

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Tasman District Council  
**DATE:** Tuesday 17 May 2011  
**TIME:** 10.30 am  
**VENUE:** Fire Brigade Hall, Motupipi Street, Takaka

**PRESENT:** Crs T B King (Chair), M L Bouillir, S G Bryant, J L Edgar, B W Ensor, G A Glover, J L Inglis, T B King, Z S Mirfin, C M Maling, T E Norriss, E J Wilkins

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

## APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Ensor/Glover  
CN11/05/02

THAT apologies from Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs N Riley and B W Dowler for absence be received.  
CARRIED

## 1 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2011/2012

### 1.1 Golden Bay Community Board (1159)

Messrs M Symmons, L Gamby and Ms K Brookes were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Golden Bay Community Board.

The Board was happy to see James Road Bridge is to be rebuilt and they encouraged Council to make sure there are sufficient disaster funds to cope with future disasters that may occur. The Board strongly supports continued Council ownership of Port Tarakohe.

The Board is comfortable with the treasury policy where it sits at the moment.

### 1.2 Ms Nicola Basham (1197)

Ms Basham said the proposed rates increase is too high and unaffordable and proposed it should be kept to 4%. She said the plan should change during hard economic times and supported giving 4% discount to those who pay their rates early. Rates money should be spent on job creation, embracing new energy, using Port Tarakohe as an asset, encouraging tourism. She supports a second air strip at Takaka and wants Council to adopt a tourism rate that is fairer. She supported tourists being charged for internet use at the library. Wharves in Golden Bay are an asset and money

should be spent on their upgrade and maintenance. She supported leisure entertainment being removed, eg Motueka Pool, Saxton Field cycling track, Golden Bay Recreation Facility and community gardens in Waimea/Moutere area. She is opposed to the extension to the Richmond office. Newsline cost and frequency should be reduced to last year's cost.

### **1.3 Mr J Bell (1226)**

Mr Bell spoke to his submission commenting on consultation and a marine management plan for the area. He said there needs to be an allowance from tourism funding for education and monitoring of freedom camping. He supports proposed improvements at Port Taranaki provided they can be self-funding. He opposes the Golden Bay Community Board targeted rate. He has grave concerns about Council's administration costs and debt. He opposes the proposed Richmond office expansion.

### **1.4 Mr A Hodgson (1230)**

Mr Hodgson asked Council to create a definition for "sustainability" and spoke about the 7<sup>th</sup> generation planning. He would like to see Council policy develop options that support and allow residents to develop sustained ways of living, eg living in community, developing non-water-based human waste systems, ie compostable toilets, building of simple low-impact dwellings. Encouraged Council to redirect some money into programmes to be aimed at all ages and cover a wide-range of gardening and food growing and techniques for food storage.

### **1.5 Mr T Riley (1234)**

Mr Riley spoke to his submission and asked for the total debt and what it is per ratepayer included in Newsline each month. He doesn't support Council joining in the local government funding agency and wants Council's debt levels reduced.

### **1.6 Ms V Davis (1190)**

Ms Davis suggested options for Council staff to work at home should be looked at. She asked that Newsline be printed in black and white and only contain Council information. Port Taranaki should never be sold and suggested \$20,000 for security cameras would be better spent on a youth worker to engage with young people. Ms Davis believes free internet for tourists is wrong. A new runway is needed in Takaka to give safer landing in ever-changeable weather conditions.

### **1.7 Mr A Blackie (1225)**

Mr Blackie doesn't believe Council should accept payment by credit card because of the costs involved. He would like a policy in place to put an end to any major roading or other disruptive works in commercial or other tourism-sensitive areas between 1 December and 31 March.

**1.8 Dr D Mead (599)**

Dr Mead expressed disappointment at the high rates increase and said that increase is unsustainable. He supports rebuilding the emergency funds, but doesn't support increasing charges or expanding other services. He asked that the community board targeted rate be removed and borrowing be kept under strict control.

**1.9 Ms P Brennan (723)**

Ms Brennan tabled a supplementary submission which reminded Council it is required by law to manage the consequences of human activity. She spoke about the noise created by motorcross racing which has been granted a noise exclusion. She finds the noise from motocross bikes near her rural home excessive, intrusive and said it adversely impacts on her quality of life. She asked for a full time compliance officer to be stationed in Golden Bay and for the rules in the Tasman Resource Management Plan to be changed to control noise from motorcross activity.

**1.10 Golden Bay Museum (1114)**

Mr G Petterson and Mrs D Roberts were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Golden Bay Museum. The museum asked Council for an additional \$3,000 to cover wages and \$3,000 to cover heating costs. They are seeking funding from larger companies in the Bay and asking them to become Friends of Golden Bay Museum.

The meeting concluded at 1.04 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: