

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 9th March 2010
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: Collingwood Fire Station

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB20/03/01**

**THAT the apology received from Cr Riley for non attendance be sustained.
CARRIED**

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Don Mead – updated the Board regarding the Landscape Priority Areas (LPAs); he said Tasman District Council has indicated now that the LPAs will not be finished until June 2011. He said the Friends of GB and Friends of Nelson Haven are very disappointed.

The Chairperson explained that settlement on the LPAs had been settled in the Environment Court with Council promising that the Variation would be completed by the end of 2010. He said he understood there have been staffing issues but the promise needs to be honoured.

Cliff Turley – spoke as a member of Heritage Golden Bay regarding the walkway/cycleway proposal at Pohara. He said he supports the proposal as more people will be able to enjoy the environment in that area. Mr Turley gave a brief history of the band rotunda, it had been built in 1934 and had been upgraded on a few occasions. He commented about the considerable impact the walkway may have on the actual size of the structure. He expressed concern about the matter of consultation; he asked whether there is to be any and said that consultation makes for a better relationship between the community and Council.

The Chairperson said the Board had received a letter from Heritage Golden Bay regarding the project.

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

THAT the letter from Heritage Golden Bay be considered as a Late Agenda item.

CARRIED

Alan Blackie – congratulated the Collingwood Boat Club, Tasman District Council and the Golden Bay Community Board on the Collingwood boat ramp/trailer parking facility. He said it is a credit to everyone and a great amenity for the area and district.

He asked whether Council would consider new public toilets when the tennis court is relocated adjacent to William Street and whether the Board would take that matter up.

Mr Blackie asked whether more items could be added to the playground that is adjacent to the fire station, which is very well used over the holiday period.

Mr Kennedy explained that distances between play equipment were set by standards and he would look into the matter.

Alan Vaughan – said he had attended a meeting of the West Coast Marine Protection Forum and was acquiring a very good reference book that he would like to offer to the Board.

Keith Ballard – endorsed the good things that Council is doing in Collingwood, however, he said the issue of stormwater from Swiftsure Street onto his property is not good and Council has now acknowledged that. He thanked the Board for its assistance, but said Council's David Stephenson has said fixing the problem may take two years.

The Chairperson explained that the problems were a consequence of the construction of the road to the Collingwood water supply. He said he had attended the meeting of residents and Mr Stephenson where it was suggested that the road be reconfigured to direct the stormwater where it should go. The Chairperson asked Mr Kennedy if he would follow up on that suggestion with Mr Stephenson; he said the commitment at the end of the meeting was that the stormwater be kept on the public road route and then directed into the drainage system.

Warren Iggo – asked when the Board would reflect on its achievements over the last 20 years. He said it is good that quarterly meetings of the GB Community Board are held in Collingwood.

Mr Iggo expressed appreciation of the Collingwood water supply that he considered to be second to none; he was also impressed by the work that has been done with the sewerage system. Mr Iggo said there are still some items missing from the streetscaping, and he asked about the 50kmph signage from the Joan Whiting Rest Home into Collingwood. He expressed concern about the amount of freedom camping that is occurring in the vicinity of Collingwood – Taupata Creek and McGowan Street, Puponga.

Mr Iggo endorsed the comments regarding the boat ramp and trailer parking reclamation area; he said there is a need for “No Overnight Staying” signage as people are staying there then sneaking into the camping ground for showers etc.

The Chairperson said the Board did do a review of its achievements part way through this present term and a copy could be made available. He said the matter of freedom camping is on the agenda; other places in New Zealand have various methods of dealing with the problem.

Graham Beardmore commented that freedom camping is growing and something needs to be done; children need to be educated at school to be clean and tidy. He considered that when a toilet is put anywhere it creates a freedom camping area. Mr Beardmore said the Collingwood Boat Club is thrilled with the ramp/trailer park reclamation area.

The Chairperson said that the 50kmph signage had been approved 5 years ago but lapsed and the proposal had to be started again; he said it should go through and the signs changed soon.

Penny Griffith – thanked Council and Mayor Kempthorne for the support given regarding the commemoration of the 350th anniversary of the death of Abel Tasman; she said there was a nice story in Newsline and that Manawhenua ki Mohua are interested in pursuing the history.

Ms Griffith thanked the Board for pursuing the matter of emergency communication. She pointed out that Council’s website still has the old news of the tsunami being cancelled in February.

In response to a question regarding a radio reception map for Golden Bay, Mr Kennedy replied that there had not been any progress to date. Mayor Kempthorne reassured Ms Griffith that the region has a great emergency warning system.

Ms Griffith reiterated that that the three radio stations listed for broadcasting emergency information are not able to be received where she lives.

BJ White – commented regarding the playground matter – he said consideration was given to shifting it to the reclamation area when that was completed as its present location was not considered to be the safest place. He also expressed concern about a lack of consultation regarding community projects.

The Chairperson said the relocation of the playground had been considered but was ruled out on the grounds of safety; perhaps it could be revisited.

With regard to emergency communication, Mr Bell said Fresh FM is trying to get its coverage area extended.

Board member Gamby – said it is now 8 weeks since there has been a complete collection of recyclables; there are still bins out today that should have been collected yesterday. He commented that some recyclables have been compacted.

It was agreed that there is a strong commitment to recycling in Golden Bay and that people are paying for that service.

The Chairperson raised the following items:

- Impending logging at Ligar Bay
- Pipe in stone wall at Milnthorpe
- Representative for Active Transport Forum
- Ongoing recycling problems

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

**THAT logging at Ligar Bay, the pipe in the stone bridge at Milnthorpe, a representative for the Active Transport Forum and ongoing recycling problems all be considered as Late Agenda items.
CARRIED**

Fiona Wilson– said she had heard there is to be a big rock wall at Pakawau; she asked whether it is correct and whether the public can put in submissions.

Mayor Kempthorne replied that a big storm on 1st February 2010 had cut into the beach and that Council had been asked for support by local property owners to work on the problem. The solution was not necessarily for a rock wall and Council will work with the community on finding a solution.

The Chairperson pointed out that where possible there is a preference for 'soft engineering' such as coast care plantings.

John Milne said he had organised the logging at Ligar Bay. He said he worked in with Council's Colin Michie, and all of the conditions were complied with. He asked where the rubbish came from. In response to the Chairperson's comment that it came off the hill and blocked drains, Mr Milne said it was nothing to do with the logging. He said it was another contractor who root raked the stumps after the logging that caused the problem.

The Chairperson said that if the logging people were not to blame then that misunderstanding needs to be put right, however the Board had been told it was the logging to blame. He said the new logging is also on unstable ground (Separation Point Granite).

Board member McLellan – said the Variety Club bash is on this day at Collingwood Area School.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 9th February 2010

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

**THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the Golden Bay Community Board held on Tuesday 9th February 2010 (containing resolutions GB10/02/01 – GB10/02/28) be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

3.2 Confidential Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 9th February 2010

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB10/02/05**

**THAT the Confidential Minutes of the meeting of the Golden Bay Community Board held on Tuesday 9th February 2010 (containing resolution GB10/02/29 – GB10/02/30) be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

4. REPORTS

**Moved Board members Brookes/McLellan
GB10/02/06**

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

4.1 Chairperson's Report

4.1.1 Theatre Royal 'Buy a Seat' Fundraiser

The Chairperson said it is \$750 for a seat; he wondered whether the Board could make a contribution towards a seat. In response to a question from the Chairperson, Mr Kennedy said that Council had made significant contribution to the upgrade.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB10/02/07**

**THAT the GB Community Board works in with other groups and individuals in Golden Bay, seeking interest in the fundraising through the GB Weekly, with the Board putting in a maximum of \$250 from its Discretionary Fund account.
CARRIED**

4.1.2 Freedom Camping

The Chairperson commented that there is community concern nation-wide regarding this issue and various methods are being used to try and curb the problem; in the Coromandel and Gisborne areas symbol signage is being used. He passed around some signage ideas.

Mr Kennedy said the Chief Executive Officer is working on a strategy that he wants to take up with other councils in the South Island with a view to taking it to the Government. He said there is no 'easy fix'. Mr Kennedy said that toileting is the main problem but that more and more small campervans have portable / chemical

toilets. He asked the Board to forward any ideas through to the Chief Executive Officer, Paul Wylie.

There was considerable discussion with the following points noted:

- People who hire out the campervans should be responsible for providing portable toilets in the vans
- People who freedom camp apart from when the camping grounds are full are in opposition to the camps
- What happens when the camping grounds are full?
- Many people have been camping at Waitapu Bridge for 3 – 4 months; a compliance officer needs to be stationed in Golden Bay to deal with both camping and dog issues
- Control Services say they cannot move people on if they have been drinking
- If campers are moved on, where do they go?
- There needs to be some regulation

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB01/02/08**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board sends suggestions to the Chief Executive Officer to assist in developing ways to address abuses of the Freedom Camping Policy in Golden Bay.
CARRIED**

4.1.3 Coastal Landscape Policy

The Chairperson reiterated that there has now been a delay until June 2011; he read his suggested recommendation and said the Board was going to be a key part of that work working with Council's Deborah Hewitt.

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

**THAT the GB Community Board supports the urgent development of the promised Coastal Landscape policies and requests to be kept informed about the progress being made towards the compilation of these.
CARRIED**

It was pointed out that the problem was one of resources and priorities for Council. Mayor Kempthorne said that when the Council does its quarterly review of priorities that is the time for the Board to come forward.

Cr Borlase said that Council has 3 years' worth of Priority 1 work. The Chairperson asked how many other priority 1 projects are requirements of Environment Court settlements as this one is.

4.1.4 Rototai Road Stall

The Chairperson said it was understood the decision was to be given within 28 days of the last Board meeting.

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

THAT the GB Community Board requests to be informed by Tasman District Council of the outcome of the Resource Consent application to operate the produce stall on Rototai Road.

CARRIED

4.1.5 Light Pollution Ligar Bay

It was reported that the matter of light pollution has come to the Board on at least two occasions; the developer has 'put his hand up' as he thought that was the lighting standard he had to comply with.

There was some discussion on engineering standards – one “with all the bells and whistles” and one “low impact”.

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

THAT the GB Community Board continues with efforts to seek mitigation measures for the light pollution reported from Ligar Bay, including writing to Engineering Services asking that for any future development in Golden Bay low impact lighting be made the standard.

CARRIED

4.1.6 Vehicles on Beaches – Regulatory Manager, Jean Hodson

The Chairperson did not consider that speeding vehicles on beaches were a problem in Tasman District apart from in Golden Bay and for this reason the problem is not being recognised by council. He said there are intermittent problems at Pohara, Patons Rock, Tukuruia, Parapara, Milnthorpe to Collingwood and Pakawau with high-speed motor cycles and quad bikes that are unwarranted and unregistered. He said there are also problems at Pakawau with hooning on bikes that disturb the migrating birds; he said these issues are not recognised when the matter is discussed at Environment and Planning meetings. Mr Bell said that people who drive across the beach to launch their boats, or those who drive at an appropriate speed are not a problem.

Other comments included:

- The problem is not always being reported.
- Complaints are received from Pohara,
- The Police say their powers are limited unless the drivers are irresponsible or reckless;
- A bylaw was considered necessary
- It should be a police matter as speeding on the beaches may be dangerous to other beach users.

Mr Bell said the Whakatane bylaw says vehicles have to take the most direct route and there is a speed limit. He considered the offenders were mostly visitors, with racing quad bikes being the real problem.

There was discussion as to whether there could be 'No Bikes' signs without having a bylaw. Mayor Kempthorne said the Board needs to work with Ms Hodson, Council's Regulatory Manager.

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

THAT the GB Community Board investigates putting up signs on a trial basis to control vehicles on beaches.

CARRIED

It was agreed that complaints need to go to the Police, and that they be asked if there was a speed limit whether they would police it.

The matter of the cards of the Robin Slow painting was raised.

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

THAT the matter of the Robin Slow cards be considered as a Late Agenda item.
CARRIED

4.1.7 Speed Boat Access Lane – Western Golden Bay

The Board agreed it is impossible to service the whole of the western bay with one ski lane. It was pointed out that the main launch areas are where there are residents.

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

THAT the GB Community Board formally advises the Tasman District Council Harbourmaster of the discussions and outcome of the previous consideration of the suggestion for a speed boat access lane in the western area of Golden Bay.

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Marine Protected Areas Policy & Implementation Plan

The Chairperson said there had been 1130 submissions and it is good that the plan is going ahead and members should note the timeline.

5.2 Funding for Frail Elderly – Hon Nick Smith

This item of correspondence was received earlier.

5.3 Funding for the Frail Elderly – Chris Auchinvole MP

The Chairperson read his suggested recommendation that sought comments from Cr Borlase and Board member McLellan as community representatives on the Integrated Health Group.

Board member McLellan said the present subsidy is not adequate and needs to be increased.

Cr Borlase pointed out that the Government is encouraging old people to stay in their homes, however, when they do need to go into rest homes they are very frail and need more care – a very expensive exercise.

Board member McLellan considered it to be very important for the integrated health facility to go ahead so the frail elderly can stay in Golden Bay. She said sadly the rest home in Collingwood is not viable.

It was pointed out that funding for support of the elderly at home is being cut by some DHBs, and the kilometres before mileage is paid to home help workers is rising from 10kms to 18kms.

It was also pointed out that the \$120,000 funding from the DHB is a loan and will have to be repaid.

Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby GB10/02/15

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Chris Auchinvole MP and asks him what happened with his contact with the Minister of Health and advise him that the matter of funding for the frail elderly and rest home care is critical in Golden Bay.

CARRIED

5.4 Rototai Road Speed Limits – Ivan & Lily McKay

Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby GB10/02/16

THAT the letter be received and a copy of it forwarded to Tasman District Council as part of the Speed Limit Review.

Further, that a letter of response be sent to Ivan & Lily McKay informing them that their letter has been forwarded to Engineering Services.

CARRIED

5.5 Fund for Entry to Westport & Gore Country Music Awards – Nikita Buys

The Chairperson read his suggested recommendation, and the Board discussed various aspects of the correspondence.

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

**THAT the GB Community Board grants \$100 from its Discretionary Fund account and wishes Nikita Buys well in her musical career and suggests she approach the GB Arts Council for application assistance to Creative NZ.
CARRIED**

5.6 Invitation to Opening of Fibre Fantasia – Takaka Spinners and Weavers

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

**THAT the invitation be received and Board members encouraged to attend with acceptances to be forwarded to Sue Clark as requested.
CARRIED**

5.7 Letter of Thanks – International Students Programme

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

**THAT the letter and donation from the Globalisation students of \$140 be received with appreciation and thanks, with the donation to be used for community purposes.
CARRIED**

5.8 In Committee Business – Mayor Kempthorne

The Chairperson reported that the Board will not be charged for the recently started summaries of the Enterprises Sub-committee.

The meeting adjourned for lunch between 12.34pm and 1.20pm.

6. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Pohara Walkway-Cycleway Band Rotunda – Heritage Golden Bay

The Chairperson reported that the tender has already been advertised; he said the Board has received a letter from Heritage Golden Bay saying they are concerned at the lack of consultation and have applied for heritage status for the band rotunda. The letter said that Heritage Golden Bay supports the walkway but does not want any alterations to the bandstand (rotunda). The group also supports a public meeting to gain input from the community.

The Chairperson read an excerpt from the resource consent for the walkway/cycleway that said Council must undertake further consultation with the GB Community Board. He said he had made suggestions to Council's Gary Clark regarding the rotunda area, including that the walkway could be narrowed to 1.5m at that point.

There was further discussion on whether the entrance to the bandstand would still need to be altered even if the walkway was narrowed.

Cr Borlase considered that Council taking up the maintenance of the bandstand 'was pivotal' to its future rather than Heritage Golden Bay pursuing the heritage status. He suggested that if the walkway goes through the bandstand a lot more people would take the opportunity to appreciate the structure.

Mr Kennedy suggested an historic panel could be installed.

Mayor Kempthorne suggested that Gary Clark be invited to the public meeting; the Board would not be charged for his attendance.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB10/02/20**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board holds a public meeting at the Pohara Hall on 18th March 2010 commencing at 5.30pm, to discuss the Pohara walkway/cycleway project.

CARRIED

It was agreed that the meeting between Heritage Golden Bay and Council engineering staff be postponed until the 18th March to allow Gary Clark (Transportation Manager) and Steve Elkington (Roading Asset Engineer) to attend, and that the tender process continues as there is a lot of work to be done once the tender is let and before the project starts.

6.2 A & M Tilling – Logging at Ligar Bay

The Chairperson read an email from A & M Tilling who expressed their concerns about the impact further logging at Ligar Bay would have on the lagoon and the bay. They asked what specific conditions had been set and what monitoring would take place to prevent a reoccurrence of what happened last time.

The Chairperson explained that when logging was last carried out at Ligar Bay silting became a big problem and even affected the Tarakohe water supply.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB10/02/21**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Environment & Planning Department seeking a response from Compliance Officer Warren Galbraith to the questions asked by Mr & Mrs Tilling.

CARRIED

6.3 Mary Lees – Seeking a Warning sign at the Stone Bridge, Milnthorpe

The Chairperson had received a request from Mary Lees for a warning sign at the stone bridge at Milnthorpe following a woman getting into difficulties in the water who had not realised the strong current formed a vortex adjacent to the culvert.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB10/02/22**

THAT the GB Community Board takes up the matter of signage warning of the strong current and vortex that is formed by the outgoing tide at the rock wall at Milnthorpe.

CARRIED

It was also suggested that perhaps the Department of Conservation be approached regarding the signage.

6.4 Representative for Active Transport Forum – Margaret Parfitt

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB10/02/23**

THAT Board member Brookes attend the forum as the GB Community Board representative.

CARRIED

6.5 Collection of Recyclables in Golden Bay

Mr Kennedy updated the Board with regard to the recycling contract. He said Council is very disappointed with the service and is taking a hard line in looking at the contract with Smart Environmental. He asked the Board to keep monitoring the situation.

6.6 Cards – Robin Slow Painting

Board member Brookes reported that the cards depicting the Robin Slow painting are priced at \$70 for 100, which does not include envelopes.

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

THAT the cards and envelopes be funded from the Global Students donation, with the money to be paid back from the sale proceeds of the cards.

Further, that the Board funds the printing and framing of a copy of the card text as an interpretation of the painting.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.16pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: