

REPORT

TO: Golden Bay Community Board

FROM: The Chairperson

REFERENCE: E855

DATE: 2 August 2010

SUBJECT: **RGB10-08-01 - Report for 10 August 2010 GB Community Board meeting**

Activities, events and meetings attended since the last report have included:

5 July: Agenda setting for 13 July Board meeting Takaka.

5 July: Met with Mayor regarding issues including:

- Targeted rate on communities with Community Boards
- Delegated Authority to Community Boards
- RMA training for Board members
- Excessive in-committee business by council committees about Tarakohe etc
- Conflicts of interest
- The development of Long Term Council Community Plans and Annual Plans involving the Community Boards more
- Strengthening the link between council committees and Community Boards
- Concern about council ignoring Community Boards being part of the forthcoming elections in a Newline article

6 July: Met with resident regarding a community based co-operative proposal.

12 July: Golden Bay Work Centre Trust, Takaka. Met with Alli Gardner (Manager) and Bjarne Vanderskog (Researcher) regarding Golden Bay facilities project.

13 July: Community Board meeting, Takaka. Unconfirmed Minutes available on: <http://tdc.govt.nz/pdfs/MGB100713.pdf>

13 July: Together with Lloyd Kennedy (TDC Community Services Manager) met with Alli Gardner and Bjarne Vanderskog regarding Golden Bay Facilities Project next steps.

14 July: Discussion with Alistair Paulin, Motueka-Golden Bay News, regarding issues from 13 July Board meeting.

14 July: Collingwood Hall Committee meeting at Hall. Issues discussed included:

- Memorial window. Further discussion with RSA needed.
- Letter from TDC property officer regarding Squash Club rooms responded to.
- Accounts.
- Chairperson, Shirley Nalder expressed desire to retire at the next election. Shirley has provided sterling service to the Hall Committee for many years.
- Tested alarm.

14 July: Discussion with Wainui Bay resident regarding several issues.

14 July: TDC's News Briefs with Bob Irvine, Dry Crust Communications about 13 July Board meeting.

15 July: Met with two Golden Bay residents regarding a community co-operative proposal.

16 July: Resident's meeting with TDC engineer, Collingwood, regarding Swiftsure Street drainage and access. Levels to be taken and latest proposal costed.

21 July: Community and environment meeting, Nelson, regarding forthcoming scallop season. Key Golden Bay points included:

- 19 tonnes meat-weight taken from Golden Bay 2009.
- 40 Spat lines collected 1.8m spat for seeding 2010.
- 1000 scallops tagged and released by NIWA. Fishers are requested to keep tagged scallops whole and frozen. NIWA will collect from processors.
- Pre-season survey show less numbers in Golden Bay in 2010 compared with 2009.
- A small part of area A and part of area B to be fished this season.
- Short commercial season (5 weeks) anticipated.
- Golden Bay catch of 20 tonnes meat-weight anticipated.

This fishery is important for Golden Bay, recreationally, commercially and environmentally. The health of the fishery reflects the health of the benthos. The company was asked to exclude the area inside the voluntary trawl line from commercial dredging as per 2009. This is under consideration.

23 & 24 July: Organising for Pohara Path opening 8 August 2010.

26 July: Tourism Industry Association meeting on freedom camping, Nelson Tasman Tourism rooms, Nelson. Update about initiatives to date from Geoff Ensor re the New Zealand Freedom Camping Forum. Relevant websites include, www.camping.org.nz, www.responsiblecampingnz.co.nz.

27 July: Meeting with Milnthorpe Park manager and secretary regarding forthcoming AGM.

29 July: Milnthorpe Park Society AGM Milnthorpe. I serve on this committee as the TDC representative. The previous committee with one addition was re-elected. Issues raised included:

- Need to repair wharf. (Inspection due shortly by TDC/DoC)
- Need to repair erosion to access road to wharf. (Subsequently taken up with TDC)
- GPS plotting and naming of special trees suggested and supported.
- Co-Management transition planned and to be trialled.
- An excellent website has been developed: <http://www.milnthorpe.org.nz/>

- Thanks were extended to all park workers and contributors.

30 July: National Poetry Day celebration and reading, Takaka Library. A well attended community event where local poets read their own and other's work.

ISSUES:

Motocross Motupipi

This issue was raised during the 13 July 2010 Board meeting and the suggested recommendation:

“THAT the Golden Bay Community Board considers the report of the 28 June 2010 meeting (verbal report given by Cr Riley) regarding Motupipi motocross and supports the resident's requests to Tasman District Council to remove Motupipi motocross being exempt from the noise rules and requiring the monitoring and enforcement of the Tasman District Council 55dB rule.” was to lie on the table.

The reason for this was so that the Board could receive a written report of the 28 June 2010 meeting if one is available and to seek information about the decibel rating of bikes.

A Motupipi resident has subsequently advised the Board that motocross bikes do exceed the 55dB limit 300 metres from the track. We were advised a brand new motocross bike with factory fitted mufflers idling makes on average 92.96dB and at racing speed 120dB. At 300 metres it was stated bikes will make in excess of 76.4dB when racing and at 500 metres in excess of 72dB. The L max measured at the resident's property 500 metres from the track was 67dB. L min is 33dB.

The comparison with Redwood Valley frost fan noise was 54.6 to 60dB at 300 metres is relevant because the standard has recently been considered and the 55dB limit confirmed.

It is recommended that the recommendation left to lie on the table on 13 July 2010 be considered.

Coba Holdings Consent Appeal

Although the Board was not a submitter to this consent there are issues arising from it in which the Board has an interest including:

- Vehicles on beaches.
- Improving public access.
- Formation of roads instead of relying on Rights of Way.
- Wise planning.
- Retention of Coastal Landscapes.

It is therefore recommended:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board considers responding to the appeal to the Environment Court by Coba Holdings Ltd by raising issues of concern to the Board which form part of the recently granted Resource Consent including vehicles on beaches, esplanade strip, coastal landscape and public access.”

Finfish Aquaculture Proposals

The difference between natural plankton-fed mussel farming and artificially-fed fin fish is profound. It is like comparing pastoral grazing to indoor factory farming in which all feed is bought to the animals. The ‘effects’ are very different. To convert mussel farming space to fin fish space has considerable environmental implications. It is therefore recommended:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board makes a submission at the appropriate time regarding the implication of converting aquaculture space granted for spat catching and/or mussel farming to the farming of other species such as fed fin fish.”

Aquaculture Amendment Proposals

In addition to suggested farm type changes other proposals are being considered by Government including:

- Opening up areas outside Aquaculture Management areas (AMAs). Because of the extensive and expensive (c\$10m) RMA process we have been through in Tasman in the past 16 years this would be a real travesty. There is ample AMA space defined in Golden Bay at present.
- Declining to institute rent and rates for aquaculture space. The lessee of the Commons of Puponga Farm Park pays rent and rates. What is the difference between that farm and an aquaculture farm in the Commons of Golden Bay?

It is therefore recommended:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board continues to make submissions opposing aquaculture outside of Aquaculture Management Areas in Golden Bay and supporting the introduction of rent and rates on Aquaculture space.”

Community Annual Plan Meetings

The Board needs to decide whether to hold the 8 Community meetings to discuss issues for the 2011-12 annual plan process before the election or leave this for the new Board. We have previously been advised that Council needs community requests before November each year so they can be taken into account in developing the Draft Plan. It is therefore recommended:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board-elect undertakes community consultation on items for inclusion in the 2011-12 Draft Annual Plan as soon as possible after the election.”

Broadband and Email Connection

It has been brought to the attention of the Board that a member is having great difficulty with Dialup internet and being able to access Council information. Access to the internet has become essential for elected representatives in order to fulfil the roles. It is therefore recommended:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board requests Tasman District Council to consider additional reimbursement on a case-by-case basis for elected representatives who are having difficulty receiving reliable access to the internet .”

Freedom Camping

The Tourism Industry initiatives to provide information about respectful camping are welcome. However there is one gap apparent in their information and that is in regard to managing fire risk. It is therefore recommended:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board urges the Tourism industry to work in concert with the Rural Fire Authorities and vice versa to educate, inform, monitor and enforce fire requirements.”

Takaka Inundation Study

Tasman District Council Corporate Services Agendas record recent payments totalling \$48,390.88 to Aurecon New Zealand Ltd. Whilst it is helpful that Takaka flood risk is being assessed again, it is difficult to understand why a review of information held is costing so much to compile. It is therefore recommended:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board requests details of the scope and purpose of the Takaka Inundation Study in order to understand the reasons for the cost of this.”