

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: Tuesday 10 May 2011
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: Collingwood Fire Brigade

PRESENT: C McLellan (Chair), L Gamby (Deputy Chair), Board members K Brookes and M Symmons, and Cr M Bouillir

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor R Kempthorne (until 12.23 pm), Jim Frater (Manager Property Services), N Heyes (Minutes Secretary), K Campbell (Minutes Secretary), Press and Public

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Jim Frater (Manager Property Services).

1 APOLOGIES

**Moved Cr Symmons/Board member Brookes
GB11/05/01**

**THAT apologies from Lloyd Kennedy (Community Services Manager) and Cr Noel Riley for absence be sustained.
CARRIED**

2 PUBLIC FORUM

Peter Foster – spoke about the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw in which benefits and costs were not considered by TDC, which he considered is in breach of Section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Rosamund Arthur – she thanked Parks and Reserves and the Golden Bay Community Board for the Ruataniwha walkway.

Helen Mead – spoke about Freedom Camping and her petition with 222 signatures. She emphasised the importance of educating campers rather than creating new laws, and the need for the provision of more public toilets. She also spoke about the dog bylaw and wants dogs to be allowed in town on a leash.

Jules Harper – Opposes the Freedom Camping Bylaw as it will punish responsible campers. She tabled her spoken submission to Tasman District Council's Environment and Planning Committee.

Rita Davies – Freedom camping problems will not go away with the use of a Bylaw. She reiterated the need for more toilets and the negative effects on responsible

campers. She tabled her spoken submission to Tasman District Council's Engineering and Planning Committee.

Don Mead - representing the Friends of Golden Bay he spoke of their concerns about Greywolf Mining permit application in Golden Bay. He is interested in what the Board and Tasman District Council's official stance will be. He also expressed concerns that nothing seems to be happening about Council's Outstanding Features and Natural Landscapes Plan. The Chair reassured him that it is being worked on.

Joanne Vaughan – representing Forest and Bird she reported that she is getting a lot of negative comment about the Greywolf Mining permit application. They are worried about Golden Bay being spoiled and want it protected. People want well managed mining.

Mik Symmons – representing Golden Bay Heritage he is seeking access to photos of old Post Offices/Postal Agencies around Golden Bay for a new project.

Leigh Gamby – representing Golden Bay Arts Council he tabled a letter to the Board on the Mohua Project Sculpture and asked the Board for direction on the proposed iSite location for the sculpture.

Stephanie Wilson– regarding the Freedom Camping Bylaw she has concerns about the lack of democracy as she understood more people were opposed to it, so how can it get passed? She thinks Council could reflect our community's attitudes better.

Keith Morgan – regarding Motocross, he thinks it is a good thing in Golden Bay and it should be promoted.

BJ White – he is opposed to Mining in Golden Bay. Regarding the Swiftsure Street legalisation issue, he asked what is happening. Jim Frater informed Mr White the matter lies with Gary Clark (Transportation Manager).

Richard Houston – regarding the motocross noise issues. There has been a communication breakdown since the meeting a few months ago. He said they have had very good results from Motocross recently. He tabled a riders' log which shows when they are riding, which is 2-3 times/month for 2-3 hours.

Paddy Brennan – she stressed that the focus is actually on excessive noise and not about farmbikes and she is pleased the motocross riders are doing well. She complained about being seen as the bad person here. She tabled a letter from Golden Bay Community Board, an email and letter from the CEO, part of a letter from David Lewis and also a log of Motocross complaints in Tasman District during March/April 2011.

Mayor Kempthorne – spoke about the Greywolf Mining permit application and stated that the Greywolf Mining Company approached the CEO but no proposal was received by Council. The application has been sent to the Crown Minerals Department.

Bob Butts – spoke about the need for sustainable job development in Golden Bay particularly for our youth. He wants to encourage our youth to stay here and

emphasised the Council's obligation to look after the people as well as the environment as part of the RMA's economic and social wellbeing policy.

Alan Kilgour – as Harbour Manager for Tasman District Council he receives proposals from businesses who are interested in Port Taranaki. Greywolf Mining approached him and they had several meetings. He has kept Council informed and reported this to the Board. He explained Golden Bay's position in the oil basins surrounding New Zealand and the history of mining in our region.

- 1865 – first oil well drilled in New Zealand
- 1900 – first production of oil in New Zealand
- Taranaki Basin includes Golden Bay. It has 400 wells drilled and 23 are producing oil
- Oil is New Zealand's second biggest industry and gains more revenue than tourism
- 5 wells were drilled in Golden Bay beyond Farewell Spit in the 1960's and 1970's
- There are 11 wells in Tasman District both on and off shore
- No major oil spills have occurred in New Zealand to his knowledge
- New Zealand is in the fourth biggest economic zone in the world, which is 7 million square kilometres. If we don't use it, international law says others can come in and do it for us
- Tasman District Council has an Oil Spill Response team

He discussed the benefits of a large industry business' effects on our community and mentioned the old Golden Bay Cement works which pumped \$10 million worth of wages into the Bay. He wants our economic wealth to be looked into for the future.

End of public forum.

Nicola Basham – spoke to the Board about the report "Golden Bay in..... 2022?" and asked the Board to commit to it. Golden Bay needs a plan, with future considerations being sustainable local businesses which support Golden Bay specifically.

- There is agreement that a thriving economy is important and a Council responsibility
- There is no current plan on how to develop a thriving Golden Bay economy
- Tasman District Council rates get spent on infrastructure and leisure/entertainment but not on business development and employment
- Golden Bay residents appear dissatisfied with Tasman District Council managing its destiny
- Golden Bay needs to determine its own future or allow others to do it for them
- Golden Bay population and business are changing – lack of employment is critical

She tabled her presentation and would appreciate the Board following up with her regarding an updated plan for Golden Bay.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Golden Bay Community Board held on 12 April 2011

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB11/05/02**

**THAT the Minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board meeting held on Tuesday 10 May 2011 (containing resolutions GB11/04/01 – GB11/04/10) be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

4 PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Sara Chapman – Chairman of Tasman Bay s Heritage Trust

Sara spoke to the Board about Tasman Bays Heritage Trust debts and current financial problems involving critical decisions between the Trust and Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council. The Trust has been left a legacy of debt since the two councils have extended loans a number of times with no ability of the Trust to repay the debt. Since 2000 the Trust received 50% operational funding from Tasman District Council and 50% from Nelson City Council. The Trust has signalled to both Councils and Audit NZ that it will not be able to meet its liabilities as it falls due. The Councils have not agreed on how the debt will be managed. Tasman District Council had a meeting in April and voted for repayment of the loan rather than forgiveness but no time limit has been set.

The Chair said that the Golden Bay Community Board submitted to the Annual Plan in support of the Heritage Trust as it understood the Trust was in no position to repay this debt. The Chair also stated that she understood that when the money was given the then Prime Minister Helen Clarke had said that the money would be forgiven. Sara said the Trust is at a crossroads and they cannot get any Government funding for the storage facility. The loans issue needs to be resolved before 30 June 2012.

The Trust intends to make its decision on 24 May 2011 at the next Trust Board meeting. Sara stated that the Trust will not sign something that it knows it will not be able to meet. If the loans due date is extended they have worked out its possible to repay it by 2025/2030. Other options being looked at are returning the Heritage Trust to Council ownership, rather than a CCC (Council Controlled Organisation) as it is now).

4.2 Krista Hobday – Road Safety Programmes

Krista updated the Board regarding current road safety education demonstrations focused on safe stopping distances, which will be held on 24 May 2011 in Golden Bay, with all local schools involved (parents and kids encouraged to participate). She also explained a new programme specifically for Year 11 students called Rider to be held on the same day. Rotary Youth Driver Awareness is a national programme which has sessions to provide information on Brain Injury, Hazard Awareness, Legal Car Modification and Alcohol & Drugs. Rotary are doing robust evaluations on the effectiveness of the programme.

Board member Gamby asked if anything can be done to address the bikes on footpaths issue. Ms Hobday said she will pass on concerns to the Police Cycle Training Officer.

It was agreed that a campaign to raise awareness regarding bikes on footpaths would be good.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB11/05/03**

**THAT all correspondence and reports on the agenda be received.
CARRIED**

5 REPORTS

5.1 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke to her report.

5.1.1 Market Report

**Moved Board members Gamby/Symmons
GB11/05/04**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board sends the Market report to Council for its consideration.
CARRIED**

The report is to be sent to Gary Clarke (Transportation Manager) and a copy sent to Jim Frater (Manager Property Services) and Lloyd Kennedy (Community Services Manager).

5.1.2 Old Library Site

A meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 June 2011 at 9.30 am. Lloyd Kennedy (Community Services Manager) and Glenn Thorn (Reserves Officer) to confirm.

5.1.3 Road Signage

The Chair reported that the Board has now received extra copies of the proposed Collingwood signage and these are now on display. It was agreed if there was any need for an extension the Board will get in touch with Steve Elkington (Transportation Projects Engineer).

5.1.4 Standing Committee Representation at Council

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Brookes
GB11/05/05**

That the Golden Bay Community Board accepts the invitation from the Mayor for the Community Board representatives of Standing Committees to attend and have speaking rights at those meetings when issues of importance for Golden Bay are on the agenda.

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Further:

The Golden Bay Community Board accepts the invitation from the Mayor, for the Chair of the Golden Bay Community Board to attend meetings of Full Council when issues of importance for Golden Bay are on the agenda and extends its appreciation to Council for these invitations.

CARRIED

If the Chair is not available, Mayor Kempthorne agreed that the Deputy Chair can attend.

5.1.5 Freedom Camping Bylaw

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB11/05/06**

That the Golden Bay Community Board requests that Council investigate the possibility of a temporary site on the web page for 12 months devoted to comments (If possible interactive), regarding freedom camping in Tasman.
CARRIED

Mayor Kempthorne said he would need feedback and is unsure as to how the interactive idea will work. Perhaps it could be discussed with Tama Easton (Webmaster) and Chris Choat (Communications Advisor). Feedback directly from the community is more important in his view.

Cr Bouillir said it is important for there to be a forum for people to continue commenting.

5.1.6 Rototai Toilets

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB11/05/07**

That the Golden Bay Community Board advises Community Services that, when funds are available, the planned toilet at Rototai Reserve should be installed. The Golden Bay Community Board to thank those residents who have responded to our letter, and inform them of any decisions.
CARRIED

The Chair commented that it is obvious that more toilets are required as was voiced in public forum by several people.

5.1.7 Motocross

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Brookes
GB11/05/08**

That the Golden Bay Community Board request that Council re-examines the criteria for noise from Motocross. Residents' lives are being adversely affected

and their health and wellbeing compromised by ongoing and intermittent noise from Motocross.

CARRIED

Board Member Gamby reiterated points made by Paddy Brennan, that noise is the problem not motocross, the track is in the wrong place, the long-standing residents are neighbours and hills amplify the problem. Board Member Symmons commented that action is needed as it has gone on for four years and someone needs to address this problem.

The Chair said a preliminary report from the Ombudsman is due mid May, so the Board must wait for the report first. Mayor Kempthorne said the Ombudsman will make a recommendation and the Council will have to deal with it.

It was also acknowledged that the Ombudsman's Office had stated that the parties affected by noise should continue to have their complaints/concerns logged by Council.

It was agreed the two parties be encouraged to meet.

**Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby
GB11/05/09**

**The information tabled by Paddy Brennan and Richard Houston regarding motocross noise complaints are to be sent to Graham Caradus (Co-ordinator Regulatory Services) for comment.
CARRIED**

Alteration to order of agenda to allow Mayor Kempthorne to hear this presentation before he had to leave.

5.1.8 Alan Vaughan - Aquaculture

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Symmons
GB11/05/10**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board thanks Alan Vaughan for his helpful explanation of the current aquaculture situation.
CARRIED**

Alan spoke to his report on the Agenda.

- Presented the map – salmon coloured space are 500 hectares each – spat catching by challenger scallop enhancing spat – 2000 hectares. Almost ½ the total. Only one of the blocks can be used in any one year (1/4). Six months of the year. Impact not permanent and minimal. Most of the sites are outside the 3mile limit.
- Mauve sites are the ring road sites – 250-380 hectares in size. 6 sites – spat catching only – not for full mussel farming. Each can only be used in conjunction with scallop spat catching sites. Each one can only be used when

the scallop site next to it is being used. Mussel buoys on the outside are not visible, ones on the inside are. Buoys do not make a big impact – fairly close to Pakawau beach. In his view visual impact is acceptable.

- Further sites further out – 250 – 380 hectares each. Available for use in the plan that was drawn up by the court – but they haven't been used yet. Available for mussel farming.
- Wainui bay has been there a long time – spat catching. Collingwood block only one site (a) is in use currently.
- Other sites are available and are included – all up just over 5000 hectares. But the most available at any one time is about 2143 hectares. The outside sites are subject to a high court hearing – 2009 – still no decision.
- Other species will be allowed under the new act.

Mayor Kempthorne left at 12.23 pm

5.1.9 River walks and works

The Board discussed the new groyne to protect a bridge abutment at the Kotinga Bridge. Cr Symmons said the groyne set up a current to the other side and is working as it should.

5.1.10 Coba Holdings

**Moved Board members Symmons/Gamby
GB11/05/11**

That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Joe Bell thanking him for his work in representing the Board in these negotiations.

**Further, that the Board also writes to Coba Holdings thanking them for their willingness to achieve a very good outcome for the community.
CARRIED**

The Chair said this is not quite signed off.

5.1.11 80kmph Trial for Golden Bay

**Moved Board member Symmons/Cr Bouillir
GB11/05/12**

**That if an 80kmph speed restriction proposal is to be considered, the Golden Bay Community Board requests that there be adequate consultative time and clarity of detail before this proposal is made available to the community for its input.
CARRIED**

Board Member Gamby pointed out that probably most of SH60 will remain the same.

5.1.12 Dogs in Town

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB11/05/13**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board looks into the economics of having locally made signs to ensure that locals and visitors are reminded that the Takaka CBD is a dog free zone and asks whether this could be cost sharing between Council and the Community Board.
CARRIED**

Board Member Brookes noted signs currently on display in Takaka and reported there is one north of Reilly Street and the one at the Mobil station which has been broken off.

It was agreed that signage is needed at the Information Centre.

It was agreed that Cr Bouillir is to follow up and see what is possible under current regulations, also an education article in the Newline.

5.1.13 Collingwood Volunteer fire brigade

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Bouillir
GB11/05/15**

**That the Board approaches Chris Choat regarding a suitable framed certificate to commemorate the centenary of the Collingwood Volunteer Fire Brigade.
CARRIED**

5.1.14 Anzac

**Moved Board members Brookes/Symmons
GB 10/05/16**

**That Golden Bay Community Board writes to Takaka RSA, Collingwood RSA and Collingwood RSA Ladies expressing our appreciation for their work for the commemoration of Anzac day.
CARRIED**

5.1.15 Erosion – Beach Road Collingwood

It was agreed that the Board has a look and reports to council.

5.2 Corporate Services Manager's Report – Elected Members Remuneration 2011/12

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB11/05/17**

**That model G be used to calculate the salaries from the increased pool.
CARRIED**

5.3 Community Services Manager's Report – Golden Bay High School swimming pool funding

Board Member Symmons flagged a conflict of interest and withdrew from discussions.

Cr Bouillir said that the Council is happy for this provided other alternatives are looked at. Power savings must be considered and solar heating has been considered. The Chair commented that the Board cannot do anything as Community Services is doing a recommendation and the board awaits that before doing its own recommendation.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 & 6.2 Safety of Visitors and Tourists on Access Road to Heaphy Track – Damien O'Connor

**Cr Bouillir/Board Member Brookes
GB11/05/**

**THAT the letters be received and MP Damien O'Connor thanked for his ongoing support with this issue and the hope for a positive response to these letters.
CARRIED**

**6.3 Three Fords – Upper Aorere Valley – Steve Elkington
(Transportation Projects Engineer)**

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Bouillir
GB11/05/18**

**THAT the letter be received and Mr Elkington thanked for his support; the Board looks forward to hearing what response is received.
CARRIED**

6.4 Toilet at Wainui Falls Carpark – Department of Conservation

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board Member Gamby
GB11/05/19**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board writes a letter of thanks to the Department of Conservation for their ongoing work to enable the toilet to be installed at Wainui.
CARRIED**

6.5 Golden Bay Marine Management Plan – Friends of Golden Bay

**Moved Board members Symmons/Gamby
GB11/05/20**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board thanks the Friends of Golden Bay for its support in the establishment of a marine management plan for Golden Bay, but that they are advised there is no funding for this project at this time, however the Board will keep in contact with your group regarding this issue.
CARRIED

6.6 Petroleum Exploration Permit Application – Ministry of Economic Development

**Moved Board members Symmons/Brookes
GB11/05/21**

THAT the item of correspondence be received and Manawhenua ki Mohua be thanked for bringing it to the attention of the community.
CARRIED

Discussion ensued on what the Board's stance should be on this matter.

It was agreed that the Board listen to all viewpoints and consider all options.

**Moved Board members Symmons/Gamby
GB11/05/22**

That the Board writes to Crown Minerals to formally register the Golden Bay Community Board's interest in the current Grey Wolf application – 53424 – (and any other subsequent applications) and respectfully requests to be kept fully informed of all or any developments for mining or exploration permits relating to Golden Bay.
CARRIED

**6.7 Golden Bay – Summer Compliance – Dennis Bush-King
(Environment & Planning Manager)**

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Brookes
GB11/05/23**

THAT the memorandum from Mr Bush-King be received.
CARRIED

7 OTHER

7.1 Report – Available Aquaculture Space in Golden Bay – Alan Vaughan

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.37pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

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