

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Full Council  
**DATE:** Tuesday 18 May 2010  
**VENUE:** Senior Citizens Hall, Commercial Street, Takaka

**PRESENT:** Mayor R G Kempthorne (Chair), Crs S G Bryant, B F Dowler, G A Glover, T E Norriss, E J Wilkins, J L Inglis, M J Higgins, R G Currie, S J Borlase, J L Edger, N Riley, B Ensor

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Strategic Development Manager (S Edwards), Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)

## APOLOGY

**Moved Crs Ensor/Bryant  
CN10-05-03**

**THAT apologies for absence from Cr T B King be received.  
CARRIED**

<b>64</b>	<b>H &amp; D Holmwood</b>
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Mr & Mrs Holmwood asked Council to withdraw all funding to Tourism Nelson Tasman over the next three years. They oppose the targeted rate.

<b>66</b>	<b>Friends of Golden Bay Inc</b>
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Mrs M Tilling said Friends of Golden Bay want to know why there is only a half completed plan for Eastern Golden Bay Study and they are concerned about the lack of completion of the Landscape Policy as promised to the Environment Court. They believed that both the Eastern Golden Bay and Western Golden Bay Studies would be completed this year. People are concerned about the chipping away of the Tarakohe cliffs.

Mr Higgins said staffing issues have resulted in Eastern Golden Bay Study not being completed, and Western Golden Bay Study is taking priority, in order to settle the appeal.

<b>67</b>	<b>Mrs M Tilling</b>
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Mrs Tilling is opposed to targeted rates being charged to ratepayers of Golden Bay and Motueka for their community boards. She said that community boards are the first port of call for the community through the public forum at each meeting where many issues are raised.

<b>89</b>	<b>The Village Theatre Society Inc</b>
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Ms S Kay, manager of the Village Theatre was in attendance and said the tourism rate should be paid via general rate, being the only way to fairly spread the cost. She believes it is unfair to single out some businesses and to charge all targeted businesses the same rate.

Mayor Kempthorne advised that Tourism Nelson Tasman has now said it only requires \$50,000 extra not \$100,000.

<b>184</b>	<b>V Davis</b>
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Ms Davis concurred with the submission of Mrs Tilling re the community board targeted rate and said the community boards should have more autonomy. She believes the tourism rate is too high and unfair to smaller businesses. Ms Davis asked Council to consider communal living facilities, particularly for elderly people, which would be a more realistic housing situation in these hard economic times.

<b>185</b>	<b>BLIP</b>
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Ms Davis said there is a huge increase in cyclist traffic and asked Council to think out of the square in thinking of the needs of cyclists, instead of motorists. She wanted to see more money spent on cycling and walking facilities and less spent on roads.

<b>139</b>	<b>Golden Bay Branch of Forest and Bird Society</b>
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Mrs J-A Vaughan was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of Golden Bay Branch of Forest and Bird Society. They appreciate:

- Council's contribution to Brook Sanctuary
- support and development of Labyrinth Rocks
- continuing support of Coastcare
- provision of much better dog control bylaws
- proposed revision of Regional Pest Management Strategy
- intention to revise and implement State of Environment Monitoring and Reporting Strategy and intention to complete Part IV Rivers and Lakes of TRMP
- good public consultation regarding Pohara walkway
- Council's commitment to recycling
- provision of easy loans to provide warm homes and clean heating
- Council's willingness to foster shared facilities and co-operation with Nelson
- TDC's willingness to upgrade some of the old, small wharves in the area
- ongoing commitment to cycleways and walkways.

Look forward to completion of Takaka Eastern Golden Bay strategic development planning and to commencement on Western Golden Bay planning. Strongly support Boffa Miskell Report, and support holding company structure. They asked Council to tidy up invasive weeds at Collingwood Motor Camp before it is leased out.

<b>270</b>	<b>P Gillooly</b>
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Mr Gillooly said he supports the proposal to increase the tourism levy and broaden the base of businesses from which the levy is collected. He said the only way to get everybody who benefits from tourism is using general rate, but he said any business that gets busier from October to April should pay. He said Tourism Nelson Tasman is holding meetings throughout the region. He is in favour of Council establishing a holding company, with Nelson, if possible.

<b>152</b>	<b>Mrs L Eastman</b>
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Mrs Eastman operates a small bed and breakfast business and objects to being rated at the same tourism targeted rate as the large purely tourist operations and considered it was unfair. She noted that bed and breakfast businesses have lost out to campervans over the last three years and her business has run at a loss. She encouraged Council to take the required money for tourism from the general rate. She said most people find her via the Bed and Breakfast book and email. She believes tourism promotion is a core function of Council.

<b>164</b>	<b>Uncle Arty's Ltd</b>
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Mrs Eastman said the Washbourn Family Trust objects to the tourism targeted rate being charged on the property known as Uncle Arty's.

<b>162</b>	<b>Mr A Blackie</b>
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Mr Blackie submitted that the Takaka fire fighting water rate should be based on the value of improvements on a property, not the capital value. He said growth in accommodation provision is low, if not static, and has been for the last few years and yet that industry is the main target of the tourism rate. There is major growth in campervans. The service and retail industry should be paying a higher rate than the accommodation industry as they are the beneficiaries of the growth currently. He supports targeted rates as long as they are fair and equitable.

Mr Blackie said Council cannot take Tata Beach out of the UDA, as either all UDAs are in the club or all should have separate accounts.

<b>195</b>	<b>Golden Bay Promotions Association</b>
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Ms S Chapman was in attendance and spoke on behalf of the Management Committee of the Golden Bay Promotions Association. The Association supports tourism expenditure as proposed in the draft Annual Plan. They agree with the extension of the targeted tourism rate to capture holiday homes, however, consider that main street businesses (in both Takaka and Collingwood) benefit directly from the seasonal influx of visitors and should also pay the tourism rate. She said not all businesses are equal and there should be some sort of tiering.

The Association supports policies by New Zealand Tourism and at local authority level to encourage respect for freedom camping which requires visitors to leave without trace.

<b>179</b>	<b>Mr J Bell</b>
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Mr Bell sought that the community board targeted rate be abolished.

<b>209</b>	<b>Mr P Clements</b>
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Mr Clements was in attendance and requested that his property be removed from the Tata Beach UDA and be returned to the general district drainage club. He said if Council's consultation over the issue at the start of the process had been more robust, the problems would never have occurred. He suggested the Tata Beach properties pay a targeted rate to pay the loan off.

<b>212</b>	<b>Golden Bay Community Board</b>
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Community Board Members J Bell, L Gamby and K Brookes were in attendance to present the Golden Bay Community Board's submission.

Cr Edgar advised that break-even point for early payment discount of rates is 2% and with a higher interest rate it would mean subsidisation by those ratepayers who cannot afford to pay their rates in one lump sum.

Mr Bell said investigation of the siting of the aerodrome at Hamama has been done before and because there is major capital spending suggested for Puramahoi, it might be opportune to investigate Hamama again.

Cr Riley said investigations have been undertaken about re-siting the aerodrome at Hamama and it was found to not be beneficial, except for the cross winds situation.

Mr Bell said some of the money from Tourism New Zealand should be earmarked to educate freedom campers.

Mr Bell said Orion Street was unformed legal road and a local farmer wanted it formed. Once it was formed, it was used as an alternative route into Collingwood and traffic volumes increased from nothing to well used. The dust from the road infiltrates the school and play centre, hence the request for sealing of this road. He said an adjacent property owner had made a \$20,000 contribution towards roading because of a one-lot subdivision.

<b>221</b>	<b>Mr T H Riley</b>
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Mr Riley is concerned about Council's borrowing and debt levels and said Council needs to be saying no to projects that are not necessities.

<b>224</b>	<b>Tasbay Group Ltd</b>
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Ms M Dooley was in attendance to speak on behalf of Tasbay Group Ltd which opposes the increased tourism rate. It didn't seem fair to her to include holiday houses in the tourism rate. Visitors to her property have expressed concern about the lack of safe cycling ways in the area.

<b>147</b>	<b>Golden Bay Air</b>
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Ms L Sheppard was in attendance to speak to the submission on behalf of Golden Bay Air. She sought Council agreement to include loan funding for improvements to Takaka Aerodrome in the 2010/2011 Annual Plan. She said the company is unable to move forward without the commitment of Council. She said user charges should be able to fund the work of upgrading the strip to allow an all-weather surface for larger aircraft. She said they would consider a bond, depending on the cost of the work, but was mindful that the company is already investing in aircraft, hangars and other equipment.

<b>222</b>	<b>P Griffith on behalf of 211 signatories</b>
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Ms Griffith said the petition signatories are seeking more staffing and better access to the IseI Park research facility of the Nelson Provincial Museum.

<b>98</b>	<b>Mrs J Wyllie</b>
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Mrs Wyllie considers the outcome “our growing and sustainable economy” should be top of the list. She commended Council on attempting to keep rate increases down and asked Council to implement a differential rating system. She considers tourism should be self-funding and doesn’t want Tasman District Council to contribute to any performing arts centre. She doesn’t believe there should be another facility built in the Bay as there are many halls already that are not used to their potential.

The meeting concluded at 3.08 pm.

Confirmed:

Chair: