

REPORT

TO: GB Community Board
FROM: The Chairman
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 1 February 2005
SUBJECT: February 2005 Report

Welcome back to a New Year.

Meetings, activities and events attended during the past two months include the following:

Garden Competition De-brief

Held on 6 December; some fine-tuning of categories suggested and some criteria altered to be more relevant. The competition was a great success with 25 properties entered.

Christmas Parade

I attended a rather depleted Santa Parade with few floats and numerous vintage cars. There have been calls for local businesses to be more supportive of this well-attended family event.

Holiday Events and Activities

Attended numerous holiday activities and events several of which were sponsored by TDC and others. These were wonderful occasions well supported by locals and visitors alike and included: Jazz on the Village Green, 'Steam up day' at Rockville Museum, Sand Sculpture Competition Pohara, Cardboard boat race at Tata Beach, A and P Show Takaka, Mardi Gras Takaka.

Annual Plan Meetings

With five held and three remaining, attendances and discussions to date have been very good. It is important for the Board to ensure that issues raised are followed up on as far as is possible.

OTHER ISSUES

Civil Defence

Following flooding at Pohara and the reported evacuation of some campers, a call was received from a resident requesting information on Civil Defence procedures. Subsequent enquiries suggest that the Board needs an update on these. Therefore I would like to suggest that:

“The Golden Bay Community Board writes to the Regional and local Civil Defence co-ordinators inviting their attendance at the March Board meeting to provide an update on local Civil Defence procedures.”

MEETING DATES

Annual Plan

We need to set a date for compiling a summary of Golden Bay issues arising from the Annual Plan/LTCCP round of meetings. A full attendance at this is most desirable.

GB Tour

Due to the unavailability of our Ward Councillors perhaps we should re-schedule this tour to a date which suits all.

Other Meetings

Members are reminded of the Rural Futures meeting planned for 15 February at 7pm in the Takaka Bowling Club rooms, Hiawatha Lane, and also the Health Services meeting set for 10.30am on February 17 at the Community Centre.

Appropriate Speed Limits

Prior to Christmas Hon Harry Duynhoven, the Minister of Transport Safety, announced proposed trial areas for setting appropriate open road speed limits. (Copy attached). Notwithstanding the current TDC review I believe that we should request to become part of this trial.

Accordingly I wish to make the following suggestion:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the Minister of Transport requesting that roads in Golden Bay be considered for inclusion in the proposed appropriate speed limit trial”.

Tarakohe - Tata Beach Road

I understood that road improvements through Ligar Bay were due to start soon after the holiday period had passed. I have recently been advised that this work will not start now until next financial year. In the meantime maintenance is not being done due to the proposed reconstruction. This is a 'lose/lose' for current road users. I therefore suggest:

"That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Engineering Services and requests that maintenance of the Ligar Bay road be kept up to specification **or** the scheduled re-construction works be undertaken as soon as possible."

Planning

Apart from interest in 'Walk Tasman' booklets the main enquiries/comment during my two hour spell on the TDC tent at the A&P show related to the need for prescriptive planning for Tasman District. Concern was expressed about inappropriate land fragmentation, loss of rural character, increased cross-boundary effect problems. Subsequently, concern has also been expressed about pending discretionary applications for further subdivision of allotments in Rural Residential zones below minimum sizes. There seems to be little point in setting allotment sizes if they can be cumulatively abrogated. The fair way would be to consider such matters by way of Variations to the District Plan.

Tarakohe Finances

The Board has been promised copies of Tarakohe Financial records. Sadly, the Council Enterprise Sub committee has been presented with a flimsy one page, five year summary, which is basically a re-run of that supplied to the former Port Tarakohe Development Sub-committee. This is totally inadequate as the only available financial record for this community asset. Compare this financial record with TDC Forestry and Motueka Aerodrome accounts. It is also difficult to see how this summary could be compiled at all because the Office of Ombudsmen has been told that separate records for Tarakohe Accounts do not exist. How can a verifiable summary be compiled from non-existent records? Our community and its representatives require governance and financial accountability for this asset.

Accordingly I suggest the following:

"That the Golden Bay Community Board requests copies of the Tarakohe Closed Account Financial Records used to compile the operating and income summaries included in the Agenda for the 2 February 2005 Council Enterprises Sub-committee meeting."

Joe Bell