

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** GB Community Board  
**DATE:** 14<sup>th</sup> June 2005  
**TIME:** 9.37am  
**VENUE:** Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka

**PRESENT:** J Bell (Chairperson), C McLellan (Deputy Chair), Crs N Riley (until 11am) and S Borlase, (until 1.43pm) and Board members L Gamby and N Hill

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L Kennedy (Community Services Manager), N Heyes (Minute Secretary) and members of the Press and Public

## APOLOGIES

Nil

### 1. PUBLIC FORUM

John Smith – complimented the Golden Bay councillors on the courtesy they extended to submitters at the annual plan submissions hearing. He asked for it to be noted that he disapproved of Mayor Hurley vacating the Chair without apology during the presentation of the GB Community Board's submission.

Mr Smith commented on the number of submissions made for the protection of the penguins at Pohara; he suggested road humps every 100m.

Harrie Wells – again raised the matter of bikes on Takaka township footpaths, and people not observing the compulsory stop at the top of town. He was advised that Senior Sergeant Clarence would be in attendance later in the meeting.

Peter Foster – spoke of his submission to the Draft Annual Plan regarding amalgamation, which was written around the Mayor's comments regarding discussions at the Board's March meeting that the referendum referred to the study, not the amalgamation.

The Chairperson explained that the Minutes of the Board's March meeting had been confirmed and members agreed that they were correct.

Mr Foster considered there should be a study on amalgamation as there is to be a governance representation review in 2006 and the study would be very helpful with that review.

Mr Foster said he had also submitted on the consultation process and had recommended that there be a month between the hearing of submissions and the adoption of the Annual Plan, otherwise Council is in breach of the LGA; he said Council must deliberate on the submissions in public, and asked the Board to take that on board.

Elizabeth Dransfield – asked that the Information Centre be advised when the overnight camping meeting is to be held.

Mrs Dransfield reported that the Centre is holding an open day on Saturday (9am – 4pm) so the public can see what they do; she asked the Chairperson if he would do the prize draw. Mrs Dransfield encouraged people to come along and see how many families are dependent on the tourist industry in Golden Bay for their income.

Alan Vaughan – said he had sought answers from TDC's Chief Executive, Mr Dickinson, regarding wharfage for the sand that was shipped to Oriental Bay; he said Mr Dickinson had said that in excess of \$50,000 wharfage is included in the Port Tarakohe accounts income figure for 2002/2003. Mr Vaughan read his letter to Mr Dickinson which asked various questions regarding the Tarakohe accounts and tabled that letter and Mr Dickinson's reply, along with a copy of the Port Tarakohe operating summary accounts.

Cr Riley as a member of the Council Enterprises Sub committee was invited to comment. He said that the sub-committee has asked for answers regarding various matters and that these would be followed up by Council's Murray Staite when Mr Ward returned from leave.

Alan Kilgour – Tarakohe Harbour Manager – explained that everything had been charged for appropriately and that 26,000 tonnes of sand had gone out at \$2.50 per tonne. He said the \$3.55 being quoted is a maximum charge and any large tonnages can be negotiated. He reported on the port and said it has been busy over the last couple of months due to mussel and scallop spat lines being returned to shore. Mussel farms have been billed per backbone metre. He said the lines are inspected annually and are also checked for Undaria. He said the marina has been busy with visiting boaties with the two floating marinas fully subscribed with a waiting list and four vacancies due to cancellations on the pile berths.

Mr Kilgour said the old Tarakohe water scheme has been upgraded, including the dams, settling ponds and the concrete reservoir has been cleaned out and the marina now has high quality water and plenty of it. He said the Port Advisory Committee will be looking at the entrance to the Port, which is quite dangerous and in a 'sorry state'; they would like to improve that access. They will also look at storage at the Port – there is a congestion of gear being left there which is able to be charged for.

He reported that there is a huge increase in the penguin population at the Port, due to the outer bund walls being closed to traffic.

Sara Chapman gave the Board an update on the Aorere Centre proposal; they are working through 'due process', with affected parties being the NZ Fire Service, TDC and NZ Historic Places Trust. Ms Chapman said the Historic Places Trust may refuse the proposal or ask for conditions, one of which may be that the extension can be removed at a later date. She said that condition may also be sought by the Fire Service also. Ms Chapman said the proposal will have to come back to Community Services prior to building work commencing. She said it is hoped to have the building up, lined and with lighting installed prior to the Trafalgar 200 commemoration.

She complimented the community board on its very full submission at the Draft Annual Plan submissions hearing.

Dave Whittaker – said it is good to see so many people in Golden Bay trying to do something for their community, however, he said people are wondering if they are wasting their time and asking how it can all be taken into account with any realistic changes being made for this year's plan.

**Senior Sergeant Arthur Clarence** - in attendance to address the Board.

Sergeant Clarence said he was happy to answer any questions; he said he had received a few letters regarding cyclists on the footpaths and had taken up the issue from Grey Power and Aged Concern a number of years ago. He said while they try and enforce keeping cyclists off the footpaths it is very difficult. It was agreed that small children riding on the footpaths could be tolerated but older children should be on the road.

Board member Gamby said that at the Takaka Primary School they try and make the rule that children under 8 do not ride their bikes to school, however it is not enforceable, and perhaps parents need to be educated that it is safer for under 8s to not ride to school.

It was also pointed out that children riding on the footpaths are at risk of being hit by vehicles exiting from properties.

Sergeant Clarence said the police are on the roads before and after school – at the high risk times.

There was discussion as to whether some publicity would be helpful, also it was pointed out by offenders that there are no signs to say people cannot ride on the footpaths.

Sergeant Clarence updated the Board on policing in the Bay on a variety of topics and was thanked for his informative attendance.

## **Keith Preston - Housing NZ Feasibility Study for GB Work Centre Trust**

Mr Preston spoke to the Board about the Housing NZ feasibility study he is working on for the GB Work Centre Trust, to look into affordable housing in Golden Bay. He said the Government has a fund of \$63M to 'kick start' affordable housing for people to rent or buy. Housing NZ would provide funding for 85% of the building costs, interest free for 10 years, then at a low interest rate.

Mr Preston said he is working with the Nelson/Tasman Trust, which gets funding from Housing NZ, and receives grants from the Canterbury Community Trust which attracts further funds from Housing NZ. He said affordability is recognised as being a major problem in Golden Bay and he has a meeting today to find options for providing housing; there is the potential to develop a Housing Trust, or it could come under an existing trust. Working through the process, Mr Preston said he hoped to have a draft report done in the next couple of weeks. He left the Board a copy of the options that would be discussed at the afternoon's meeting.

In reply to a question from the Board as to whether a housing trust would be best under Council's umbrella, Mr Preston said the most councils are involved in an 'enabling' role only. He said that using an existing trust as an 'incubator' would speed things up. He said that as Housing NZ pays 85% of the loan, they want 'buy in' from the Council and community.

Mr Preston was thanked for his presentation.

The Chairperson advised of an additional agenda item: GB Community Board's Discretionary Fund balance.

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **2.1 GB Community Board Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

An amendment on Page 8 was sought: GB05/05/15: ".....to be held over for discussed...." Should read "..... to be held over for discussion....."

**Moved Board members L Gamby/N Hill  
GB05/06/01**

**THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2005 (containing resolutions GB05/05/01 – GB05/05/24 as amended) be confirmed as a true and correct record.  
CARRIED**

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby  
GB05/06/02**

**THAT the correspondence and reports contained in the agenda be received.**

**CARRIED**

**3. REPORTS**

**3.1 Chairperson's Report**

**Fresh FM Radio Interview**

Following a short discussion as to whether some funding could be provided to Fresh FM to enable better coverage in the Bay, it was agreed to find out how much funding they had already raised.

**Collingwood Hall Meeting**

It was reported that a quote for \$18,000 for re-surfacing the main hall floor had been received.

**Collingwood Reservoir Planting**

It was reported that Engineering Services are providing up to \$500 towards the planting at the reservoir.

**Tukurua Camp Road**

The Chairperson reported that the matter had been discussed at the Board's workshop and that until all the landowners agree to hand the road over to Council and it is brought up to the proper standard, nothing is able to happen.

**Rural Numbering**

It was reported that work has started and that there are new numbers at East Takaka.

**Golden Bay Environment Centre**

The Chairperson said that the Centre's application for core funding had been declined and that perhaps the board could be supportive of a review of that decision.

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member McLellan  
GB05/06/03**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Minister for the Environment supporting the GB Environment Centre being reconsidered for core funding.  
CARRIED**

**Tradable Water Rights**

It was pointed out that Council's Joseph Thomas had explained that this would be a temporary reallocation of water rights where people had shortfalls for specific crops; it was not intended that the transfer be permanent.

There was some discussion on whether that would result in the full allocation being utilised all the time (which may not be sustainable) and if money was going to change hands whether that would result in water being controlled by the wealthy.

It was agreed that the local authority should control water; that it should not be sold off to private enterprise.

**Uruwhenua Burnoff**

The Chairperson said that the file put together by Oliver Harris is available for circulation throughout the Board.

Cr Borlase considered that burnoffs should go through the consent process especially where very steep land is involved; he considered that parts of the fire exercise area will now be very prone to erosion in heavy rain.

**Service Centres Manager's Resignation**

The Chairperson reported that Ms Darla Blake-Gillard had been the Board's advisor for three and a half years and had been very helpful to the Board.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan  
GB05/06/04**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to Ms Darla Blake-Gillard to wish her well in the future and to thank her for her services over the years.  
CARRIED**

It was agreed that an appropriate garden item be forwarded to her from board members.

The Chairperson advised that the vacancy has been advertised internally and invited Mr Kennedy to comment.

Mr Kennedy said that various options had been talked about and the decision had been made to advertise internally first; he said the Chief Executive is very aware that the position is to service the community boards.

### **3.2 Montgomery Watson Harza Report – Contract 461**

This report was tabled.

Cr Borlase expressed some concern that the Hamama Road sealing may not be completed due to weather conditions.

Board member McLellan said the Bainham bridges now have new centre lines and that a good job is being done on the approaches to the Rockville bridge.

The Chairperson asked whether white lines on the road sides could be marked between White Bridge and the Aorere Bridge; he said that had been a request at the Annual Plan submissions hearing.

### **3.3 Verbal Report**

Cr Borlase gave a verbal report; he said submissions to the Draft Annual Plan were interesting and excellent. He said a lot of work is being done in Richmond already for Golden Bay. Cr Borlase considered that Rural 3 zoning may be of benefit to Golden Bay with the protection of good rural land, and poorer land being used for residential purposes.

Board member Gamby reported on the Arts Council's 'Gateway' project; he said they had been turned down for funding for plans and costings from the Facilities Rate as there had been doubt about whether the project has community backing. Mr Gamby said the Arts Council is now doing a publicity campaign through the GB Weekly asking the community for feedback to illustrate community support before going back to Council for funding.

The luncheon break was taken between 12.35pm and 1.10pm.

## **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **4.1 John Lee – Comments on TDC's Draft Water & Sanitary Services Assessments Report**

It was pointed out that a low flow Pohara water scheme has been on the books for some time with part of a dry pipe already laid at the time of the sewer pipeline being installed, and that water for Pohara was on the Board's list of priorities after the Collingwood water scheme. It was reported that Council's Joseph Thomas said water quantities from the Takaka bore far exceeds present and projected future needs.

The comment was made that while some people at Pohara supported a water scheme, the Board had not envisaged Takaka town having a scheme as well.

Cr Borlase said there had been submissions against the water supply for Pohara.

There was further discussion on the fire fighting aspect of a high pressure water system; Board member Hill said they could pretty much put a house fire out with water from the tanker and agreed that they could also get water from Ellis Creek.

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member McLellan  
GB05/06/05**

**THAT the Chairperson and Minute Secretary together research and put together an answer to Mr Lee's letter.  
CARRIED**

**5.2 Beryl Wilkes (Parks & Reserves Manager) – Pioneer Memorial**

It was reported that Mr Brian Petterson, who made the request for additions to the memorial, would be happy to liaise with Mr Pat Timings regarding additional names.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan  
GB05/06/06**

**THAT the GB Community Board advises Mr Petterson that the Board supports his request in principle and suggests that he researches and verifies the names from three different sources, before bringing the proposed additions to the memorial back to the Board, to be put out for public consultation.  
CARRIED**

**5.3 Petition – Residents of Birds Clearing, Clifton – Maintenance of Birds Road**

There was some discussion as to which part of the road was being referred to and whether it is legal road.

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby  
GB05/06/07**

**THAT the matter be referred to Engineering, with a copy of the letter, and ask whether it is legal road and if so, can it be maintained.  
CARRIED**



**5.4 Dennis Bush-King (E & P Manager) – TRMP : Property Burnoff**

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby  
GB05/06/08**

**THAT a letter be sent to Mr Bush-King thanking him for his reply and asking that the effects of each approved burnoff be taken into account and avoided, remedied or mitigated, regardless of whether it is a fire training exercise or not.**

**CARRIED**

**5.5 GB Community Centre – Exit and Entry onto Commercial Street, Takaka**

Board member Gamby commented that Cr Riley had previously pointed out what land and buildings belong to Council and that there is room to put exiting traffic flow out through the GB Work Centre accessway. He said the parking and entranceway to the Community Centre is unsafe.

**Moved Board member Hill/Cr Borlase  
GB05/06/09**

**THAT the Board appoints a working party of board representatives comprising Mr Gamby, Mrs McLellan and Cr Riley to work on this issue and that a meeting be held with Council's Property Manager, Jim Frater, on Friday afternoon, with representatives from the Community Workers and GB Work Centre Trust invited to attend.**

**CARRIED**

Mr Kennedy pointed out that there would be a cost involved in the works as it is not budgeted for, and that perhaps funding could come from the GB DILs account.

It was agreed that the work be done without removal of any of the big trees.

Cr Borlase left the meeting at 1.43pm; he tendered his apologies for the July and August board meetings, when he would be taking leave of absence.

**5.6 Murray Staite – Port Tarakohe Income**

It was agreed that this matter lay on the table pending a final report.

**5.7 IHP “Rethinking Globalisation” – Thanks**

The Chairperson explained that this item was from some young American students who had visited Golden Bay and asked to speak to Cr's Riley and Borlase and himself about local government; he said Sol Morgan from the Community Gardens had organised their visit in Golden Bay.

## **5.8 Chris Rowse – Request for a Suitable Memorial to John Mitchell**

The Chairperson explained that the Board had already resolved to donate a Totara tree with a memorial plaque to be established at the Onekaka reserve or at another suitable reserve.

Mr Kennedy said Community Services is looking at the whole Selwyn Street walkway area with the idea of taking it down to the golf club and into the swamp land and eventually around the edge of the estuary down to the Clifton cemetery. With regard to the comments in the correspondence about having only native trees, Mr Kennedy considered that non natives could be progressively removed, in conjunction with replanting. Mr Kennedy considered the memorial to John Mitchell should be within the cemetery reserve.

Board member Gamby commented that he would like the Board to go ahead with its previous recommendation.

**Moved Board members Bell/Hill  
GB05/06/10**

**THAT the GB Community Board forwards the proposal to Community Services for consideration and report back to the Board.  
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan  
GB05/06/11**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Department of Conservation asking if there is anywhere in the conservation estate that a structure could be named in honour of John Mitchell, particularly in an area where he had worked.  
CARRIED**

## **5.9 GB Community Workers – TDC Envelopes**

**Moved Board members Gamby/Hill  
GB05/06/12**

**THAT a letter be sent to the Community Workers reiterating and confirming the changed policy regarding Council postage.  
CARRIED**

## **5.10 GB Community Board's Discretionary Fund**

The Chairperson pointed out that the Board needs to make a decision on the remaining monies in the Board's Discretionary Fund account.

**Moved Board members Hill/Gamby  
GB05/06/13**

**THAT the GB Community Board allocates from its Discretionary Fund \$500 to the GB Community Workers towards their base funding expenses; \$500 to Fresh FM towards improving its radio service in eastern Golden Bay; and \$300 to the Collingwood Trafalgar Society towards the afternoon tea for the dignitaries; with any balance left in the account to be transferred to the GB DILs account.**

**CARRIED**

Mr Kennedy brought the Board up to date with work on the Selwyn Street walkway.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.18pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: