

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: Tuesday 12 July 2011
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: Takaka Service Centre

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Frater (Manager Property Services), K Campbell (Minutes Secretary), Press and Public

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

1 APOLOGIES

Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Bouillir
GB11/07/01

**THAT the apology from Board Member Symmons for absence be sustained.
CARRIED**

2 PUBLIC FORUM

Tony Harris – spoke about and tabled resource consent data which was provided to Council by the applicants which he believes is false information.

Alan Vaughan – mentioned that the new Community Board Delegations in the CEO Paul Wylie's report were offered only following the LGC recommendations and thought it should have been done a long time ago.

The Chair replied that she is very pleased with the CEO's decision. Involvement in future planning and being proactive will be the main focus of the Board's submission to Council and to the LGC Union proposal.

Paul Sangster – spoke about the history of the lower Takaka River and his concerns about the proposed sewage ponds dispersal pit site at Waitapu. He is concerned about the potential for contamination into the town's ground water supply.

Cr Bouillir reported that all options have been looked at already during Council working group planning meetings and assurance has been given that the flow will not run towards the houses.

The Chair said the working committee is waiting for test results from test bores and will assess the situation then.

Mr Sangster also mentioned that cows are walking through clean water at Haldane's splash and asked why there is no bridge.

Also of concern is the walkway from Waitapu Road to Feary Crescent. At the end there is a bar in the way which needs to be moved slightly to enable better access for mobility scooters.

3 LATE AGENDA ITEM

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB11/07/02**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board accepts the information for the late agenda item in regard to the Local Electoral Act and the by-election.
CARRIED**

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Golden Bay Community Board held on 14 June 2011

**Moved Board member Brookes/Cr Bouillir
GB11/07/03**

**THAT the Minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board meeting held on Tuesday 12 July 2011 (containing resolutions GB11/06/01 – GB11/06/15) be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

5 PRESENTATIONS

**5.1 Jenny Easton (Resource Scientist/Contaminants, Waste) –
Contaminated Sites Register**

The Chair welcomed Jenny Easton to the meeting.

Ms Easton began by explaining what the Contaminated Sites Register contains and presented her Sheep Dip Factsheet as an example of how the information contained can help our community to identify contamination hazards.

- Council has a database of sites based on the Ministry of the Environment's Hazardous Activity or Industry List (HAIL).
- 53 activities use hazardous substances, and Council is obligated under the Resource Management Act to monitor these sites to prevent or mitigate effects.
- Not all sites are contaminated. There is some confusion of language here, and possibly a name change to 'Selected Land Use Database' could avoid instant worry.

- Council started collecting information for the register in 1997.
- Council prioritises sites and have specifically recorded closed landfills, old timber treatment sites, old services stations and vehicle workshops, and commercial storage of treated timber (containing arsenic). Over the hill they have recorded large areas of old orchard land (sprayed with arsenic).
- Arsenic is a metal that does not break down in soil and may slowly leach down through the soil and contaminate ground and surface water (it is slightly soluble). It gets diluted by blending it with the soil below.
- In the 1950s there were 140 recorded sheep farms in Golden Bay which probably had sheep dips. There is concern that if any of this land is subdivided in the future arsenic still remains.
- Ms Easton conducted a pilot study which focused on old sheep dip sites. Free soil testing was done which gave an immediate reading, so the farmer could fence off the hazardous site.
- Leaflets have been made for farmers telling them how to farm around the old farm dip and make it secure including issues with arsenic in the water.
- Old airstrips are recorded for DDT residue since DDT was mixed in with superphosphate and stored at the fertiliser loading up area.
- The register has 8 different categories and a site gets on the register if Council records or business directories show that the site has a past or present history of land use activity that is on the Ministry for the Environment's Hazardous Activity or Industry List (HAIL). This is a list of 53 land uses that involve the use, storage or disposal of significant quantities of hazardous substances. (See brochure). As more information is gathered this may result in sites being re-categorised. Nothing ever comes off the list however 'E' category will not come up unless all information is requested on any specific property.

Ms Easton explained why the list is not publically available (issues around fairness are of concern), but stated however that Council does provide information on site contamination, and it is given in context. It therefore depends on what the new land use will be so that relevant information can be provided. Council releases the information via a Land Information Memorandum (LIM). In addition, anyone can ask her via an "Information Request", for information held by Council about contamination on a specific property. "Information Requests" are made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, and there may be reasons to withhold the information requested, and this will be explained to you. The information provided will be as accurate as possible, but limited to what Council does know and this often is not the full picture.

It was agreed that all Service Centre staff need to be trained to inform people making enquiries about contamination on a specific property that they can make a "request for information". There is no cost if it takes less than an hour of time to research.

There are some possible changes that may make this information more readily available. The Ministry of the Environment wants a national register and the mapping system to be polygon-bound (not property-bound). The MOE is looking at changing legislation so that it is mandatory for land owners to disclose information. If this happens, it will easily become public information.

Ms Easton will follow up enquiries on historic or current areas if required. She is actively seeking information about old sheep dips and other potentially contaminated sites and wants people to come forward.

The Chair suggested gathering historical information from the local community as a method to ensure knowledge is not lost.

It was decided that Ms Easton would be best to have a meeting with people with having local knowledge of historical information relevant to this register. The Board suggested asking Noel Riley, Paul Sangster, Joan Butts, Tony Harris, Denny Gillooly, Les Clark and others to attend.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB11/07/04**

**THAT all correspondence and reports on the agenda be received by the Golden Bay Community Board.
CARRIED**

6 REPORTS

6.1 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke to her report.

6.1.1 Nelson City and Tasman District Union Proposal (See Chair's Report Page 1)

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

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board submits to the Draft Reorganisation Scheme for the Union of Nelson City and Tasman District.
CARRIED**

The Chair encouraged the public to take a look at the proposal documents as they give a good overview and copies are still available from the Service Centre.

6.1.2 Community Board Delegations (See Chair's Report Page 2)

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Gamby
GB11/07/06**

(a) THAT the Golden Bay Community Board supports the welcome report from the CEO RCN 11-06-18.

(b) THAT the Golden Bay Community Board prepares a submission to Tasman District Council in time for the Full Council Meeting on 11 August 2011.

(c) THAT this delegations submission be prepared in time for the agenda of Golden Bay Community Board meeting on 9 August 2011.

CARRIED

The Chair emphasised that it is the Board's priority to be involved in process and planning as well as being involved in workshops. The Board's role is governance rather than management of community halls, which the Board considers are well managed now by local committees.

Cr Bouillir is happy with the Board potentially taking on the lease and management of the Takaka Market, particularly as this will be of financial benefit to the community.

6.1.3 Contaminated Sites

This item was dealt with during Jenny Easton's presentation to the Board.

6.1.4 Economic Development (See Chair's Report Page 3)

**Moved Board member Brookes/Councillor Bouillir
GB11/07/07**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board invites Bill Findlater to the August Community Board meeting to see 'what happens next' on the road to promoting Golden Bay economic development.

CARRIED

6.1.5 Abel Tasman Foreshore Scenic Reserve Draft Management Plan (See Chair's Report Page 4)

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB11/07/08**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes a submission on the Abel Tasman Foreshore Scenic Reserve Draft Management Plan.

CARRIED

Cr Trevor Norriss arrived 10.17 am. He spoke positively about a visit to the Aorere Catchment Project with the Board.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Challenger Scallop Enhancement – Notes of Pre-season Consultation – Joe Bell

The Chair welcomed Mr Bell to the table and thanked both him and Jo-Anne and Alan Vaughan who all attended the Challenger Scallop Enhancement meeting.

Mr Bell spoke about the meeting he attended with Challenger Scallop Enhancement Company at the Ministry of Fisheries Offices on 21 June 2011. He gave a summary

of information relevant to Golden Bay, covering 2010-2011 season results, spat catching, season proposals and projections.

He supplied information (prepared by Mr Vaughan) containing a comparison of catches as taken in the commercial fishery and attributed to the Southern Scallop Fishery since 1959, showing actual calculated catches of meat-weight tonnes. Initially the Fishery was established as a licence fishery and then in 1959 the first trial dredging began 2 miles off the Moutere bluffs. The scallop fishery began after that. In December 1959 the first sale of scallops was at 5 shillings a pound. Scallops were being opened at sea and pollution was a concern.

He spoke about freshwater springs in the Bay and how they may have affected the sea bed. He also mentioned that aquifers in places well away from Christchurch may have been affected by the recent earthquakes, which may have unsettled sea beds.

An area off the end of Farewell Spit may be open this season; the rest of the Bay will be closed to commercial dredging.

Mr Bell mentioned that considerable changes have occurred in commercial fishing, as shown in a report from 1975 which showed 233 vessels involved in the 1973-74 season compared with 15 likely this season.

He said the good news is that the Ministry is undertaking a study of the effects of commercial fishing in Golden Bay. He reminded the Board that the value of recreational fishing is overlooked and is one of the attractions for people coming into the Bay and needs to be taken into account. He recommended that the Board take every step in support of developing a Golden Bay Marine Management Plan.

The Chair enquired who Mr Bell believes could fund the management plan. Mr Bell suggested that the Board enquire about what agencies are involved in other such plans in areas such as Fiordland. He suggested approaching the Department of Conservation, Ministry of Marine Transport, Tasman District Council, Ministry of Fisheries and other aquaculture interests.

Moved Gamby/Brookes
GB11/07/09

THAT in view of the concerning state of the Golden Bay scallop fishery the Golden Bay Community Board investigates the implementation of a marine management plan for Golden Bay and contact relevant agencies and departments for assistance with this.

CARRIED

7.2 Cattle crossings – Paul Marcussen

Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Brookes
GB11/07/10

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board forward correspondence regarding cattle crossings in Hamama Road and Takaka Valley Highway to Engineering

Services adding that Hamama Road is not of concern but Takaka Valley Road is still problematic with effluent not being cleaned off.

CARRIED

7.3 Fords on Access Road to Heaphy Track – Correspondence from Damien O’Connor and Kate Wilkinson (Minister of Conservation)

This item was received earlier in the meeting.

7.4 Community Signs, Onekaka – Lynne Johnston

This item was received earlier and the Board is to remind Engineering Services about Milnthorpe and the Boyle Street, Clifton signs and also to pass on that the community signs have been well received (including the two letters of support).

7.5 Community Signs, Onekaka – Carolyn Simon

This item was received earlier in the meeting.

7.6 Draft Reorganisation Scheme for the Union of Nelson City and Tasman District – Local Government Commission : Notification of findings and decision

This item was received earlier in the meeting.

7.7 Roadside Mowing – Transportation Network Engineer – Response to D & M Ferguson’s June letter

This item was received earlier in the meeting.

8 LATE AGENDA ITEM

8.1 Resignation of Noel Riley as Golden Bay Councillor

The Chair announced that the resignation of Noel Riley has been received. His contribution over the years as Takaka Service Centre Manager and then as a Tasman District Councillor has been appreciated.

8.2 By-election information

Jim Frater (Manager Property Services) reported that Cr Noel Riley resigned on Friday 8 July 2011 and formal advice from the Chief Executive Officer has not yet been sent to the Electoral Officer. A public notice calling for nominations will be issued once this is received. The By-election is expected to be held in early October 2011.

The Local Electoral Act 2001 states
117 Extraordinary vacancy in local authority or community board

- (1) If a vacancy occurs in the office of a member of a local authority or in the office of an elected member of a community board more than 12 months before the next triennial general election, the vacancy must be filled by an election under the Act.

120 Election to fill extraordinary vacancy

- (1) If an extraordinary vacancy is to be filled by an election –
- (a) The (chief executive) of the local authority concerned must give notice of the vacancy to the electoral officer; and
 - (b) The election must be held not later than 82 days after the date on which the electoral officer receives notice of the vacancy, and the provisions of the Act and any regulations made under this Act apply accordingly and with any necessary modifications.

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Gamby
GB11/07/11**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board write to Noel Riley and thank him for his work in the Golden Bay Ward for the past seven years as a councillor and to provide Noel with a gift and invite him to have morning tea with the Board.
CARRIED**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.01pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: