

MINUTES

TITLE: GB Community Board
DATE: 13th October 2009
TIME: 9.03 am
VENUE: GB Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka

PRESENT: J Bell (Chairperson), Board members K Brookes, L Gamby

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor R Kempthorne, Crs N Riley and S Borlase, L Kennedy (Community Services Manager), N Heyes (Minute Secretary), and members of the Press and Public

1. APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB09/10/01**

**THAT the apology received from Board member McLellan be sustained.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby
GB09/10/02**

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

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Jules Adam – spoke about the human waste left behind by over night campers at Anatori on the road reserve. She said the whole area is disgusting and while there is an old toilet there, people do not use it; there is also an old burnt out bus. She asked Council for a toilet and a water tap and said she is happy to help organise working bees to tidy the area up. Ms Adam pointed out that in the Coromandel people are fined for overnight camping in places not approved and Tasman District Council needs to follow that example. She agreed with a comment from the Board that the old toilet is fine in the middle of winter but considered that if it was nicer people would use it over the high use summer time.

Mr Kennedy said he would take the matter of the burnt out bus up with the appropriate people. He explained the costs associated with servicing a toilet in such a remote place. Mr Kennedy said staff are monitoring what is happening in Thames/Coromandel and that Tasman is not the only area experiencing issues with overnight campers.

Mayor Kempthorne agreed it is a difficult matter; he considered there is a need for a bylaw and then staff to enforce it, it would be ideal to have a South Island policy that everyone is implementing however it would be very costly.

The Chairperson said the overnight camping issue has been brought to the Board previously; he said that while there are toilets in some areas they are not the whole answer as they are not always used.

Mr Bell said the Board has written to the main campervan hire businesses asking them to remind clients to stay where there are toilets provided, however everyone does not use their vans – some overseas visitors buy old vans to trip around in then sell them at the end of their holiday.

Cr Borlase suggested that if the Anatori area was cleaned up by Council perhaps a local person could be employed as a caretaker.

It was agreed that contained toilets need to be investigated and that perhaps it could be a TDC/DOC initiative, also that it may be helpful if signage was installed telling people there is a toilet on the lower level.

Lily & Ivan MacKay – said that although the basic safety work has been completed on Rototai Road, the ditch that has been filled with shale is very soft and vehicles sink into it. Mrs MacKay said that if they cannot have a speed limit of 50kmph that double yellow lines be painted on the road.

Mrs MacKay also raised the matter of the wheel ruts, rubbish and broken glass on the Rototai Recreation Reserve. She said the wheel ruts caused by young people in their cars, make it very difficult for people with disabilities to enjoy the reserve and the broken glass is dangerous. She said the puddles in the low-lying areas attract 'hoons'.

Mr Kennedy considered that the culprits needed to be caught and Council relies on the local people to take registration numbers.

Mrs MacKay considered that a toilet on that reserve is warranted as it gets lots of use.

Mr Bell reported that there is a glimmer of hope for the MacKays regarding the speed limit issue; he said Council's Road Asset Engineer, Steve Elkington, is doing a partial review of the Golden Bay speed limits and has asked the Board for places that it wants considered and that Rototai Road is on the list.

NgAng – asked about a toilet for Wainui Falls; the Chairperson reported that DOC is putting one in before the coming summer season.

NgAng also asked about loan funding from the Board's Discretionary Fund of \$150 - \$200 for a community organic vegetable stall on Rototai Road and a mosaic seat.

The Chairperson said the request would be considered as a Late Agenda item.

Alan Vaughan – updated the Board regarding the Challenger Inshore Fin Fisheries Management Group. He said as a result of the restructuring of Min Fish the group has not met since May so there has been no progress. He said he has been assured that the Plan is being worked on and ‘knocked into shape’ and he rather suspects it will be more like the old one as it is being opposed by the commercial fishers. He considered that places like Golden Bay should have a management plan that takes all the local stakeholders into account, however, that would require an amendment to the Fisheries Act. This has occurred in Fiordland.

With regard to aquaculture Mr Vaughan said there is no further update at this time; the market for green shell mussel has collapsed.

Jo-Anne Vaughan – said it was good to read in Mr Kennedy’s report that the carpark at Labyrinth Rocks is being dealt with. She said Forest and Bird successfully applied to the Ministry for the Environment Community Conservation Fund to restore the whole of the transfer station reserve. She said they will also try and remove weeds from private land to make it easier to control the weeds at Labyrinth Rocks.

Board member Gamby – said he and another person tidied up at the Blue Hole at Upper Takaka for Keep Golden Bay Beautiful and took out a full trailer load of rubbish. He said a lot of freedom camping goes on there and people do use the toilet, but there is a lot of broken glass. He asked for signage to tell people to take away their rubbish.

Mr Gamby also spoke about bikes on footpaths - he said he was nearly knocked over by an adult cyclist on the footpath; the Board has been battling the problem for a long time following complaints for years from Harry Wells. Mr Gamby said that Board member Brookes had gone to a Police public meeting where it was said that it is legal to ride bikes on footpaths, however, other information says it is not.

Board member Brookes said the Police were more concerned with cyclists riding along the road and being struck by an opening car door.

Mayor Kempthorne said Brian McGurk of the Nelson Police agreed with little children riding on footpaths, but not high school age or adults; he considered the Board needs to follow it up with local police along those lines and he will contact Brian McGurk again.

Board member Brookes suggested that if people can ride on footpaths there needs to be rules of conduct; she said it works well overseas but they have wider footpaths.

Mayor Kempthorne reported that he had attended a coastal dunes restoration workshop on the weekend; he said he was most impressed and there are locations in Golden Bay where the techniques could be carried out.

The Chairperson advised there are successful Coast Care initiatives in the Bay using native species such as pingau and spinifex.

Mr Bell reminded the meeting that responses are to be provided by TDC management staff on the Board’s submission to the LTCCP at 1.30pm.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Golden Bay Community Board held on 8th September 2009

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

**THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 8th September 2009 (containing resolutions GB09/09/01 – GB09/09/07) be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

4. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

The Chairperson sought a resolution from the Board to include late agenda items:

4.1 Rural Broadband Access

The Chairperson said that submissions are due by 30th October and by 7th November.

4.2 Application for Loan Funding – Friends of Rototai Road

The loan is to enable the setting up of a community organic vegetable stall, landscape the mural area and for material for tiles for a seat.

4.3 Collingwood Fire Brigade – Funding for Civil Defence Equipment

The Chairperson said if the Collingwood Fire Brigade can show seed funding it will assist them in obtaining funding from other sources.

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

**THAT Rural Broadband Access; Loan Funding for Friends of Rototai Road; and Funding for Civil Defence equipment for the Collingwood Fire Brigade be added as late agenda items.
CARRIED**

5. REPORTS

5.1 Chairpersons's Report

5.1.1 Roothing Equity

The Chairperson spoke to his report and said that the Grey District cycle/walkway is being established through a roading subsidy of 72% and is not even adjacent to the

state highway. He said Golden Bay used to receive the same subsidy but now only receives 49% as a part of Tasman District.

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

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the three MPs resident in the electorate, Chris Auchinvole, Kevin Hague and Damien O'Connor, asking them how they can help to achieve electoral equity for Golden Bay on roading and cycleway/walkway funding.

CARRIED

5.1.2 Salisbury Swing Bridge

The Chairperson said that a condition of the Tourism grant to fix the Salisbury Swing Bridge was that Council continue to maintain it. He said there appears to be no detail on how the \$40,000 was spent. Mr Bell said there was some doubt about the quality of the work as preservative was injected into deteriorated areas instead of the timbers being replaced. The meeting discussed whether finding out the detail was important; it was agreed that if the bridge is to be fixed the details are not essential.

Mr Kennedy commented that the Board had received a report on the work that was done on the bridge in January; he said nothing was wrong with the work originally carried out but that the preservative had not worked as well as had been hoped. He said Council has now sourced second hand timber (as required by Historic Places Trust) from Southland to enable the work to be carried out.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB09/10/06**

THAT the GB Community Board requests that the Salisbury Swing bridge be made good as required by the conditions of the 2004 Tourism grant.

CARRIED

The morning tea adjournment was taken between 10.35 and 10.55 am.

5.1.3 Council Borrowing

The Chairperson said that since he wrote his report there has been a response from Russell Holden, Council's Accounting Manager.

Mr Kennedy said with regard to the main office building, there has been an increase in staff. A number of staff are presently housed in rented premises and the extension would mean they can return to the Council building. He said various options are being looked at to enlarge the building.

With regard to the motorsports facility, Mr Kennedy said there had been a misunderstanding about how much funding was required and it had been thought that only half the amount was needed.

The amount of \$220,000 for the Murchison Recreation Centre was due to inflation due in large part to the cost of steel.

5.1.4 Community Meetings

The Chairperson said the information for the Draft Annual Plan 2010-2011 is required by 12th November 2009.

Mr Kennedy said that Susan Edwards, Strategic Development Manager, will offer suggestions regarding this year's Annual Plan round during the response to the Board's submission to the LTCCP.

5.1.5 Facilities Projects

The Chairperson reported that the Board had met with the Ali Gardner from the Work Centre Trust and Bjarne Vandeskog who was commissioned to do a feasibility study into a multi-purpose facility for Golden Bay. He said there was a lot of support for the existing facilities and from discussions it was proposed that there be an umbrella organisation for all the existing venues with the idea of co-ordinating the use and upgrading of them for the best outcome for the community. Mr Bell said the Work Centre Trust is going to apply to Lotteries for a grant to pay for the co-ordinating role in the first instance.

Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes GB09/10/

THAT the GB Community Board supports the GB Work Centre Trust investigating the co-ordination of Golden Bay halls and venues with the idea of an umbrella organisation to make the best use of facilities.

It was decided that this resolution be held in abeyance until the November meeting so that clarification could be obtained regarding the operation of the umbrella group and to enable the Board Community Services representative, Carolyn McLellan, to be in attendance.

Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes GB09/10/07

**That the GB Community Board supports the Golden Bay Work Centre Trust in funding applications towards a study of the existing halls and venue facilities.
CARRIED**

There was some doubt expressed whether any existing facility would meet the need for a multipurpose venue and whether such a facility (that could include the i-Site, Museum, Youth activity venue etc) would be better situated alongside the entrance to the Recreation Park.

It was pointed out that Dr Vandeskog considered Pohara Hall could be made into a great performance centre; that there were three venues in total that could be converted quite well and so fill a lot of the needs. It was also pointed out that the results of the survey must be respected.

The Chairperson said there is a 'resistance' to incurring the facilities maintenance rate in Golden Bay. He said there was less than 50% support for a new facility.

Mayor Kempthorne said he would like to see a close working relationship between Council and the community group; Mr Kennedy considered it is the Board's role to be the 'lead agency'. He said Andy Clark had previously drawn up a plan for the Pohara Hall as a performance venue, so it can be done.

It was agreed that the Work Centre Trust should report back to the GB Community Board on setting up the umbrella group.

5.2 Community Services Manager's Report

Mr Kennedy spoke to his report; he said he had met with Mr Ross McDonald regarding Labyrinth Rocks carpark and Mr McDonald will obtain prices for the work that will include sealing due to its location.

With regard to airport signage, Mr Kennedy said Engineering has asked the contractors to look at this.

After replacing some rotten weatherboards on the Collingwood Museum, Mr Kennedy said Council will probably paint the building as well.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Funding Support to upgrade the Upper Takaka Hall – Hall Committee

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

**THAT a letter of support to funding agencies be provided.
CARRIED**

6.2 Request for Funding from Ann Castle Memorial Fund – Joan Whiting Rest Home

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB09/10/09**

**THAT the Trustees recommend payment of \$1142 from the Ann Castle Memorial Fund to Joan Whiting Rest Home for three single mattress overlays and freight.
CARRIED**

6.3 RM090265 Decision for Collingwood Boat Ramp Access and Car Park – Tasman District Council

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

6.4 Draft Compliments/Complaints Feedback Policy – Tasman District Council acknowledgement

This item was received earlier; the contents were noted.

6.5 TRMP Proposed Plan Change 16 – Tasman District Council

Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes

GB09/10/10

THAT the letter and attachment be received and the Board makes a submission if it is decided one is necessary.

CARRIED

6.6 Success in National Excellence Award for Eureka Bend Reinstatement – Fulton Hogan

Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes

GB09/10/11

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Fulton Hogan offering congratulations on their success and inviting a representative to attend the November Board meeting for morning tea.

CARRIED

6.7 Proposed Golden Bay Medical Centre Sale – Tasman District Council Property Manager

Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby

GB09/10/12

THAT the GB Community Board makes a submission as an appointed advisory body to Tasman District Council for Council property sales and purchases in the Golden Bay Ward. The Board specifically requests:

- i.** Retention of the Doctor's house fronting Edinburgh Street, or alternatively proceeds from that portion of the sale be retained for a medical staff accommodation unit elsewhere.
- ii.** That the Integrated Management Group be an integral part of the decisions.
- iii.** That the Board seeks an assurance regarding the St John ambulance facility which is excluded from the photo/plan.

CARRIED

The Board asked Mr Kennedy to investigate the matters raised.

7. OTHER

7.1 GB Recreation Co-ordinator, Dave Myall – Seeking \$100 towards the purchase of a 50cc MX Bike for Boredom Busters

The meeting discussed whether support for the purchase of a 50cc MX bike may have 'motocross' connotations and upset people. It was pointed out that there had been no noise complaints from neighbours to the Boredom Busters site (the bikes are relatively quiet). The Chairperson said he had spoken with Paddy Brennan who would prefer BMX and bike maintenance to be used as a basis for training and whose issue with motocross is the noise and hours of operation.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB09/10/13**

**THAT the GB Community Board supports the purchase of a 50cc MX bike for Boredom Busters, by way of a \$100 grant from the Board's Discretionary Fund.
CARRIED**

7.2 Request for End of Year Donations – Golden Bay High Schools

**Moved Board members Bell/Gamby
GB09/10/14**

**THAT both the Golden Bay High and Collingwood Area schools' requests for funding be approved in the amount of \$50 each for the school magazines and \$50 each for prizes.
CARRIED**

8. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 Rural Broadband in Golden Bay

**Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby
GB09/10/15**

**THAT the GB Community Board makes submissions in support of rural broadband access prior to October 30th and 7th November 2009.
CARRIED**

8.2 Collingwood Fire Brigade – Seeking Funding for Civil Defence Equipment

**Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby
GB09/10/16**

**THAT the GB Community Board makes a grant of \$500 to the Collingwood Fire Brigade from the Board's Discretionary Fund towards Civil Defence equipment.
CARRIED**

8.3 Loan Funding for the Friends of Rototai Road for Community Vegetable Stall

The Chairperson commented that the requested \$150 - \$200 loan is, in part, for the setting up of a stall, the income from which is to be put towards the maintenance of

the project.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB09/10/17**

THAT the GB Community Board supports a \$200 loan from the Board's Discretionary Fund for a period of 3 months for the Friends of Rototai Road towards the setting up of a stall and landscape around the mural and towards sculpture materials for the seat, on the proviso that all necessary approvals have been obtained.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.32pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: