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I am writing this the day after our Rugby World Cup victory over France; what a relief to finally know the All Blacks have succeeded after 24 years. So pleased we are not all feeling down in the dumps as it could so easily have been with just one point in that game of great suspense. Well done to our Team.

1. New Councillor – Paul Sangster

Councillor Paul Sangster was sworn in at a ceremony as Council on the 20th October 2011. We welcome Paul officially to the community board team.

2. Annual Plan Consultation Round

This month has been pretty busy for the Board as we completed the Annual Plan consultation round. We have had nine meetings. This year we were invited to meet with Manawhenua and we will certainly be including that meeting for subsequent years. So nine meetings over all and although the attendance was down at one venue the others were reasonably well attended. The best thing is that we have the opportunity to engage with people we haven't seen or heard from during the year and it is really valuable to have some additional input.

We really appreciate Kevin Bruning from Fulton Hogan attending every meeting armed with his trusty note book where any maintenance items brought to our attention were recorded and to be looked into by their contractors. There seems to be less and less maintenance items each year which shows just how proactive the Golden Bay Fulton Hogan team is in ensuring small items are dealt with before they become big problems. Braeden Lobb from MWH was also able to attend a couple of meetings which was also very helpful.

Thanks to all the Community Board team for your attendance (during the school holidays which was a nightmare) – Board member Symmons gets the chocolate fish award for attending every meeting.

The Community Board has submitted to Council's 3-yearly review of the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan which is included in the Public Information pack. Thanks to Board member Symmons for preparing this.

The Golden Bay Annual Plan items are very similar to last year as there is a general acceptance of difficult financial times and the need for financial caution.

The multi-purpose facility planning is progressing and most people were comfortable to wait and see what the plans look like and then consider the implications for Golden Bay.

3. Matters Arising from the Meetings

These are not Annual Plan or LTP issues.

School Bus Signs

Rural Women NZ has requested that this matter be pursued again as there continue to be fatalities (nationally) with the 20km not being observed passing school buses.

The preferred warning is a flashing '20' on the back and front of buses when they are stopped to allow students to get on and off. We can put this to Bickleys again.

Recommendation:

"THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Bickley Motors telling them of the Rural Women NZ campaign and asking them if they would consider trialling the flashing '20' on at least one bus in Takaka and one in Collingwood."

Speed Advisory Sign

Recommendation:

"THAT the Golden Bay Community Board requests that Council consider placing speed advisory sign and chevrons on the sweeping bend north of Wallace Road, Bainham."

Welcome, Slow Down – Community Signs

The Golden Bay Community Board requests that Council install these signs at the following places:

- Collingwood – on Haven Road just after the corner to slow traffic down

- Milnthorpe
- Clifton Historical Reserve and Golf Links-Boyle Street
- Port of Golden Bay

The ones that are in place have proved very successful and are a low impact way of slowing traffic down. These places do not meet the warrant for reduced speed and the signs seem to work exceptionally well in achieving a speed reduction. We are consulting regarding wording.

Dust and Slow Down Signage

We have been asked for signage for Cooks Road Bainham – “Dust – Slow Down”. Also a “Slow Down” and “Look out for Cyclists and Walkers” in the Rameka area.

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board requests the Council investigate appropriate signage for both of these areas to alleviate the dangers.”

Directional Signage

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board requests Council erect a directional sign at the Top of Town saying “Sea Port”.

Spelling Correction

The spelling of ‘Paine’s’ as in ‘Paynes Ford’ is believed to be incorrect. We have again been requested to have this corrected in all the relevant signage.

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to NZTA and the Department of Conservation (with a copy to Tasman District Council) to investigate the correct spelling of Paynes/Paines and if the current spelling is proved to be historically incorrect that measures be taken to have this spelling corrected.”

Creeks and Bridge Naming

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board requests that Council completes the naming of the bridges and creeks in the Upper Aorere Valley.”

4. Compliance Roster for Holiday Season

Adrian Humphries (Regulatory Services Manager) will be in attendance at the November meeting and inform us about the roster for the holiday period in Golden Bay. This will also be an ideal opportunity for the following items to be discussed.

Beach Wardens/Ambassadors

It has been suggested that persons who live near various Golden Bay Beaches may be interested in this honorary role. Dealing with issues such as:

- Dogs on the beach not under leash control
- Vehicles unnecessarily on the beach
- Freedom camping

It was agreed that diplomacy would be a very important attribute for any person taking on this role. Persons taking on this job would be able to phone staff at any time to get backup if needed, although often a word is all that is required.

Signage

- Dogs under leash control signs at beaches
- More dog signs for CBD
- Vehicles on beaches

5. Mobile Surgical Services Bus

The Mobile Surgical Services bus was in town and I was invited to a 'thank you' lunch which at the last minute I was very disappointed to be unable to attend. Jo-Anne Vaughan, who on behalf of Rural Women was instrumental in getting the bus to include Golden Bay on its itinerary, did attend and she reported it was a very relaxed and friendly occasion. Both Damien O'Connor and Chris Auchinvole were there along with staff from our hospital. It was a thank you to our rural community for our support to them and also coincided with the first visit by the bus to Motueka. Golden Bay continues to be one of the most difficult roads in New Zealand for a vehicle of this size and dimensions. The staff who accompany the bus are away from their families for long periods as they traverse the country. Their passion for the work undertaken by the bus and the vision to bring surgical services to the community instead of having to travel to the nearest centre is much appreciated by those who have had their surgical needs met on the bus.

Jo-Anne said the contract for the Government has been extended until next year so we can look forward to the bus continuing to visit Golden Bay.

Recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Dr Stuart Gowland of the Mobile Surgical Services bus thanking him and his staff for their work and dedication to this service and our appreciation for the work they do for rural communities especially here in Golden Bay. Furthermore, we are very pleased and relieved to hear that the contract has been extended and this wonderful and worthwhile service will continue to serve our Golden Bay community.”

6. Anatoki Track Road meeting

An on-site meeting was held to discuss the maintenance of the Anatoki Track Road beyond the bridge.

Cr Bouillir and Board members Symmons and Brookes last week attended an on-site meeting with residents of the Anatoki Track Road regarding a long-running dispute with ongoing maintenance of the dirt road by Council. Mayor Kempthorne and engineering staff member Selwyn Steedman along with Fulton Hogan’s Kevin Bruning and MWH’s Braeden Lobb attended the meeting in an attempt to come to some resolution. After clarification of both parties’ positions it was finally agreed that residents would come up with a plan to present to Council and that Council would work with the residents, who are willing to do some of the work themselves. The plan will need to fit within the limitations of Council regulations but there was a general agreement that a collaborative solution could probably be reached. The meeting was beneficial in that residents felt their situation had been heard and understood by staff and the outcome will now rest with residents being able to reach consensus on an agreed course of action backed up by some assistance from Tasman District Council.

7. Outstanding Natural Landscapes and Features

The working group met again this month and Tasman District Council landscape architect Andrew Craig presented a variation on the power point presentation given at the last meeting in July.

There is a wide range of viewpoints at these meetings with all sectors of the community having representation. I believe there is real will to reach an outcome that will work for all of us here in Golden Bay. Thanks to Shelagh Noble, Policy Planner, for her ongoing work.

8. Local Government Commission

The Community Board met the Commissioners Basil Morrison (Chair), Grant Kirby and Ann Carter (all very experienced in Local Government), in Takaka on 12th October 2011 to speak to our submission. Basil Morrison told us he was part of the upheaval in 1989 when so many councils, like Golden Bay, were amalgamated with consultation. What a different process this is where the community has been able to submit on their concerns which may result in a modified proposal being presented to the communities of Nelson and Tasman to vote on. The Commissioners were very interested in aspects of our submission and came up with a couple of suggestions about the Transition Committee if the amalgamation vote is successful.

So many submissions have been anxious about the makeup of the transition and the difficulty of choosing the right people for this job.

They asked us how it would be if they – the Commissioners – chose the committee from names submitted to them by the two Councils and by the Community Boards. We believe that would work well. They are unsure if it could happen like this but will investigate.

They were very accommodating engaging with the submitters and made what could have been a very daunting ordeal into one which was interesting, relaxed and very worthwhile

They said that if they decide to allow the proposal to proceed then they expected to release either the original proposal or a modified proposal before Christmas.

If there is a proposal, either original or modified, they expected the vote would be March or April 2012.

9. Playgrounds

The Bainham and Parapara playgrounds will both be installed before Christmas. Glenn Thorn (Reserves Officer) has laid out the Bainham area and excavation has begun.

10. Broadband and Vodafone

We will have a presentation by Caitlin Metz of Vodafone at 9 am at the 8th November Golden Bay Community Board meeting. If you are concerned about your broadband coverage and want to know what you will receive from the Government's Rural

Broadband Initiative this is an important meeting to attend. Neville Warsaw of Telecom will also be in attendance. Caitlin sent this explanation of her presentation:

“As part of the Rural Broadband Initiative, Vodafone will be responsible for delivering broadband community coverage to rural New Zealand at peak speeds of 5Mbps or better. In order to deliver this, Vodafone will be building open access towers and equipping them with state-of-the-art wireless technology. Vodafone will be presenting its plans for rural broadband at the Golden Bay Community Board meeting on 8th November at 9.00 am.”

11. Facilities Bus Tour

Last week, Councillors, the Mayor and some staff were taken on a guided 'tour' of Nelson/Tasman facilities, including the Trafalgar Centre, the Theatre Royale, Nelson School of Music, Suter Gallery and the Nelson/Tasman Museum and its various storage facilities at Isel Park and Elm Street.

Cr Bouillir says it was well worth doing in that she now has a better understanding of the current state and present situation of the region's cultural facilities. *“I am not concerned for the Trafalgar Centre (which has gone ahead in leaps and bounds with an enthusiastic new manager), Suter Gallery or Theatre Royale, although they all need the ongoing support of both councils. The School of Music is in a fairly critical state - they are now losing some of their clients to the Theatre Royale which is clearly a top-notch facility since its renovation (although the School of Music is renowned for its excellent acoustics). The whole financial situation of the Museum needs a rethink as far as I can see. It would be good to have all of the storage and archives in one place - there are bound to be inefficiencies with resources being spread out over several locations. Of course I'm talking only from what I observed and heard and there may be other factors I'm unaware of, however this was my overall impression. Some councillors would like to see people charged entry to the museum, perhaps with locals getting in for free by showing their library cards. Whilst this goes against the usual ethos of museums being free for all, it is in line with what many overseas museums are now doing to survive.”* An upcoming workshop will look at all the facilities and the current level of funding and assistance from Council along with Nelson's contribution to see 'where to from here'.

12. Golden Bay Gardening Competition

Entries are now open for this year's competition and categories are:

- Best vegetable garden
- Best young gardener
- Best contribution to street appearance

- Best first time entry vegetable gardener
- Best outdoor entertainment area
- Best environmentally friendly garden
- Overall best garden

13. Upcoming Events

Tasman District Freshwater Fish Communities Report Release

November 16 – Public Seminar – Kotinga Hall 11.00 am – 1.00 pm
And 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Trevor James will be presenting this report to the public.

“Fish are an important indicator of the ecological health of our waterways along with stream habitat and water quality indicators. The comprehensive report presents the results of sampling conducted by Council over the last 5 years (2005 – 2010) as well as information from studies by other organisations.”

Takaka Inundation Study – Flood Modelling Results

November 18 – Public Open Day – Takaka Bowling Club 12.00 onwards

There will be static displays and staff will be on hand to answer questions and discuss any aspects of this work with the public. At 12.30 pm and 6.00 pm Lisa McGlinchey (Policy Planner) will have a live power point presentation followed by questions.

Topics include:

- Stop bank information
- Gravel management
- Takaka Growth Strategy and land use

Te Waikoropupu Name Change Consultation

November 22 – Takaka Service Centre, 7.30 pm.

This involves the proposed name change from Pupu Valley Road to Te Waikoropupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road to Te Waikoropupu Springs Road.

Property owners in these two roads have been notified by mail of the date of this meeting, also the reasons; however, this meeting is also open to the public.

Carolyn McLellan