passed on to Tasman District Council Resource Scientist – Environmental, Trevor James, for his information and action."
CARRIED**

6.3 Council Charges – Peter Foster

Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes GB09/03/16

**THAT the letter be received, and the questions put by Mr Foster be replied to.
CARRIED**

Mr Wylie commented that Council is allocating the costs 'where they fall'.

6.4 Cycleways to Pohara – Victoria Davis

Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes GB09/03/17

THAT the GB Community Board asks that the Engineering Department provides a plan of the road widening proposal at Pohara to enable public consultation on the project to take place.

**Further, that the points raised need to be taken into account before the plan is drawn up.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
Gb09/03/18**

THAT Ms Davis is replied to and thanked for all her efforts regarding safer roads for vulnerable road users, especially since officially stepping down from her role in this regard.

CARRIED

6.5 In Committee Items – Mayor Kempthorne

**Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby
GB09/03/19**

THAT the letter be received and the Board respond formally to the matters raised in it.

CARRIED

Board member Gamby noted that in the Motueka agenda for the month that there was no Chief Executive or staff time charged for.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.30pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: