

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Golden Bay Community Board  
**DATE:** 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009  
**TIME:** 9.00 am  
**VENUE:** Collingwood Fire Station

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L Kennedy (Community Services Manager), L Turley (Minute Secretary, training), N Heyes (Minutes Secretary), and members of the Press and Public

## 1. APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB 09/05/01**

**THAT the apologies received from Crs Riley and Borlase be sustained.  
CARRIED**

The Chairperson said that Mayor Kempthorne had apologised for organising the LTCCP hearing on a GBCB meeting day.

## 2. PUBLIC FORUM

Alan Vaughan - was pleased that the Board had met with Crs Borlase and Riley and is dealing with matters through discussion.

Regarding the letter received from Mr Whittaker about the freedom camping he felt the sheer cost of maintaining toilets all round the district would be too high and should not be a burden on ratepayers.

Liza Eastman - spoke about the Give Way sign on the corner of Elizabeth and Tasman Streets. There are often car accidents there with drivers not giving way. She thinks the sign is too close to the intersection and people do not see it.

The Chairperson said that the confusion could be because the road used to be SH60. It was suggested that if the Give Way sign was removed the intersection would be safer because people would use the right-hand rule.

Alan Blackie - noted the present Board is now halfway through its term. He felt the starting time of 9.00am for Board meetings deters a lot of the working population to participate and from standing for the Board and suggested that to be more democratic perhaps the Board could have meetings later on in the day, possibly at 6.00pm.

The Chairperson replied that the Board has had evening forums in the past but that attendance soon dropped off and that evening meetings are not well attended. The meeting time is decided by the new Board after each election.

After discussing the option of different starting times it was decided that the 9.00am start suits the present Board members.

Penny Griffith - felt that the Community Board is democratic, and said that the two Golden Bay Councillors have times available for the public to meet with them.

She said it is great to see the upgrade of Gibbs Road track going ahead and mentioned the need for lighting on the track.

13/14 and 20/21 June 2009 are designated as World Public Knit-in Days and everyone is encouraged to take part in this international event.

Penny Griffiths also talked about the stormwater at Gibbs Road and Swiftsure Street; tenders have been called for the main part of work and she is still waiting for Council proposals for piping water through her property. Council's Utilities Asset Engineer, David Stephenson, has been on site.

There was some discussion about the water scheme pipes, with BJ White not happy with the use of over-ground pipes.

The Chairperson explained that easements have to be negotiated between individual property owners and the Council. They need to talk with David Stephenson and make it clear what their wishes are.

B J White - enquired about interpretation signage for putting up in Coastal Reserves.

It was reported that the project has been approved for this year and will be done this financial year.

Sara Chapman - spoke on her submission to the LTCCP regarding the Community Board being needed to represent rate payers at a local level. She considered that If Golden Bay is to have a targeted rate for having a Board, Council should ensure this forum is working. It is now halfway through its term of office and it seems to not be working. Issues from the Board should go through to Council, via the two Councillors. However, Ms Chapman considered if councillors can not attend Board meetings then the system is not working.

Ms Chapman made the request to the Board to really try and re-negotiate the relationship; be proactive in the community by maybe having public forums, meetings in the evenings so different people can participate.

At a governance level she would like to see Ward councillors assist the Board in this as they have a commitment to the Community Board.

The Chairperson responded that the Board had a meeting with the two Ward councillors and another with the Mayor and deputy Mayor the previous evening. The meetings had been very helpful. While the Ward councillors had chosen not to accept appointment to the Community Board this term they have been asked to

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reconsider their decision and they have agreed to think about it. There are perceived conflicts of interest but councillors can withdraw from the table during certain discussions. The Chairperson considered it has been unfortunate that a few Council meetings had been held on Board meeting dates this term causing councillors to miss out on attending the Board meetings.

Sara Chapman suggested a Memorandum of Understanding between the Community Board and Councillors that would extend beyond electoral terms would be very helpful.

Jo-Anne Vaughan - spoke about targeted rates and the role the Community Board has, and considered that the Local Government Act 2003 says targeted rates are illegal.

There was a general discussion regarding the need for an amendment to the Local Government Act which would give Community Boards more powers.

Board members recently had a positive meeting with the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor. The CEO and the Mayor intend to talk with Fran Cardno from Southland, to look at how the system works there. Council wants the Golden Bay and Motueka community boards to work the same.

BJ White - mentioned the removal of petrol pumps on the main street in Collingwood which has made a huge improvement to the look of the Collingwood township.

### **3. Late Agenda Items**

The Chairperson said that a letter from Garth Bray had been received and asked for the meeting's approval to have it added as a Late Agenda item.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes  
GB09/05/02**

**THAT the letter from Garth Bray be added as a late agenda item.  
CARRIED**

### **4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### **4.1 Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

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

**THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 14<sup>th</sup> April  
2009 (containing resolutions GB09/04/01 – GB09/04/19) be confirmed as a true  
and correct record.  
CARRIED**

## **5. REPORTS**

### **5.1 Chairperson's Report**

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

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

#### **5.1.1 Roadside Sealing**

The Chairperson has not yet heard back from Merv Solly regarding the outcome of the tensionometer results from testing road verge formation. When these results are received they will be sent to Tasman District Council. Gary Clark (Council Roading Engineer) will take it up with NZTA.

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

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board request that sealing of a metre strip outside of the sideline be trialled where tests show that adequate road formation exists under the area to be sealed.  
CARRIED**

#### **5.1.2 Ligar Bay Baches**

Garth Bray spoke to his letter. Some of the bach owners would like the baches to stay, but their leases will expire at the end of March 2014. It will be difficult to have everyone attend a public meeting as there are a lot of absentee bach owners.

The possibility of having a postal survey with a public meeting to follow was talked about; as it will affect all of the Ligar Bay residents they will all need to be involved, not just the bach owners.

Lloyd Kennedy (Community Services Manager) explained that the baches are situated on public land and that the leases have a finite time. He considered that Council needs to have a consistent policy with baches in other locations in similar situations.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB09/05/06**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board together with the TDC Property Manager facilitates a meeting of Ligar Bay property owners/occupiers to be held in the Pohara Hall on a date to be decided, and considers a postal survey along with a public notice in the GB Weekly so anyone can participate.  
CARRIED**

### **5.1.3 Labyrinth Park**

The Chairperson spoke to his report. Because Labyrinth Park is now a public reserve and not a private enterprise the gnomes have been removed. It has been suggested that any donations to the Park be in the form of plants rather than gnomes.

The need for directional signs was discussed, also the idea of having an interpretive panel about how the Labyrinth started.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes  
GB09/05/07**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes a donation of \$500 towards the re-establishment of Labyrinth Park.  
CARRIED**

### **5.1.4 Half Term Review**

The Chairperson considered the Board's top priority is to represent the Golden Bay community and to achieve this it has submitted on lot of proposals to a wide-ranging number of issues.

### **5.2 Community Services Manager's Report**

Mr Kennedy spoke to his report and the Board thanked him for his work.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.30 and resumed again at 10.50am.

### **5.3 Asset Engineer Roads Report – Gibbs Road Walkway Upgrade**

The Chairperson spoke to this report and the meeting discussed the need to have adequate drainage and lighting on the walkway and what type would be best. The lights and the handrail will make the track more accessible.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes  
GB09/05/08**

**THAT the GB Community Board thank Steve Elkington for the proposed upgrade and recommend that some low level lights be put in.  
CARRIED**

### **5.4 Reserves Manager's Report**

The Community Services Manager spoke to this report.

#### **Selwyn Street Walkway**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB09/05/09**

**THAT on the completion of the Selwyn Street walkway there be an official opening ceremony complete with ribbon-cutting.  
CARRIED**

Coastcare - the removal of marram grass and replacement with pingau and spinifex at Parapara Beach has been a huge improvement.

BMX track - the Board supports this.

Labyrinth Park - Vegetation is being cleared. The re-opening should be celebrated officially.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes  
GB09/05/10**

**THAT the GB Community Board supports an official re-opening of Labyrinth Park.  
CARRIED**

Tata Beach - After discussion with the Ombudsman it was agreed to install judder bars.

Interpretation signage - Mr Kennedy said he will discuss these, particularly Miles Reserve, with Parks and Reserves Manager, Beryl Wilkes, as she has all the information and knows their history. He will also pass on the Board's thanks to her for the work she has done.

Parapara Playground - There should be a letterbox drop to find out what people want in the way of a playground, which will be carried out by Community Services.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **6.1 Overnight Camping in Tasman District - Martin Whittaker**

There was a prolonged discussion about Council's policy on overnight camping. Council's policy is a good one, but policing it is a nightmare. There has been a huge increase in camper vans and in people not wanting to use camping grounds. This is a nationwide problem, not just in Golden Bay.

Some people use the hand-basins in public toilets for doing their dishes, and ablutions. They also use the 'dump' station at the Information Centre. Community Services have asked E & P to take this further.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes  
GB09/05/11**

**THAT the letter be received, the views noted and Mr Whittaker thanked for providing his views.  
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB09/05/12**

**THAT the GB Community Board write to Jean Hodson supporting a review of the overnight staying policy to take into account reported issues with vans without self-contained facilities.**

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Takaka River Oxbow – Manager Property**

The Chairman said that some of the river protection works do not last as, over time, rivers can change their course.

He also pointed out that there is a possible route for the cycleway on public land, but the cycle people prefer it on the esplanade strip. They are happy with the route running alongside the river and esplanade strip. It is presently proposed as a dead end route and to become a through-route would need an extensive bridge. If money was saved on survey costs this could be spent on building a bridge.

Lloyd Kennedy has spoken with Jim Frater (Manager Property Services) who told him that the land owner could do the surveying anyway, without Council involvement and he could then claim ownership of the Crown land. Mr Kennedy explained that Council wishes to be involved in the survey because it would then have ownership of the river and also obtains an esplanade strip. Council engineers are adamant they need control of the river.

It is hoped there might be some goodwill from the occupier to support the cycleway. A survey needs to be done and the cost should be shared between the land owner and the Council.

Keep Golden Bay Beautiful had proposed a meeting between the occupier of the land, Keep Golden Bay Beautiful, DOC, the cycleway group, and various sections of TDC but this has not come to pass yet. The Chairperson said that to get the best community outcome taking into account the views of all the above groups it will be helpful to have a meeting of all interested parties.

The value of the land in the river and of the pastoral land was discussed.

There was extensive discussion on the proposed cycle route and the associated problems of fencing, as well as the need for a bridge and the problems of how this could be funded. Mr Kennedy suggested there may be money available from Reserves contributions.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brooks  
GB09/05/13**

**THAT the memorandum be received and that the Golden Bay Community Board follows up on answers to questions.**

**CARRIED**

## 7. OTHER

### 7.1 Dog Control Bylaw Review

The Chairperson explained there has been community concern about dogs in the shopping area and in the Bylaw review it is proposed that dogs be permitted on a leash in the Takaka CBD. Because this is a change from the 'no dogs allowed' policy, there needs to be specific community consultation in Takaka.

The undesirability of having dogs in the Takaka Business Area was discussed. It was explained that there are a lot of eating places on Commercial Street and although people are more conscious of picking up after their dogs there is still the problem of the dogs urinating.

The Board considered there is a need for businesses in the Takaka CBD to be surveyed on this matter by way of a simple form asking business owners if they want to keep the status quo or not. It should also be advertised in the Golden Bay Weekly. Businesses had initially asked for the status of No Dogs but maybe now they would like it changed to Dogs on Leash only.

Mrs Heyes was asked to check with Ms Hodson (Regulatory Manager) as to when the Draft Dog Control Bylaw would be out for submissions, along with the closing date, to enable the Board to put in a submission.

#### **Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes GB09/05/14**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes a submission to the dog bylaw review after canvassing the businesses in the Takaka CBD for their views and further that the issue be publicised in the Golden Bay Weekly.**

**CARRIED**

It was agreed that Mr Kennedy ask the Property Manager for lease and correspondence information regarding the Ligar Bay leases and whether he wishes to be part of that community meeting, to be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 23 June in the Pohara Hall.

Mr Kennedy tabled the Board's Budget for March. It was agreed that a copy be sent to each Board member.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.05pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair: