

STAFF REPORT

TO: Golden Bay Community Board
FROM: The Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 2nd April 2007
SUBJECT: Report for April 2007 Meeting

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

5 March – Agenda setting for 13 March Community Board meeting

7 March – Met with ‘Re-thinking Globalisation’ students, TDC meeting room Takaka. The young people, mostly from USA, are undertaking the International Honours Programme which includes studies in England, Tanzania, India, New Zealand, Mexico and will conclude in Boston.

Each gave a summary of their home community and local governance and Board Members provided information about local government in Golden Bay and Tasman District.

7 March – Sea Week Talk - Conservationist, sailor and author Julian Fitter gave a talk on marine issues confronting the Galapagos Islands. These are similar to our own - fishing and environmental pressure and understanding the essential relationship between species in the marine life web.

An underwater video of sea life in Fiordland and Foveaux Strait concluded the evening. These talks have relevance for our Golden Bay Marine Management Plan proposal.

8 March – Team Golden Bay Planning Meeting - to discuss the Draft Variation proposed for Takaka – Eastern Golden Bay.

8 March – Public Meeting in support of the Golden Bay Student and Family Support Worker Position (SFSW), Takaka - Organised by the GB Community Workers, this was a very well attended fund-raising evening. We were addressed by current worker Simon Dadley–Moore who spoke about the success of the role which was established with two year seed funding from a private benefactor. Celia Lashlie and Philip Chapman provided entertaining thought-provoking speeches on the roles/foibles of men and women in society.

There is no doubt that the SFSW is helping to strengthen the fence at the top of the cliff through timely intervention and guidance. This is a far more positive initiative than trying to pick up more expensive pieces at the bottom. The innovative role does deserve on-going funding.

10 March – Community Bike Ride Tarakohe – Pohara - to raise awareness of improving safety for vulnerable road users and encouraging cycling as an alternative transport in the face of uncertain/expensive fuel supply.

13 March – Community Board Meeting Collingwood

16 March – Recorded TDC ‘Lowdown’ Programme Interview - on matters discussed during 13 March Board meeting.

21 March – Opening of number 34 Motupipi Street as a Community House - for young people in training. It is managed under the auspices of GB Work Centre Trust. An excellent refurbishment and extension has provided a great community asset as the result of 4 years effort. Congratulations are due to all involved.

27 March – Community Whanau meeting Takaka - Dave Marshall, guest speaker on Big Brother, Big Sister mentoring programme. Very positive outcomes recorded. Shared notices included Annual Plan meeting Collingwood 7.30pm and Housing Survey responses needed.

27 March – Annual Plan, Public Meeting Collingwood - Briefing on Draft Plan content by Mayor and manager of Corporate Services.

Issues raised during the meeting included:

- Concerns about Takaka water reticulation proposals
- Port Nelson \$12.5m debt funded distribution
- Council debt
- Golden Bay planning needs to be completed and Boffa Miskell report used for reference
- Regional Museum sustainably funded
- Tarakohe accounts needed
- Amalgamation cost/benefit study needed
- TDC GE policy needed
- Civil Defence - replacement controller being sought

28 March – Environment and Planning Meeting Richmond - Invited to the table. Golden Bay issues included a Report on condition of Motupipi Stream and the Takaka and Eastern Golden Bay Draft Variations. Spoke in support of positive initiatives to address both.

Community support for Motupipi improvements is heartening. It was agreed that appropriate species for planting and adequate stream set-back fencing is essential.

The Variation is to go out to next stage of community consultation. There has been positive support for this also to date.

30 March – Keep Golden Bay Beautiful Committee meeting Onekaka - Items discussed included:

- Works programme for releasing riparian plantings Takaka Ox-bow and Onekaka
- Waitapu Bridge planting maintenance (April)
- Para Para Estuary care – local group suggested
- KGBB Incorporated Society papers completed

30 March – Board Submission sent for Transit SH60 Review - prepared from previous submission requests and an individual submission to the **MAF options paper for Climate Change and Sustainable Land Management** compiled.

ISSUES:

Council Land Sales and Purchases

Concern was raised with the Council prior to the 22 March Full Council meeting by email (copy attached).

Nothing is recorded in the minutes about these concerns. In this instance it appears that Development Levies will be absorbed in the purchase of land for roading which will also benefit the developer rather than for the wider infra structure as was the intention.

Perhaps our Councillors could comment on the discussion about this item if any.

Rates Inquiry

The Board needs to prepare a submission on this, either by meeting or via contributions by email. I am prepared to co-ordinate a Draft submission. The closing date is 30 April.

Community Forum Energy Descent Planning

We need to set a date for this. Please bring your diaries.

Local Government Commission Representation Review Decision

The Board may need to respond to this on behalf of our Community. The response will depend on the decision detail.

Annual Plan Submission

The Board needs to prepare a submission on the Annual Plan. Items including Western Golden Bay Planning, Takaka Fire wells, Collingwood Streetscaping, Takaka By-pass consultation, Salisbury Swing Bridge car park and Port Nelson distribution of capital funded by borrowing.

Complaints Policy

Following our request to TDC for there to be a Complaints Policy an invitation was made by the Acting CEO to draft one. A copy of this is in the Board Information Pack.

The Draft was to be discussed at the Managers Meeting of 2 April 2007. The Policy should refer to receipt of positive feed back as well as any complaints.

Compassionate Communication

Jean Morrison's helpful workshop attended by Leigh Gamby, Bob Askew and myself is to be repeated next year. TDC staff, councillors and Board members are urged to attend if they can. The method taught provides a great insight into ways of improving communication.

Joe Bell