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Thanks to Board members Gamby, Brookes and Symmons and Councillor Bouillir for looking after all the issues that arose in the last fortnight while John and I have been in Nelson looking after four of our grandchildren.

Particularly thanks to Board member Symmons who had offered to prepare the original submission to the Annual Plan and who along with Board member Gamby presented the oral submission to Council on May 17. It also had good coverage in the GB Weekly so everyone should be aware of the current issues and spending.

The whole Board is working as a very cohesive team and it is great to know that if I am away everything ticks along so very smoothly.

1. Public Forum

1.1 We have had comment about the fact we are not replying or engaging in dialogue on the day with issues raised during Public Forum.

Firstly we do not want to make comment which may turn out to be incorrect so unless we can give a definitive answer we would prefer to research the issue and give a factual response.

Secondly, the last 3months' meetings have been very tight in time frame as we have had other commitments following the meeting which has not allowed us any wriggle room apart from hearing people's comments. The CEO has now requested that there are not to be any other meetings scheduled for our meeting day to ensure we do not have these conflicts.

We do value Public Forum and I can assure everyone that all issues brought to us in Public Forum are discussed to decide the best way to deal with these. Enquiries are replied to and we endeavour to deal with matters respectfully and appropriately.

I have imposed a time limit on speakers as we need to be fair to ensure we do give everyone a hearing within the allotted hour. Nothing is ignored we do take all issues seriously. We do need to hear from you in this forum as it helps us to know what issues are important to you.

2. Sustainable Economic Development

- 2.1 This was a theme for our May Public Forum with presentations from Bob Butts, Nicola Basham and Alan Kilgour with the concern that there are no jobs here to encourage our youth to stay. There is, as we know, no quick fix or easy answer. Ms Basham tabled a proposal and the Board will have further follow up with her and discussion regarding her ideas.

3. Community Board Conference in Rotorua

- 3.1 This is the first Conference I have attended in the 12 years I have been on the Board so it was particularly interesting to meet with other Community Board members, Mayors and Councillors from other areas, and hear their issues and learn how various councils differ in their attitudes to their boards. Tasman District Council was represented by David Ogilvie (Motueka Board Chair) and Richard Kempthorne - this was the first time our Tasman District Council Mayor has attended the conference. It was a very full on 2 days and it did not help that I couldn't leave Nelson the day prior due to fog and consequently didn't arrive until after the opening address the next day. So much for being booked early and highly organised!

4. Integrated Health

- 4.1 I missed the Open Day but at our IMG meeting on the 30th it was reported there was a good attendance and the opportunity for participants to engage with architect and Health Planner was really appreciated and helpful for both parties. The plans are being further developed to reflect the changes and suggestions put forward. The public meeting will be held in July and will be well advertised.

5. Local Halls

- 5.1 Members of the Board have all attended triennial elections for local hall administration. We have different local halls as part of our portfolio of responsibilities and recently Cr Bouillir has attended Onekaka, Board member Symmons East Takaka, Board member Gamby Upper Takaka and I have attended Pakawau and Bainham. All of these halls have dedicated volunteer committees who work on behalf of the community to ensure that these facilities are maintained and when needed upgraded. All this would be very difficult without the grants that are received annually from Council's reserve contributions account. Most of these halls were built in another era when travel was not so easy, however, I think we are now seeing an upsurge in the usage of the local halls as travel costs increase and residents seek their recreation opportunities closer to home.

Suggested Recommendation:

"THAT the Golden Bay Community Board send letters to the committees of the local halls thanking them for their work in maintaining these Golden Bay assets for the benefit of the Community."

6. Federated farmers AGM

6.1 The morning meeting dealt with industry issues and the afternoon was a celebration of successful collaboration of industries and groups within Golden Bay who are making a huge contribution to the health of the environment and helping create wealth for the economy of the Bay.

A presentation of \$5,000 was made by Kris Solly of the Golden Bay Mussel Farmers Consortium to Golden Bay Stream Care to ensure the ongoing work of planting native species next to waterways continues. Local volunteers assisted by farmers plant the trees and shrubs which are reared in the Stream Care nursery at Collingwood Area School. Robyn Jones, John Gilardi and Jo-Anne Vaughn who are all involved in this project, were present to accept this generous grant.

Congratulations to the Aorere Catchment Project that, along with Land Care Trust, was recognised by the Marlborough Shellfish Quality Programme (MSQP) for their successful efforts in improving water quality in the Aorere Catchment. MSQP Manager spoke of the successful co-operation between two industries, which are both vital to the Golden Bay economy. Bruce McNabb and Barbara Stuart representing Land Care Trust, and Sue Brown, Golden Bay Federated Farmers President, replied.

Suggested Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board send letters of congratulations to Aorere Catchment Group and Land Care Trust for their work in the catchment and their continuing collaboration with the Mussel farmers;

And further:

That letters of thanks be sent to the Golden Bay Stream Care Group for their ongoing work raising and planting on the streams and rivers of the Aorere catchment and the Mussel Farmers Consortium for their financial support to the stream care group to ensure the continuation of their work.”

7. A4A (Accessibility for All)

Board member Brookes attends these meetings on our behalf which are jointly held between Tasman District and Nelson City Council. Ms Brookes reports from their last meeting:

“Recently the “Accessibility for All” group has put in three submissions concerning:

- i. Tasman District Council: Draft Annual Plan regarding transport, footpath accessibility including sandwich board placement, and an accessible toilet needed at Kaiteriteri*
- ii. Nelson City Council: Draft Social Well Being Policy*
- iii. Nelson City Council: Nelson Regional Transport Policy Plans*

At the last meeting a private business called Driving Miss Daisy was presented to the meeting. This gives extra care at point of pick up and put down, helping clients out of their

houses and helping to settle people in before the driver leaves from the destination.
Meetings are three monthly at Tasman District Council, Richmond.”

8. Mining and Greywolf

- 8.1 The Board wrote to Crown Minerals asking for full information in respect of this or any other application. The Community Board is concerned that as the statutory body with responsibility for Golden Bay issues we should be included in any initial notification. We are very grateful to Manawhenua ki Mohua who shared their information with us. We were not prepared to take a position on this issue until we had more information, which was not forthcoming and it appears now that Greywolf has had its applications rejected by the Ministry of Economic Development and NZ petroleum and Minerals has said it had “identified deficiencies in the financial information provided by Greywolf.”

The credentials, reputation, and track record of any group that applies for mining or exploration rights in this country should be well scrutinized by Crown Minerals when the initial approach is made. It would be very disappointing if a government body allowed companies or individuals to undertake work in our country that could ultimately prove detrimental to our environment.

Suggested recommendation:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Crown Minerals (now NZ Petroleum and Minerals) and the Ministry of Economic Development advising them of our concern and requesting that any companies or bodies seeking to make application for mining and exploration rights be thoroughly investigated before any applications are issued or approved.”

9. Golden Bay High School Pool

- 9.1 The use of reserve contributions funds to install a new heating circuit to the pool is still under consideration. Council needed reassurance that the school has investigated all other sources of heating however Principal Roger File has reported that GBHS has recently had an energy audit and the method of heating the pool via the newly installed wood chip fuelled system was seen to be the most efficient and cost effective system for this pool.

As of 3 June 2011, I am delighted to receive notification from Lloyd Kennedy that he has authorised this work.

Suggested recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Community Services thanking Mr Kennedy for the excellent outcome regarding the GBHS pool.”

10. Waste Water Working Group

- 10.1 We have had two meetings since my last report. A public information release is being prepared to summarise the working group’s progress. Public consultation

sessions on the wastewater treatment plant project are planned. Details of these sessions will be available in the information release.

11. Old Library Site

- 11.1 We have had several enquiries regarding progress on this project. It has been a while since we received submissions.

The Golden Bay Community Board has had an initial meeting with Lloyd Kennedy and Glenn Thorn looking at possibilities and more information is still required, however, the playground concepts which will be presented to the public are looking exciting and very Golden Bay!

We do still intend having a public meeting as soon as we have all the information we need.

12. Road Safety - Safe Stopping Campaign

- 12.1 Board members Gamby and Brookes attended Safety Officer Krista Hobday's demonstrations for school children in Golden Bay in Wadsworth Street.

Board member Brookes reports:

"The venue was well chosen, the demonstration team highly skilled. Differences between distances covered when stopping at various speeds: 30, 50 and 60 kilometres were shown with 2 pupils chosen to ride in the car during each demonstration."

Board member Gamby added:

"I sat in the demo car during the second demonstration (3 volunteers were in each demo), and travelling up Wadsworth Street at 60kph felt as if we were going to end up in Trevor Dransfield's lounge!"

For the more senior children the demonstration showed the difference between normal braking system and an ABS braking system. Not much difference at a low speed, but better stopping distance and more control at higher speeds. At 50kmph the distance is 24m and at 60kmph, 32m both in dry conditions."

13. Freedom Camping

- 13.1 I attended the Full Council meeting in Richmond on May 19 when the Freedom Camping Bylaw was adopted by Council. The Community Board heard from a number of our community at the last Public Forum regarding this bylaw and the fact it did not allow for responsible camping for anyone who did not have an expensive campervan and who was not a member of the Motor Home Association.

On the day the bylaw was well debated around the Council table with Cr Bouillir, along with 3 other councillors, voting against the bylaw as it stood after trying unsuccessfully to pass an amendment.

The original motion was passed with the proviso that it will be reviewed in 12 months' time. The Mayor has said he will have a conversation with the Golden Bay Community Board "to ensure the bylaw is appropriately implemented for our community."

Suggested recommendation:

"THAT the Golden Bay Community Board arranges a time to meet with the Mayor to discuss freedom camping in Golden Bay."

14. Motocross

- 14.1 We had several presentations on this topic at the May Public Forum from different perspectives. The residents who are most greatly affected by the noise from motocross had written to the Ombudsman on this issue. Council has been reluctant to enter into any dialogue while this matter was before the Ombudsman's office.

The Golden Bay Community Board has had the opportunity to read the Ombudsman's preliminary report and we believe that if this matter of noise is clarified as per the TRMP it would give clarity to both parties. We reiterate this is a noise issue not a motocross issue. The Ombudsman's preliminary report in Section 24 states:

"My view then, is that Council should take steps to obtain an authoritative legal view of whether motocross activities are exempt from the noise level restrictions of Rule 17.5.2.1(d) of the current District Plan."

Suggested recommendation:

"THAT the Golden Bay Community Board respectfully suggests that it would be helpful if Council would consider obtaining a legal view of this matter in order to determine whether or not motocross activities are exempt from the noise level restrictions of rule 17.5.2.1. (d) of the TRMP in order to respond to the Ombudsmen's preliminary report to give the requested feedback."

15. Get Plastered

- 15.1 Congratulations to Billy Kerrisk and Golden Bay Rural Women on the nationwide success of the "Get Plastered" campaign which won a merit award at the Fundraising Institute of New Zealand. This innovative campaign has raised \$16,000 for the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation which will go towards research being undertaken at the University of Otago comparing breast cancer outcomes for rural women and those in urban areas.

Suggested recommendation:

"THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes letters of congratulation to Billy Kerrisk and Rural Women Golden Bay."

16. Proposed Multi Purpose Golden Bay Facility

- 16.1 Four members of the proposed Multi Purpose Facility Committee met with the Golden Bay Community Board to update us on their progress to date. Their work is now at a stage where concept plans and initial project management are necessary. In order for this to happen the Board will need to write to Council seeking the possibility of funding for this stage.

Suggested recommendation:

“The Golden Bay Community Board writes to Council to seek seeding funding for concept plans and project management to take the proposed multi-purpose facility at the Golden Bay Recreation Park to the next planning stage in order for this to be presented to the community of Golden Bay.”

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