

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 14th July 2009
TIME: 9.07 am
VENUE: Golden Bay Service Centre Meeting Room

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

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

1. PUBLIC FORUM

The meeting acknowledged by standing for a minute's silence the recent deaths of Edith Lord, Ben Hurst and Harry Riley; the Chairperson commented on the contributions they had made to the Golden Bay community.

Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB09/07/01

THAT Councillors Riley and Borlase be granted speaking rights.
CARRIED

Peter Woods - spoke as President of the Collectable Vehicle Club regarding the Club's concerns about running the Santa Parade. He said while the parade has been very successful the last couple of years it is difficult for the Club to run it albeit with help from Fulton Hogan to close the road, the Rugby Club and other individuals. Mr Woods said that now there is a 'model' to organise the event they would like someone else to run the parade.

Paul Sangster supported Mr Wood's comments; he suggested that if Dave Myall, Recreation Co-ordinator, was to be given extra funding for say 3 – 4 hours a week a month prior to Christmas, perhaps he could co-ordinate the event. Mr Sangster further suggested that the Promotion Association and the GB Community Board could apply for funding to implement his suggestion.

It was agreed that Cr Borlase takes the matter of finding funding for the event to the Promotions Association and Mr Kennedy would follow up with what happens in Motueka. Mr Kennedy thought Our Town Motueka ran the Santa Parade with funding from their targeted rate.

In reply to a question, Mr Ross McDonald (ex President of the Collectable Vehicle Club) considered they would need funding of approximately \$1500.

Cr Borlase pointed out that Dave Myall is on the Promotions Committee.

Mr Wood said the Club is happy to make their information available to whoever takes over the event.

Cr Riley said he may know an organisation who may be interested; he would talk to them and report back to the Board.

Board member McLellan commented that banners and parades are not core business for the Board but as Community Services representative she is happy to liaise with Dave Myall and to lodge an application to Grants from Rates. She further suggested that perhaps a parade co-ordinator would be the answer with 20 hours funding.

Ross McDonald – asked about progress on the Labyrinth Rocks project.

Mr Kennedy replied that Council is waiting on Montgomery Watson Harza to do the survey for the carpark; he said it will be done for the summer.

Mr McDonald said the Friends of the Labyrinth had written to Council asking what the group is expected to do and what the Council's role is.

Mr Kennedy said he has received the letter and will follow it up; he said Engineering Services is concerned that there are some very dangerous places which are to be investigated and barriers put up for safety. He said he would follow up with Montgomery Watson Harza and ensure that they have the plans that were done by Sollys.

Lily McKay – spoke about Rototai road; she said there have been some positive developments – chevrons have been put up and a letter has been received from Council's Steve Elkington about work to be carried out this month. She gave a bouquet for good communication and thanked the Board, Councillors and Staff for their help. Mrs McKay said, however, that they still want the speed limit lowered.

Paul Sangster – commented on the new house that is going up at the top of town; he asked about the results of the Lidar survey. Mr Kennedy said there are maps here now.

Mr Sangster asked where the heights for the two allotments at the entrance to town came from (he said Brian Reilly's floor had never been flooded); and compared with adjacent sections the raised sections need an explanation.

The Chairperson said the Board has asked previously and been advised that Engineering Standards for floor levels had been reviewed and floor levels increased. He asked Cr Riley to follow up on it.

Alan Vaughan - updated the Board regarding aquaculture and fisheries:

He explained that with regard to aquaculture, the Environment Court decision was not able to address the matters under the Fisheries Act so it can be challenged; a number of parties are aggrieved and have applied to the High Court.

The Chairperson noted that some appellants have both aquaculture and fishing interests and the issue was largely one of control of sea space.

With regard to scallops, Mr Vaughan said only a small area of sector B will be harvested this year; no harvesting will take place in Tasman Bay and very little in the Marlborough Sounds. The total harvest is expected to be down on the previous year.

Mr Vaughan tabled his update.

Jo-Anne Vaughan – said Weedbusters has applied for funding for the whole Transfer station area to stop Labyrinth Rocks being constantly re-infested.

Mrs Vaughan said the Coastcare group for Collingwood is concerned about the weed spread from the Collingwood Motor Camp. She asked Mr Kennedy if there is a plan for sprucing up the camp and suggested Coastcare could get rid of some of the quite nasty weeds there that are spreading into the accreted land.

Mr Kennedy asked to be notified of what the weeds are.

Mr McDonald said the Friends of the Labyrinth want Council to retain control of Labyrinth Rocks; the Chairperson said that will all need to be covered in a management plan that will be worked out between Community Services and Engineering departments and the groups who are doing the work so that each knows what their role is.

Board member Gamby – said he was dismayed about the store closing at Pakawau towards the end of this month.

Board member McLellan – would like the Board to send congratulations to Council's Sonya Leusink-Sladen on the birth of her baby girl.

Cr Riley – commented that at the last meeting Mr Sangster had accused Council of doing nothing regarding a BMX track, which Cr Riley refuted and invited Mr Sangster to look at the file. He said Mr Sangster has not taken up his offer.

Cr Riley showed the plan of the track; he said Sollys are about to clear the area and set up the material – clay was sourced from the Ruby Bay bypass – and the work should be done in a couple of weeks.

The Chairperson expressed disappointment that people have been dumping rubbish down there; Cr Riley said it has been arranged for a barrier to be erected to prevent people getting vehicles in and dumping rubbish.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Ken Wright (Biosecurity Officer)

Mr Wright raised the matter of Old Man's Beard on the Takaka Hill. He said the section of the road coming up the hill from the Riwaka side that has a heavy infestation has been given up on and that work is being carried out from the Kairuru saddle and up the hill. It is hoped to go back down the road towards the heavy infestation in time.

He tabled 'Pest' pamphlets and pointed out that they are everyone's responsibility.

Board member McLellan commented that the infestation of Old Man's Beard is looking worse all the time; she would like to think that some progress could be made from Kairuru down; Old Man's Beard is smothering the bush. She said all their visitors comment on how it is spreading.

Mr Wright spoke to the pamphlet and explained the headings:

- Total control pests – Council wants to eradicate these
- Progressive control pests – reduce their density
- Containment pests – contain the spread
- Regional surveillance – keeping tabs on them.

He tabled maps showing infestation sites in Golden Bay:

- Spartina (very little of this pest plant)
- Maderia vine (a number of locations)
- Climbing spindleberry – clusters in a few locations
- Old Man's Beard – spread by road works and wind – a lot of this in Golden Bay
- Purple pampas – spread by the wind – a lot of this also
- Boneseed – carried by birds – not a big infestation
- Wild ginger – areas of this – people have them as garden plants but they do 'take over'.

Mr Wright said he does two days' work a week in Golden Bay and works on his own. He said it is beneficial to be seen by the local people and he does seek them out. In reply to a question about whether 1080 poison would work on feral cats, Mr Wright said that the cats eat the rats etc. that have died from eating 1080 and that in turn kills the cats. He said he will loan cages to catch cats but people must then be prepared to kill the cats once they are caught.

Mr Wright said he works with Department of Conservation and is able to use their people on occasions, which is very helpful.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Wright for his work and the presentation.

The morning tea break was taken between 10.35 – 10.47am.

2.2 Martine Bouillir and Peter Alford

Ms Bouillir and Mr Alford joined the meeting and spoke to the Board regarding a new website on the Abel Tasman National Park. Mr Alford demonstrated via laptop the website's 'virtual walk' through the park, which included videos of the DoC huts. The website also provides links to accommodation, art and other places of interest; he said the Park is the most searched for place in the area.

The Board commended Mr Alford on the quality of his work and thanked him for his presentation.

In response to a question as to what the Board could do to assist, Ms Bouillir asked the Board to recommend the website to people to look at.

Cr Borlase asked Ms Bouillir and Mr Alford to attend a Golden Bay Promotions meeting the following week.

2.3 GB Work Centre Trust

Mr Geoff Rennison (Chair of Work Centre Trust) and Ms Linda Sanders (Deputy Chair), presented Bjarne and Abbie Vandeskog's report regarding a new community facility for Golden Bay.

Mr Rennison said their survey asked whether there is a need for a multi-purpose facility in Golden Bay and whether it should be a new facility or renovation of an existing one. He said interviews with owner/operators and users were held; twenty stakeholders were also interviewed and a questionnaire was sent to 20% of householders, to which there was a 30% response. There was also a snap 'poll' at a Saturday market. Mr Rennison said the present situation is that there are 44 venues; most are big, old and lacking in amenities such as heating and storage.

The survey showed the following priority:

- Covered heated pool
- Youth service
- Performance/conference venue
- Multi-purpose rooms
- Display for local arts
- Improved i-Site
- Improved museum.

Mr Rennison said there was 50/50 support for, and opposition to, a new facility.

The survey also found:

- Frequent users are more supportive of a new facility.
- Existing venues do not meet all needs; relatively old; lacking in modern amenities – heating and storage.
- The people opposed to a new venue would like money spent on upgrading existing facilities.
- Existing facilities are not used to capacity
- Two possible locations – Park Avenue or Takaka township
- One building to do everything is probably not possible

The report recommended:

“A comprehensive and co-ordinated approach, drawing on a number of funding sources and forming a network of a selection of existing halls/venues to achieve optimal upgrades, alterations and consorted flow-on effects.”

The Chairperson commented that the Board needs to analyse the report and make a recommendation. He asked Mr Kennedy whether the Community Facility funding is able to be used for renovation.

Mr Kennedy considered that Council would certainly look at that suggestion and that funding was being provided for the Motueka Recreational Centre renovation.

It was reported that there is \$64,000 allowed in the Golden Bay Reserve Financial Account in 2010-11 and \$75,000 in 2016-17 towards covering the pools at the Golden Bay High School and Collingwood Area School.

There was some discussion that a single new facility cannot provide for everything and that a group that is not in need of a new facility is required to take the options forward.

Mr Rennison tabled a copy of the report for the Board. It was agreed that the report be circulated and then the Board would look at the best way to proceed.

The Chairperson thanked the Work Centre Trust for facilitating the report.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 9th June 2009

The following amendments were noted:

Page 3 – Paul Sangster second paragraph “.....banksand” should read “.....banks and”

Page 3 – Paul Sangster third paragraph - Add “..... and Cr Riley refuted that and invited Mr Sangster to inspect the file.”

Pg – 4 – Paragraph 7 – “....Copenhagen” should read “POPENHAGEN”

Pg 10 – Broadband – “...fibre optic cable coming into the Bay.” Should read “....fibre optic cable IN the Bay.”

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB09/07/02**

**THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the Golden Bay Community Board held on 9th June 2009 (containing resolutions GB09/06/01 – GB09/06/13) as amended be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

4. REPORTS

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB09/07/03**

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

4.1 Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson made a correction to his report under the heading of June 5: Sentence “Outlined suggestion for the retention of stop sign for through traffic from Haven Road” should read “through traffic from GIBBS Road.”

Cr Borlase said he had spoken with Council's Steve Elkington and the move to change the speed restriction from 70kph to 50kmph is underway.

4.1.1 Aorere Catchment

The Chairperson read his suggested recommendation.

Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby GB09/07/04

THAT The Golden Bay Community Board writes to the Aorere Catchment and Golden Bay Stream Care groups congratulating them for their contributions to improved water quality in Golden Bay."

Carried

4.1.2 Pohara Store

The Chairperson read his suggested recommendation:

"The Golden Bay Community Board recommends to Council that where conditions of a tenancy have been met a new lease is negotiated with an existing tenant rather than putting such leases out to tender".

He explained that it is a policy suggestion which applies to motor camps as well. He considered that a lessee is only leasing a building or property for their business. Upon expiry a lease should be renegotiated to continue if an incumbent tenant wishes to do so and has met their obligations including paying their rent and other outgoings and the property is available for the purpose. A business including the stock, plant and goodwill belongs to a tenant and not a landlord.

Cr Borlase considered it to most important that Council is accountable to the ratepayers. He said this lease has been running for 20 years and should go out to public tender which would demonstrate accountability to the ratepayers. Mr Borlase saw no reason why the incumbent could not apply again and have a good chance of being the successful tenderer.

The meeting discussed a person selling a business with (say) 5 years to go on a lease – he would get more than if there were only 2 years to go.

Various comments were put forward:

- The process is wrong; recognised that Tasman District Council has to answer to its ratepayers, but must operate in a business-like manner.
- The pricing of the tender is not the issue; rent is not being put up, so why not negotiate with the existing tenant first?
- The motion was supported, with the insertion of **"initially"** negotiated with an existing tenant.

- It is an obligation of the landlord to negotiate with the existing tenant if he is paying his rent and meeting his other obligations.
- Conversely, when would any leased property ever be put out to tender if not at the end of the lease period?
- Lessee should approach Council prior to carrying out renovations.
- If it is to be re-tendered at the end of the term, the agreement should state that; if that is the case and it has been signed the tenant knows what has been agreed to.

Mr Kennedy did not consider that lessees have a problem knowing they are on a fixed term lease; he said the tenant of the Pohara Store knew the lease would be re-tendered and Council has made the decision to do that.

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

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board recommends to Council that where conditions of a tenancy have been met a new lease is initially negotiated with an existing tenant rather than putting such leases out to tender”.
CARRIED

It was noted that Board member McLellan abstained as she had not seen any documentation and did not know what is in a lease document.

4.1.3 Salisbury Bridge

The Chairperson spoke to his report; he said the upgrade cost \$40,000 which the community had obtained and the Board has never seen any detailed accounts of exactly what work had been done.

Cr Riley said he has asked the Transportation Manager about it already and agreed to obtain the detailed accounts requested.

Cr Borlase said the matter was discussed at the last Engineering Services meeting; they saw photos of the present state of the bridge with a lot of rotten timber. Council has spoken with the Historic Places Trust who wants it replaced with old (sound) timber.

Board member McLellan said the Board was told the bridge was up to a useable state; what was wanted was a working model of what suspension bridges were like at that time.

Cr Borlase said the bridge has a maximum loading of 2 people on it at any time – apparently 7 or 8 people ‘swing’ on it so it is not standing up as well as it should.

Mr Kennedy said that Engineering Services had recognised the timber damage last time but had trialled the use of a preservative instead of replacing the wood. He said it is all in the report, but as this had not worked they now definitely have to replace the wood.

The Chairperson considered that \$40,000 is a large sum for a small bridge; he said the appearance was that parts of the bridge were replaced.

The Board was pleased that the bridge is being worked on and it will be open before this Christmas.

4.1.4 Kahurangi National Park Management Review

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB09/07/06**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board considers the proposals contained within the current review of the Kahurangi National Park Management Plan and makes submissions if necessary.

CARRIED

4.1.5 Tasman Resource Management Plan Part IV and Cultural Heritage Provisions

The Chairperson reminded the Board of the briefing on the TRMP Part IV at the Takaka Fire Station at 1.30pm.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB09/07/07**

THAT the GB Community Board considers the discussion documents on Cultural Heritage and the Management of Activities in the Beds of Rivers and Lakes and makes submissions if necessary.

CARRIED

5. LATE AGENDA ITEM

5.1 West Coast Marine Protected areas – Kahurangi Point

It was agreed that the GB Community Board considers the discussion document on the West Coast Marine Protected Areas – Kahurangi Point, and makes submissions if necessary.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Stock Effluent on Roads – Environment & Planning Manager

The Board considered travelling anywhere in Golden Bay made transporting stock to any destination out of the Bay a long journey.

**Moved Board Members Gamby/McLellan
GB09/07/08**

THAT the letter be received and the GB Community Board requests that the information provided be publicised in Newsline.

Further, that the Board draws attention to the slow travel times due to distance, the nature of the roads and multiple pick-ups of stock.

CARRIED

6.2 Dog Control Bylaw Review – LF Healy

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB09/07/09**

THAT the letter be received and the matters raised by Mr Healy be replied to by the Board.

CARRIED

It was noted that the Walk Tasman book is incompatible with the present bylaw.

6.3 Broadband – Hon Steven Joyce

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB09/07/10**

THAT the letter be received and the GB Community Board follows up on the investment initiatives, and requests the Minister's office to advise how the \$48M rural fund will be made available as soon as it is known.

Further, that the Minister be thanked for his interest in our area in particular and the importance of the fast broadband loop to education in isolated local schools.

CARRIED

6.4 Baches at Ligar Bay – Andrew Tilling

The Chairperson said this letter is a good follow-up from Derry Kingston's suggestion at the public meeting of 23rd June 2009.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB09/07/11**

THAT the letter be received and the suggestion of a community-driven Management Plan for Ligar Bay be supported and forwarded to Council's Community Services Department for consideration in conjunction with Engineering services.

Carried

The Board agreed it would like the whole area of Ligar Bay looked at.

The Chairperson read a letter that had been sent to Garth Bray from the Tasman District Council property manager, which said Council would be willing review the leases taking into account the opinions of the bach owners and those of the residents and ratepayers of the Golden Bay area. A recommendation would be sought from the Golden Bay Community Board prior to the matter being discussed by council.

Mr Bell said the Board needs to hold a workshop to discuss the whole matter of Ligar Bay including the consultation process and sort out the next step.

He asked Mr Kennedy if there would be a formal request from council for a Community Board recommendation.

Cr Riley commented that the Department of Conservation was involved in the way the licences were initially established; he said he would be happy to attend the workshop and share the information he had obtained.

6.5 Small Town Conference – Waimakariri District Council

The Chairperson thought a representative should attend this conference.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB 09/07/12**

**THAT the letter be received and the Board resolves to send a representative to the Small Town Conference once costs are identified.
CARRIED**

6.6 Engineering Projects 2008/09 – Engineering Manager

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB09/07/13**

THAT the letter and Golden Bay attachment be received and the Golden Bay Community Board note the projects and follow up as and if necessary and appropriate.

The Chairperson reported that the drainage work at Upper Gibbs Road is due to start this week, but not Swiftsure Street. He said David Stephenson (Utilities Asset Engineer) is still meeting with residents to talk about options.

Board member McLellan gave Council a bouquet for inviting Ching Construction and the residents to the meeting and listening to the people.

6.7 Interpretive Panels in the Commercial Area of Takaka - Heritage Golden Bay

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB09/07/14**

**THAT the letter be received and the Board is pleased to note that the project is underway.
CARRIED**

7. OTHER

7.1 Lidar Survey

Mr Kennedy reported that the Lidar maps and information is now available.

7.2 GB Community Board Charges

Mr Kennedy tabled May costings for the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.06pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair: