

MINUTES

TITLE: Tasman District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 Submission Hearing
DATE: Tuesday 1 May 2012
TIME: 10.00 am
VENUE: Fire Brigade Hall, Motupipi Street, Takaka

PRESENT: Mayor R G Kempthorne (Chair), Crs M L Bouillir, S G Bryant, B F Dowler, J L Edgar, B W Ensor, G A Glover, T B King, C M Maling, T E Norriss, P F Sangster, E J Wilkins

IN ATTENDANCE: Strategic Projects Adviser (M Tregurtha)
Executive Assistant (V Gribble)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Bryant/Glover
CN12-05-01

THAT apologies from Crs J L Inglis and Z S Mirfin for absence, be received.
CARRIED

1 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2012/2022

1.1 Mr Martin Potter (1552)

Mr Potter expressed concern about continued increases in berthage fees at Port Tarakohe.

1.2 Golden Bay Community Board (2149)

Mrs C McLellan, Ms K Brookes, Mr L Gamby and Mr M Symons were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Golden Bay Community Board. They commented on:

UAGC	Communications
Targeted tourism rate	Engineering issues
Targeted community board rate	Environment and Planning issues
Port Tarakohe	Community Services issues
Regional Facilities	Port Nelson Dividend
Takaka Aerodrome	Collingwood streetscaping

The priority for the Golden Bay Community Board is the resolution of issues relating to Port Tarakohe.

1.3 Mrs Josephine Vaughan (1631)

Mrs Vaughan was concerned about removing infrastructural roadside cycle lanes out of the Long Term Plan and putting them into the future. She believes the cycle lanes should have priority over the proposed Golden Bay recreational facility.

1.4 Mr Dean Lund (1766), Golden Bay Shared Facility (Ms Jenny Pomeroy) (1800)

Mr Lund spoke about the proposed facility at Golden Bay Recreation Park. They envisage a shared facility, ie bridge club, yoga, youth, sporting organisations, Civil Defence etc with approximately 1500 members. There has been 80% in support of the project from polls undertaken. They have concept plans drawn with Arthouse Architecture and held a meeting with Crs Sangster, Edgar and Community Services Manager Lloyd Kennedy. A feasibility study and fundraising plan will now be drawn up.

1.5 Mr Reginald Turner (1795) Golden bay Flying Club

Mr Turner supported the improvement of the crossway at Takaka Aerodrome as an economic cross strip and also because of flight safety issues.

Morning tea break was taken at 11.08 am.
The meeting resumed at 11.30 am.

1.6 Mr Bruce Collings (1895)

Mr Collings spoke to his submission which commented on the “hyperinflationary” rate increases proposed in the draft Long Term Plan. He said rates should not exceed the rate of inflation.

1.7 Ms Paddy Brennan (1919)

Ms Brennan asked Council not to take funding from the cycle walkway projects out of the Long Term Plan. She suggested Council needs to conduct a study on composting toilets which would have less impact on the current wastewater scheme in Takaka. Ms Brennan said Council should shelve the Lee Valley Dam as it is too expensive and Nelson City Council has withdrawn their funding.

1.8 Mr Peter Woods (1949)

Mr Woods doesn't believe the refuse and recycling rate should be levied on sections until there are dwellings on them. He requested a general rate reduction to enable restoration of his sections which are now unable to be sold due to damage from the December 2011 floods.

1.9 Ms Lisa Sheppard (1973) Golden Bay Air

Ms Sheppard requested a positive commitment to maintaining levels of service at the Takaka Aerodrome and to make good areas of maintenance neglected over recent years.

Mayor Kempthorne said the aerodrome is managed by the Golden Bay Aerodrome Management Committee.

Ms Sheppard said Council has delegated responsibility for managing the Aerodrome to the Management Committee, but we are talking about the long term development plan and if Council believes the Management Committee should be doing it, it needs to delegate that responsibility.

1.10 Ms Nicola Basham (2243)

Ms Basham is concerned about the “hyperinflationary” rate increases that Council has imposed in recent years and is planning to impose in the Long Term Plan. She also objects to the continual increases in borrowing and said debt should be reduced. She asked that Golden Bay Community Board be given more delegated powers.

Luncheon adjournment was taken at 12.31 pm.
The meeting resumed at 1.15 pm.

1.11 Mr Graeme Wilson (2128)

Mr Wilson believes the level of debt is too high and said the district cannot sustain it. He asked Council to revisit the whole plan and cut back on spending and lower overall debt. He asked Council to stop allowing the breakup of good farm land into lifestyle blocks. He also asked Council to take a strong stand on government requirements and pursue aggressively a policy of demanding central government refrain from placing further cost burdens on the ratepayer.

1.12 Mr Chris Rowse (2120) Rocklands Road Weedbusters

Mr Rowse and J McKee were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Rocklands Road Weedbusters. They sought financial assistance for project 3 – Pohara of \$40,000 over three years (\$15,000, \$12,000 and \$13,000).

Cr King left the meeting at 2.00 pm.

1.13 Mr Alan Vaughan (2209)

Mr Vaughan does not support the request for reinstatement of the cross runway and ongoing maintenance of the Takaka Aerodrome from Tasman District Council. He does not support the tourism targeted rate being spread over the entire rating base. He believes there is a need for the cycle/walkway from Pohara to Golden Bay Highway School via Abel Tasman Drive. He also noted that “engineering” of rivers to suit the activity of humans is a major error on the part of responsible authorities.

1.14 Ms Elizabeth Burdett (2240)

Ms Burdett sought an immediate and urgent improvement in transport infrastructure for eastern Golden Bay and requested Council reinstate its planned cycleway from Takaka to Pohara.

1.15 Mr Phil Castle (2272)

Mr Castle submitted that funding for the Great Taste Trail needs to be retained. He also asked that the plans to build an off-road walkway/cycleway from Pohara to Takaka beside Abel Tasman Drive be reinstated. He said the road is dangerous for both vehicles and cyclists/walkers.

1.16 Mrs Joyce Wyllie (1917)

Mrs Wyllie asked that there be no more increases in rates above the current inflation levels and asked that the UAGC level be increased. She said the increases in rates are unsustainable.

1.17 Mr Peter Pontier (2305) Helping Hands Enterprises

Mr Pontier sought a social procurement policy as a means to create sustainable job opportunities for disadvantaged job seekers in Golden Bay. He suggested that Council consider the Brisbane City Council policy.

1.18 Mr Trevor Riley (2307)

Mr Riley said people cannot afford any more debt. He believes Council should only do essential works.

The meeting concluded at 3.40 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: