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This has been another very interesting month for the Community Board.

1. Golden Bay By-Election

The By-Election is being held as a result of the resignation of Councillor Noel Riley. At the close of nominations on the 16 of August there were four nominations for this position. These nominations are:

Laurence Boomert
Sue Brown
Paul Sangster
Mik Symmons

Voting papers will be distributed to all electors listed in the Electoral Roll. Voting (by postal ballot) opens on Monday 12 September 2011 and completed voting papers must be returned in time to reach the Electoral Officer by noon on Wednesday 5 October 2011. A preliminary result will be available shortly thereafter. Additional Golden Bay By-Election information appended to this report – Appendix 1.

2. Meet the Candidates

Bainham and Pakawau Rural Women are hosting a meeting in Collingwood and Grey Power and the Community Workers are hosting a Takaka meeting.

Date: Sunday 11th September
Venue: Collingwood Sunday School Hall, Haven Road, 1.30pm
And:
Community Centre Hall, Commercial Street, Takaka 7.30pm

Each candidate will address the meeting and then there will be questions from the floor.

This is our opportunity to inform ourselves about each candidate.

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board pays for the costs of advertising these two ‘meet the candidates’ meetings in the Golden Bay Weekly.”

3. Leave of Absence

Board Member Gamby has notified us that he will be absent until Christmas while he undergoes surgery and rehabilitation. We wish Leigh all the very best and will be thinking of him especially on the 6th September as he undergoes surgery.

4. Full Council Meeting 11th August – Community Board Delegations

Board Members Gamby, Brookes and I attended this meeting and I was invited to sit around the table and was accorded speaking rights.

The lack of meaningful Community Board delegations has long been a bone of contention between Council and the Golden Bay Community Board so it was especially pleasing to have this on the agenda at last.

The debate on this issue was inclusive and generous with the resolution being passed unanimously.

Taken from Full Council Minutes:

“4.4 Community Board Delegations – RCN11-08-03

Chief Executive, Mr Wylie, spoke to the report.

The report included in the agenda recommended an amendment to the Delegations Register to confirm the role and delegated powers applicable to the Motueka and Golden Bay Community Boards following consideration of the matter at the 30 June 2011 Council meeting and in light of recommendations included in the Local Government Commission’s draft reorganisation scheme for the proposed union of Tasman District and Nelson City.

Mayor Kempthorne asked that 3a) (Grants from Rates Programme) be deleted, with the support of the Golden Bay Community Board and Motueka Community Board.

**Moved Crs King/Norriss
CN11-08-10**

THAT the Tasman District Council receives report RCN11-08-03 and agrees to amend Section 10.4 of the Council's Delegation Register as follows:

The powers of the Motueka and Golden Bay Community Boards, in respect of their wards, are as follows:

(1) The role of Community Boards as defined in section 52 of the Local Government Act 2002, is to:

(a) represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community; and

(b) consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board; and

(c) maintain an overview of services provided by the Tasman District Council within the community; and

(d) prepare an annual submission to the Tasman District Council for expenditure within the community; and

(e) communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community; and

(f) undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.

(2) In particular, Community Boards shall have responsibility to:

(a) facilitate engagement of their community in relation to policies, plans and projects proposed for their community as requested by the Council;

(b) advise the Council on the priorities and preferences of their community in respect of the level and nature of local services to be provided by the Council in their community;

(c) where preferred service levels in their community are higher than Council Annual Plan, advise the Council on any recommended funding mechanism;

(d) undertake activities for which a budget has been allocated by the Council to the Board;

(e) seek funding (to be held by the Council) from external organisations which can be applied to community projects within their community

(f) make recommendations to the Council on the granting of leases or licences on reserves and public spaces in their community;

(g) make recommendations to the Council on proposed developments or activities on local parks, reserves and waterways in their community;

- (h) make submissions and objections in relation to Council statutory processes and which affect interests within their community.***
- (3) Community boards shall have delegated authority, in accordance with any statutory powers and the policies, plans and bylaws of the Council, to:***
- (a) manage and approve usage of any market place in their community with power to disburse any surplus, after costs, for purposes within the ward;***
- (b) approve traffic control signs on streets (eg stop and give way signs etc), the design and location of bus stops and shelters in their community, provided that should the Board disagree with any technical advice tendered by Council staff that matter shall be referred to the Engineering Services Committee for decision;***
- (c) approve the design and location of playground equipment, street furniture and street planting in their community, provided that, should the Board disagree with any technical advice tendered by Council staff, the matter shall be referred to the Community Services Committee for decision;***
- (d) approve names of streets and parks in their community;***
- (e) grant consent for the removal of trees from parks, reserves, streets or other Council land in their community, provided that should the Board disagree with any technical advice tendered by Council staff that matter shall be referred to the relevant Council Committee for decision;***
- (f) authorise, within approved budgets, board member attendance at appropriate conferences and training courses.***
- (4) The Community Board Delegations be reviewed in 12 months time.***
CARRIED

The reason we requested that the Grants from Rates delegation be deleted was to ensure our community is not disadvantaged by any delegation. At present Golden Bay has significantly more projects that are supported by Grants from Rates than would be able to happen if the population-based method was adopted. Issues of isolation and deprivation in Golden Bay would be exacerbated under a population-based formula. Council agreed, and this delegation was therefore deleted from the delegations.

Likewise, delegation for the Board to administer the Council-owned halls in Golden Bay; all these Council-owned halls have very competent and dedicated hall committees on which a community Board representative sits and attends meetings when necessary. The hall committees liaise with Community Service's Community Services Administrator, Francie Wafer, who does all the administration work for the Council-owned halls. This works well and we see no reason to take on something that is already very successful.

This is a very significant milestone in the relationship between Tasman District Council and Motueka and Golden Bay community boards. It has been a long,

difficult, and at times acrimonious journey and we are very optimistic that this is the beginning of a new and much more constructive relationship.

Recommendation

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Tasman District Council and thanks them for this significant achievement and the ongoing evolution of delegations.”

5. Submission to Local Government Commission Draft Proposal for the Union of Nelson City and Tasman District

The Golden Bay Community Board has supported many aspects of the Draft Amalgamation Proposal and is in support of a final scheme being developed to go to a poll.

We have asked to be heard and will anticipate hearings being convened around the region in late October however dates have not yet been advised.

All submissions will be on the Local Government Commission website and these can be accessed at www.lgc.govt.nz

The Golden Bay Community Board submission is attached to this report – Appendix 2.

6. Mick Lester’s talk on Community Boards for the District

Board members Brookes, Symmons, Councillor Bouillir and I accepted the invitation by Nelson City Council (NCC) to attend an address by Mick Lester who is the Chair of the Community Boards Executive Committee which is the national body representing community boards in New Zealand. Motueka was represented by David Ogilvie, Chair of their Community Board along with Councillors Jack Inglis and Eileen Wilkins, and with Judene Edgar from Richmond we were all representing Tasman. Nelson City had an almost full contingent of councillors and their Mayor, Aldo Miccio, who had invited Mick to Nelson.

Community Boards are a new concept for NCC as they have had no experience of how it would work under the proposed new union and heard details of what their role would be in a new regional structure.

Mick Lester has had over 10 years' experience in Hawkes Bay on community boards and council and his enthusiasm and faith in Community Board advocacy and representation was very infectious.

He talked about the delegations that the LGC have included in the Draft union proposal schedule and which Tasman District Council has now adopted and said "they provide a very real platform for the board to make a difference in their Community."

Mick Lester's address is included in the Public Information pack.

7. Congratulations

This year three Golden Bay people received Community Awards for their outstanding contribution to our community; we congratulate:

Bev Jensen;
Murray Rogers; and
Peter Woods

for their achievements and thank them for their long and outstanding service to the Community of Golden Bay.

Recommendation

"THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Bev Jensen, Murray Rogers, and Peter Woods thanking them for their service to Golden Bay and congratulating them on their recent Tasman District Council Outstanding Service Awards."

8. Environmental Education Partnership

Councillor Bouillir and Board member Brookes attended the Takaka Primary School children's planting day at Watercress Creek on 10th August. This is a joint initiative between Fonterra, Takaka Primary and TDC co-ordinated by Claire Webster, Council's Environmental Educator with the mission of cleaning up and beautifying this creek. It is a popular walking and biking area and this ongoing work is yet another way that parties are all working together for very positive results in our Community.

9. Submission to Abel Tasman National Park foreshore Discussion Document

Board Member Mik Symmons as our Environmental & Planning representative prepared this submission on behalf of the Golden Bay Community Board.

A copy of the submission is attached to this report – Appendix 3.

10. Keep Golden Bay Beautiful AGM

Board Member Mik Symmons represents us on this committee and they continue to do sterling work in keeping Golden Bay looking beautiful.

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Keep Golden Bay Beautiful thanking them for the wonderful work they do in Golden Bay; in particular the gift of a kowhai for each baby born in the Bay; their annual roadside clean up and the ongoing re-vegetation projects at Onekaka and Paynes Ford.”

11. Golden Bay Garden Competition

Spring makes us all feel enthusiastic to get out in the garden (just need more time). Our garden competition has been very ably organised and co-ordinated by Council’s Environmental Educator, Claire Webster, for the last few years. Claire has said she will be willing to undertake this event once again. So watch out for advertisements and see what garden categories Claire has dreamed up for us this year - then get busy!!

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board again sponsors the Garden Competition up to \$500.00, and again requests a contribution of \$500 from Community Services.”

12. Golden Bay SPCA

Board member Brookes represents the Golden Bay Community Board on this committee and we congratulate the local group on their successful cup cake fundraiser which was held recently.

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Golden Bay SPCA and thanks them for all their work in caring for, rescuing and looking after the welfare of animals in Golden Bay.”

13. Whanau Meeting

This meeting was attended by Board members Brookes and Symmons and the Democratic School spokespeople made a presentation.

The 3rd year Medical Students from Otago who have been conducting interviews and meeting with various groups throughout Golden Bay were also in attendance.

14. Meeting with Nelson Chamber of Commerce Representatives

Dot Kettle, CEO of Nelson Chamber of Commerce along with Patrick Smith the Chair of the Board and Julian (an intern from Germany on his gap year) arranged a meeting at Joe and Margaret Bell's home at Milnthorpe. Present were representatives of Federated Farmers, Sue Brown and Michelle Riley, Paddy Gillooly representing Tourism and Promotions, Joe Bell and me. Dot was going around the region meeting individuals and representatives of a variety of groups to gauge the degree of support for, and interest in, the proposed amalgamation of Nelson and Tasman. It was an open and animated discussion over lunch.

15. Interim Management Group

The Joan Whiting trustees have now made the decision to no longer be part of IMG and have withdrawn from the collaborative process.

While this is a disappointing outcome it in no way alters the resolve of the remaining members of IMG to just get on with the planning, and put our positive energy into ensuring this wonderful integrated facility is built as soon as possible.

16. Motocross

Board Members, Graham Caradus, Council's Co-ordinator Environmental Health, together with representatives of the motocross riders and local affected residents, met and discussed the issues, facilitated by Councillor Bouillir. This was a very respectful meeting where both sides were very appreciative of each other's concerns. The issues, although unresolved, are being progressed and different approaches are being trialled.

Another date needs to be set with all parties within the next six to eight weeks to review progress.

17. Abel Tasman Statue

The Nelson Mail recently carried a story regarding the statue of Abel Tasman which examined the appropriateness of the current position of Abel Tasman who currently looks out over Tasman Bay from his vantage point at Tahunanui. There was further mention of the Abel Tasman statue perhaps relocating to Golden Bay.

I have spoken to Mr Addo Mulders who was the initiator of having this bronze stature of Abel Tasman made for Nelson. Such was his passion for this project he devoted his time to finding the necessary finance (over \$100,000) to make this dream become reality. Those who donated over \$5,000 are listed on the accompanying plaque but Mr Mulders said there are many others who gave \$5.00 and upward - small donations that all helped to achieve this magnificent statue.

Mr Mulders spoke of the advantages of having the statue where it is as the accompanying plaque encourages visitors to visit the Abel Tasman memorial overlooking Wainui in Golden Bay. Mr Mulders is an Honorary Beach Warden and walks the Tahunanui beach most days and he says he often speaks to visitors who admire the statue and he also promotes their visiting Golden Bay. He believes Abel Tasman is acting as Nelson's Ambassador for Golden Bay and he would be very disappointed if there were any plans to have this statue shifted from its current position.

Recommendation:

"THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Mr Addo Mulders reassuring him that there are no plans from Golden Bay to move Abel Tasman from his current position. Furthermore, Mr Mulders be thanked for his ongoing active promotion of Golden Bay."

18. Annual Plan Process

We met with Mark Tregurtha, Council's Strategic Planner, after our August meeting; he stressed the importance of getting our priorities in to Council by late October. This means we need to set dates to begin our annual consultation around the district to obtain feedback for Council's Long Term Plan (LTP).

Recommendation

"THAT the Golden Bay Community Board sets dates for consulting with the Golden Bay community with regard to items for the annual plan and LTP."

19. CEO Resignation

Tasman District Council CEO, Paul Wylie, has announced his resignation from Tasman District Council to take up the position as Buller CEO. His resignation is effective from December 2011.

20. Collingwood Fire Brigade

The Golden Bay Community Board has invited the Collingwood Fire Brigade members for morning tea and a presentation to mark 100 years of dedicated service to Collingwood District.

Ex Councillor Noel Riley and Kath Riley will also join us for morning tea with the promise to Noel it would be very low key.

Pam King who has always come along and been our Tea Lady in Collingwood has announced her retirement so we have also invited her to join us for morning tea.

21. Swiftsure Street

The following update was received on Wednesday 31st August:

“Council has now received detailed contour information for Collingwood which has enabled staff to conclude feasibility design of the proposed stormwater system.

Access to the Swiftsure Street road reserve is now the key issue outstanding. Council staff are in discussions with landowners in the area and are expecting to receive a report this week shortly on options for resolving access to the road reserve. Staff are hopeful of obtaining land entry agreements so that works may be constructed this summer.”

Carolyn McLellan