

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Golden Bay Community Board  
**DATE:** 12 June 2012  
**TIME:** 9.05 am  
**VENUE:** Takaka Service Centre Meeting Room  
**PRESENT:** C McLellan (Chair), L Gamby (Deputy Chair), Board member M Symmons (until 12.51pm) and Crs M Bouillir (until 12.51pm) and P Sangster

**IN ATTENDANCE:** J Frater (Manager Property Services), N Heyes (Minute Secretary), and L McKenzie (Chief Executive Officer) and A Humphries (Regulatory Services Manager) until 12.45pm.

The Chair introduced Council's new Chief Executive Officer, Lindsay McKenzie and his partner Liz, and Adrian Humphries and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 1. APOLOGIES

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Bouillir  
GB12-06-01**

**THAT the apology received from Board member Brookes be sustained.  
CARRIED**

## 2. PUBLIC FORUM

Council's Claire Webster (Environmental Educator) introduced Rachel Houston, Room 2 teacher at Takaka Primary School, and students Chris, Sulma and Jennifer. The children took turns in speaking putting their request to 'adopt' the Rototai Reserve. They explained what they would like to see happen at the reserve; clean and tidy it; planted with native trees; rubbish bins painted in bright colours, signage asking people not to litter; a public toilet installed; picnic tables; bird houses; and a tree hut would be nice. The children considered they would learn a lot and it would be a beautiful place to visit.

The Chair explained to the children that there is already agreement to have a toilet on the reserve.

Cr Sangster said there used to be a Maori village at that site; he asked that the school talks to the Marae people about what they would like to see happen at the reserve.

Barry Cashman – spoke as Chairman of Heritage Golden Bay Inc and introduced Sara Chapman (Treasurer) who was in the public gallery. Mr Cashman explained that interpretive plaques have been installed around the historic railway area. He

said Beryl Rogers had donated a plaque for the terminus site adjacent to Loop Road, East Takaka (which includes a photograph of a train at the terminus). Other plaques have been installed including one at Waitapu, which had been produced by Mr Cliff Turley. Mr Cashman said Heritage Golden Bay is now working on the next 6 plaques to be sited around Takaka.

Another Heritage Golden Bay project is a book launch about the old post offices of Golden Bay – there were 39 of them. Research was done by Ann Wagenvoort, and the work on the booklet by Sally Gaffney with help from one or two others. The book will be launched on 28 June 2012 at 12.30pm at the Takaka Fire Station. Mr Cashman gave the Board an invitation to the book launch.

The Chair commented that the plaques are a welcome addition to the main street of Takaka; she extended the Board's thanks to Beryl Rogers, and to all the committee members.

Rosemary Jorgensen – spoke about vehicles on Pohara Beach. She said 'young ones' are tearing up and down the beach on four wheelers; it is dangerous. They have been told by the Police to only use the beach at low tide, but that is not happening. The four wheelers are also being used on the bike track where very young children are learning to ride their bikes; it is not compatible. Ms Jorgensen explained that the area of low water is the breeding place for schnapper and where they dig for shellfish; she said the constant riding of vehicles will ruin that.

Mr Humphries explained that the beach is legal road. He suggested that people be educated - the best way to solve the problem; a bylaw would be difficult to police.

Ms Jorgensen suggested signage, however Mr Humphries considered that signage is only obeyed by sensible people. While not wanting to stop people launching their boats, he suggested defined areas for that purpose, and having special areas where vehicles are not wanted.

It was pointed out that Motupipi Spit is a bird breeding area.

Jan Bunting, Brian Moffatt and Others – residents and landowners of Labyrinth Lane, brought their concerns about flooding in their area to the Board. During the December 2011 floods they were unable to exit their properties for 2 days. They tabled photographs of the flood, showing a problem culvert on Scott's property that appears to be blocked, and Labyrinth Lane and Scott Road under water. Residents have repeatedly asked for the drain to be cleaned out, however nothing has happened. Residents pointed out that in 1998 under "Stormwater - General District Maintenance" they were rated for cleaning out the Motupipi drain; from 2005 it is now called "General District Draining - Location" and the drain is still not being cleaned out. They reported that in the last rain of 70mls Labyrinth Lane was again flooded and Ms Bunting was unable to exit her property to go to work.

A copy of an email to Council's David Stephenson from Kevin Durkan was tabled regarding the inadequate drainage that nearly saw his straw bale house flooded.

The residents said they are getting conflicting reports regarding Tasman District Council fixing the problem. They reported that Tony Reilly had cleaned out part of

the drain three years ago, but there is no ongoing maintenance. Residents said that the drain was originally cleaned out right to the sea, but nothing has been done since.

Cr Sangster said he had met with the residents; he considered it would take 4 – 5 hours to clear the drain between Scott's culvert and Labyrinth Lane. Council staff had said they would look at it just after the December floods. Cr Sangster said there is no drainage at all. He reported that Council pumps water out of the transfer station every time it rains – it should be going down the drain.

John Salmon – said he had received a letter from the Environment & Planning Manager, and the two legal opinions requested at the May meeting, which did not answer his questions. He read his letter to Tasman District Council management asking again for answers to his questions:

- Supporting legal documents saying how the decision to classify motocross bikes as agricultural equipment had been reached;
- Why did Tasman District Council management choose to misrepresent the legal status of motocross activity; and
- Who decided motocross bikes were agricultural equipment.

He tabled a copy of the letter from the Environment & Planning Manager and his own response to that letter.

The Chair said the Golden Bay Community Board had asked for and received copies of the legal opinion; they are available to the public.

Mr Salmon asked for a meeting with the Chief Executive Officer.

Jo-Anne Vaughan – spoke in support of Rosemary Jorgensen regarding vehicles on beaches. She said other councils have passed bylaws; Golden Bay must stop using precious wildlife areas as roads.

Felicity Fitz-William, Iona Jelf and Others – Ms Fitz-William said she had attended an earlier meeting regarding chemical usage and asked what progress had been made.

The Chair explained the Board has invited Selwyn Steedman (Transportation Network Engineer) to attend a Board meeting regarding sprays and also asked for costings to compare Roundup with organic sprays. She said she had received an email from Nicola Basham who is very concerned about the use of Glyphosate.

Chris Downes – said when she worked for Sicon they used organic sprays around town. She said she used sprays sparingly and did a lot of hand weeding which kept the cost down.

The Chair said the Board is happy to have a presentation as part of the Board meeting where questions can be answered by staff.

Ms Fitz-William said Giles Griffith (Transportation Assets Engineer) is applying for resource consent in July to spray river margins; she asked what sort of resource consent it is and whether it will be a notified consent. She said she had asked what chemicals he is going to use but has not had a response.

Sheryl Nalder – Golden Bay Community Worker, spoke about a Golden Bay Community Award that had been raised at the May meeting. She said there is an interim group working out the criteria; nominations will go to a group; and the award will be specific to the recipient and entirely separate from any other award. Mrs Nalder said the first recipient was Joe Bell and Sara MacReady had designed and painted the award. Mrs Nalder said the group would appreciate having a Golden Bay Community Board representative.

Mr Kilgour – Port Tarakohe Harbour Manager - reported that the port had been very busy with dolomite going over the wharf, the fishing industry being busy and the mussel industry extending its farming area. He said he is presently generating the annual accounts, and letters are to go out to barrier arm card holders.

He reported the Energy Safety people (from the Ministry of Economic Development) are doing a 5-yearly audit to ensure the Port complies. While the Port has been operating for 10 years, this is its first audit however the Port has an annual electrical check. Mr Kilgour explained that all boats must have an electrical certificate to say they comply before 'plugging in' to any port, marina or wharf facility.

He reported that the Port is going to be included in a large yacht race with 30 plus yachts coming in for a day; the Boat Club will be used for an evening event.

Mr Kilgour said the Port is still carting water; the wharf is currently being washed down with salt water.

With regard to the barrier arm cards, Mr Kilgour said there are 220 boat club members. Mr Frater reported that it would cost \$65 for a card for Boat Club members and \$150 for non members.

In response to a query about the mussel farm expansion, Mr Frater said the Long Term Plan will do away with the Voluntary Line Levy later this year and will go onto a berthage charging system which will see everyone treated the same. However a quarterly account will be sent prior to that to bill the voluntary line levy.

Mr Kilgour put in his apologies for the July meeting as he would be overseas.

In response to a question from the gallery regarding the small wharves report, the Chair responded that it had not yet been received.

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

#### **3.1 Minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board meeting held on 9 May 2012**

**Moved Board members Symmons/Gamby  
GB12-06-02**

**Minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board meeting held on 9 May 2012  
(containing resolutions GB12-05-01 – GB12-05-15) be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**4. LATE AGENDA ITEM**

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Gamby  
GB12-06-03**

**THAT the Gambling (Harm Reduction) Amendment Bill be considered as a Late Agenda Item due to submissions closing on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012.**

**CARRIED**

**5. PRESENTATION**

**5.1 John Mason and Neil Murray – Department of Conservation (DOC):  
Upgrade Proposal for Te Waikoropupu Springs**

Mr Mason said that not a lot has happened in the Te Waikoropupu Springs area over the last 20 years, however during that time visitor numbers have grown to around 80 – 90,000 annually. He tabled an overall concept of the proposal explaining that the carpark gets very congested in summer and does not make the best use of the area; it is planned to improve the capacity by 6 or 8 carparks without doing major earthworks and having a one-way flow through the carpark. It is the intention at the moment to put interpretation and information for visitors where the toilets currently are and move the toilets to the carpark. It is also planned to make the track fully wheelchair accessible and reversing the way people walk the track.

With regard to the ‘viewer’ there has been much discussion however it is thought to have a semi-circular walkway over the springs. There was further discussion on getting a good view of the springs due to the reflection on the water. Mr Mason said the existing interpretation panels will be removed to the new site.

Cr Sangster said the opposite has happened at the hydro walk; they have moved from having plaques in one place to putting them at the relevant places along the walkway. There was some discussion on the best way of informing people about what they are looking at. Mr Mason said they hoped to have it operational by Christmas and they would think about the Board’s comments.

The Chair asked for an update on Sam’s Creek prospecting. Mr Mason reported that Oceana Gold have more permits and can drill another 40 holes. DOC goes up to the site once a month and has no problems with their exploration operation.

Board member Symmons thanked them for the work on the Heaphy Track; the new hut is commendable. Mr Mason invited the Board to the Perry Hut opening on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012.

The Chair said the Board is delighted with the Council/DOC agreement for bridges over the fords on the access road to the Heaphy Track. Mr Mason said there is no timetable for the work yet.

Regarding bikes on the Heaphy Track, Mr Mason said 62 bikes were counted on one of the first Saturdays.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.45 and 11.01am.

## **6. REPORTS**

### **6.1 Chair's Report**

The chair spoke to her report:

Golden Bay Honours – Sheryl Nalder joined the meeting to discuss this item. She said there is a need to form a group and have some processes to work with. It was agreed that the Board select a representative for the group.

**Moved Crs Sangster/Bouillir  
GB12-06-04**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board appoints a representative to the Golden Bay Community Award Committee, and further that the committee will set the criteria for the awards.**

**CARRIED**

Mrs Nalder said the group would be widely representative of the Bay and have a good understanding of the Golden Bay community.

#### **6.1.1 Flood Hazard Workshop – Lisa McGlinchey (Policy Planner)**

The Chair said the Lisa McGlinchey's group is seeking feedback from the Board.

There was considerable discussion regarding the gravel modelling and whether there needs to be further modelling. The Board subsequently discussed the points raised from the workshop.

Mr Humphries (Regulatory Services Manager) explained there are issues using a Section 72 on flood affected properties; the effect on insurance costs – whether properties could be insured at all, and on the selling of properties. He considered that if properties are protected from flooding, then they would not need a Sec 72.

Following discussion on the points raised at the workshop on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012, it was agreed that there is a need to allow the opportunity of gravel extraction. It was further agreed that the Board is happy with the summary of discussion points 1 – 4, however, it would like to make an addition to point 3.

The Chair commented on the worry in the community about Council's position of not removing gravel from the rivers; she said it impedes the flow of the river. She understands that in some places the river is degrading but in other places it is not.

Cr Sangster considered that where buildings are along rivers, the rivers are managed and become 'drainage channels'.

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**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Sangster  
GB12-06-05**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board agrees with the summary of discussion points 1 – 4 from the Golden Bay Community Board Workshop with the addition of the following: to point 3:**

***“General river management techniques should continue to be observed to maximise the overall main channel flood carrying capacity before breakout begins. Vegetation management, gravel relocation and where necessary, selected removal, should be done to reduce “pressure point” areas in the river”***

**and forwards its comments to Lisa McGlinchey for inclusion in the Environment & Planning agenda.  
CARRIED**

#### Patons Rock Stormwater Upgrade

The Chair commented that it is disappointing that some of the residents are not happy about the stormwater upgrade as Jeff Cuthbertson (Utilities Asset Manager) has been very proactive in looking for a solution that he believes will be effective in this particular situation.

Cr Sangster said he is not sure how the ‘duck bills’ will work.

It was agreed to adopt a ‘wait and see’ stance.

#### **6.1.2 Fishbowl Opening – Collingwood Area School**

The Chair said the school has done a really great job.

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Bouillir  
GB12-06-06**

**THAT The Golden Bay Community Board writes to the Collingwood Area School Principal, John Garner, and the Board of Trustees congratulating them on their Fishbowl building project.**

**Carried**

#### **6.1.3 Fracking and Mining**

Chief Executive Officer, Lindsay McKenzie explained the term “fracking” and that it is used in certain rock types for exploration and production to release either gas or oil. Water, chemicals and sand are forced into the rock fractures and holds them open and gas and oil come out. Best practice applications for fracking are publicly notified.

The Chair asked Mr McKenzie for the process in writing to be able to inform the public when they ask.

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Gamby  
GB12-06-07**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Chief Executive Lindsay McKenzie to enquire what process would be followed for any application that may be made in the future for fracking consent.**

**Furthermore, the Golden Bay Community Board wishes to be informed of the process that will be followed for any mining or exploration application in Golden Bay.**

**CARRIED**

**6.1.4 Golden Bay Honours**

This item was dealt with earlier when Community Worker Sheryl Nalder was present.

**6.1.5 Solar Water Heating Scheme**

The Chair advised that the scheme finishes on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**6.1.6 Lighting and the Night Sky**

The Chair advised that Tekapo has received its 'World Starlight Reserve' status for the night sky.

It was suggested that lighting in Golden Bay should be changed as it comes up for renewal. The Chair commented that if we can attain 'Park in the Sky' status, this would complement our Heart of the Parks marketing.

**Moved Board member Symmons/Cr Bouillir  
GB12-06-08**

**THAT The Golden Bay Community Board looks to raise awareness of this in the community and enquires from Council ways in which we can look at preserving our starry night sky and minimizing the light pollution.**

**CARRIED**

**6.1.7 Collingwood Streetscaping**

The meeting was advised that the Collingwood Streetscaping plans were done by MWH; the Chair commented that the Board was surprised that these plans had been prepared – the Board was seeking a 'tidy up'.

The Chief Executive said he would advise the appropriate staff that a low cost tidy up is all that was wanted.

### **6.1.8 1080**

The Chair said she had talked to Evan McKenzie, (Nelson-Marlborough District Health Board), Medical Officer of Health as Nicola Blasdale was not convinced he would intervene to protect the Tukurua water supply catchment and the landowner where the 1080 control was not concerned about the impact of 1080 on the Tukurua water supply.

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Gamby  
GB12-06-09**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Council and Evan McKenzie (Medical Officer of Health) recommending that where there are community water schemes such as this one at Tukurua that Vector Free Marlborough Limited (FVM Ltd) be required to have an adequate buffer zone to ensure that no 1080 is finding its way into a communities' water supply.  
CARRIED**

### **6.1.9 Collingwood Camp**

**Moved Cr Sangster/Board member Gamby  
GB12-06-10**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Council's Jim Frater and Lloyd Kennedy in appreciation of the positive comments about the management of the Collingwood and Pohara camps and ask them to pass on the appreciation of the Board.  
CARRIED**

### **6.1.10 Hanging Baskets in Golden Bay**

**Moved Crs Bouillir/Sangster  
GB12-06-11**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Stuart Borlase and the Golden Bay Garden Club thanking them for their ongoing involvement in this wonderful project.  
CARRIED**

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **7.1 Technology request from GB Community Board and Councillors – P Darlington (Information Services Manager)**

**Moved Board members Gamby/Symmons  
GB12-06-12**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes a letter of thanks to the Information Services Manager for updating the Board on their requests for**

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**improved communication and looks forward to the implementation.**  
**CARRIED**

## **7.2 Port Tarakohe Water Supply – J Frater (Manager Property Services)**

Mr Frater reported that the water supply has been tested and is only a week or two away from having problems resolved. He said from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 there is provision in the Long Term Plan for Port Tarakohe to have its own water tank and hopefully before end of June there will be a definite commitment about what is happening with the water supply.

Mr McKenzie and Mr Humphries left the meeting at this point, being 12.45pm.

Cr Bouillir and Board member Symmons put in their apologies for not returning to the meeting after lunch; the meeting adjourned for lunch between 12.51 and 1.43pm..

## **8. OTHER**

### **8.1 Late agenda item - Gambling (Harm Reduction) Amendment Bill**

The Chair advised that submissions close on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012.

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Sangster**  
**GB12-06-13**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board supports the Gambling (Harm Reduction) Amendment Bill and recommends that the distribution committees should be elected representatives of the community, i.e. Council or Community Board.**

**The Board's reasons for this are that the committee will be:**

- **Free of bias;**
- **Have an over-arching view of the community and its needs;**
- **Be accountable to the community;**
- **Be accessible and available; and**
- **Understand confidentiality**

**The Golden Bay Community Board thanks you for the opportunity to submit and would like to speak to its submission.**

**CARRIED**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.09pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: