

REPORT

TO: GB Community Board
FROM: The Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 5th March 2006
SUBJECT: March 2006 Report

Activities, events and meetings attended during the past month included:

5 February - visited Para Para Coast Care following the working bee due to an earlier commitment. Very impressed with the growth of spinifex and pignau and the involvement of the local residents. The spinifex runners are already changing the slope of the beach to a gentler, more stable contour.

7 February - Agenda setting meeting for the 14 February Board meeting.

7 February - Representation Review Sub committee meeting, Motueka.

After lengthy discussion the sub committee resolved to recommend to Council that:

1. the Golden Bay Community Board be retained.
2. the Motueka Community Board be abolished.
3. there be two Councillor number options considered;-
 - I. a 12 person Council 4+3+3+1+1(Golden Bay)
 - II. a 13 person Council 4+3+3+1+2(Golden Bay)
4. the remaining wards be encouraged to have Community associations.

I had speaking rights but not voting rights at the meetings. Council is to consider the Sub-committee recommendation and make an interim decision which will then go out for formal consideration by the community.

It will be important for the whole community to make submissions either in support or in opposition of/to the interim decision depending on its content.

8 February - visited Puponga at the request of a resident to look at various issues including reported dumping of toilet waste from camper vans on the road reserve and possible formal use of another section of road reserve as an extension to the camping ground. Advised the resident of the TDC staff to whom incidents should be reported to and to whom enquiries should be made.

10 February - Community Board workshop Takaka. Matters discussed included:

Review of Board over past 12 months and representation role; prioritising Board activities including land, water, coastal and marine planning proposals; continuing community and council liaison to best effect - evening forums and another team visit to Richmond suggested; Representation Review update; Bonaparte Diamond Mines prospecting application for 3393km² of Golden Bay, Kahurangi - Separation Point out to 12nm - Board submission proposed; Golden Bay Housing Trust update.

14 February - Board meeting, Takaka.

17 February - addressed meeting of Golden Bay Grey Power about the Representation Review Process and responded to questions.

17 February- Radio programme recorded at Fresh FM on topics discussed during the 14 February Board meeting.

17 February - Public meeting to discuss Bonaparte Diamond Mines NL prospecting permit application. Spoke on Board's position and TDC's responsibilities as explained to me by the Consents Officer. Speakers included Iwi (who called the meeting), DoC, Challenger Scallop Enhancement Company, KASM (Kiwis Against Seabed Mining). The latter group was formed in response to mining of North Island foreshore and seabed. Review of Crown Minerals programme and the need for submissions by 3 March 2006 explained. Formation of a local Chapter of KASM suggested.

22 February - Council Enterprises sub committee meeting Motueka. Attended in absence of Ward councillors due to their other commitments. Spoke on the incomplete Tarakohe accounts included in the agenda. Income figures supplied verbally. Promise of full accounts in future provided. The need for all users to pay equitably reiterated and noted. Little lease income being collected. If the wooden wharf is beyond repair, tenders for its removal suggested. This should result in a return to Council from valuable recoverable materials for re use and/or landscaping.

27 February - Keep Golden Bay Beautiful Committee meeting. Takaka Ox-bow project discussed. Boundary arrangements with southern neighbour are under discussion. Accounts passed for payment. Gorge Creek (Ferntown) planting project report.

28 February - Community Whanau meeting Takaka. Jean Kinsey, Health Promotion Co ordinator Nelson Bays Primary Health Organisation explained the PHO role and responded to questions.

Jackie Archer Field Officer for Nelson/Marlborough Branch of Epilepsy NZ advised her contact details and role.

1 March – Interviewed on Milnthorpe Beach by a team compiling a documentary on South Island coast and coastal issues. Starting from Fiordland this year long project was due to complete filming at Farewell Spit later that day. The film will be

screened later in the year after editing.

2 March – Golden Bay High School exhibition “Artist’s Seeds” opened in the school hall. The great variety of art form, subject and style is a real credit to the pupils, teachers and display organizers.

3 March – Visit to Port Tarakohe Ltd land. This comprises approx 86 ha of the former cement works site and environs. The roading network in this vicinity needs to be planned and developed to make best access decisions prior to further land fragmentation complicating this issue.

4 March - Golden Bay Arts Council Garden Art Trail East Takaka. The three participating gardens provided great back drops to the art exhibitions. Artists were able to be observed at their work and the event also include music and poetry performances. Congratulations are due to the organisers, gardeners and participants for a special event.

ISSUES

Crown Minerals Programme

The submission to “Draft Crown Minerals (Minerals and Coal) Minerals Programme 2006” needs to be formally approved by the Board.

Accordingly I suggest:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board approves the Board’s submission to the Draft Crown Minerals programme.”

Community Boards in other Wards

I have had personal enquiries from residents in other TDC Wards about the possibility of their having a Community Board. I have advised that requests need to come from the respective ward communities and if we can help with general information about Community Boards then we are happy to do this. I am aware of Motueka’s proposal for a Community Board in each Ward. At our last meeting we resolved to hold this issue over until the combined Boards meeting on 22 April.

However this may not be compatible with the Representation Review time-table. I suggest that we discuss this matter and receive advice from the Service Centres Manager who has contact with both boards and if necessary prepare a Golden Bay Board submission prior to the April 22 meeting.

Tarakohe Roding

Following the informative tour of the Tarakohe property and adjacent roads it is imperative that the indicative roading network be formalised as soon as possible before further land fragmentation occurs and I recommend a resolution from the Board to this end.

Tarakohe income

Following information provided during the Council Enterprises Sub-committee in which it was revealed that very little lease money is being collected, it is recommended “that the Golden Bay Community Board requests that formal leases for wharf facilities and the fuel depot are finalised without further delay and that equitable commercial charges are set and collected from these leases”.

Vaccination Information

Resident Brad Heising is providing information to the Community Board raising concerns about vaccination programmes. It is suggested that this information be referred to the Golden Bay Health Group through Board representatives Gamby and McLellan, also to Board member McLellan and Cr Borlase on the Integrated Health Group.

Rangihaeata Trees

There have been approaches from a Rangihaeata resident about the removal of pines on TDC land off Charlett Point Rd. These trees were to be removed and replaced with natives and this project has reportedly been talked about over the last 6 years.

The Community Board needs to formally request that the reserve boundaries need to be defined and that staff of the departments involved need to liaise with the residents without further delay. Community Services are of the opinion that some of the area is road reserve. Perhaps our Board representatives on the Engineering and Community Services committees can liaise with their respective departments and seek a resolution.

Bio Fuels in Golden Bay

With concern being expressed about uncertain fuel supplies and the cost of these, there is renewed interest in the prospect of bio fuels. Golden Bay is transport dependent and supply problems and price issues could impact severely on our community.

It is understood that there is some interest in forming a study group to investigate options including bio fuels.

Accordingly, it is suggested: “That the Golden Bay Community Board supports in principle the formation of a study group to investigate the implications of uncertain fuel supply and price sensitivity issues for the Bay and the possible production and use of local alternatives such as bio fuels.

Making Good Decisions

The next training workshops for the Auckland University RMA programme entitled ‘Making Good Decisions’ is set down for 1st and 2nd May and 4th and 5th May 2006. In

a split vote TDC voted down community board training on 30th June 2005. It has been suggested that if the Board was to put through a formal request that this matter be reconsidered by Council then this would be able to be done.

Accordingly it is recommended that the Board does this.

Pakawau Motor Camp

Further to earlier discussions, advice has been received that the Motor Homes Association has helped with the retention of camps in other areas. This information has been passed on to the Property Manager who considers that Community Services and perhaps DOC and the Minister need to investigate the possible purchase.

Village Green Hall

Further to earlier discussions, it is suggested that if the property adjacent to the old fire station carpark was purchased there could be boundary adjustments resulting in a commercial section(s) fronting Reilly Street which could be sold/leased to fund the cost. It could be possible to relocate the Village Green Hall within the vicinity for use as a public facility/youth centre. These suggestions have been passed to the TDC Property Manager who advises that these matters need to be taken up with Community Services and Engineering in the first instance.

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