

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 13 December 2011
TIME: 9.03 am
VENUE: Takaka Service 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), members of the Press and Public

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting stood for a moment's silence in remembrance of Harry Holmwood, former Community Board Chair, who passed away on 19 November 2011.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved M Bouillir/M Symmons
GB11/12/01

THAT the apology from Mayor Kempthorne be sustained.
CARRIED

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Bill Wilson – reminded the Board of his request regarding preservation of the night sky at Pohara. He was assured he would have an answer.

Mr Wilson commented on the proposal for a new medical centre at Rototai; he considered it raised some questions regarding the cost of the Integrated Family Health Centre and asked whether the community can afford to borrow \$800,000.

Jo Pomeroy – enquired whether the Board has any information on Swiftsure Street regarding the stormwater and legal access issues. She asked whether the stormwater would be dealt with in conjunction with the access.

Mr Kennedy explained that Council is negotiating with the landowner regarding a land exchange to enable the access to be upgraded; he said resource consent has been applied for to upgrade the road as it is very steep and will need to be concreted. With regard to the stormwater, Mr Kennedy said he understood that it was to go down beside the walkway.

The Chair asked that everyone be kept informed as to what was to happen.

Ross McDonald – commented about the new barrier arm at Tarakohe; he considered it should be at the top of the ramp, not up by the Boat Club.

Mr McDonald also asked about the mobile coffee shop that had been moved on from Motueka and is now beside the Collingwood Camp. He considered such outlets should be on an equal footing with other businesses in Collingwood and that there were too many advertising signs for it.

Cr Bouillir responded regarding the barrier arm at Tarakohe; she understood it was because of the cost of putting power to it that it is located by the club house.

Board member Gamby reported that Paul Clements considered the arm would cause a greater use of the Tata Beach boat ramp which will in turn generate the need for more maintenance, and in inclement weather boats that had launched at Tata would come back in at Tarakohe.

Cr Sangster explained that the tender for the work has been let with work to be completed by 16th December. He said it was the Boat Club's decision to put the barrier arms in; there is talk of an inward and outward arm.

The Chair said the Board would let Jim Frater know there is a lot of dissension in the community about the arms being put in.

Penny Griffith – wished the Board a happy Christmas on the community's behalf. She also looked forward to the resolution of the Swiftsure Street access and the stormwater issues.

Ms Griffith commented on the 370th anniversary of the visit by Abel Tasman to Golden Bay in the Chair's Report; she said there will be quite a range of interesting events planned to commemorate the anniversary.

Chris Rowse – spoke on behalf of the Rocklands Road Weedbusters and tabled information on its clean up of pest vines. He reported that the group has applied for and received funding from the Biodiversity Condition Fund for two projects and was looking for funding for a third but were told they need to have more 'dollar input' from Tasman District Council for them to be considered by Biodiversity for more funding. Mr Rowse asked the Board to consider his group's request for funding from its Discretionary Account. He said there are 75 properties that need help with eradicating pest vines.

Pam Nelson and Helen Mead – spoke about a survey undertaken to change the Dog Bylaw that presently prohibits dogs in the CBD area of Takaka. 391 people signed the survey, with 88% saying they have no objection to dogs in town on a leash. They tabled a copy of the survey.

Bob Butts – tabled and spoke to information regarding Port Tarakohe; he considered the port to be a strategic asset that is not reaching its potential. He suggested the barrier arms being put in on the recreational side of the port should be on the commercial side. Mr Butts spoke about the opportunities for the port from various ventures, including aquaculture, and the necessity for a strategic plan. He said 5000ha has been approved for aquaculture and if Golden Bay gets up to 50% it will have a very large industry.

The Chair said the Board also considers a strategic plan is essential to the development of the port; she said Council was invited by the Board to look at the port and environs but so far there has been no response.

Alan Kilgour – spoke in support of Mr Butts; he said there are presently 80 full time equivalent jobs in the mussel industry. He agreed that a strategic plan is necessary.

Mr Kilgour reported that the barrier arm will be operational by Wednesday 21st December. He said disabled people will be given a card. Anyone launching a boat at Tata boat ramp and coming out at Tarakohe will have to pay to take the trailer down. With regard to extra maintenance of the Tata ramp, Mr Kilgour said the local people had said they would maintain and administer the ramp.

Mr Kilgour reported that there are no further berths available at the Port – it is completely full, and the 20 moorings are also full. He said he had just turned down 20 mussel barges coming in as there is no room for them at the Port.

Cr Bouillir reported that a strategic plan is on the books and that she and Cr Sangster would be involved in that.

Jo-Anne Vaughan - said she was very impressed with the IMG presentation on 12 December and considered that raising the \$800,000 is achievable by the community.

Board member Brookes – asked to have the 80kmph speed restriction sign put up for the summer.

Chair McLellan – said the Board had received a letter of thanks from Jenny & Graham Pomeroy regarding the reinstatement of the James Road Bridge.

The Chair introduced the new Nelson Mail reporter, Patrick Rose.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Chris Tonkin – Walking and Public Accessways

Mr Tonkin tabled information and spoke about the NZ Walking Access Commission; the aim is to ensure access to the walking public which is often a matter of negotiation with the landowner. The Commission has set up a mapping system in conjunction with educating the public and an administration fund for access proposals. His area covers Nelson, Tasman, Marlborough and the West Coast and he works on a part-time contract basis.

Mr Tonkin explained that a lot of the waterways in Golden Bay do not have riparian margins; there is no general right for people to cross private land to get to public margins. In the last 12 months he has established his role with councils, DOC, Fish and Game and Federated Farmers.

With regard to the Enhanced Access Fund, Mr Tonkin explained the fund (\$300,000 nationally) is for community groups who want to establish or enhance existing walk tracks. Groups can apply via the commission's website. www.walkingaccess.govt.nz

There has been one successful application in the Tasman area in the last 12 months. There were 40 applications last year – these are considered under strict criteria.

Mr Tonkin reported that there is a pressing need for walking access signage in Tasman; the Commission could help Council with funding for that.

People can access the mapping system at www.wams.org.nz ; he said the purple line denotes legal road – both formed and unformed – and both can be used for the same purpose.

The Commission's core business is to negotiate new access where river margins change. He can approach the landowner to formalise a new suitable route.

Mr Tonkin reported he is going to Rainbow Valley; the Chair explained the residents have made a generous offer regarding public access.

Mr Tonkin answered questions from the Board and the Chair thanked him for his attendance and presentation. She suggested he could meet people at the Takaka Service Centre regarding queries about access.

The tabled documentation is available at the Takaka service centre.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea and photographs of the Board between 10.30am and 11am.

3.2 Dean Atkinson – “Welcome to Golden Bay” Signage

Mr Atkinson presented his designs for new “Welcome to Golden Bay” signage. He said the signage had developed from a desire to attract more people to Golden Bay. One concept was of a large sign with a ‘kiwi’ overlooking the words “Welcome to Golden Bay” and another was of the ‘kiwi’ and words all in one sign.

In answer to a question from the Board, Mr Atkinson said he has talked with Manawhenua about the signage and has received their blessing.

It was clarified that the signage would be to replace the existing “Welcome to Golden Bay” sign on the top of the Takaka Hill.

Councillor Bouillir left the meeting at this point.

The Chair explained that the Board will not meeting again until February 2012, when the matter of the signage will be discussed; the Board would contact Mr Atkinson after that meeting.

3.3 Glenn Thorn (Reserves Officer) – Landscaping Plan for old Library Site, Takaka

Mr Thorn tabled three concept plans for enhancing the open space where the old library was situated. He explained plan 1, which included water features, a display area for art, a private seating area, etc.

Councillor Bouillir returned to the meeting at this point.

Mr Thorn explained plans 2 and 3 and answered questions from the Board.

It was agreed that all the concept plans be laminated and put on the site for public input, with comments to be taken to the Takaka Library and the Takaka Service Centre.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Golden Bay Community Board held on 8 November 2011

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Brookes
GB11/12/02**

**THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the Golden Bay Community Board held on 8 November 2011 (containing resolutions GB11/11/01 – GB11/11/08) be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

5. REPORTS

5.1 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke to her report.

5.1.1 Election 2011

The Chair asked Mr Kennedy for a copy of the report regarding the STV voting system; it was reported that there is a petition circulating in Golden Bay now regarding STV voting.

The Board was looking forward to the figures being released for voting turnout in Golden Bay.

**Moved Board member Brookes/Cr Bouillir
GB11/12/03**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Damien O'Connor, Chris Auchinvole, and Kevin Hague congratulating each one on their success in the election.
CARRIED**

5.1.2 Visit by the Dutch Ambassador

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Sangster
GB11/12/04**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Penny Griffith and thanks her for the work she has done organising the Golden Bay visit of the Dutch

Ambassador to New Zealand also for her efforts to gain recognition for the 370th anniversary of Abel Tasman's visit to Golden Bay.
CARRIED

Cr Sangster reported that Council formed an alliance with the town of Grootegaste in Holland 10 or 12 years ago. He would like to enhance that relationship and is happy to work with Penny Griffith on this.

5.1.3 Golden Bay High and Collingwood Area schools Prize-giving

The Chair thanked Board members for their attendance at these events.

5.1.4 World Cup Banners

Cr Sangster suggested a 'silent auction' in the tent at the A & P show. Banners could be hung in the tent and/or photos taken for people to bid on.

It was agreed that Cr Bouillir talk to Chris Choat regarding advertising the auction of the banners.

5.1.5 Flood Inundation Study Open Day

The Chair reported that this was early consultation and that nothing will be imposed on the community.

Cr Bouillir reported that Te Kakau stream is very 'choked up' and that it is apparently the worst stream in New Zealand for lack of oxygen, due to weed infestation.

It was AGREED that a letter be sent to Council's Trevor James (Resource Scientist – Environment) asking about maintenance and plantings along Te Kakau Stream

5.1.6 Trustee Appointment – Te Haurua O Mohua Trust – Golden Bay Community Health

Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB11/12/05

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes an appointment (Board Chair McLellan) to Te Haurua O Mohua Trust on behalf of the Board and Tasman District Council for the next year 2011-2012".
CARRIED

(Councillor Bouillir left the meeting at this point).

The Chair said she would like Council's endorsement on her appointment.

5.1.7 Consultation on the Proposal to change Pupu Springs Road and Pupu Valley Road to Te Waikoropupu Springs Road and Te Waikoropupu Valley Road

**Moved Board members Gamby/Symmons
GB11/12/06**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes contact by phone or email with each of the residents of Pupu Valley and Pupu Springs roads regarding the proposal to change the names to Te Waikoropupu Valley Road and Te Waikoropupu Springs Road, to be consistent with the Te Waikoropupu Springs.

CARRIED

The Chair reported that the Board has done the consultation however the Board has received submissions from other people and all these must be taken into account.

It was reported that while the Pupu Valley roads' residents are nearly all against a change of name, with the other submissions taken into account, the name change proposal is about 50% in favour and 50% against.

Cr Bouillir rejoined the meeting at this point.

Following discussion regarding the consultation and whether the Board should make a recommendation to Council regarding the results, it was pointed out that the Department of Conservation had asked for the change of name to be consistent with the Te Waikoropupu Springs name, and it was AGREED that the matter lay on the table and further information be sought regarding the Pupu Valley Road.

5.1.8 A & P Show

It was agreed that Cr Bouillir, and Board members Gamby, Symmons and McLellan would 'man' the Tasman District Council tent at the A & P Show.

5.1.9 Thanks

The Chair thanked board members, staff and community for their support of the Golden Bay Community Board. She said she liked to have the Community Services Manager attend the meetings to support the Board and keep it informed.

The Chair left the meeting at this point from 12.25 – 12.28pm.

5.1.10 Signs

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Sangster
GB11/12/07**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Heritage Golden Bay to seek assistance with listing and naming cuttings and other places of historical significance.

CARRIED

5.1.11 New Officer in Charge – Takaka Police

Moved Board members Symmons/Brookes

GB11/12/08

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes and welcomes Sergeant Kane Haerewa to Golden Bay and invites him to the Board's February meeting.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Steve Hainstock (Harbourmaster) – Information Update for the Community Board

The Board responded respectively to the points raised in the Harbourmaster's email of 7 November 2011, regarding signage, wharves and moorings in Golden Bay.

1. The Board seeks clarification on which tributary of the Takaka River signage is being sought.
2. The Board agreed with new signage at the Tarakohe and Tata Beach boat ramps being deferred until after the next navigation safety bylaw review, next year.
3. The Board agrees that the matter of beach ambassadors be left for a year.
4. The Board considered it was not appropriate for it to comment on having an area set aside either solely for swimmers or in which powerboats are prohibited at Tata Beach.
5. The Board requests to see the project plan for the replacement of the lead beacons at Waitapu and Collingwood and asks Mr Hainstock to consult with the Board at its March meeting.
6. The Board agrees to the Department of Conservation being asked to rectify or isolate the dangerous areas on the Waitapu wharf. The Board respectfully reminds Council staff that it still has not received the small wharves report.
7. Regarding the proliferation of moorings at Milnthorpe, the Board asks to be kept informed regarding this matter.
8. The Board advises it does not want to comment on the new signage at Puponga at this time; it will wait for the review.

6.2 Pupu Hydro Society Inc – Proposed Road Name change – Te Waikoropupu

Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Gamby

GB11/12/09

THAT the letter be received, and the writer informed that the letter will form part of the feedback from the Board's consultation with residents and the

community of Golden Bay. A copy of the letter to be forwarded to Council's Transportation Manager, Gary Clark.
CARRIED

6.3 'No Camping' signage – Hagen and Jane Jurke

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Gamby
GB11/12/10**

THAT the letter be received and Mr & Mrs Jurke advised that their correspondence has been forwarded to Adrian Humphries, Regulatory Services Manager, with the Board's recommendation that the international signage be used.

CARRIED

6.4 Golden Bay Signage : Transportation Network Engineer (Selwyn Steedman)

The Board responded to Mr Steedman's memorandum regarding Golden Bay Signage:

1. Chevrons on sweeping bend north of Wallace Road – Bainham

The Board is grateful for this signage.

2. Cooks Road 'Dust and Slow Down' signs

The Board thanks Engineering Services for the FXG that, as the gravel maintenance budget allows, will be put in front of the houses that are close to the road.

Rameka Road "Cyclist and Walker" signs

The Board thanks Engineering Services for these signs.

3. "Welcome to" Signs

The Board will inform the people that the Milnthorpe sign is on order and that hard engineering and an extension to the area the summer speed zone covers would be more beneficial to the Clifton/Golf Club and Port areas.

4. Port Sign

The Board reiterates its request for a 'Sea Port' sign to inform visitors of Port of Golden Bay's location.

5. Naming of Bridges in the Aorere Valley

The Board thanks Engineering for starting this project.

6.5 Donation for Recreation Summertime Events 2011-2012 – Golden Bay Community Workers

This item of correspondence thanking the Board for its support was received earlier.

6.6 End of Year Closing Ceremonies and School Magazine

The letter from the Golden Bay High School thanking the Board for its donation was received earlier.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.45 pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair: