

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 8th June 2010
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: Collingwood Fire Brigade Rooms

PRESENT: J Bell (Chairperson), C McLellan (Deputy Chair), Board members K Brookes and L Gamby (from 9.06am)

IN ATTENDANCE: Crs N Riley and S Borlase, L Kennedy (Community Services Manager), N Heyes Minute Secretary and members of the Press and Public

1. APOLOGIES, WELCOME

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB10/06/01**

**THAT the apology for lateness received from Board member Gamby, and for non-attendance from Mayor Kempthorne, be sustained.
CARRIED**

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

**THAT Crs Riley and Borlase be granted speaking rights.
CARRIED**

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Alan Vaughan – in response to a request from the Board at the May meeting, said he had completed the report on wheelchair and mobility scooter access in Takaka.

He tabled his report and then gave a brief summary.

Board member Gamby arrived at this point.

Mr Vaughan said that getting from one pavement to another on the corners of intersecting streets is difficult for wheelchairs as the access points are very steep; it is much easier on a mobility scooter, as they are more powerful. He said shops with ramps are easy to access for both vehicles – except for the chemist shop; you learn which ones are easy and which are not. He said it is very steep getting from the footpath onto Commercial Street.

In response to a question from the Board as to whether Mr Vaughan could give a priority list for which points need to be improved, Board member Gamby said he and

Board member Brookes had sorted out some crossing points but wanted to discuss them with Mr Vaughan before writing to Council's Transportation Project Engineer, Steve Elkington.

It was agreed that Mr Kennedy report back to the Board following the information being discussed by the Engineering Services Committee.

Peter Foster – commented on the Chairperson's report with regard to Swiftsure Street drainage. He said the report said property owners require the stormwater reticulation to be confined to legal road as far as possible however property owners say it is not acceptable to have it on private property. Mr Foster considered that put a different connotation on it.

Keith Ballard – spoke regarding the stormwater issue on Swiftsure Street; he asked councillors to note that it will soon be two years since Council started diverting stormwater onto private land. Mr Ballard said there has been no indication of when Council is going to correct this; it is not appropriate to use private property to solve a stormwater problem.

The Chairperson said he attended a very positive meeting on the 28th May with Engineer David Stephenson, Cr Borlase, and the Mayor.

Cr Borlase explained what work was proposed to be done to solve the stormwater problem, including removal of two culverts, ditch deepening to Washington Street and drainage into the Gibbs Road stream and stormwater drain that runs down by the Courthouse Café.

Penny Griffith – said it should be noted a meeting is scheduled for this Friday at 12 noon between landowners and David Stephenson, which is the next stage of the meeting held a month ago.

The Chairperson asked whether the Board attending that meeting would be helpful.

Joanne Vaughan – spoke in support of freedom camping; she said she has freedom camped for a long time. Mrs Vaughan said she has not noticed the problems that people talk about and she is unsure as to how much of a problem freedom camping really creates. Mrs Vaughan said she was upset that the rock climbing camp 'Hang Dog' had to be closed.

The Chairperson said that once again it is the negative activities of a few who spoil it for everyone; with regard to the Hang Dog camp he said camping regulations state that camps closer to a town have to have a higher standard.

Cr Borlase explained that 'Hang Dog' Camp closed voluntarily (and temporarily) to upgrade its facilities; he clarified Tasman District Council's Overnight Staying Policy. Cr Borlase said vehicles that are not self-contained must go to a campground and firms who hire out non-self contained vans are going to be asked to provide toilets on their vehicles. He reported that work is currently being carried out on a South Island strategy but it needs to be done with sensitivity and be a 'win' outcome for everyone.

Clem Randall – said his memories of freedom camping go back to the mid 1920s; he said the solution to the problem is a shovel and that should be brought up with people who hire out the vehicles without toilet facilities.

Cr Borlase said it is a problem that needs to be handled by educating people as some people are not always using toilets even when they are provided.

Board member Brookes suggested that perhaps some areas could be set aside for freedom camping to enable people to come to Golden Bay at a minimal cost.

BJ White – pointed out that the population has increased and the volume of people freedom camping has increased markedly over the years.

With regard to Swiftsure Street stormwater, Mr White said he was disappointed in the untimely and lack of response to his queries regarding the work carried out two years previously; he said someone should be taking the responsibility for approving the work. Mr White also asked about the legitimacy of the road; he said a new owner now owns the land and access over it. He asked whether everyone is going to have equal rights to the access.

The Chairperson said both matters are on the agenda and will be discussed; he considered a solution to the stormwater problem is very close now.

Nicky Morris - asked if she used the road whether she would be breaking the law. She said she has used it in the past.

The Chairperson explained that legally people formally using it need a right-of-way over it, however the road has been formed on its present road line and people are accustomed to using it so it is his understanding that they have existing use rights. Mr Bell considered it to be unusual to have a right-of-way to be able to access one legal road from another legal road and the situation had arisen because of the topography of the land.

In response to Mr White asking about the history of the work that had been carried out; the Chairperson said he understood that a summary of the history (from the meeting on 28th) will be made available.

Cr Borlase suggested a letter of apology from Council to the landowners would be sent out.

Peter Foster – considered that workshop meetings were not necessarily a good way of doing business as they have no status and no minutes are taken, and therefore there is no reason for such a letter to be sent.

The Chairperson pointed out that the Community Board has been informed of progress from that meeting; he agreed the Board could request that in future formal meetings be held, however he considered the workshop meeting of the 28th May was the most productive meeting to date.

The Chairperson welcomed Damien O'Connor MP to the meeting.

Mr O'Conner acknowledged the Chairperson's emails that keep him up to date. He suggested that perhaps the Board could seek signage for travellers/freedom campers

pointing out the distance to the next public toilet. He considered that perhaps the freedom camping issue may help solve walking access problems.

Various suggestions regarding signage were discussed; it was thought that perhaps international signage may have more effect than 'wordy' signs.

Pam King – congratulated everyone on the recent reclamation and boat ramp access and parking area at the end of William Street. Following her own stormwater experiences she offered encouragement to Gibbs Road residents that their stormwater problems would be fixed.

Board member McLellan considered that it is beneficial to Collingwood people to be in a UDA.

Karen Brookes – asked Mr Kennedy about the walkway from Ruataniwha Street down to the Joan Whiting Corner which had been raised in the past; Mr Kennedy said he would follow the matter up.

Damien O'Connor – spoke about the value of public forums; a 'grass roots' process that showed open democracy.

In response to a comment from the Board, Mr O'Connor said the Board should keep up the fight for delegated authority.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Golden Bay Community Board held on 11th May 2010

**Moved board members McLellan/Gamby
GB10/06/03**

**THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on Tuesday 11th May 2010 (containing resolutions GB10/05/10 – GB10/05/13) be confirmed as a true and correct record
CARRIED**

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chairperson's Report

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB10/06/04**

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

The Chairperson spoke to his report. He reported that the 'Share the Road' signs were taken to the NZTA/TDC liaison meeting.

It was reported that there are 35 areas of QEII covenanted land in Golden Bay.

The Board briefly discussed the public meeting with the Minister of Social Welfare; the Board had received no satisfactory answer to its question seeking funding for youth programmes in schools. It was agreed that the Board continues with its efforts.

The Chairperson said the Board had written to Whanau Ora, but the letter had been referred back to Paula Bennett's office.

With regard to the meeting with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, CEO, Susan Edwards, staff and Board and Community Association representatives, the Chairperson reported that the Mayor had said in response to a request that the whole board be able to attend that it is for community board chairs only.

Concern was expressed about a 'matrix' for prioritizing transportation projects, with projects failing the criteria to be target rated to enable them to happen sooner.

Mr Kennedy said he would follow up with the Transportation Manager the Board's request to have a draft matrix presented once it is developed. The Board did not want smaller communities excluded from projects.

Cr Borlase confirmed it would go out for consultation.

Mr Kennedy said he would follow it up with Gary Clark, Transportation Manager and suggest he comes to talk to the Board when he is over in the Bay.

4.1.1 Takaka Aerodrome

The Chairperson said the matter of target rating work at the airport has been mentioned twice in recent times; he said it is a departure of "think district".

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan GB10/06/05

**THAT the GB Community Board supports improvements to the Takaka aerodrome, but does not support a proposal that our community be target rated to fund improvements to the Aerodrome and that this project needs to be considered as a project that has benefits for the whole of the Tasman District.
CARRIED**

Cr Borlase explained that the Transportation Manager sees the project as being partly target rated and partly funded from the general rate. He considered the airport to be a huge benefit to the people of Golden Bay and the target rate would amount to about \$7 per rateable Golden Bay property over 10 years.

Cr Riley did not agree; he said the airport is part of Tasman District and is for the benefit of commercial planes. Cr Riley said he would not support a targeted rate and has seen enough money for other projects go out of Golden Bay.

Board members agreed that the works should not be target rated; it was considered that the Hill road closing due to slips was being used as an excuse to target rate Golden Bay.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.35am – 10.53am.

Presentation by Takaka Drama Society Inc – Funding for New Roof on Playhouse

Gillian Cunningham introduced other members of the Society: Terry Langford, Tony Cunningham and Paul Sangster. She explained that the Drama Society is seeking funding to renew part of the roof that leaks in heavy rain due to the 'valley' in the existing roof. She said that the building also needs insulating as it is very cold in the winter. Drawings of the proposed new roofing project were tabled. She said while the theatre is used considerably by local productions, upgrading it will attract other groups from outside of the Bay. She asked where they could access funding.

In response to a question from the Board, Mrs Cunningham said a ballpark figure of \$32,000 - \$35,000 was estimated for the new roofing work. She said the Drama Society has very little in the way of funds to contribute to the work.

Mrs Cunningham explained that this part of the roof is stage one of three stages of proposed work; stage two is a roof extension, (which will see the whole building under one roofline), and stage three is upgrading the wardrobe area.

The Drama Society said preserving the existing building is necessary as they are not going ahead with a new facility; there is not the population to support it.

The Chairperson said the GB Work Centre Trust has taken up running the next stage of the feasibility study into a multi-purpose facility; it is identifying the gaps in existing facilities and how to fill them.

Mr Bell said Golden Bay Reserve Fund Contributions could be used for part of the funding; he said the Annual Plan is being signed off tomorrow so a figure needs to be provided before that.

Mr Kennedy suggested other funding avenues to top the amount up; Lotteries, Canterbury Community Trust, Gaming Machines etc.

Board member McLellan considered it would be better to do the whole project at once; Mr Kennedy agreed that the GB Reserve Fund account would accommodate a \$40,000 allocation to the Drama Society.

Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes GB10/06/06

THAT the GB Community Board supports the upgrade of the Drama Society theatre and recommends the setting aside of up to \$40,000 from the Golden Bay Reserve Contributions towards the cost, on the proviso the Takaka Drama Society makes every effort to fundraise for the improvements.

CARRIED

Community Recreation Advisor, Mike Tasman-Jones, joined the meeting to inform the Board of changes to some aspects of funding and awards. He said that from July

2010 there will be four Creative Communities funding rounds per annum; the same amount of money will be available.

Mr Tasman-Jones clarified the criteria for Outstanding Community Service Awards to celebrate outstanding individuals who have worked for their community for over 20 years. The closing date for nominations is the last working day in June.

Community Grants from Rates close on August 31st.

Mr Tasman-Jones said there is funding of \$10,000 available in the new financial year for public art work in Golden Bay.

4.1 Chairperson's Report Cont.

4.1.2 NZ Transport Agency/TDC SH60 Liaison Meetings

Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes GB10/06/07

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board requests that when Golden Bay Ward Councillors are not available a Board member be able to attend NZ Transport Agency/Tasman District Council meetings so that Golden Bay State Highway issues are represented.

CARRIED

Councillors Riley and Borlase supported the Board's recommendation.

Cr Riley reported that the orange road sign adjacent to the airport distracts pilots and needs to be shifted; also the airport sign itself is right next to the entrance; he considered that signs are needed 150m either side of the access to the airport.

4.1.3 Review of Tasman District Council Gambling Venues Policy

Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby GB10/06/08

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes a submission to the Tasman District Council Review of Gaming Machines, requesting that no more machines than presently exist be permitted and, as licenses for particular premises lapse, they are cancelled.

And further,

THAT license holders be required to ensure that a responsible gambling policy similar to the responsible drinking one is followed on their premises.

CARRIED

The Board discussed the 'sinking lid' policy; it was acknowledged that gambling is a big problem.

In response to a question as to how long the licences are for, Cr Riley said they are ongoing, but licence holders must comply with the restrictions or they can lose their licence.

Cr Borlase pointed out that the review will not have much impact in the short term.

The Chairperson said he will put together a draft submission and circulate it to members.

4.1.4 Swiftsure Street Drainage

The Chairperson spoke to his report. He said that Engineering Services realise that the only practical solution is to use the Washington Street route. He said the Board was asked to discuss the matter and consider supporting the idea. He read his suggested recommendation.

Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby GB10/06/09

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board supports resolution of the Swiftsure Street Stormwater issue by:

- a) Routing of stormwater reticulation on the western (downhill side) of Swiftsure Street to Washington Street so that it is no longer directed on to private properties as at present.**
- b) Improving stormwater collection at the Gibbs Road end of Swiftsure Street via an additional pipe to the stream alongside the walkway.**

CARRIED

The Chairperson said that until levels are taken it won't be known whether the route will work.

4.1.5 Swiftsure Street Roding

The Chairperson spoke to his report. He said Ed Solly has sold the land to Bruce Hamlin, who was given permission to form up the road to access his property; the Resource Consent to do the work is in his name.

There was some discussion as to whether Council has an easement to go up to the water supply, and whether or not it is shown on the land title. Negotiations would have to take place with the landowner regarding access. It was felt that Council had allowed subdivision and so has a responsibility to ensure access.

The meeting discussed the suggested recommendations. It was agreed that the access needs to be public access.

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan GB10/06/10

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board requests that efforts are made by Tasman District Council to:

- a) Form lower Swiftsure Street on its proper road line. Or
 - b) Negotiate to purchase the small area of private land which Swiftsure Street has been formed on adjacent to the Gibbs Road intersection.
 - c) Pursue other available options if options (a) or (b) do not eventuate.
- CARRIED**

Mr Kennedy clarified that the information BJ White requested will be made available.

4.1.6 Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB10/06/11**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes a submission to the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill and requests to be heard.
CARRIED**

It was agreed that the submission be done on 11th June 2010.

4.1.7 Community Board Delegations

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB10/06/12**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board requests that the Mayor provides the long awaited report on delegations arising from the 2009 visit to Southland to the Tasman District Community Boards without further delay.

And further

**That the Board seeks an assurance that this report will be provided at no cost to the Community Board's budget.
CARRIED**

4.2 Reserve Manager's Report

There was some discussion on the Reserve Manager's update on capital projects and items of interest.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 The Playhouse, Building Improvements – Takaka Drama Society :
Gillian Cunningham

This item of correspondence was dealt with earlier.

5.2 Keep Left Arrows – Transportation Network Engineer

The Chairperson did not consider all the arrows marked on the map were needed.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB10/06/13**

THAT the GB Community Board nominates the following sites for arrows, and they be forwarded to Tasman District Council's Engineering Services.

- The top of the Takaka Hill where the Harwood walkway is;
- Harwood's lookout;
- Langford's Store;
- Before Carters Road (Naked Possum);
- Opposite the old Rockville Store where traffic from the Devils Boots re-joins the Collingwood-Bainham Road. (Both directions);
- Gorge Creek;
- Pakawau (Old School Café)
- Before White Bridge;
- Port Puponga
- Boyle Street/Clifton
- Western end of the Pohara camping-ground opposite Totally Roasted.

CARRIED

Board member McLellan also requested consideration of additional 'Left Links' signs.

5.3 Allocation of Funding in Draft Budget – GB Arts Council

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB10/06/14**

THAT the letter be received and the Golden Bay Arts Council advised that the funding is for public outdoor art work.

CARRIED

5.4 Aged Care Funding – Minister of Health

**Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby
GB10/06/15**

**THAT the letter be received and a submission be made to the current review.
CARRIED**

It was agreed that Board member McLellan and Cr Borlase liaise and draft up a response to Martin Taylor and/or Chris Fleming of the NZ Aged Care Association.

5.5 Funding for Youth Programmes in Golden Bay Schools – Minister for Whanau Ora

This item of correspondence was received earlier.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.35pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: