

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 11th August 2009
TIME: 9.04 am
VENUE: Golden Bay Service Centre

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GBO9/08/01**

**THAT the apology received from Cr Borlase be sustained.
CARRIED**

Cr Riley reported that Cr Borlase is now recovering at home.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB09/08/02**

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

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Clem Randall – spoke about the historic Salisbury swing bridge; he considered it to be a dangerous bridge. He raised the matter of the time and money that were spent on it a few years ago to make it safe which was not entirely successful and now more is to be spent on it. Mr Randall suggested that the money earmarked for it be put aside and used to make a model of the bridge. He considered the bridge to be a risk to people's lives and that it should lose its historic status and be removed.

Mr Randall also spoke about the courtesy letter from Council's Susan Edwards generated by his submission regarding a performing arts centre in Golden Bay. The letter commented about the performing arts centre in Nelson which was not the subject of the submission.

The Chairperson explained about the Salisbury Bridge repairs carried out in 2004 that were to bring the bridge up to standard, however the Board had been told at the last meeting there had been deterioration in the wood that was treated with

preservative. Council is now looking at replacing some of that wood with suitable wood sourced from Southland; the work on the bridge is still being assessed by Tasman District Council staff. Cr Riley said he would address the meeting during Public Forum about the bridge.

With regard to the Performing Arts Centre, Mr Kennedy would follow up on the matter of the letter from Ms Edwards.

Bernie Kelly and Annie Turner – raised the matter of a covered swimming pool. He considered the community needs to consider the economics of the capital, running and management costs of such a pool. He offered his time to follow up on how many people and community groups would use it before carrying on with it as a project.

He considered that Golden Bay's population of approximately 5000 may not be able to make such a project viable as there are substantial operating costs. He suggested carpooling to Richmond may be another option.

Ms Turner considered that, unlike swimming in the sea, pools are for all age groups and levels of expertise.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Kelly for his offer and asked him to bring his findings back to the Board; he said a covered pool was the highest rated project from a survey done by Vanderskog Social Research regarding halls and facilities in Golden Bay. Mr Bell briefly updated Mr Kelly & Ms Turner on the matter of a covered pool; he said that the method of water treatment at the GB High School makes it more feasible to have the pool covered.

Board member Gamby explained the school used an ionizing system that appears to work well and reduces the amount of chlorine required.

Mr Kennedy said a covered pool is being looked at in Motueka to extend the swimming season. He said bussing people from Motueka to Richmond was not sustainable as there were not enough people to keep that going. He suggested Golden Bay could perhaps look at this in conjunction with Motueka. He said Wakefield also has a covered pool that would be worth looking at for ideas on how to cover a pool.

Board member McLellan said she supports using the pools we already have rather than building another one and that it must be a viable proposition.

It was reported from the gallery that Wanganui had a heated covered pool which cost a lot to build and run. Even with its population of 43,000 it was not viable until it was taken over by a commercial company who charges very high rates for people to use it.

Alan Vaughan - congratulated the Board in bringing about a change of heart in Council regarding devolution to the community boards.

Mr Vaughan decried the vegetation clearing through Birds Hill; he said he knows the road is a challenge but considered the clearing has done very little to improve visibility. He said the extent of the clearing of vegetation is an eyesore.

The Chairperson expressed surprise at the extent of the cut back.

Cr Riley said he will take the matter up at the next NZ Transport Agency meeting.

Mr Bell said he did not see it on any work programme; he considered the work exceeded the specifications; however, a saw blade had been used instead of a mulching–head cutter so there was a better chance for the vegetation to recover. He asked Cr Riley to report back to the Board.

Cr Riley – raised his concerns regarding the volume of work required by Council in preparing the LTCCP (two volumes) and in its review every three years. He did not consider planning for ten years in advance to be at all accurate; however he commented there is merit in a two year plan.

He updated the Board on the following matters:

- Fibre-optic cables - presently runs from Upper Takaka to Takaka, Takaka to Tata Beach, and will in the near future run from Takaka to Birds Hill.
- Salisbury Bridge - Cr Riley said he tended to agree with Clem Randall. He said it would cost at least \$100,000 for a total upgrade to a guaranteed standard with a wood clad steel frame and \$18,000 for a safe standard for two people. He has seen 6 – 8 people swinging on the bridge and thinks it should be closed and eventually removed and the walkway removed also.
- Civil Defence - the generator is working now and it should run the whole of the GB Service Centre. CD radios are now installed and operating at Upper Takaka, Kotinga, Wainui Bay, Collingwood, Bainham, Pakawau, Mangarakau and Takaka. A Barracks unit is to be installed in the GB Service Centre that will enable interruption of the National Programme broadcast in the event of an emergency. It is hoped that it will be extended to include interruption of Fresh FM also.
- Takaka BMX track - waiting for clay to arrive. Cr Riley applauded Merv Solly's generosity in preparing the ground and offering to cart clay from Ruby Bay all at no cost. He reported that Mr Solly is to receive a Council Community Award on Friday – well deserved.
- Labyrinth Rocks project - parking plans are almost complete; Mr Kennedy clarified it was hoped that work would start in September.
- Ground level heights at top of town (where the new house is being built) are the same as the rear of the motels.
- Council owns 3000 temporary stand seats; these are hired out and have made an income of approximately \$7000.
- Council has obtained appropriate storage for valuable historic items for the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust. Lease rights are for 16 years with the right to renew for a further 10 years.

- The shelter belt behind Brownies Inn at the GB Recreation Park needs to be replaced in the near future. Mr Kennedy added that the trees are deteriorating and are shading the tennis courts.
- Council's Community Services Department is creating a walkway through the wetland at the golf course.
- Grants from Rates closes on 31st August.
- Cattle effluent – Southland District Council has a very successful policy – he has asked for a copy.
- Licensing of Golden Bay wharfs – there is some provision in the LTCCP for this.
- Community Board delegations – there is a positive move towards this.
- Dog bylaw – Commercial Street is to be retained as a prohibited area; there will be improved signage and footpath stencils of a dog with a cross through it. Chris Finlayson from the public gallery volunteered to make the stencil.
- Stormwater in Commercial Street – Cr Riley took photographs during the recent rain; he saw a woman trying to put her baby in the car standing in water half way up to her knees.
- School warning signs – he has asked for signs at Central Takaka and Motupipi schools.
- Santa parade – he has found an organiser and some ongoing funding.
- There was a suggestion made to him about relocating the Farmers Market to Junction Street. It would leave the old Fire Station carpark free. The Board may like to think about that.

Cr Riley said he will be taking leave in September and tendered his apology for that meeting.

The Chairperson asked for clarification on the \$18,000 to bring the Salisbury Bridge up to standard.

Cr Riley did not think the \$18,000 would be enough; he said the supply of timber from Southland and its installation is included.

In reply to a question from the Board about the purpose of the fibre optic cable to Upper Takaka (Broadband is not available), Cr Riley said it would fulfil its purpose once the fibre optic cable comes over the hill.

With regard to the stormwater problem in Commercial Street, the Chairperson said it needs to be brought forward in the LTCCP.

The meeting acknowledged that the LTCCP is in legislation and must be carried out at present; it was also acknowledged that the Government is reviewing the LGA and is aware that the 10-year plan is very onerous.

Board member Gamby - spoke about human excrement on the reserve at Rototai; he asked whether there are any thoughts about putting in a toilet.

Mr Kennedy said it has not been noted in Golden Bay Reserve Fund Contribution reckonings and he suggested the Board puts in a letter asking for funding for a toilet. The Chairperson requested the item be added to the 'bring-up' list for the 2009-10 Annual Plan round.

Board member McLellan – spoke about the Salisbury bridge; she would hate to see the bridge closed because people abuse the rules. While she considered the idea of a model to be an excellent suggestion, she said the bridge is a wonderful working model that is marvelled at by tourists. Mrs McLellan said while most people respect the 2-people rule, if others disobey it they do it at their own risk. While being regretful about the cost of \$18,000 to fix it, Mrs McLellan said the bridge is a great asset to tourism and a wonderful link with history and should be retained.

With regard to the 5-knot stickers, Mrs McLellan considered the ones from Maritime New Zealand to be too small. She asked whether funding from the Board's Discretionary Fund or Grants from Rates could be accessed for the Board to design its own stickers.

Mrs McLellan asked whether the Board could apply to Grants from Rates for an art work for the meeting room.

Board member Gamby – spoke about the Christmas banners; he said the Board was hoping Promotions were going to take this matter up, however, he has spoken with Dave Myall and nothing is happening at this stage. He asked the Minute Secretary for the cost of putting the banners up.

Mrs McLellan – raised the following matters:

- Increased delegations and spending powers that Council may grant to the Board and Mayor Kempthorne's newspaper article saying the Board could consider 'target rating' for funding for its projects. Mrs McLellan did not consider that to be fair and took up the example given of streetscaping which district-wide was paid for from the General Rate. She said Golden Bay already pays a targeted rate for governance while it continues to pay also for everyone else's governance.
- Mapua cleanup – why are we continuing to pay for this when the project is supposedly complete? She asked whether there would be a rate rebate to compensate ratepayers once the sections are sold.
- District facilities rate – the Board had the feasibility study by Vanderskog Social Research which recommended upgrading and altering existing facilities. Mr Kennedy had advised the Board that the facilities rate money could be used. Mrs McLellan questioned whether the alterations would trigger the

\$250,000 threshold and suggested that money Golden Bay has already contributed could be used. (Approximately \$500,000).

- The pie graph sent out with the rates assessment on how our rating dollar is spent is not the same as the graphs in the draft LTCCP plan and the Annual Plan. It is impossible to make comparisons.
- Bouquet to Fulton Hogan who does a great job on working on Mackay Pass Road.

Mr Kennedy said he would take up the matter of the inconsistencies of the expenditure graphs with Council's Susan Edwards.

With regard to the District Facilities Rate, Mr Kennedy pointed out that it does not take much to trigger the \$250,000; however, if it is less it would become a Reserve Fund Contribution matter.

In reply to a question as to whether two or three small projects could be lumped together to qualify for the District Facilities Rate Funding, Mr Kennedy said that was up to Council to decide.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.30 and 10.47am.

Chris Finlayson – Presentation on Penguin Signs Project

Mr Finlayson explained his proposal, on behalf of the Forest and Bird Society. He said the two permanent signs that are there now do not work.

Mr Finlayson said the new signs would be larger and colourful and would be sited at the end of the Penguin Bar, just prior to the boat ramp turnoff at Tarakohe and opposite the Abel Tasman Memorial carpark. He said the signs are all about raising awareness of penguins in that area. With regard to funding, Mr Finlayson said he would apply to Grants from Rates, Creative Communities, and is asking the Board for a letter of support. He said the signs will be double-sided and he is eventually aiming for six signs so they can be swapped. Mr Finlayson said he has the landowners' support, also the Boat Club, Parks & Reserves and Engineering Services are happy with the proposal. The total cost of the project is \$4671.75 with the resource consent costing \$485.00, which he hopes will be reimbursed in due course.

The Chairperson suggested he applies to Grants from Rates to recover the costs of the resource consent.

Board member McLellan thought that the amounts from Grants from Rates and Creative Communities would not be enough and asked whether the Board could also support the project with funding along with the letter.

Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes GB09/08/03

THAT the GB Community Board writes a letter of support for the Pohara penguin signs project.

CARRIED

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

THAT the GB Community Board grants \$500 from its Discretionary Fund for seed funding for the Pohara penguin signs project, to be confirmed once the total amount is raised.

CARRIED

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 14th July 2009

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

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 14th July 2009 (containing resolutions GB09/07/01 – GB09/07/14) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

In reply to a question from the Chair regarding the detail of the \$40,000 spent on the Salisbury Bridge, Cr Riley said he would obtain the detail from the Corporate Services Manager.

**Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby
GB09/08/06**

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

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson corrected a typing error regarding Mr Harry Riley who had received an OBE not a CBE.

Amalgamation Petition

The Chairperson clarified that the Board does not support or oppose amalgamation; there is a need to gather the information so it can be discussed from an informed standpoint. He said the Local Government Commission is the correct body to do the study.

Board member McLellan agreed with the Chair's comments; she said the Local Government Commission would fund the study.

Pohara General Store Lease

The Chairperson reported that the Board had requested the lease document. It was on a generic form that had been drawn up by the Auckland Law Society. He said there were a lot of amendments and strikeouts and some confusion in certain aspects. He considered where there is such a lease it deserves to have its own lease document. The Chairperson spoke to his report. He said the Pohara General Store lease should not be called a 'tender' because the price is known; it should be called 'expressions of interest'; he considered it an important issue that needs those points noted.

Council Enterprises Sub-committee

The Chairperson said he understood from Cr Riley that the last meeting did need to be in committee, but from a community perspective having all meetings in committee is not transparent.

It was agreed that the Board keeps the pressure up for Enterprises Sub-committee meeting to be open to the public as much as possible as required by the Local Government Act.

Mr Kennedy said the Committee was to report back to the Board.

The meeting expressed disappointment that in addition to not receiving Port Tarakohe information discussed at Enterprise Sub committee meetings the Board does not now get the Motueka Airport and forestry information either.

Ligar Bay Issue

The Chairperson reported that the Board had been through the survey process, which was not as ideal as it would have liked. He said the next step is for the Board to discuss Ligar Bay issues. Mr Bell said he understood the Board is to be invited by Council to make a recommendation but has not received that invitation formally as yet.

The Chairperson read his suggested recommendation. He suggested the workshop be held at the conclusion of the meeting. He asked Andrew and Moira Tilling in the public gallery whether there was anything they wanted to say at this point. Mr Tilling said they would have comments later regarding landscape plans and environment.

It was agreed that Cr Riley and Mr Kennedy attend the workshop.

Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes GB09/08/07

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board holds a workshop to discuss Ligar Bay issues and the next steps to be taken in the community process, following the closure of the Board meeting today.
CARRIED**

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Boating Safety Stickers – Tasman District Council's Harbourmaster

The meeting discussed the safety sticker from Maritime NZ; it was considered to have a lot of information on it with the 5-knot component being too small.

The Board asked about the cost to have smaller stickers printed with just the 5-knot maximum speed and details on it.

It was agreed that Mr Kennedy obtain costings and that the Board talks to Alan Kilgour Tarakohe Harbour Manager and seeks his opinion.

Mr Kennedy suggested the current stickers are trialled for this coming season before doing another sticker.

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

THAT the correspondence and stickers be received and the stickers distributed as appropriate so they can be attached to recreational vessels near the wheel.

Further, that the Harbourmaster, Steve Hainstock, be thanked for his follow-up on this issue.

CARRIED

The Board would like the matter of whether the stickers are working monitored this season and the Harbourmaster asked whether the stickers have been sent to boat retailers.

Board member Gamby said he would deliver some to Takaka Fuels and Fishing.

5.2 Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme – Engineering Manager

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB09/08/09**

THAT the letter and attachment be received and the updated work programme for Golden Bay be noted.

CARRIED

The Chairperson commented it is good to get the programmes to see what work is to be done.

He said he had received concerns about the cost of upgrading wastewater systems when stormwater is getting in and overloading the whole system; he has put in a service request regarding the matter.

While it is very difficult to ascertain where the stormwater is getting in, it is nevertheless important to know whether it is from heavy rain or people deliberately directing their stormwater into the system.

The Chairperson raised the matter of the old concrete foundations of the demolished ex Mobile Mechanical building owned by Council; he said he had put in a service request regarding removal of the old foundations.

Board member McLellan commented on the closing date for Grants from Rates and asked who would apply with regard to the Santa Parade.

Board member Gamby asked whether the funding of \$500 for holiday banners would be available this year; Mr Kennedy said it would.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB09/08/10**

THAT Grants from Rates funding for a co-ordinator for the Santa Parade to be referred to the Lions Club by Cr Riley, with the Lions Club to apply in conjunction with the proposed organiser.

And funding for the putting up and taking down of banners is referred to Golden Bay Promotions for them to make a funding application to grants from rates and if not Promotions Association, then the GB Community Board to make the application.

CARRIED

In response to a question from Board Member McLellan as to whether the Board can apply to Grants from Rates for funding for another art work for the meeting room, Mr Kennedy said there is \$15,000 in the present Golden Bay Reserves Financial Contributions budget however the Board needs to do bit more homework before applying to Grants from Rates.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB09/08/11**

THAT Board member McLellan be given permission to put together a proposal for the purchase of a Robin Slow artwork to display in the Golden Bay Service Centre meeting room, and apply to Grants from Rates provided the application does not conflict with other applications that are being made.

CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.21pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: