

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 8 November 2011
TIME: 9.02 am
VENUE: Kahurangi Function Centre
PRESENT: C McLellan (Chair), L Gamby (Deputy Chair), Board members K Brookes and M Symmons and Crs M Bouillir and P Sangster

IN ATTENDANCE: L Kennedy (Community Services Manager), N Heyes (Minute Secretary), G Thorn (Reserves Officer), A Humphries (Regulatory Services Manager), members of the Press and Public

APOLOGIES

Nil

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and commenced with Public Forum as the presentation by Vodafone and Telecom was to be late starting.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Bill Wilson – raised concerns about the yellow sodium street lighting in Pohara. He said they shine outwards as well as downwards and are diminishing the effect of the night sky.

The Chair responded that Tasman District Council has adopted new Engineering standards for street lighting that will help preserve the night sky.

The meeting adjourned briefly to enable the power point presentation to be set up.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Rural Broadband Initiative – Caitlin Metz of Vodafone and Neville Warsaw of Chorus / Telecom

Ms Metz opened the power point presentation and introduced the Rural Broadband Initiative that would see fast broadband (a minimum of 5Mbps) provided to rural schools and households throughout New Zealand. The points made included:

- The initiative is possible as Telecom and Vodafone have combined
- \$300,000,000.00 budget provided by the Government that must all be spent (Phase 1 \$285M; Phase 2 \$15M)

- Targets to be met – 745 schools (93% of NZ schools); 80% of rural households

Mr Warsaw spoke from Telecom's perspective - putting in the infrastructure:

- Delivering fibre to schools, hospitals and wireless sites
- Extending FTTN into rural NZ
- Backhauling services
- When going past houses to get to the cell towers if customers are willing to pay, fibre would be provided – would only happen between Takaka and Collingwood.

Ms Metz explained the need to find suitable sites for towers; these would also provide mobile coverage in the process.

She emphasised the expense involved in the initiative and pointed out that both Vodafone and Telecom are each putting \$100,000,000.00 into it; the cabinets cost approximately \$100,000.00 and often do not serve large numbers of households, so are relatively expensive. She said that rural schools will go from having no broadband service to being better than urban schools.

The roll-out time of the initiative is five years throughout NZ; the Golden Bay hospital and four schools (Central Takaka, Collingwood Area School, Motupipi and Takaka Primary) would be connected in year 2. Golden Bay High School would be part of Phase 2. Year 2 starts on 1 July 2012.

Other key points mentioned were:

- Houses will require an antenna and a WiFi router
- Essential to identify sites that will reach the maximum number of households
- 154 new towers to be built throughout New Zealand
- 387 towers to be upgraded

Both Vodafone and Telecom will be working closely with Council to ensure a smooth delivery of the initiative and to avoid delays and unnecessary costs and will be engaging with the community at appropriate times.

2% of households are not covered by the Rural Broadband Initiative, or Vodafone's existing network. People may make application to a fund Vodafone has set up to put in two additional cell towers a year.

Ms Metz and Mr Warsaw answered questions from the floor; it was established that the initiative will proceed regardless of who is elected as the new government in November.

A copy of the Rural Broadband Initiative power point presentation is available at the Takaka Service Centre.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.35 and 10.58am.

1. Public Forum Continued

The Chair clarified that the matter of street-lighting and its effects on the night sky will either be on the November agenda or the information forwarded to Mr Wilson.

BJ White – raised the matter of Swiftsure Street. He said he had received a letter from his lawyer, and also a response from Jeff Cuthbertson regarding the access and that there appeared to be confusion between the two.

The Chair explained that while the matter is still being negotiated, there is to be a land exchange. Mr White asked about ownership and how much was paid. The Board will seek clarity and get back to Mr White.

Penny Griffith – reported that the Dutch Ambassador will come to Golden Bay on 22 November to meet with Manawhenua ki Mohua in preparing for the 370th anniversary of Abel Tasman's exploration of New Zealand.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Golden Bay Community Board held on 11 October 2011

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Symmons
GB11/11/01**

**THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the Golden Bay Community Board held on 11 October 2011, (containing resolutions GB11/10/01 – GB11/10/15), be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

3.2 Minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board LTP Community meetings held between 28 September and 14 October 2011

**Moved Board member Brookes/Cr Bouillir
GB11/11/02**

**THAT the Minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board Long Term Plan Community meetings held between 28 September and 14 October 2011 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

1. Public Forum Continued

Paddy Brennan – raised the matter of motocross noise; she said while Tasman District Council has obtained a legal opinion it will not be known until the Environment and Planning meeting of 23 November. She asked for confirmation that the matter of the legal opinion would be discussed at that meeting; it was understood that Council's Rose Biss is providing a report on the legal opinion. Ms Brennan said that the motocross group is not sticking to the code; she asked if there is any penalty for not abiding by it. Mr Kennedy confirmed the matter was on the draft Environment and Planning agenda.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke to her report.

School Bus Signs

The Chair reported that the flashing '20' light seems to be the best way of making drivers aware of the speed they should travel past stationary school buses.

Cr Sangster left the meeting at this point - 11.11am.

Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes GB11/11/03

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Golden Bay Coachlines telling them of the Rural Women NZ campaign and asking them if they would consider trialling the flashing '20' on at least one bus in Takaka and one in Collingwood."

CARRIED

Cr Sangster returned to the meeting – 11.16am.

Golden Bay Signage

Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Gamby GB11/11/04

THAT the following signage requirements be forwarded to Engineering Services for action:

- **THAT the Golden Bay Community Board requests that Council consider placing speed advisory signs and chevrons on the sweeping bend north of Wallace Road, Bainham.**
- **"Dust" and "Slow Down" Signage – Cooks Road Bainham, and a "Slow Down and Look out for Cyclists and Walkers" in the Rameka area to alleviate the dangers.**
- **"Welcome, Slow Down" Community Signs – Milnthorpe, Clifton Historic Reserve and Golf Links, and Port of Golden Bay, Tarakohe.**
- **THAT the Golden Bay Community Board requests Council, in conjunction with NZTA, erects a directional sign at the Top of Town, Takaka, saying "Port of Golden Bay, Tarakohe"**
- **THAT the Golden Bay Community Board requests that Council completes the naming of the bridges and creeks in the Upper Aorere Valley.**

CARRIED

“Paines Ford” – Correct Spelling

It was agreed that Board member Symmons investigate the correct spelling with local historian Les Clarke.

2. Presentations Cont

2.2 Glenn Thorn (Reserves Officer) – Proposed Skatepark extension and the Takaka Playground replacement

Mr Thorn joined the meeting; he tabled a concept plan of the proposed replacement of the Takaka playground and spoke to it, pointing out the water feature with a bridge, the slide, stepping stones. In response to suggestions from the Board regarding using local craftspeople and locally sourced wood, Mr Thorn said that the design and construction must meet certifications and standards. The cost of the playground is approximately \$55,000. He said he would also present the concept to a class of students at the Golden Bay High School to see what they think. The playground is to cater for children between 2 and 15 years. Following discussion it was agreed that the completed concept plans be displayed and published for public feedback over the Christmas period.

The Board asked that the landscaping plan of the old library site be brought to the December meeting.

It was agreed that where possible, local craftspeople be used to make the seating and other items.

With regard to the skate park extension, Mr Thorn said it could only be extended towards the carpark and minimally toward Reilly Street; he advised against it being extended towards the playground as it may compromise that space for the future.

It was suggested that the extension cater for the younger ones who sometimes miss out on the existing skate park.

Late Agenda Items

The Chair asked for the following items to be considered as late agenda items:

1. Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan – Discussion Document
2. Disposal of the World Cup banners

Moved Board members Symmons/Gamby GB11/11/05

**THAT the Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan Discussion document and the disposal of the World Cup banners be considered as Late Agenda items.
CARRIED**

2.3 Adrian Humphries (Regulatory Services Manager)

Mr Humphries joined the meeting to speak with the Board regarding compliance matters. He outlined his role in Council.

2.3.1 Noise

Mr Humphries reported that Golden Bay now has full noise cover, however it does not cover all types of noise. Mr Pete Beverly has been working in this regard for the last 3 months. Mr Humphries said he is happy to share the statistics of noise complaints with the Board. He said motocross noise is not covered however the legal opinion obtained by Council will be discussed on 23 November by the Environment and Planning Committee and a decision made, which will have to be tolerable for all parties.

He said there will be a staff report that interprets what the legal opinion says; the report will include noise survey results carried out by Council staff.

There was some discussion about the Code of Practise being breached; Mr Humphries said there is currently no penalty however the decision on the 23 November will give Council authority to deal with noise complaints.

It was agreed to postpone the motocross meeting that was to be held on 14 November until after the Environment and Planning meeting.

2.3.2 Dogs in Takaka CBD

Mr Humphries reported that four vandalised signs have already been replaced, with two more still to be replaced. He considered the pavement markings were not particularly visible; they would be renewed and possibly made more colourful. He had received figures from Control Services on how many people had been approached. The bylaw review is scheduled for 2014 however it could be looked at earlier. He considered it to be a difficult bylaw to enforce.

Cr Sangster explained the history of Takaka having dogs banned from the CBD; he was concerned that dogs can defecate and urinate on the village green where people picnic.

It was reported that there are eight outdoor eating areas in the CBD and no room for dogs to be 10 metres away. A survey had been carried out at the last review and with the exception of two shops business owners did not want dogs in town.

Educating people was also discussed, but it was agreed that it is good to have the bylaw in place. The comment was also made that there are lots of 'complaints' that do not get made as people try to deal with the matter themselves.

The Board pointed out that the Takaka market does not allow dogs; market organisers are responsible for providing their own signage.

The Board reiterated that the number of complaints does not reflect the problem, and that no-one at the Annual Plan/LTP meetings wanted dogs in town.

The Chair explained that the Board had submitted to the bylaw to ban dogs in the Takaka CBD as that is what Golden Bay people wanted. She considered it is a vocal minority who are opposed to the bylaw and that the community does not want dogs in town. The Chair asked if Pete Beverly could administer the bylaw in Golden Bay.

The meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.43pm – 1.14pm.

2.3.3 Dogs on Beaches

Mr Humphries said if there is a constant problem with dogs on beaches Council needs to be told. In response to a comment that dogs chase the sea birds, he said there are stickers on the doggie do bins saying where and when dogs are allowed on beaches and signage in some areas; perhaps the Department of Conservation would be willing to put out temporary signs; or perhaps dogs should be kept on the leash at all times; it is an education issue.

Beach ambassadors were discussed; Mr Humphries said just ordinary people who are willing to share information would make good ambassadors, but if birds are being harassed then DOC should be involved.

2.3.4 Freedom Camping

Mr Humphries reported that Pete Beverly would be a ranger in Golden Bay, also two Control Services staff over the holiday season, will go around to known camping places. They will explain the rules to freedom campers and note their car registration and the second visit may result in an infringement.

The Chair asked that the Board be kept informed over this coming summer period.

In response to a question regarding the very busy Christmas week when all camping grounds are booked out, Mr Humphries hoped that staff would visit the site to see whether it is being used responsibly.

2.3.5 Vehicles on Beaches

Mr Humphries explained that the beach is a road and that if anything dangerous or irresponsible is happening the police should be called.

2.3.6 Alcohol Exclusion Zones

The Board reported it is happy with the exclusion zoned areas; members asked if the signage at Pohara could be more visible (it was on the back of a "Give Way" sign).

Mr Humphries said there are changes to be made in the law with infringement powers being considered.

The Chair suggested an article in the Newsline to tell people not to put sand over campfires on the beach.

The Board thanked Mr Humphries for attending.

4. Chair's Report Continued

Mobile Surgical Services Bus

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Sangster
GB11/11/06**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Dr Stuart Gowland of the Mobile Surgical Services bus thanking him and his staff for their work and dedication to this service and our appreciation for the work they do for rural communities especially here in Golden Bay. Furthermore, we are very pleased and relieved to hear that the contract has been extended and this wonderful and worthwhile service will continue to serve our Golden Bay community.
CARRIED**

Anatoki Track Road Meeting

The outcome of the meeting was discussed; it had been understood that the residents were to come back with a plan to present to Council to make sure it fits specification standards. Cr Bouillir said the road needs a culvert prior to being metalled.

It was agreed that Cr Bouillir write up what was discussed and agreed on and takes it back to Mayor Kempthorne and the Transportation Maintenance Engineer before giving it to the residents.

**Moved Board members Symmons/Brookes
GB11/11/07**

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

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 Report Release – Freshwater Fish Communities – Tasman District Council**
- 5.2 Access to the start of the Heaphy Track – Department of Conservation**
- 5.3 Storage and Work Space – Golden Bay Museum**
- 5.4 CDEM Group Plan – Nelson City Council**

The above items of correspondence 6.1 – 6.4 were all received earlier.

6. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

- 6.1 Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan – Discussion Document**

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Gamby
GB11/11/08**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board is generally in agreement with the Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan Discussion Document, and strongly supports the Wrinklies Express and the school bus service.
CARRIED**

6.2 Disposal of Rugby World Cup Banners

It was agreed that Gerard Hindmarsh photographs the banners for the GB Weekly and promotes an auction to sell the banners at the A & P Show in January 2012.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.23pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: