

REPORT

TO: Golden Bay Community Board

FROM: The Chair

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SUBJECT: **RGB11-05-01** - Report prepared for meeting of 10 May 2011

I have begun writing my report on Friday 29th April, an auspicious date when an estimated 2 billion people (including me) were watching the royal wedding.

Annual plan Meetings

Two meetings were held one in Takaka on the afternoon of the 13 April and in Collingwood the same evening. The evening meeting was well attended to hear Council's Strategic Planner, Susan Edwards and Engineering Manager Peter Thomson, explain changes to the 10-year plan and inclusions that will financially impact on the 2012-13 year plan. The Community Board has submitted.

Waste Water Working Group

Time was spent looking at the possibilities or impossibilities of finding another alternate site and a debrief on the visit to other sewerage treatment sites in Tasman. The group continues to explore ways to address issues raised by concerned residents.

Market Report

This report has now been completed and is attached. The recommendation is to be considered by Council.

This is the first delegation we received as a new Board following the 2010 election and has worked well.

Recommendation:

"That the Golden Bay Community Board sends the attached Market Report to Council for its consideration."

Aquaculture

There appears to be some confusion in the community about the areas available for aquaculture. Alan Vaughan has expertise in this field and has agreed to update

the Board regarding the current situation. He has prepared a paper and maps on this subject which is a valuable reference.

Recommendation:

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

Mataitai Interpretive Panel Unveiling

Councillor Bouillir, Board Member Brookes and I attended this function on 16 April at Patarau. The skies opened and the rain just bucketed down. Iwi had erected marquees and had the use of a house and buildings close to the actual Mataitai sign where we all sheltered hoping for a break in the weather to have the unveiling. That didn't happen but amazingly most of the guests braved the weather and chose to go out to the site and hear the blessing and just be there for the unveiling. We all then returned to the marquee for the speeches and responses.

When kai was served the sun came out and we were able to eat outside it was wonderful; all the puddles had vanished - just amazing. However we knew we hadn't imagined all that heavy rain as when we left, the Patarau River was in flood and well over the road in several places; thank goodness for 4-wheel drive vehicles.

This Mataitai is the culmination of many years of negotiation and consultation and has been embraced by the whole community who want to see the fishery not just survive in this area but really flourish. The Mataitai will be a legacy for generations to come and hopefully this first Mataitai in our region will not be the only one. Congratulations have been sent to Manawhau Ki Mohua.

Interim Management Group

At the last meeting the Interim Management Group (IMG) approved the insert to go into the Golden Bay Weekly for the Easter edition so every home now has a copy of the concept plan.

This plan has been worked on over several weeks and signed off by all the groups involved in Golden Bay health services. The Health Facility Architects and Health Planner have worked on projects all over New Zealand, and the firm of Peddle Thorpe was chosen for their experience by the Ministry of Health to do the final planning on our facility.

Te Hauora O Mohua Trust will meet on Wednesday 11 May at 9.30am in the Heartlands Meeting room and the meeting will begin with a Public Forum. All welcome.

Old Library Site

No, we haven't forgotten about a meeting however we decided to have a preliminary meeting with Glenn Thorn, Lloyd Kennedy, and Jim Frater in order to iron out any problems and look at all the issues. It has been tricky to find a suitable

date however June is looking positive. The site isn't going away and all the submissions are still there and we are all very keen to see some progress. It will happen.

Road Signage

New signage is planned for the Collingwood White Bridge turnoff to clear up confusion for people travelling up the Aorere Valley and for those going out towards Farewell Spit. If you have any comments or concerns about these signs please let us know. The old yellow finger signs that we all so familiar with are gradually being replaced by the blue signs that are easy to read at night and certainly stand out. We have requested the yellow finger signs be given to the Community Board, and we welcome your suggestions what should happen to these. Please take the time to have a look at the proposal displayed in the Takaka Library, Takaka Service Centre, Collingwood Library, Bainham Store and the Old School Café, Pakawau.

Standing Committee Representation at Council

The Golden Bay Community Board is very pleased to be welcomed back to Council to sit around the table at Standing Committee meetings. It is over 10 years since this last happened so this is a huge step forward in working as a team in Tasman. Mik Symmons was welcomed to the table by Chair Stuart Bryant for the last Environment & Planning meeting and although we do not have a vote we do have speaking rights which gives the Community Board the opportunity to speak to items being debated at that Meeting. The Chair of the Community Board has also been invited to Full Council meetings.

Recommendation:

“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.

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.”

Freedom Camping By Law

Board Member Leigh Gamby presented the Community Board's oral submission at the Environment & Planning meeting at which the Freedom Camping Bylaw was debated and voted upon. Although the amendment proposed by Councillors Bouillir, Edgar and Maling was unsuccessful I believe the Committee agreeing to review this Bylaw in 12 months' time is a very positive outcome and will allow changes to be made where necessary. This review can also be done at leisure to allow everyone plenty of time to submit etc as the time constants

imposed by the necessity of having something in place by the World Cup put pressure on Councils throughout New Zealand.

I think it may be helpful if there was to be a permanent site on the Tasman District Council website where comments about freedom camping good, not so good or neutral could be posted during the year; ultimately these comments may well be helpful when formulating the amendments or changes to the By Law. This could be an interactive site where others could interact and answer comments, perhaps Council's first blog on freedom camping and would be interesting to monitor.

Recommendation:

“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.”

Rototai Toilet

We have had some responses to our letter asking adjoining residents opinion on whether or not a toilet should be sited on the reserve and if so where. The responses have varied and there is certainly acknowledgment that with the proliferation of people enjoying recreation activities in the area there is a need for more toilets in areas like Rototai.

The reserves management policy also states “investigate the installation of toilets at the reserve.”

Recommendation:

“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 thanks those residents who have responded to our letter, and informs them of any decision.”

Motocross

We had a presentation at the April Public Forum in regard to the noise from Motocross activities. The Community Board reiterates that this is a noise issue and the problem of noise must be resolved. We are not opposed to Motocross. We understand that this matter is under consideration by the Ombudsman and we understand the Christchurch earthquakes have impacted on that offices ability to deal with their work load. However, we are also mindful that this issue has been before the Board for over four years and would really like Council to relook at this issue, within the existing rules for noise, where the health and wellbeing of residents is being compromised.

Recommendation:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board request that Council re-examines the criteria for noise from Motocross. We have residents whose lives are being

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

River Walk and Works

Councillor Bouillir and all Board Members had a familiarization tour of the Takaka River looking at works that have been completed over the years and in particular the new groyne just above the Kotinga Bridge. We had enquiries about this work so we took a look at this and other issues.

Peter Thomson (Engineering Manager) responded to Councillor Bouillir regarding the groyne:

“I have been advised that the work that has been carried out at the Kotinga Bridge was required bridge maintenance and is being carried out under our roading activity budgets. It was not part of our rivers Annual Operations & Maintenance Programme of scheduled works. However this roading work was completed by Ferguson Bros who is our normal River Maintenance contractor.

The work involved the repair of the existing rock protection of the left bank bridge abutment and the placing of a rock spur groyne upstream to train the river away from the left bank abutment. As stated above, the works are part of our subsidised roading maintenance.”

The Board was also concerned about the build up of gravel and we are talking to our Rivers Engineer regarding this issue.

Coba Holdings

Access has been negotiated for the designation of a short section of legal road with the land owner, r.o.w. holders and Tasman District Council. The access required by conditions of the subdivision consent will also provide a walking route for a link track to the beach from Orion/Excellent Streets intersection.

The Board has been concerned about vehicles on beaches and a 2010 subdivision consent application provided the opportunity to help negotiate an off-beach access for a property near Collingwood.

This has involved the Board becoming a party to Environment Court mediation.

This process had begun prior to the 2010 election and as Joe Bell had begun in his role of Board representative we are grateful to him for continuing his involvement, thus ensuring continuity of representation for the Board and around the table, as all the parties worked towards a successful settlement. Thanks to all parties who have worked on this issue to achieve a great joint community outcome.

Recommendation:

“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.”

80kmph Trial for Golden Bay

At the April Community Board Meeting Gary Clark (Council’s Transportation Manager) stated that New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) had enquired whether Golden Bay could be used in a 2 year trial of an 80kmph speed restriction. The newspaper has reported on this issue which has certainly provoked quite a deal of controversy. This matter would need to go to Engineering Services before any consultation was entered into with the community. I have yet to receive any positive feedback on this proposal!!!

Recommendation:

“That if this proposal is to be considered, the Golden Bay Community Board requests that adequate consultative time and clarity of detail before this proposal is made available.”

Dogs in Town

The Takaka CBD is a dog free zone and although we have some “no dogs” signs there are entry points to town where visitors would be unaware of this ban. We have identified that 7 additional signs are needed however we have been informed there are insufficient funds for this, instead stencils are painted on the pavement. These are not proving satisfactory as they wear off very quickly and do not seem to be a good use of the budget in Takaka.

Recommendation:

“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.”

Collingwood Volunteer Fire Brigade –Centenary Celebration

It was a big Easter weekend in Collingwood with the Volunteer Fire Brigade celebrating 100 years of volunteer service to the Community. On behalf of Council I attended the evening function at which Paddy Gillooly was awarded his Gold Star for 25 years of service to the Brigade. He had actually done 31 however he had several years when his children were young when he didn’t attend the requisite practices so those years are not able to be counted. A number of other honours and awards were presented and it certainly demonstrated the strength of this local Volunteer Brigade.

The dinner was a great celebration with an excellent attendance and uniforms everywhere. What a fantastic celebration of volunteers; all these men and women who do huge hours for the safety and wellbeing community it is all very humbling. Congratulations have been sent to both the Collingwood Volunteer Brigade and Paddy Gillooly.

Anzac

Anzac day saw another fantastic turnout in Collingwood where I represented Council and Community Board, the paper said 200 although I thought it was more like close to 300. Paul Sangster was the speaker in Collingwood and he spoke of how his interest in war and war memorabilia was sparked, and how he likes to collect the stories of the men and women who owned items and in particular about those men and women who returned from war, who don't have their names on boards - who aren't commemorated each year, a very thought provoking address. Top marks to Paul it is worth thinking about.

A big march to the cenotaph with the ranks swelled by the visiting Fire Service personnel in town for the 100th year of the Collingwood Volunteer Brigade. Alice Hubbard and I laid the Tasman District Council wreath at the cenotaph.

Following this, Collingwood RSA ladies provided the usual wonderful lunch for the crowd; the tables were groaning with food and it almost all vanished. All very much appreciated.

Board Member Leigh Gamby represented Council in Takaka for Anzac, where the address was given to another good crowd by Lance Corporal Allister Baker who is an ex Upper Takaka boy and whose life experiences made for a very interesting address. It is good to see Allister recovering well from his injuries sustained in Afghanistan.

Board Member Symmons was the only one of us who was up bright and early to attend the Dawn Parade which he reported had over 100 in attendance in Takaka.

Recommendation:

“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.”

Erosion – Beach Road Collingwood

The Community continues to express concern about the ongoing erosion at the end of Beach road where there is no rock work. The demise of the 30 year old Pohutukawa trees is very disappointing and residents are afraid that if remedial work is not embarked upon immediately then the road will be threatened. The Board, along with Community Services Manager Lloyd Kennedy, inspected this after the March meeting and the situation was relayed to Council.

Recommendation:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board again inspects the erosion on Beach Road Collingwood, and reports on the situation to Council.”

Councillor Noel Riley

We were pleased that Noel attended our last Board meeting however next day he became unwell again. He is on extended leave until further notice, however he is taking an interest in the email correspondence that goes to and fro and makes comment where necessary. We wish Noel and Kath all the best during this convalescence period.

A card has been sent to Noel and Kath by the Board.

Carolyn O. McLellan