

## MINUTES

**TITLE:** Golden Bay Community Board  
**DATE:** 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
**TIME:** 9.00 am  
**VENUE:** Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Kempthorne from 9.17am, Cr Riley until 10.42am, L Kennedy (Community Services Manager), N Heyes (Minute Secretary) and members of the Press and Public

### 1. APOLOGIES

Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB10/05/01

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

**Cr Riley apologised and said he would have to leave the meeting at 10.30am.**

### Memorial

The Chairperson asked for the meeting to stand for a minute's silence in respect of the death of Te Aroha (Losa) Holmwood, who passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Mrs Holmwood officiated at blessings in the community and was a Maori leader for the local Marae.

### 2. PUBLIC FORUM

Penny Griffith – expressed her concern about the recent unexpected power cut that she said was a test for emergency systems with no National Radio on the air again. After much phoning she had been told by Geoff Goodger that the starter motor for the generator is being repaired and it would be a week or two before it is installed again.

She asked whether the community could support 98.2FM by fundraising for back-up equipment to ensure greater reliability.

It was explained that there are multiple problems with the backup system on Mt Burnett which are being worked through; it is intended to have a stock of parts on site in the future.

Ms Griffith also spoke about the Amendment to the Local Government Bill; she said there are interesting additions regarding the long term planning process, identifying community aspirations etc. also core services are being defined, and clarification around targeted rates for community boards. Ms Griffith said if the changes go through it will mean that councils can charge for community boards. She suggested the Board may want to submit on the Bill.

The Chairperson said Local Government NZ has advised all Council members of the Amendment.

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

**THAT speaking rights for Mayor Kempthorne and Cr Riley be granted.  
CARRIED**

Alan Vaughan – Reiterated concerns around the emergency radio; he said the problems have been ongoing for years and on the very day we need it, it is broken down. He said it is not being given a high priority and urged Board members and the Mayor to bring pressure to bear to have the problems resolved.

Mr Vaughan raised the matter of ‘spatial awareness’ in connection with the green circles in the library carpark; he asked for clarification of ‘spatial awareness’ and how much the green circles cost.

It was explained that the green circles break up the vision of unbroken, black tarseal and makes the carpark look less like a road so vehicles slow down.

The Chairperson said Mr Bob Butts was at the meeting in connection to comments that had been made about the protected trees on the Tarakohe cliffs (west of Stairs Bay) being damaged as a result of blasting at his quarry. Mr Butts had tabled a letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2007 he had received regarding Variation 42 to the TRMP which had clarified that the protection of trees was for Rata trees and not ‘others’ as they had not been defined.

Bob Butts said that neighbours are concerned when blasting happens; he said the rocks he has moved are only the ones that are unstable, which he is required by OSH to do. He said he has checked for unstable rocks right around the road edge and removed the unsafe ones.

BJ White – raised the issue of Swiftsure Street; he said he has received no information from Cr Borlase about the meeting held between engineers and one landowner. He said the work was done at ratepayers cost with no approvals obtained.

Cr Riley said he was waiting for information from Council’s Jeff Cuthbertson; he said the process to upgrade is being negotiated with property owners.

Mayor Kempthorne said he had followed the matter up with David Stephenson and the stormwater issues are being worked on. He said he understood a report had been written and sent to all property owners and a meeting is to take place.

Ms Griffith said the meeting had happened last Friday.

Mr White said it is now three months since he had first asked for the information on how the work was carried out without any consents and with ratepayer money, and two years since the work was done. He asked what happens next. He said Mr Hamlin discharges stormwater onto other people's land.

The Chairperson said the last request was made at the last meeting to obtain the information and the discussions around that are 18 months old.

While Mayor Kempthorne said he is committed to finding a solution the Board asked that the information requested be provided. There was some discussion on whether the 'history' of the matter was important as well as finding a solution to the stormwater problem.

Ms Griffith said there had been a meeting of directly affected parties last Friday, but the Ballards were not present; the meeting had been recorded. She expressed concern that David Stephenson did not know about the meeting with the Councillors and Bruce Hamlin.

It was agreed that everyone involved needs to have all the same information and that there should be transparency on all rates expenditure.

Cr Riley said he will try and find the information for Mr White and asked him for his contact details.

Ms Griffith said the outcome of last Friday's meeting was that Mr Stephenson was to look at other options. The affected landowners do not think the solution should be over private land; the preferred solution is down Swiftsure Street and linking into existing stormwater systems. That solution needs more costing work, also an easement over the property at the end of Gibbs Road. Ms Griffith said that Mr Stephenson does not know what the rain at Collingwood is like. She said she understood that Collingwood is to be added to the LIDAR list. Ms Griffith said she had taken notes of the meeting and is forwarding those to the Ballards.

It was agreed that Cr Riley follow up on the costs of the original work and how it was carried out and get back to Mr White.

Mayor Kempthorne said that LIDAR information is some considerable time away and a solution needs to be found now and that is being worked on.

The Board asked that the historical problem of the legality of Swiftsure Street also be addressed; Cr Riley was asked to follow that up.

Ms Griffith offered notes of the meetings to keep the Board in the loop.

Board member McLellan – raised the matter of the amalgamation petition; she said there were some shortfalls with the petition but that the Board had wanted an independent study done of the economic benefits and costs of amalgamation with Nelson City Council. She expressed disappointed that the study will not be done and

considered that with the Local Body Elections perhaps there is an opportunity for the question to be asked: “Do you support a study of economic benefits of amalgamation.”

Mrs McLellan offered a bouquet for Mayor Kempthorne regarding his comments about the closure of the Tukurua camp; she was pleased that the Mayor and Council’s compliance people had said that ‘dirty dairying’ was not the cause of the camp being closed.

The Chairperson said it has been reported that the Norovirus was the culprit and the camp is currently closed. He said the owner, Bob Perriam, wants a discussion with the Board regarding the future of the camp.

With regard to the amalgamation question being asked at Local Body election time, Board member McLellan said there needs to be a mandate to take the matter to Local Government.

The Chairperson pointed out that the two Councils and/or the Minister of Local Government can initiate a study without a petition. Without information the matter can not be considered properly by anyone.

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### **3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes  
GB10/05/03**

**THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010 (containing resolutions GB10/04/01 – GB10/04/27) be confirmed as a true and correct record.  
CARRIED**

### **4. REPORTS**

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes  
GB10/05/04**

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

#### **4.1 Chairperson’s Report**

The Chairperson corrected an item at the start of his report for 1<sup>st</sup> April: “Agenda setting for May ....” Should read “Agenda setting for April....”

##### **4.1.1 Integrated Health**

The Chairperson spoke briefly to his report; he said the key points from the public meeting were that living in Golden Bay becomes less sustainable without a viable health system and that without the JW Rest Home included in the integrated health facility, the hospital would be less viable.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes  
GB10/05/05**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the Interim Management Group thanking them for their work in researching the Integrated Health proposal and presenting it to the community for consideration.  
CARRIED**

**Road inspection**

The Chairperson explained the way the inspection of Kendal Street, Milnthorpe, was carried out by selecting 10% of the road and inspecting it. If there is nothing wrong in the selected 10%, then nothing gets done even if there are problems adjacent to the selected area.

Mr Kennedy said he would get the Roading engineers to comment on the system of selecting areas to be inspected.

**4.1.2 Freedom Camping**

The Chairperson read his suggested recommendation and the meeting discussed the best way forward with the problems associated with freedom camping.

Cr Riley left the meeting at this point.

Mayor Kempthorne said he had recently attended a Zone 5 and Zone 6 meeting of Mayors and CEOs and all the Councils had requested a remit to the Local Government conference asking the Local Government Association to work with the Government on the freedom camping issue. Mayor Kempthorne said there was no dissenting voice – it is recognized as a major national issue. He said Nick Smith and Rodney Hide also supported the remit. It had been agreed that when travellers come to New Zealand they need to know there are rules for the whole country. Mayor Kempthorne said the matter will be followed up by Local Government NZ with the support of all councils and the Board would be kept informed.

Board member McLellan said she would like Tasman to be represented on the Working Party looking at freedom camping.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan  
GB10/05/06**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board formally writes to Local Government NZ and the Minister of Tourism supporting efforts to address the negative effects of freedom camping and requesting that monitoring and enforcement be funded from the national tourism budget.  
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan  
GB10/05/07**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes a letter to Nelson Tasman Tourism asking that the negative issues of freedom camping be taken into account with their destination marketing; and**

**Further that a letter along the same lines be sent to Tourism NZ.  
CARRIED**

**Council Agenda 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

The Chairperson said the Board now has information on what land is involved; the information to be circulated around Board members. It was clarified that it is not Iwi or Tennis Club land.

There was some discussion regarding the Collingwood tennis courts; Mr Kennedy explained that the Club is to lease some Council land and Council will lease the Tennis Club land.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.53am and 11.08am.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

**5.1 River Uses and Values Significance Assessment – Mary-Anne Baker,  
Policy Planner**

The Chairperson spoke to this item; the workshop had been held on 18 April 2010.

**Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby  
GB10/05/08**

**THAT the letter be received and that the Golden Bay Community Board maintains an interest in the Rivers Assessment via the Board's Environment & Planning representative."**

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Meeting of Community Board and Community Association Chairs –  
Mayor Kempthorne**

Mayor Kempthorne apologised for the 4pm meeting time and said it is just for the Board Chairs; he would be attending, also the Deputy Mayor and CEO. Mayor Kempthorne said the purpose of the meeting is to raise awareness of the current key issues across the District and discuss them; also to discuss the ongoing frequency of getting together, perhaps once a quarter for community board chairs, with a view to building good relationships.

In response to a question from the Board, Mayor Kempthorne said the second meeting would be to discuss delegations to the community boards. He said with two community boards and eleven community associations, delegations are difficult.

The Board considered that community boards and community associations are quite different; community boards are elected by the community and have a specific role and it should be easy to give them delegations.

Mayor Kempthorne considered that both representing their communities and working out delegations is quite difficult. The eleven community associations for three Wards represent quite different communities of interest.

### **5.3 Engineering Projects 2009/10 – Engineering Secretary**

The Chairperson expressed the Board's appreciation in receiving the schedule of works. He said that it was reported in the Geraldine News that the Government position may change so that roads important to tourism may get a higher weighting.

It was agreed that information on how the new funding is accessed is sought from the Engineering Manager, Peter Thomson, prior to re-sending letters that have been sent in to the past to the various ministers.

*(Neil Wilson to find out the info from Geraldine).*

### **Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby GB10/05/09**

**THAT the GB Community Board informs Engineering Services of the need to have the Swiftsure Street stormwater mitigation added to the Stormwater list on the Projects/Investigations for the 2009/2010 financial year.**

**CARRIED**

### **5.4 Proposed Upgrades to the Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plant – Utilities Asset Engineer, Gavin Hutchinson**

This item of correspondence was received earlier.

### **5.5 State Highway 60 Commercial Street, Takaka, Accidents – NZ Transport Agency**

This item of correspondence was received earlier.

### **5.6 Access Easement, Motupipi Hill Land – Environment & Planning Manager**

### **Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes GB10/05/10**

**THAT the letter be received and the proposed access clarified as a walking/cycling access."**

**CARRIED**

### **5.7 Education at Regional Museum – Copy of letter to Hon Nick Smith**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes  
GB10/05/11**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to ministers Nick Smith and Anne Tolley thanking them for revising the proposals and continuing with education at the Nelson Provincial Museum.  
CARRIED**

The Board asked that the letter includes a reiteration of how far Golden Bay children are from Nelson.

**5.8 Youth Programmes in Golden Bay Schools – Hon Paula Bennett**

Neil Wilson, Chairperson of the GB Community Workers Trust, expressed concern about the inference that money from the Community Workers budget could be used.

Board members McLellan suggested a reply be sent to the Minister answering her questions with help from the Community Workers.

Mr Wilson pointed out that Minister Paula Bennett and MP Chris Auchinvole are in Golden Bay on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby  
GB10/05/12**

**THAT the letter be received and the information noted and responded to in due course in consultation with the GB Community Workers.  
CARRIED**

The Chairperson suggested the key question to be asked is ‘how does Golden Bay meet the criteria to receive funding?’

**5.9 Regional Road Funding – MP Chris Auchinvole**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes  
GB10/05/13**

**THAT the letter be received and the question about roading subsidies be replied to.  
CARRIED**

The Chairperson said the information came from Kevin Hague from the Green Party, and the Board also needs to talk to the Engineering Manager.

**6. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD’S INFORMATION PACK**

**6.1 Mobility Scooters/Prams/Wheelchair Crossings, Commercial Street, Takaka**



It was agreed that Board members Gamby and Brookes look at the crossings at Edinburgh Street, Rose Road, Hiawatha Lane, Lake Crescent and report back to Engineering Services on their findings.

Board member McLellan asked Alan Vaughan if he would consider doing a mobility guide (for scooters and wheelchairs) for Takaka; Mr Vaughan said he would be delighted to do it. With regard to funding for the printing of the guide, it was suggested that application could be made to 'Access for All' and Council's Krista Hobday, with this to be discussed once there is a draft of the guide.

The Chairperson said the priority crossings need to be sent to Engineering as soon as possible; he asked if Mr Vaughan would work with Board members Gamby and Brookes in accessing the crossings.

## **6.2 Krista Hobday – Bicycle Bells**

It was agreed that Board member Gamby follow up on the bells on bikes for students who ride to Central Takaka, Takaka and Motupipi Primary schools.

## **6.3 Arbor Day Planting in Schools**

The Chairperson said the plantings are to happen between 14<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June; if any Board members are interested in taking part they need to contact Kathy Tohill-Curnow.

## **7. OTHER**

### **7.1 Interpretation Panel for Library Sculpture**

Board member Gamby said an interpretation panel had been discussed at the recent Arts Council meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> May. He said Liza Eastman will take the matter up, however the Board may be asked for funding to have the panel made. Mr Kennedy suggested it be funded through the Reserve Fund Contributions.

### **7.2 GB Community Board Budget**

The Chairperson requested Mr Kennedy to find out what the 1 hour of professional staff time that was charged to the Board in March 2010 was for. It has been previously agreed that details explaining all staff time charged are to be provided on each budget statement.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.17pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

