

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 11 September 2012
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: Collingwood Fire Station

PRESENT: C McLellan (Chair), L Gamby (Deputy Chair), Board members K Brookes (until 11.40 am) and M Symmons and Councillors M Bouillir and P Sangster

IN ATTENDANCE: M Tasman-Jones (Community Recreation Adviser), N Heyes (Senior Customer Services Officer), K Haerewa (Minute Secretary), members of the Press and Public

APOLOGIES

Nil

1. OPENING, WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced staff in attendance, Mike Tasman-Jones (Community Recreation Advisor).

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Joy Warren – voiced her concern regarding the lack of school bus signage along the entire bus route from Takaka. Signage acts as a warning to motorists advising them they may strike a school bus along these roads.

Mrs Warren also raised her concerns about the beach frontage in Pakawau. 6 - 7 metres has been eroded, including 1 metre into their private property. Photographs have been sent to members of the Board. They have been advised to wait, however this morning she did receive a telephone call from the Mayor who will hold a joint meeting with Dennis Bush-King (Environment & Planning Manager) and residents. The Board would like to hear when this meeting will be held so that it can attend.

Don Mead advised he has sent photos to Eric Verstappen (Resource Scientist – Rivers & Coast) showing the erosion.

The Chair reported Council is waiting for a decision from the Environment Court which is holding up process.

Cr Sangster advised he is happy to be involved.

Brian Warren - asked for the ditch along-side the houses in the Pakawau township (and which is located 200 metres towards the inlet) to be looked at as it is a blind ditch at both ends and is full of water.

The Chair asked for a Service Request to be lodged with Council.

Phil Castle – spoke about the progress being made as a part of the Golden Bay Cycle and Walkway Society. The first part of the cycleway from Paynes Ford is now complete, this has taken 3-4 years and an official opening will be held in November. The new section is ½ km long. Mr Castle advised this was ready to be used and provided the Board with a photograph of the new boardwalk. There is no immediate plan as yet to begin the next stage of this particular project.

The proposed Pohara to Takaka route is at resource consent application stage which is due to be completed and lodged in the next month. They currently have over 1500 support letters for this project.

Cr Bouillir suggested an article about the cycle way be put in Newsline.

The Chair commended Mr Castle for the work they are doing in providing this huge asset to Golden Bay.

Peter Foster – spoke of his concern about the lack of public education around the road rule stating you must be able to stop within half the distance of the clear road ahead and if there were any signs stating this.

The Chair advised they have had a meeting with NZTA and there is a balance needed between too many signs and no signs at all.

Alan Blackie – spoke in support of Mr Castle and the new Cycleway. He mentioned there is actually 1.5 km of cycling track now which included the ½ km of new boardwalk.

Mr Blackie also asked that the pipe at the base of Swiftsure Street be looked at by Council. It is a 600 mm drainage pipe that is currently draining into a tiny creek which is not adequate to take the flow. Also he is concerned with lack of maintenance of 3 grills and drains along Gibbs Road. They have the correct pipes but don't seem to be on a clearing schedule and are always blocked. Locals have been clearing them themselves.

The Chair asked that a Service Request be sent to Council regarding the maintenance schedule to clear the Gibbs Road drains. The Board will follow up with Jeff Cuthbertson regarding the Swiftsure Street pipe.

Penny Griffith – passed on a comment made by a member of the public regarding the Collingwood Streetscaping proposal. They think the proposal is inappropriate but would like to see small speed humps at each end of Tasman Street.

Brian White – is asking for consent, costing and date information regarding the development along Swiftsure Street. He has asked previously and received no communication as yet.

Penny Griffith advised she was happy with the communication she has received and has been sent 3 emails about the proposal.

The Chair asked for Mr White to be kept up to date with any communications that come through.

Nicola Basham – spoke regarding the natural burial sites in the Tasman District. Motueka have already had 3 burials and Ms Basham asked why the proposed Rototai site is taking so long.

The Chair advised that the Rototai site is a lot closer than it was and that the Board has emailed Beryl Wilkes in support of the project.

Cr Bouillir suggested people may not be aware they can have a natural burial in a standard Council plot already.

John Fitzpatrick – spoke about the uniqueness of Golden Bay and would like to see it remain. He commented about the lack of sprays on Waiheke Island, 1080 etc, and stated that everybody should be allowed to make up their minds as long as they have all of the correct information.

The Chair advised that we must all find a balance to all live together.

Cr Bouillir reported there are various groups working in the Bay that are looking at sprays etc and suggested Mr Fitzpatrick work together with them.

Robin Jones - spoke of her visit to Waiheke recently where they are currently suffering a very serious weed problem. Preservation of our flora and fauna in Golden Bay is paramount which requires manpower.

Cr Sangster advised that although he is against 1080 it is not the makers of the product we need to look at, it is the buyers i.e. DOC, Forest and Bird.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Joseph Thomas (Resource Scientist – Water) – Water allocation for Takaka and Aorere Valleys

Mr Thomas tabled a report detailing –

- A map of the Takaka Water Management Area
- Details about average rainfall, Rivers and the complexity around the groundwater system
- A map showing the Geology of Takaka Valley
- Model of flow for the Te Waikoropupu Springs
- Drinking Water Standards Chart

Mr Thomas talked about Council plans to hopefully come out next year with a resource summary with options as to how people can manage their water. They will

look at providing water zones and will provide suggestions with what allocation amounts are required for these zones. He stated at this stage amounts will be conservative.

Mr Thomas then answered various questions from the public and the Board; his presentation notes are available and will be in the Public Information pack for the October meeting.

The meeting broke for morning tea between 10.40 and 11.06 am.

3.2 Stella Malloy & Lisa Sheppard – Starry Night Sky

The Chair welcomed Stella Malloy who was the winner of the NZ Astronomy Society Speech competition – aged 6 years.

Stella played the actual speech on a laptop.

Stella then spoke of her trip she won to Tekapo and of her passion for the stars and the importance of preserving the night sky from light pollution. She would like in the future to see Golden Bay set up as a Star Park.

Board member Brookes left the meeting at this point, being approximately at 11.40 am.

3.3 Dr Vic Eastman – Light Pollution

Dr Eastman tabled and spoke to his report regarding light pollution.

He discussed what it is, why it is important and how he believes we can get immediate improvement. He put up three different types of light fixtures – titled ‘the good’, ‘the bad’ and ‘the ugly’.

He would like to see a Variation to the lighting code in the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) for Golden Bay to have non-polluting lighting (similar to the Mackenzie District Council).

His presentation notes are available and will be in the Public Information pack for the October meeting.

3.4 Gary Clark – Roadside and Rivers Spraying, and Preserving the Night Sky

Mr Clark spoke regarding the lighting debate that has been building over the last 4 years. Tasman District Council are currently trying to replace all expired bulbs with LED lights (as has been done on the Ruby Bay bypass), these typically use less power and he hopes to see all lights in the district using LED lights over the next 2-5 years.

Mr Clark spoke about the current Engineering standards that have been previously raised. He advised that this is a guiding document only and if an acceptable lighting alternative is found, this can be considered as part of any consenting process. The

Engineering Standards document is currently under review and Council is hoping to have this completed by 2014. In response to a question from the Chair, Mr Clark suggested that the Board submits to the ongoing Review now, rather than waiting until 2014 regarding the lighting issue.

Mr Clark pointed out that, with regard to private homeowners, it is not stated in the TRMP what type of lighting must be used. This would require a plan change. However, if the plan was changed this would not apply to existing users.

Mr Clark believed that the dark sky standards could be introduced for the whole of Tasman, rather than just Golden Bay.

Mr Clark then spoke about the consent process for spraying. The Engineering Department applies for consent to Council to manage an asset i.e. roading, rivers. The consent will be granted only if 'the effect associated with anything they do is less than minor'. Steam and other alternatives have been looked at but the largest issues are 'cost' and 'effectiveness'. Members of the public are able to opt out of roadside spraying by applying to Council to register for a 'no spray' zone.

Mr Clark took various questions from the floor regarding water monitoring/quality, aerial spraying, and the latest trial to take place in Golden Bay. It was agreed that the trial was done in adverse conditions therefore putting the results of the trial in doubt. Mr Clark will follow up with the contractors to check that all conditions of this trial were adhered to.

Iona Jelf enquired as to the cost effectiveness of aerial spraying including liability insurance. The Board requested a letter be sent to Mr Clark regarding the spray drift trial and recommended buffer zones and asking for the results of the trial and whether they were conclusive.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Golden Bay Community Board held on 14 August 2012

**Moved Cr Sangster /Board member Symmons
GB12-09-01**

**THAT the Minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board meeting held on 14 August 2012 (containing resolutions GB12-08-01 – GB12-08-12) be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board member Symmons/Cr Sangster
GB12-09-02**

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

5. REPORTS

5.1 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke to her report.

5.1.1 Barry Cashman – Outstanding Community Service Award

**Moved Board member Symmons/Cr Sangster
GB12-09-03**

**THAT the Board writes to Mr Cashman congratulating him on his recent Outstanding Community Service Award.
CARRIED**

5.1.2 Civic Ceremonies

A discussion was held around retaining citizenship ceremonies in Golden Bay. It was agreed that the Board could work towards having at least one per year and holding any Community Awards on the same day. The Board asked that a letter be sent to the CEO to discuss the issue.

The meeting broke for lunch between 12.50pm and 1.30pm.

5.1.3 NZTA Meeting

The Chair advised that this was a good meeting where various representatives all came together to discuss many topics.

A discussion was held around the network of paper roads and the process in terms of gaining public access. Questions were directed to Gary Clark (Transportation Manager). The Board would like to see all paper roads safeguarded unless something comparable is given. Mr Clark explained that it is no longer easy to have paper roads closed.

5.1.4 Collingwood Streetscaping

Cr Sangster said that although he did not agree with the draft streetscaping plan for Collingwood, he would still like some areas of the town tidied up, especially the pavement.

Mr Clark agreed that a tidy up was required and said he would be happy to do this slowly over time with the little budget he has.

The Chair reported that the new rubbish bins looked great.

5.1.5 Heritage Information Panel for Salisbury Bridge

The Board asked if Engineering Services had any funding for the additional panels required. Mr Clark to advise.

**Moved Board member Symmons/Cr Sangster
GB12-09-04**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board supports efforts to obtain funding for additional panels to tell the final history of the popular Salisbury bridge.
CARRIED**

5.1.6 Wastewater Test Bores

A discussion was held around the wording of having 'regular' monitoring. A letter is to be sent to Jeff Cuthbertson (Utilities Asset Manager), to gauge how often monitoring will take place due to fluctuations in the water table and what form the reporting back will take.

5.1.7 Gravel Meetings

Gary Clark advised there are currently two strands of meetings around gravel and rivers being discussed. The 'actual' gravel meetings have not yet started. There is to be an internal Council discussion which may be followed by external workshops. Council is hoping to have some sort of resolution by December. The Chair asked that if minutes were taken at either the internal discussions or the external workshop, can they be sent to the Board.

5.1.8 Entrance to the Supermarket

NZTA discussed this at their meeting the previous week. They are happy for the entrance to be widened but it is up to the Supermarket owner to do. It was agreed to send a letter to Mr Crowther Reynish stating NZTA have no issues with the project and include a suggestion to contact Steven James from NZTA who may be able to help him with some design ideas. A copy of this letter is to be sent to Steven James.

5.1.9 Weather details for Takaka

Cr Sangster advised there is currently an application to Community Grants from Rates for an automatic weather station to be situated at the airport.

The Board gave their support for this project.

5.1.10 Topics for Discussion from Councillor Sangster

Christmas decorations and small street lights may be applied for to Community Grants from Rates.

Cr Sangster showed photographs of the new concept of container shops. He estimates they can cost up to \$15,000 fully finished and wanted to gauge what the Board thought of these to be purchased with the insurance money and placed by the library car park.

The Board thought it was a great concept and the containers will be brought up in next week's meeting held to discuss the insurance money from the old library.

5.1.11 Ligar Bay/Tata Beach Meeting with Residents

A discussion was held around the impact of the watercourses on culverts following the flood event and the need to maintain sumps and keep the culverts clear. The Board is asking if there is any assistance that could be provided by Council to help with this before it all moves down the hill and becomes Council's problem.

Gary Clark advised that some of this is the landowners' responsibility; however, he suggested a letter be written to Jeff Cuthbertson asking how best this could be dealt with. It was also agreed to ask Jeff Cuthbertson about the implications of extending the Urban Drainage Areas (UDAs) to Ligar Bay.

It was agreed to write a letter to Phil Doole regarding the large heap of material/sand placed at the Ligar Bay estuary after the flood event. The Board would like to know who can access this material and what are they allowed to do with it. Mr Clark agreed that trailer-loads can be taken away.

5.1.12 Motupipi School Safety Sign

The Chair reported she had been in contact with the Principal of the Motupipi School the previous day and Council has adjusted the sign which now flashes between 8 am to 9.15 am and 2.45 pm - 4.00 pm.

Board member Gamby stated that he believes that 70 kph is still too fast for that area.

Mr Clark said it was the only sign of its kind in the district and they are running a trial on various configurations on this site to assess the signs effectiveness before any others are installed.

The Chair asked if this sign could read 20mph.

Mr Clark advised that the signs do not show a speed limit.

5.2 Collingwood Streetscaping Consultation Report

**Moved Board member Symmons/Board member Gamby
GB12-09-05**

- 1. THAT the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Collingwood Streetscape Consultation Report; and**
- 2. Sets aside the streetscape concept for future review nearer the time of the scheduled Long Term Plan programme or if the community wishes to review it sooner; and,**
- 3. Requests a proposed parking layout plan to be presented in the near future.**

CARRIED

5.3 Ironworks Road Bollard Lighting Report

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

- 1. THAT the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Iron Works Road Bollard Lighting report; and**
- 2. Approves the trial of 8 watt Compact Florescent lamps to replace the current 70 watt sodium lamps in the bollards lights in Iron Works Road.**

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Motupipi School Signs – Jill Pearson

6.2 Scallop Harvesting in Golden Bay – Hon David Carter

6.3 Families, the Foundation of the Community – Resilient Communities Conference 2012

Items of correspondence 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 were all received earlier in the meeting.

6.4 Letter of Appreciation – Brent Clarke Top 10 Holiday Parks

**Moved Cr Sangster/Cr Bouillir
GB12-09-07**

THAT the correspondence from Mr Clarke be received and a letter of appreciation be written to Fonterra for its assistance in supplying water to the Top 10 Holiday Park over 2011-2012 summer period.

CARRIED

6.5 Request for information – Motocross noise – Environment & Planning Manager

Item of correspondence 6.5 was received earlier in the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.00pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: