

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** GB Community Board  
**DATE:** 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010  
**TIME:** 9.00 am  
**VENUE:** Golden Bay Service Centre Meeting Room

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr S Borlase, L Kennedy (Community Services Manager), C Choat (Communications Advisor), N Heyes (Minute Secretary) and members of the Press and Public

## 1. APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes**  
**GB10/02/01**

**THAT the apology from Cr N Riley for absence be accepted.**  
**CARRIED**

**Moved Board Members Brookes/McLellan**  
**THAT Cr Borlase be accorded speaking rights for the meeting.**  
**CARRIED**

## 2. PUBLIC FORUM

Jo-Anne Vaughan – thanked the Board for raising awareness of the GB Stream Care group's need for funding; Golden Bay Marine Farmers have donated \$5,000 and promised \$5000 for next year together with other donations of \$350. Mrs Vaughan said Labyrinth Rocks Park has had weed and track work and looks wonderful.

Don Mead – (Chairperson of Friends of Golden Bay Inc) – tabled a brief history of Landscape Priority Areas (LPAs) including the agreement between the Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay and Tasman District Council to preserve these areas by a plan Variation. LPAs had been identified in the Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan in 1996. He said the agreement to do this in 2008 was broken by Council but was being picked up again from February 2010 with a view to giving priority to finishing the Variation by the end of 2010.

The Chairperson said the Board recognised the need for rules and policies in the Plan to enable applications to be considered in an holistic way.

Elizabeth Warren – pleased that Labyrinth Rocks is open again; would like to see Dave Whitaker's name included.

Ms Warren registered her concern regarding a traffic safety issue in connection with the roadside stall in Rototai Road. She questioned the use of the word 'organic' in relation to goods being sold – produce needs to be truly organic. Ms Warren also expressed concern about the flags and signage at the stall; she said they are very distracting for motorists – she asked whether there is resource consent for the stall.

In response to the issues raised, NgAng said he could clarify matters. He said he is going to repay the \$200 loan from the GB Community Board. NgAng reported that he is in the process of getting resource consent which is why the stall has not been closed down following a complaint being made. He said there are now three marked carparks and as the stall is staffed between 10am and 7pm people are asked to park correctly. Regarding the 'organic' aspect, he said he is going to adjust the signage and what is certified organic will be labelled as such. NgAng said the artwork is slowing traffic down. He said he was unaware that resource consent was required. He handed the Board a cheque for \$200 in repayment of the loan.

The Chairperson read the Board's resolution regarding the loan to the Friends of Rototai which included a proviso that all approvals be obtained.

NgAng raised the matter of there being no toilet at Wainui Falls; the Chairperson advised that the Department of Conservation has agreed to put one in but the adjacent property owner has objected so it is going through the resource consent process.

Elizabeth Warren – she expressed concern that NgAng knew who had put in the complaint about the produce stall at Rototai. The Chairperson clarified that there had been no improper disclosure during the Public Forum and this was agreed.

Leigh Gamby – raised community concern that the youth programmes in schools set up by Simon Dadley-Moore with funding from Tom Sturgess, have now lapsed due to the funding running out after 3 years. The Community Workers are trying to get the programmes accepted by the Ministry of Education without success to date.

It was agreed that the Board writes to the Minister and the local members of parliament seeking funding for the programmes.

Mr Gamby reported that he and Board member Brookes had again visited Sergeant Arthur Clarence regarding bikes on footpaths; the police realise there is a problem and say that this is the worst time of year. He said they are doing all they can but it comes down to education.

Mr Gamby said the police are worried about parking etc at the Mussel Inn; their consent was for 50 people but there are a lot more than that. Parking is difficult and people are camping on the roadside, and wandering around at night on and near the road; very dangerous.

Mr Gamby raised the matter of non-collection of recyclables; he said only about half were picked up on Monday.

With regard to bikes on footpaths, Board member Brookes said she had commended a lad for warning her he was coming up behind her on his bike. The Chairperson

said the matter needs to go back to the Road Safety Co-ordinator, Krista Hobday, regarding education along those lines.

Martine Bouillir – said she had been told by Council staff that as the Village Theatre is a commercial operation they are not entitled to have their recycling collected. There was some discussion as to whether the theatre is rated for recycling; also the size of the materials to be recycled. If the theatre is rated for recycling then it should be collected provided it meets the specifications.

The Board asked Mr Choat (Communications Advisor) to put out a news release regarding recycling.

Ms Bouillir reported she had received encouraging support for her letter regarding a toddler almost being hit by a vehicle in Commercial Street. She said people seem to be keen for a change in use of the main street through the shopping area.

In response the Chairperson said the matter is on the agenda and that the Board has written to Road Transport Forum NZ to ask its members to use the alternative route, which some truck operators have done. He said another suggestion is to have raised pedestrian crossings in the commercial area. He said there is reluctance on the part of administering authorities to reduce the speed limit even for part of the year. Mr Bell said the ideal would be a traffic bypass incorporating a flood bank. He said the Board would follow up on having raised pedestrian crossings in Commercial Street.

### **3. PRESENTATION – Tama Easton (IS Webmaster) REVAMPED TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Mr Easton explained the idea is to bring management of the website 'in-house'. He said the current website is limited and not meeting customer needs. The public is being asked what it requires and the website made around that; it is hoped to be 'live' around June this year. The use of the website will be monitored and enhanced. There is also to be a new library website and, in time, a specific mapping website. Mr Easton said he has spent a lot of time with the staff and visited the service centres for input and is presently going through the public consultation including an on-line survey to get a clear picture of what people are after. The website is to be built on the following three 'pillars': Transaction Centre, Communication Tool and Information Gateway.

In response to a question regarding those using dial-up, Mr Easton said that 10% of the district uses dial-up and Council is looking at having a 'light' version of the website that is user-friendly for dial-up and mobile users. It may be accessed by having two website addresses with one being prefixed with an 'm' (for mobile), however that has not been decided.

The meeting discussed the difficulty people have in finding reports, agendas and minutes of meetings; they need to be easily found and fast. Mr Easton suggested the Board members answer the on-line survey.

In reply to a question regarding searching for older items, Mr Easton reported that the Corporate Services Manager has been asked to research a document management system that would have to be 'searchable'. The Chairperson suggested that reports,

minutes and agendas from the previous council term to the present time be accessible. The importance of being able to search on the various Council documents was discussed, also links to other websites that are associated with Council, i.e. the Environment Court, also links to other publications regarding the region. Comments to Mr Easton could be made via [tama.easton@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:tama.easton@tasman.govt.nz)

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.50 and 11.12am.

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

##### **4.1 Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes  
GB10/02/02**

**THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009 (containing resolutions GB09/12/01 – GB09/12/14) be confirmed as a true and correct record.  
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB10/02/03**

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

#### **5. REPORTS**

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

The Chairperson spoke to his report.

##### Opening of Labyrinth Park

The Board asked about an interpretative panel with Dave Whittaker's name on it; Mr Kennedy said the Friends of the Labyrinth are considering an archway with Mr Whittaker's name on it and that Council has received a donation of \$500 for the Labyrinth.

##### Golden Bay Stream Care

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB10/02/04**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes a letter of thanks to the Collingwood Marine Farmers Consortium for the funding granted to the Golden Bay Stream Care group towards their work in providing plants, planting and releasing in the Aorere Catchment.  
CARRIED**

## Tasman District Council Website

The Board was pleased to have input and be kept informed regarding the development of the website. It was agreed that all members individually complete the survey and the Minute Secretary complete it on behalf of the Community Board. The Board gave a bouquet to Council in recognising that there have been problems with the website and the need to upgrade.

### **5.1.1 Recycling**

The Chairperson read a letter from Council's David Stephenson which was in response to the comments in the Chairperson's February Report regarding the recycling contract. The letter from Mr Stephenson said the collections are in hand and that contractors worked hard over the busy Christmas period notwithstanding accidents involving two of Smart Environmental's vehicles that had to be replaced, new staff employed and trained; regrettably some areas did not have recycling collected. Golden Bay Rubbish Ltd had picked up the shortfall and it was understood that all areas are now being serviced.

Mr Kennedy reported on complaints reported by Board Member Gamby that had also been made to Service Centre staff on Monday regarding the lack of collection; these had been relayed to Mr Stephenson and the collection of the missed recyclables was to happen this day.

Board members considered that after five weeks it is unacceptable to have recyclables left on the kerbside; it was considered that the matter has not been resolved.

#### **Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes GB10/02/05**

**THAT the GB Community Board thanks Mr Stephenson for his response regarding the recycling issues experienced in the Bay over the last six weeks, however, that he be informed that again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February not all the recycling was collected.**

**CARRIED**

#### **Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby GB10/02/06**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to Brent Reilly of Golden Bay Rubbish thanking them for coming to the assistance of Smart Environmental in picking up recyclables at short notice, with a copy to Mr Stephenson.**

**CARRIED**

### **5.1.2 Congratulations**

#### **Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan GB10/02/07**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to Jack Inglis, Claire Prebble and others as appropriate, congratulating them on their deserved recognition and success.**

**CARRIED**

The Board also wished to acknowledge and thank all the people who contributed to the many and varied community events that took place over the holiday time. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the GB Weekly and Motueka/GB News.

### **5.1.3 Public Toilets**

The Board agreed that public toilets are part of the essential infrastructure needed for visitors to Golden Bay.

The Chairperson read his suggested recommendation:

*“THAT the GB Community Board writes to Tasman District Council suggesting the need for a District policy to be developed for responding to the need for public toilet facilities.”*

The meeting discussed whether the provision of public toilets is an integral part of the freedom camping problem and whether areas need to be designated for camping and a toilet provided, also whether a policy was needed.

Mr Kennedy pointed out that the GB Community Board is asked every year what they want Reserve Fund Contributions money spent on and this included what toilets are required. He said the cost of a very basic toilet is between \$15 - \$20,000, plus the ongoing maintenance.

There was discussion around where the matter of freedom camping is up to; it is a very difficult issue.

The matter of Golden Bay becoming too expensive for some people to visit was also discussed and the need for some areas where people can freedom camp.

### **5.1.4 Vehicles on Beaches**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB10/02/08**

**THAT the GB Community Board supports the investigation being undertaken by Tasman District Council into the development of a bylaw to help control the use of vehicles on Tasman District beaches.**

**CARRIED**

The Chairperson spoke to Bob Dickinson's memorandum (attached to his report) regarding 'Think District' and the need to keep the policy fresh in everyone's mind in light of targeted rates now being imposed on specific communities with more suggested.

## **5.2 Transportation Projects Engineer - Pohara Seawall : Shared Path**

The Board was pleased to note that the Board's comments have been taken into account.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.26pm and resumed at 1.19pm.

Mr Kennedy drew a diagram of the raised wooden running rails that were proposed instead of a kerb between the cycle/walkway and the road. He explained that there needs to be a separation between people on the path and vehicles on the road; the running rails would also prevent people parking along the coastline.

It was pointed out that bikes can easily access the cycleway between the running rails; over all, members were in agreement with the rail however they were concerned that the public should have a chance to comment on the plan.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes  
GB10/02/09**

**THAT the GB Community Board supports the project in principle subject to Council engineers organising with Montgomery Watson Harza to hold an open session to answer any questions from the public.**

**CARRIED**

The Chairperson asked for it to be recorded that concern about having the barrier between the walkway and the road has been an issue raised by members of the community.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **6.1 Harwood Playground Trees – Horticultural Officer**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes  
GB10/02/10**

**THAT the letter be received and the Horticultural Officer requested that removal of the trees be the subject of on-site community consultation.**

**CARRIED**

### **6.2 Tasman District Council Community Development Fund – Community and Recreation Advisor**

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan  
GB10/02/11**

**THAT the letter be received and the contents noted with applications to be lodged by 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010.**

**CARRIED**

Board members McLellan said she had spoken with Council's Mike Tasman-Jones regarding this fund and money for the Golden Bay banner project; this is an annual project which costs at least \$2000 a year.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB10/02/12**

**THAT the GB Community Board makes application to this fund for \$2000 for the annual banner project.**

**CARRIED**

### **6.3 Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plant – Utilities Asset Manager**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes  
GB10/02/13**

**THAT the report be received and the contents noted, however, community concern about offensive odours needs to be addressed in the plant upgrade.**

**CARRIED**

### **6.4 Revamp of Tasman District Council Website – IS Webmaster**

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan  
GB10/02/14**

**THAT the correspondence be received and a letter of thanks sent to Tama Easton for his very helpful presentation.**

**CARRIED**

### **6.5 In Committee Business – Mayor Kempthorne**

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes  
GB10/02/15**

**THAT the letter be received and the Mayor be thanked and the Board reiterates the request for openness and transparency and seeks an assurance that the proposed summaries will not be a charge on communities with community boards.**

**CARRIED**

The Board agreed it is good progress.

### **6.6 Commercial Street Heavy Traffic – NZ Road Transport Association**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes  
GB10/02/16**

**THAT the letter be received and the comments noted and the suggestions of raised pedestrian crossings and other traffic calming measures as a mitigation measure needs to be considered by the roading administrators.**

**CARRIED**



It was agreed that the letter includes the suggestions of a bypass, a school zone type speed limit for commercial hours, and road narrowing devices.

#### **6.7           Roading Equity for Golden Bay – Kevin Hague MP**

The Chairperson commented on the informative response from Mr Hague, and the meeting discussed that the roading subsidy is not limited to 49%. Mr Kennedy said that the variation of types of work trigger different subsidy rates.

#### **6.8           Acknowledgements of Board’s letter about insufficient funding for frail elderly in rest homes – Hon Nick Smith MP and Hon Tony Ryall**

These items of correspondence were received earlier in the meeting.

#### **6.9           Annual Fonterra Takaka Community Liaison Meeting**

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes  
GB10/02/17**

**THAT the invitation be received and Board members encouraged to attend.  
CARRIED**

#### **6.10          Speed Limit around Rural Schools – Copy of letter from Jill Pearson to Tasman District Council’s Engineering Department**

It was discussed that while the illustration used in Ms Pearson’s letter is an Australian model, there is an equivalent model in New Zealand.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes  
GB10/02/18**

**THAT the letter be received and the suggestions supported as part of the Tasman District Speed Limit Review of Abel Tasman Drive.  
CARRIED**

#### **6.11          Pedestrian Crossing and Island Sanctuary to Golden Bay Medical Centre, Commercial Street, Takaka**

The meeting discussed if there is a need for a pedestrian crossing and island sanctuary whether the Medical Centre remains on its present site or not. Various points were raised including the large volumes of traffic during the summer; difficult crossing places for mobility scooters, prams and wheelchairs.

Mr Kennedy pointed out that carparks would be lost on both sides of the road in the vicinity of an island in the middle of the road.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan  
GB10/02/19**

**THAT the correspondence be received and the Board ask NZTA through its agent (Opus International) to investigate the provision of a safer road crossing**

in the vicinity of the entrance to Abbeyfield and Lake Killarney.

**CARRIED**

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes**

**GB10/02/20**

**THAT the GB Community Board takes up the issue of mobility scooters, prams and wheelchairs at Commercial Street intersections with the appropriate administrating authority.**

**CARRIED**

#### **6.12 Radio Reception – Penny Griffith**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes**

**GB10/02/21**

**THAT the letter be received and the comments noted for the development of a radio reception map for Golden Bay.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting discussed the radio reception interference at Waitapu and the fact that the filters that have been put onto Engineering equipment have made no difference.

**Moved Board members Brookes/McLellan**

**GB10/02/22**

**THAT the GB Community Board takes the problem of radio interference back to Engineering Services to see if there is anything further that can be done.**

**CARRIED**

#### **6.13 Golden Bay Community Board Budget – 2010/11 – Corporate Services Manager**

The Chairperson reported that the Motueka Community Board is putting in a submission against the targeted rate on community boards.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby**

**GB10/02/23**

**THAT the GB Community Board is opposed to the budget being funded by a targeted rate.**

**CARRIED**

The Board discussed the other items associated with (but not necessarily included in the budget:)

- Elected members training budget;
- The budget has been increased by the cost of living;
- The Board is not happy about the election allowance – there are elections whether there are community boards or not;
- The Board is happy for the credit to be used to reduce next year's Golden Bay Community Board 2010-11 budget.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB10/02/24**

**THAT the GB Community Board is:**

- **opposed to the election allowance charged;**
- **happy for the credit balance to be used to reduce the GB Community Board's 2010-11 budget;**

**CARRIED**

**6.14 GB Reserve Financial Contributions**

Mr Kennedy explained that the opening balance should be approximately \$1m as at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010.

He asked the Board to consider the following amendments:

- Increase the over all allocation for Toilets by \$20,000;
- Allocate an additional \$15,000 for Labyrinth Rocks to be used for the toilet and for the installation of board walks;
- Allocate \$20,000 for four security cameras – three for the vicinity of the Village Green and town centre and one 'roving';

an increase in expenditure of \$55,000.

With regard to garden art works, the Board agreed to increase the budget to \$10,000 each year.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB10/02/25**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Golden Bay Arts Council informing them that there is an allocation of \$10,000 in the 2010/11 Draft budget on the proviso that this amount is used to make applications for grants to increase it to say \$20,000 - \$30,000.**

**CARRIED**

Board member McLellan reported that there is an allocation of \$15,000 for a playground at Parapara, however, around \$40,000 is needed. Council's Reserves Officer, Glenn Thorn, has offered to consult with the residents of the area.

Mr Kennedy answered questions on various other items.

**7. OTHER**

**7.1 Left / Links Signage**

The Board discussed the history of the signage and whether to have more Left / Links signs and refurbish the existing ones. It was reported that there has been a spate of wrong side of the road accidents in New Zealand recently.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby**

**GB10/02/26**

**THAT the GB Community Board requests Engineering Services to refurbish the existing Left / Links signage and to install more of these signs where gravel roads rejoin the highway and it is difficult for people to know which side of the road they should be driving on.**

**CARRIED**

## **7.2 Anzac Day Representatives**

The Chairperson emphasised how important it is for the representative to attend and that if circumstances prevent attendance that a replacement is found.

It was agreed that Board member Gamby is the representative at the Takaka Anzac Service, and Board member McLellan attends the Collingwood service.

It was reported that there are difficulties in getting the wreath to Collingwood; GB Service Centre Customer Service Officer, Alice Hubbard, to be asked to take it to Collingwood as she always attends that service.

## **8. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

The Chairperson read the matter to be considered in committee, the reasons for passing the resolution and the grounds for so doing.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes**

**GB10/02/27**

**THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.**

### **Ligar Bay Licences**

**The general subject of the matter while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for passing this resolution are as follows:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
8.1	Ligar Bay Licences	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

**This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:**

Item	Reason to withhold information under Section 7	Section
8.1	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.	Section 7(2)(a)

**CARRIED**

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan  
GB10/02/28**

**THAT the public meeting be resumed.  
CARRIED**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.06pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: