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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**GOLDEN BAY COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING**  
held  
**9.30am, Tuesday, 11 February 2020**  
at  
**Takaka Office, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka**

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**Present:** A Langford (Chair), G Knowles, A Grant, Crs C Butler and C Hill

**In Attendance:** Environment & Planning Manager (D Bush-King), Team Leader – Customer Services (J McAlinden), Customer Services Officer (E Gee)

**Part Attendance:** D Gowland

**1 KARAKIA, OPENING, WELCOME**

Cr Hill offered a Karakia and acknowledged the passing of staff member Eric Verstappen.

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Chair Langford passed on apologies from the Youth Council and Manawhenua ki Mohua advisors.

**Moved Chair Langford/Cr Hill**

**GBCB20-02-1**

**That apologies be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

Chair Langford informed the Board that the unveiling of the Golden Bay Heritage Plaque at the Golden Bay Service Centre had been rescheduled to the April Board meeting and Mayor King would be in attendance.

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### **3 PUBLIC FORUM**

#### **Jill Pearson**

Ms Pearson spoke to her tabled notes and referred to the Freedom Camping Act. Ms Pearson proposed Council provide one facility free flat space for designated freedom camping, at an unspecified site located away from rivers, coasts, trees and shrubs. Ms Pearson asked that the Board recommend to Council that freedom camping be banned in Golden Bay.

#### **Ann Lewis**

Mrs Lewis spoke as a mobility scooter user, and voiced concern about the design of some footpath's in Takaka. Mrs Lewis said narrow footpaths and steeply angled approaches to road crossings put mobility scooter users at risk of tipping over. Mrs Lewis acknowledged the difficulty in replacing and repairing all road crossings and requested upcoming repairs to footpaths and road crossings incorporate ramp crossing design in a way that is favourable for scooters and other wheeled footpath users to mitigate the risk of rolling over. Mrs Lewis requested the Hiawatha Lane road crossing be assessed for remediation as the crossing is narrow and steep at present.

#### **Ron Eckman**

Ms Cynthia McConville spoke on behalf of Mr Eckman regarding freedom camping at Waitapu Bridge, and provided images of freedom camping issues at the site, covering rubbish, fires, and human excrement. Mr Eckman requested that the District Health Board close the site due to the public health risk.

#### **Sara Chapman**

Ms Chapman addressed the Board as the Local Controller for Golden Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management (GBCDEM) and on behalf of Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ), providing new information packs from FENZ stating what to do in an emergency. Ms Chapman spoke to her tabled speaking notes and advised the current fire risk in Golden Bay was extreme. Ms Chapman informed the Board all fire signs in Golden Bay had been updated to read either "No Fires" or "Total Fire Ban", and confirmed a recent roadside grass fire was caused by fireworks and was now a police matter. Ms Chapman confirmed that she had been in contact with Mr David Squires, as referred to in correspondence, regarding elderly Golden Bay residents and emergency preparedness.

#### **Cynthia McConville**

Ms McConville spoke on behalf of Forest and Bird Golden Bay and presented the Board with bags of microlitter collected at the designated freedom camping sites in Golden Bay. Ms McConville voiced her concern that the microlitter was able to be washed into estuaries and then to enter the marine environment. Ms McConville requested the Board send a strong message to Council staff to consider relocating freedom camping sites away from rivers and coastlines.

#### **Lisa Savage**

Ms Savage spoke to her speaking notes on behalf of Tata Beach dog owners. Ms Savage offered congratulations to Cr Butler and Cr Hill on their election. Ms Savage proposed that Tata Beach become a dog friendly beach year round. Ms Savage quoted various parts of the Dog Control Bylaw 2014 and other related documentation obtained via a recent Official Information request. Ms Savage proposed protection of the local shag population by prohibiting dogs on Tata Beach between 5am and 9am, with a possible dog ban for the month of January which is the busiest time of year.

### **Sara Chapman**

Ms Chapman spoke to her tabled speaking notes and provided an update on the Rec Park playground at the Golden Bay Shared Recreation Facility, confirming funding had been secured and that the playground would be installed by Easter.

### **Simone Kidner**

Ms Kidner spoke as an architect, social entrepreneur and local business owner. Ms Kidner told the Board that her business was building affordable healthy homes and lifestyles through the construction of tiny homes. Ms Kidner told the Board that to date a deposit had been paid for 14ha of land adjacent to Golden Bay High School. Ms Kidner said that the land would be used to construct a community of affordable tiny homes. Ms Kidner expressed a desire to work with Council to make housing affordable; invited feedback from the Board; and extended an invitation to the Board to attend a co-housing conversation and curiosity picnic at the Golden Bay Organic Community Gardens, from 12-2pm on Friday 14th February and 12-2pm on Saturday 14th March.

### **Zane Perry**

Mr Perry spoke regarding freedom campers at Rototai Reserve, commenting on the grassy areas that were turning to dust and expressed concern for when we get rain. Mr Perry also told the Board about unregistered dogs in town, not on leashes and congregating around a local coffee caravan.

### **Dave Gowland**

Board member Gowland raised concerns about an old landfill site at Port Puponga that had become exposed to the estuary due to erosion.

## **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cr Butler declared a conflict of interest with regard to freedom camping in Golden Bay as a local commercial camping ground owner.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Cr Butler/Board Member Gowland  
GBCB20-02-2**

**That the minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board meeting held on Tuesday, 10 December 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## **6 PRESENTATIONS**

Chair Langford welcomed Joe Kennedy and Kathy Solly from Nelson Tasman Civil Defence and Emergency Management to the meeting.

The Board agreed to accept a presentation from Peter Kortegast.

### **Peter Kortegast**

Mr Kortegast, a contract engineer to the New Zealand Transport Agency(NZTA), provided an update to the Board on the Takaka-Paines Ford Shared Path Project. Mr Kortegast provided maps and an overview of project, and answered questions from the Board. In response to a

query from the Board regarding the project budget, Mr Kortegast provided a forecast figure of \$600,000. Cr Hill raised concerns about visibility when exiting the Paines Ford carpark at dawn and dusk, and requested a stop sign which Mr Kortegast said he would feedback to the NZTA. Mr Kortegast advised the Board a large parking sign had been ordered for the Southern approach to the Paines Ford bridge, and that the Department of Conservation sign would be relocated to improve visibility.

## **6.1 Golden Bay Civil Defence**

Mr Kennedy spoke as the Manager of Nelson Tasman Civil Defence and Emergency Management (NTCDEM), and through the Chair introduced Ms Solly as a member of the team who manages public education, and Ms Chapman as the Golden Bay Local Controller. Mr Kennedy provided an overview of the agency, community framework and business as usual duties for civil defence. Mr Kennedy said that meetings were held in Golden Bay at least twice a year with the local controller and team. In response to a question, Mr Kennedy provided information on the Alpine Fault Level 8 earthquake scenario facilitated by Southland Civil Defence and said that community meetings would take place in May, further information would be passed onto the Board. In response to a question Mr Kennedy stated that there was a new generator insitu at the Golden Bay Service Centre that would be relocated to the Golden Bay Shared Recreational Facility in due course for use in future emergency events. In response to a question Ms Chapman agreed to arrange a community civil defence meeting with the Mangaraukau residents and explained to the Board members their role in an emergency. Chair Langford presented an emergency information flyer developed by the Board in 2013 and that a refresh of the flyer should be considered, the Board members agreed to a workshop with Ms Chapman. Mrs Solly provided information about Clued Up Kids, an event which encourages preparedness for disaster amongst school aged children and Chair Langford agreed to follow up with Mrs Solly for contacts to bring the initiative to Golden Bay. Mr Kennedy told the Board that a backup local controller for Golden Bay was currently required and for any interested parties to be referred to the agency.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:59 am

The meeting resumed at 11:11 am.

## **7 REPORTS**

### **7.1 Chairs Report**

**Moved Chair Langford/Board Member Gowland  
GBCB20-02-3**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Chairs Report RGBCB20-02-1**

## **CARRIED**

### **4 Freedom Camping**

The Board discussed the freedom camping bylaw and issues raised in public forum regarding freedom camping. Cr Hill provided clarity on the development of the criteria for sites under the Draft Responsible Camping Strategy and that the current sites in Golden Bay did not meet the criteria. Cr Butler requested urgent closure of Waitapu Bridge site. The Board discussed compliance and the issuing of infringement notices.

**Moved Board Member Gowland/Board Member Grant**

**GBCB20-02-4**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board recommends to Council that freedom camping is banned in Golden Bay.**

<b>Cr Hill</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
<b>Cr Butler</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
<b>Langford</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Knowles</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Grant</b>	<b>For</b>
<b>Gowland</b>	<b>For</b>

**EQUAL**

Board Member Gowland left the meeting at 11:41 am.

**Moved Chair Langford/Board Member Grant  
GBCB20-02-5**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board recommends to Council that freedom camping is banned in Golden Bay for all areas except the Motupipi Street carpark.**

<b>Cr Hill</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
<b>Cr Butler</b>	<b>For</b>
<b>Langford</b>	<b>For</b>
<b>Knowles</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Grant</b>	<b>For</b>
<b>Gowland</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**CARRIED**

**Moved Deputy Chair Knowles/Chair Langford  
GBCB20-02-6**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board strongly urges that the freedom camping bylaw review be brought forward with urgency to address the negative social and environmental impacts on Golden Bay. This recommendation comes from strong community concerns.**

**CARRIED**

**3 Public Forum**

Footpath road crossings - the Board agreed that Mrs McAlinden lodge a service request to Engineering for the Hiawatha Lane footpath road crossing to be assessed. Mr Bush-King agreed to pass feedback on for the design and planning of future footpath works to Robert Deck, Transportation Engineer.

Waitapu Bridge Freedom Camping area – the Board the matter had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

FENZ update - the Board agreed to a redevelopment of the flyer. Chair Langford to bring to the next meeting for feedback.

Dogs at Tata Beach – the Board acknowledged that Adrian Humphries, Regulatory Services Manager, had responded to Ms Savage and the response was included in correspondence.

Rec Park Playground - the Board acknowledged the Rec Park playground update.

Tiny Housing - the co-housing proposal was received positively by the Board. Deputy Chair Knowles requested the Board support as much as they can through the process.

Rototai Reserve – Chair Langford reminded the Board that staff had previously advised a plan to replant at Rototai Reserve. Mr Bush-King agreed to follow up on the proposal on the establishment of a wildlife sanctuary at Rototai.

Port Pungonga – Cr Hill told the Board that the old landfill site is part of an ongoing review of historic landfills. Mr Bush-King agreed to follow up with Graham Poxon, Waste Management Engineer. Mrs McAlinden agreed to obtain an update from staff.

## **5 Joint Meeting with Motueka Community Board**

Chair Langford acknowledged the meeting with Motueka Community Board was excellent.

## **6 Draft Kingsland Forest Development**

Chair Langford told the Board that the information had been included in the agenda for the Board's information, and that it did not directly impact Golden Bay.

## **7 Bike Security Stations / Charging stations**

Deputy Chair Knowles told the Board that he had recently attended a presentation by staff at the Motueka Community Board meeting which had said that a pilot trial for an e-bike charging station was underway in Murchison, and would then be rolled out to Motueka. Chair Langford requested more bike stands / parking spaces to be installed in town. The Board had a discussion. Chair Langford agreed to respond to staff confirming the Board's support.

## **8 Kotinga Hall Carpark**

Cr Butler spoke to the item and the Board had a discussion.

**Moved Cr Butler/Deputy Chair Knowles  
GBCB20-02-7**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board write to Richard Hollier in support of the Kotinga Hall Committee, that the new car park be accessed by a fenced off driveway from Long Plain Road, because turning right into Long Plain road from Cemetery Road is too dangerous due to lack of vision. This is a road safety issue well known in the Kotinga district.**

**CARRIED**

## **9 Board Member Update**

The Board discussed Deputy Chair Knowles' request to have the public forum discussed at the end of the Chairs Report and agreed to retain the current order.

### **7.2 Financial Report**

The financial report was taken as read.

**Moved Chair Langford/Cr Butler  
GBCB20-02-8**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Financial Report RGBCB20-02-2.**

**CARRIED**

Mr Bush-King agreed to request that staff include the balance of Special Projects Fund in the next financial report.

The Board agreed for Chair Langford and Mrs McAlinden to advertise the Special Projects Fund.

**7.3 Discretionary Fund Applications**

The Board discussed the application.

**Moved Cr Hill/Cr Butler**

**GBCB20-02-9**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board;**

**a) receives the Discretionary Fund Applications Report RGBCB20-02-3; and**

**b) grants the application from the Gibbs Hill Challenge - \$ 500.00**

**CARRIED**

**7.4 Action Sheet**

**Moved Chair Langford/Deputy Chair Knowles**

**GBCB20-02-10**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Action Sheet RGCB20-02-4.**

**CARRIED**

Anatoki Track Road – the Board acknowledged the update from Councillors that they had recently visited Mr Bill Wallis and Cr Hill would continue to liaise with Mr Wallis.

Security Cameras – Mrs McAlinden to feedback to Mr Baigent that the matter was ongoing and that Chair Langford was due to meet with local police.

Training – Chair Langford advised the training with Sue Wells was planned for the 23 February in Motueka.

Rubbish and recycling – Chair Langford to contact David Stephenson, Team Leader – Stormwater and Waste Management to discuss contractor performance.

**8 CORRESPONDENCE**

**8.1 Correspondence**

**Moved Chair Langford/Deputy Chair Knowles**

**GBCB20-02-11**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board;**

**a) receives the Correspondence Report RGBCB20-02-5; and**

**b) accepts the late correspondence items.**

**CARRIED**

Ron Eckman – the Board agreed there are rules around the use of drones and information could be found on the Council website.

Penny Griffith – Chair Langford agreed to follow up with Hannah Simpson, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer.

Joe Jupiter - the Board discussed the letter and agreed that it was not a Board matter.

Suzy and John Hall – Chair Langford told the Board that a service request had been raised and staff would be responding to Mr & Mrs Hall.

Local Board – the Board acknowledged the new timeline.

David Squire – the Board agreed that the matter had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Hans Stoffregen – Chair Langford and Mrs McAlinden to respond to Mr Stoffregen.

## **9 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

The meeting concluded at 1.03pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

Unconfirmed