

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 14th April 2009
TIME: 9.00 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: Mayor Kempthorne, Cr Borlase, (until 2.10pm), L Kennedy (Community Services Manager), L Turley (Minute Secretary, training), N Heyes (Minute Secretary), and members of the Press and Public

1. APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members Bell / McLellan
GB09/04/01**

**THAT the apology received from Cr N Riley be sustained.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB09/04/02**

**THAT Mayor Kempthorne and Cr Borlase be granted speaking rights.
CARRIED**

A minute silence was observed in memory of David Whittaker. The Chairperson spoke about Mr Whittaker's contributions to the community; he had been a 'watchdog' in the early days of the transfer station, a part of Community Conversations, GB Futures, and had put a huge amount of effort into Labyrinth Rock Park, creating a wonderful place for people to enjoy.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Harry Holmwood – spoke about the proposed targeted tourism rate being grossly unfair. He said that last year he had made an income of \$1859 out of which he has to pay GST.

Mr Holmwood also spoke about \$3.4m dollars for a community facility for Golden Bay in the LTCCP; he considered there are a lot of halls in Golden Bay already including a community interest in the GB High School gymnasium.

The Chairperson confirmed the targeted rate for tourism would be discussed and said there is a feasibility study being done regarding Golden Bay halls, which will then be

brought back to the Council. (There are 44 halls and meeting places in Golden Bay). Mr Bell considered there is a need to identify the 'gaps' then find the best way to fill them. He considered that small community halls are important.

Lily McKay - spoke about the dangerous corner at Rototai road. Mrs McKay reiterated her comments at previous Board meetings and considered the speed limit should be 50kmph not 70kmph. Mrs McKay said there is to be a meeting between Council's Steve Elkington, her landlord (Peter Meares) and the McKays and asked that Board members be present at that meeting.

The Chairperson commented that if the driveway access and parking concerns could be addressed it would be a help.

Mr Kennedy was asked to follow up on when the meeting date is to be; hopefully in the near future.

Graham Beardmore – considered that a community facility for Golden Bay would be a gross waste of money.

Warren Iggo - expressed his concern about having more capped targeted rates; he asked what is happening with the \$19 capped rate for the Community Board.

Mr Iggo said Collingwood has paid large amounts of money for sewerage and water systems over 20 years and that the water scheme is working well but will that also be a capped rate? He said Collingwood residents would be paying for a fire-fighting water supply in Takaka.

Mr Iggo said there is a misconception about the Collingwood boat ramp; it is Council pursuing the issue, not the Collingwood Boat Club. However, he said the Boat Club wants an accessway and parking for boat trailers; up to 15 boat trailers sometimes park in the streets of Collingwood.

The Chairperson explained that the rate is not 'capped'; it is set at the rate of inflation. He said the Community Board is trying to have the rate abolished as the Board believes it to be an illegal rate. Mr Bell explained the background and said the Board would like a legal judgement, as advised by Local Government NZ, but that requires a council to request it and TDC has declined to do so. He said the Board could do it but that would mean taking Council to court which is not a good way to operate.

Sara Chapman - asked if the Board were to meet every six weeks instead of four whether it would bring the rate down.

The Chairperson explained there would not be any real savings and that there would be a loss of democracy in having fewer meetings.

Board member McLellan said that this option has been discussed previously by the Board but that it is consistent to meet every second Tuesday of the month.

There was more discussion about the Collingwood boat ramp and parking and Mayor Kempthorne advised that Council wants to bring the proposal to completion as soon as possible.

The Board raised the concerns about debris build up with the consultant, who in turn checked with a hydrologist.

Mr Iggo – hopes it will go ahead; the Club is pleased with Council's involvement and that parking congestion on the main street needs to be reduced. He also pointed out that there is an eroded area on the main river channel which needs rock fill.

Ross McDonald – said he is relieved the carparking at Labyrinth Rocks will go ahead from July but disappointed that the park was not re-opened while Dave Whittaker was still alive.

The Chairperson said the Board did its best but it just did not happen.

Alan Vaughan - has received amended plans for the Collingwood boat ramp area from the Forest & Bird Society and has submitted in support of the new parking plan on their behalf.

With regard to aquaculture, Mr Vaughan reported that four of the larger fishing companies have challenged the decision regarding the amount of space at the Ring Road and Collingwood, and are appealing to the High Court.

Mr Vaughan commented regarding cost cutting on the large number of pages in the meeting Agenda – Te Waikoropupu Springs Management Plan and electric bicycles.

The Chairperson replied that a lot of public interest had been shown in the management plan and after discussion it had been decided that in the interest of openness and transparency it would be appropriate for everyone see all the information. There are up to 70,000 visitors to the Springs each year. He conceded that perhaps the brochure for the bikes could have been left out, however the promoter of electric bikes has been very active and enthusiastic and the brochure needed to be with the letter.

Board member McLellan considered that any item that is of concern to the community is relevant to the Board.

Late Agenda Items

The Chairperson said that two other items had been received and asked for the meeting's approval to have them added as late agenda items:

Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby GB09/04/03

**THAT the invitation from GB Federated Farmers to attend its AGM on 1st May 2009 be added to the agenda.
CARRIED**

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

**THAT the final report from the Stuart Hughes Consultants regarding the Collingwood boat ramp and parking be added to the agenda.
CARRIED**

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 10th March 2009

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB09/04/05**

**THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 10th March 2009 (containing resolutions GB09/03/01 – GB09/03/19) be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

Sara Chapman (Chairperson, Tasman Bays Heritage Trust) joined the meeting to talk about TDC Funding of the Nelson Provincial Museum (LTCCP) and tabled a report.

Ms Chapman spoke to this, asking that the Nelson Provincial Museum be bulk funded by TDC, at parity with Nelson City Council, in Tasman District Council's 10-year Plan.

Ms Chapman said the Memorandum of Understanding that the Trust operates under is due to expire on 30th June 2009 and they have received an indication from Council that there will not be a second MOU. She explained that the Trust feels the LTCCP is ambiguous; the requirement of a storage facility is not identified and needs to be in the 10-year Plan.

The Chairperson replied that the Board had inspected both Museum facilities and saw the need for improved storage.

Mayor Kempthorne agreed the issues needed to be worked through and Nelson City Council, Tasman District Council and the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust will be meeting to talk about security of funding and storage facilities.

There was then a discussion on the wording in the LTCCP regarding the need to submit a Statement of Intent. Mayor Kempthorne gave a commitment that this will be discussed.

The possibility of the Board supporting a feasibility study into the best way to go ahead regarding storage was discussed.

Ms Chapman said the Trust needs to have people submit to the LTCCP.

The Chairperson said the GB Community Board has submitted on the need for an improved storage facility in the past and will do so again, and also the need for bulk funding.

Mark Godden (Golden Bay Mountain Bike Club) – joined the meeting to talk to the Board about two projects the Club is involved with and seeking Board support for funding application. He spoke to his letter contained in the agenda.

He explained the Club has carried out considerable work with DOC at Canaan Downs putting in new bike tracks. They would like funding for the use of a small digger to help with track work. This would benefit both Golden Bay and Motueka areas, and be for locals and for tourists.

He also spoke about the project at Rameka, and about the new BMX track at the end of Reilly Street. The work is all being carried out on a voluntary basis and encourages youth to be involved in biking.

The new BMX track area was waste land; unfortunately people are dumping rubbish there. The area needs to be landscaped - lots of fill has gone in and it is now at the stage of needing support from TDC.

The Chairperson replied that the Board supports the efforts made and that Council has put funding into facilities at Mapua, Brightwater and Murchison.

Mr Kennedy advised that submissions to the LTCCP requesting funding needs to be with the Council before 27 April.

Mayor Kempthorne advised there are several bike tracks going in around the District and that cycle opportunities are worthwhile recipients of funding. He said the Club has community support and now needs funding from the Council.

The Board discussed the letter on the Agenda from the Club.

**Moved Board members McLellan / Brookes
GB09/04/06**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board congratulates the Golden Bay Mountain Bike Club on its work at Canaan, and the Takaka BMX track, supports its efforts, and is prepared to write letters of support to various funding agencies on a case by case basis as required.

Further, that the Golden Bay Community Board makes a submission in support of the Club to the LTCCP.

CARRIED

Mayor Kempthorne left the meeting at this point.

BJ White – was given permission to address the Board; he reported there had been jet skiing at Pakawau and motorbikes racing on the beach there. He was advised by the Board to phone the office after hours where his call would be picked up by Call Care with regard to jet skis speeding within 200m of the shore, and to phone the police if motor bikes are being ridden dangerously on the beach or Department of

Conservation if roosting birds are being harassed. It was pointed out that the Godwits gather at Tomatea Point before migrating. Mr White thanked the Board for its efforts.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB09/04/07**

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

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chairperson's Report

Alteration to Order of Agenda

4.1.7 Tourism Levy

The Chairperson spoke to his report and read the suggested recommendation; he commented that Nelson City Council is not having a tiered targeted rate. He suggested a capped rate at \$100,000, with operators being charged 50% at a flat rate and 50% from the General Rate.

In discussion the following points were raised:

- Targeted rate is unfair
- The General Rate will pay \$309,000 in 2009/2010 – and only covers i-Sites
- \$390,000 was paid from the General Rate last year – cannot continue
- \$81,000 - \$100,000 may have been acceptable to people but \$181,000 is too much
- Nelson Tasman Tourism (NTT) has only met once with its operators
- The tiered rates are unfair for those only earning a little from their businesses
- Database is unfair
- Complicated by having tiers
- Concern expressed about the increased use of targeted rates
- NTT has not consulted with its members
- TDC should not be putting on a rate that has not been consulted on and should be under the Significance Policy.
- Promotional rate should be capped and at a flat rate

There was some discussion as to why Tasman District Council is involved in collecting the money for NTT. Cr Borlase clarified that NTT is jointly owned by TDC and Nelson City Council.

It was pointed out that Council is not charging NTT for administrating the targeted rate, but that the communities with Community Boards are being charged council overheads in their targeted rates.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB09/04/08**

**THAT the GB Community Board makes a submission on the proposed tourism levy suggesting a mechanism to improve the fairness of the proposed rate.
CARRIED**

It was suggested that the promotional budget be capped at \$100,000 per annum coming from a flat rate across identified Tier 1 and Tier 2 businesses, not forgetting the \$309,000 from General rate in recognition of the benefit of tourism to the wider economy.

4.1.1 Rototai Road Footpath

**Moved Board members McLellan / Brookes
GB09/04/09**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board supports the current Council policy of placement of grassed strips on the outside of new concrete/asphalt footpaths where this is possible and practical.
CARRIED**

4.1.2 Sealing Outside of Sidelines

The Chairperson read his suggested recommendation:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board supports a 1 metre sealed strip beyond the marked sideline of SH60 and other arterial roads as a means of providing improved safety for vulnerable road users in areas where dedicated off-road cycle/walkways are not provided.”

There was a discussion as to the strength and possible uses of sealed strips; it was reported that Merv Solly said he could do 30kms for \$300,000. Mr Kennedy reported that the Engineering Manager was concerned that sealing would need to be to the required NZTA standard. The practicalities of the sealing were discussed regarding cost and safety, including reflectorised road markers and cycle stencils and whether a piece of road could be sealed as a trial.

The Chairperson said he would talk to Mr Solly advising him about the impediments that had been raised at the meeting.

It was agreed that the suggested recommendation lay on the table pending further information.

4.1.3 Heaphy Highway

It was considered that because we need to keep visitors in the Nelson/Tasman loop for as long as we can the Board is opposed to the road. If the road did exist tourist buses would just pass on through.

The Board believes this road is not feasible for Golden Bay and that Golden Bay people should make submissions against it.

**Moved Board members Gamby /Brookes
GB09/04/10**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board reiterates that it does not support a road from Golden Bay to Karamea taking into account identified benefits and costs.

CARRIED

4.1.4 State Highway 60 Onekaka

The Chairperson reported that the meeting on 11th March was well attended with representatives of NZTA, Council, MWH, Police and residents. He said most of the new signs and chevrons are in place now.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB09/04/11**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board supports and endorses the initiatives requested by Onekaka residents during their meeting with NZTA on 11 March 2009.

CARRIED

4.1.5 Collingwood Boat Ramp Entry and Parking Proposal

The Chairperson explained that there had been an on-site meeting with Stuart Hughes on 13th March and the concerns raised during the Public Forum at Collingwood had been passed on to Mr. Hughes and taken into account. He suggested the new plan is circulated to Board members prior to discussion at the LTCCP workshop where a submission will be discussed.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB09/04/12**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board studies the final plan before deciding whether or not to make a submission to the Resource Consent Application for the Collingwood Boat Ramp entry, infilling and car park proposal.

CARRIED

4.1.6 Labyrinth Park Process

The carpark proposal was again discussed, with Mr Kennedy explaining that because of a lack of time and resources before Christmas the Engineers have not had a chance to do the full check.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne re-joined the meeting at 12 noon.

The Board expressed concern about the increase in costs because of the delay and regretted that the Park was not re-opened while Dave Whittaker was still alive; there was some talk of having his name by the entranceway.

The Board is pleased that Community Services has taken this project on board and is getting things done.

Mayor Kempthorne stressed the need to discuss matters on the telephone, keeping in touch.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB09/04/13**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board seeks timely consideration, decision-making and outcomes for local projects.
CARRIED**

4.1.7 Broadband

The Chairperson reported that the present Government has come up with another policy, excluding West Coast/Tasman and rural communities.

Mayor Kempthorne advised the Board to give its strong support for improved broadband access in Golden Bay.

It was agreed that a letter needs to be written to Prime Minister John Key, and copied to the two local MP's, Mr Auchinvole and Mr O'Connor, stressing that Golden Bay is an isolated community and that schools also need the improvement, as well as the children who are on correspondence lessons; faster broadband is absolutely essential for Golden Bay.

The Chairperson reminded the meeting that many local people wrote letters in support of better Broadband. It was agreed that The Board needs to include copies of those letters with further correspondence on the matter.

**Moved Board members Brookes/McLellan
GB09/04/14**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Prime Minister John Key, Communications Minister Steven Joyce and electorate MP Chris Auchinvole and others expressing the need for improved broadband services to Golden Bay.
CARRIED**

4.1.8 Long Term Council Community Plan & Draft Regional Land Transport Programme

It was pointed out that submissions need to be in by 27th April 2009.

There was some discussion on the date the Board would meet; the date to be confirmed by email.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB09/04/15**

THAT GB Community Board makes submissions to the Tasman District Council LTCCP and also the Draft Regional Land Transport Programme before their respective closing dates.

CARRIED

4.2 Chairperson's Report on NZ Community Board's Conference 2009

Board members congratulated the Chairperson on an excellent report; Mr Bell spoke briefly about the positive atmosphere of the Conference. He said Board members elsewhere have also felt excluded from LTCCP workshops. The President of Local Government New Zealand has expressed the view that Boards should be involved.

Mayor Kempthorne explained that those workshops were to put together the draft Plan.

Mrs McLellan replied the Board would still have liked to have attended and have input into the draft; she considered the process should be more inclusive for community board members so the draft is closer to the community. Mr Kennedy reminded the Board that they had not had any greater involvement in previous years and therefore needed to advise Council that they would like more involvement.

It was agreed that the Community Board has informal talks with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and that a time for the meeting would be arranged as soon as possible.

The luncheon adjournment was taken between 12.30 and 1.10pm.

4.3 Board member Gamby – Report on Flagmakers' Demonstration

It was thought to be too expensive to take up this system at the present time; also a certified person may still be required to put the banners up and take them down as they are on power poles.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 GB Mountain Bike Club – Canaan Downs Track and Takaka BMX Track

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

5.2 & 5.3 CEO Time Allocations to GB Community Board matters & CEO Staff Time charged to the GB Community via the Targeted Rate @ \$336 per hour

A very long discussion took place about relations between the CEO and the Community Board and the point that the Board's questions regarding the CEO's charges against the Board were not being answered to its satisfaction.

The Chairperson gave examples of the time/cost being incorrect citing the 3 hours of time the CEO charged the Board for attending the March meeting at Collingwood when the CEO had advised he would be attending. The Board had asked whether it would be charged for his attendance prior to the meeting and had been assured there would be no charge.

In response to a comment from Cr Borlase that the Board should move on regarding the matter of CEO costings as the continual to-ing and fro-ing had achieved nothing in 18 months, the Board discussed whether to continue to investigate the costings from the CEO, or whether to write a conciliatory letter and make a fresh start.

It was pointed out that even if there was no targeted rate the hours would still be put against the Board's budget.

The Chairperson said it was not the Board's intention to write to the CEO, but to the people who were the recipients of CEO letters to explain they do not stand scrutiny.

Mr Kennedy said that the charge for the last meeting was incorrect as it had been advised that as the CEO was attending the meeting on his own initiative there would be no charge against the Boards budget and that it will be reversed.

The Chairperson also pointed out that the Board had been charged for CEO briefing the Mayor and for the CEO responding to someone who had written to the Mayor. Mr Kennedy replied that there were also things that the CEO has not charged the Board for.

Other points raised by Board Members included:

- The need for a paper trail, which required a response to the CEO's letter;
- The need for the CEO to be conciliatory towards the Board;
- The Board's responsibility to the Golden Bay community;
- Targeted rates are costing everyone;
- The CEO's charges being a means to stop the Board from doing its work;
- The lack of proper records being kept by the CEO;
- Board cannot pay for charges that are not detailed;
- CEO should not be charging the Board for things he should be doing as part of his job;
- The Board is operating well below its budget;
- The CEO should be the greatest supporter of the Board;
- Board needs to be able to fulfil its role as an advocate; should not be priced out of doing that;
- The CEO should be providing fair advice to the Board;

There was further discussion about what type of response to give to the CEO.

In response to a comment regarding the Chairperson's letters to the CEO, the Board was adamant that the letters were from the Board as a whole.

Cr Borlase left the meeting at 2.05pm and discussions continued.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB09/04/16**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board respond to the Chief Executive Officer's two letters dated 3 April 2009, stating that while the Board does not agree with a number of points made in these letters (and those can be made available if requested), the Board wishes to move forward in a positive manner and will not be taking these issues any further with him at this stage.
CARRIED**

It was agreed that the Board seek a meeting with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor when it will raise matters of concern.

5.4 Battery/pedal hybrid bikes – Electro Bike NZ

**Moved Board member Bell/McLellan
GB09/04/17**

**THAT the letter be received and referred to Tasman District Council as worthwhile investigating for staff transport in urban areas.
CARRIED**

**5.5 Letter and CD – Preliminary Report Ring Road Consortium GB –
Min Fisheries**

5.6 Te Waikoropupu Springs Management Plan - DoC

5.7 Water Harvesting & Proposed Variation No 66 – John Lee

**5.8 Government Funding for Visitor Access Roads in GB – Minister of
Transport**

These items of correspondence were all received earlier in the meeting.

5.9 'In Committee' Enquiries – Office of Mayor

In reply to the Board asking if the public will be able to see the Port Tarkohe records, including the financials, Mr Kennedy replied that this is a matter of commercial sensitivity.

The Board considered that as the ratepayers are 'footing the bill for a closed account' the Board should be getting full reports. This is the case with other Councils where all information goes to all the elected representatives.

It was agreed that this request is to be added to the list of discussion items to be had with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

It was noted that some decisions are being recorded in open meeting now.

5.10 GB Health Centre – Invitation

The Chairperson reported that the invitation had been received too late for Board members to attend.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB09/04/18**

THAT a letter be sent to the GB Health Centre thanking them for their kind invitation and wishing them well in their upgraded business.

CARRIED

6. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

**6.1 Invitation to Board representative to attend Federated Farmers
AGM – 1st May 2009**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB09/04/19**

THAT Federated Farmers be advised that Joe Bell as Chairperson will attend on behalf of the Community Board.

CARRIED

6.2 Radio Frequency Interference

Cr Riley was not available to comment, however he had advised that he has no further information.

7. OTHER

7.3 Collingwood Ramp and Access

The new plan was distributed for the Board's information.

7.4 GB Community Board Representatives for Anzac Day

It was agreed that Board member Gamby would represent the Board at the Takaka service, and Board member McLellan would attend the Collingwood service. Board member Brookes said she would attend the early service in Takaka at the Library.

There being no further business, the meeting closed 2.40pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair: