

MINUTES

TITLE: GB Community Board
DATE: 14th March 2006
TIME: 9.07am
VENUE: Collingwood Fire Station, Collingwood

PRESENT: J Bell (Chairperson), C McLellan (Deputy Chair), Crs N Riley and S Borlase, and Board members L Gamby and N Hill

IN ATTENDANCE: B Askew (Service Centres Manager), N Heyes (Minute Secretary)

APOLOGIES

Nil

1. PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairperson welcomed attendees and drew everyone's attention to the Collingwood Fire Station safety notice; in particular what to do if there is a fire call out.

Alan Vaughan – informed the meeting that the minutes from the Seabed Mining Action group meetings are not 'freely available' from him (as indicated in a recent article); that the meetings are not public meetings and that if people want to be involved they need to join one of the related groups. (Iwi, Challenger Companies, Friends of Golden Bay, Golden Bay Futures, Forest and Bird etc).

Brad Heising - commented on the information on vaccines and their safety that had been given to the Board. He pointed out that there is no independent monitoring of the vaccines which is important when people are making a decision on whether to receive a vaccine or not.

Mr Heising also spoke on chlorination and fluoridation of water; he said NZ is one of the few countries that still put fluoride in its water; many European countries have stopped doing so and we need to look into the safety of our water.

NgAng – commented that the bird flu was created in a laboratory.

With regard to the footpath at Rototai, NgAng said he had surveyed residents from Boundary Road to Arapeta Place on what they wish to see constructed and that he would draw up a proper plan of their proposal.

In reply to NgAng's question of how it is to be paid for, Cr Borlase said the money would come from 'Maintenance' as it would be a safe walking access, not a fully engineered footpath. There has been no decision as to which side of the road it would be on.

NgAng reported that Mrs Theo Blyth is willing to give Council some land for the pathway.

There was some discussion of the type of pathway; Board member Hill reported that Engineering would only construct a gravel footpath.

NgAng said that his proposal is not for a kerb and channel footpath.

Denny Gillooly – asked who owns the Historic Collingwood Cemetery; he has been told it is Department of Conservation land. Mr Gillooly tabled a letter to the Board asking for the matter to be resolved.

Penny Griffith – spoke regarding the Nelson Provincial Museum; she expressed concern regarding the lack of resources and the limited hours available for the research facilities. Ms Griffith asked for Mayor Hurley's comments (regarding the TDC loan not necessarily having to be re-paid) in support of the regional museum to be noted.

There was some discussion on the Board supporting Council's stance on the museum; to be talked about later in the meeting.

Sheryl Nalder and Andy Clark – spoke to the Board about Abbeyfield; construction of the 'house' is to happen this year. Mrs Nalder said they had already paid \$5,900 for the building consent, \$9500 for road and sewerage levies, and with the new subdivision fees could be paying another \$10,500 or more for development contributions. They asked whether that fee could be reduced or waived, and asked that Abbeyfield be seen as a large house for ten people (one person per unit).

Mr Clark said until Council meters 'discharged waste' it will be a problem; he said they have tried to get Council to change its mind on the levy. He suggested there could be another \$15,000 to pay.

The Chairperson suggested they put their request for a reduction/waiver in writing; he said there is a process for the Household Unit of Demand (HUD) to be challenged and it would be looked at by a consents hearing. Mr Bell said if the Board agrees it can put in supporting comments.

Sheryl Nalder and Dave Myall – updated the Board regarding the Boredom Buster holiday programme that is organised by the Community Workers and the Creation Co-ordinator. They said they have been providing the holiday programme for a number of

years and that \$1500 has been provided each term for the programme, however now they need to apply for the funding and had been given only a few days to put the programme together and cost it without knowing whether they will get the money.

The Chairperson asked them to summarise their concerns in writing so the Board could follow up the matter with Mike Tasman-Jones.

Mrs Nalder pointed out that the funding does not meet all the expenses; Mr Myall said that they are also expected to bus children over the hill to the Big Day Out.

Cr Riley said he would follow the matter up.

Bob Askew – reported that Andy Clark had raised the matter of ‘freedom camping’ in Gisborne District; he said they issue a permit and explained how that worked. Mr Askew had downloaded a pamphlet from the Gisborne District Council website, tabled copies for the meeting and had also forwarded it to Jean Hodson for consideration.

Andy Clark – commented that people could visit a riverbank in Gisborne District and stay for 2 weeks; that council does not distinguish between vehicles provided people meet the criteria of either being self contained or having a chemical toilet. He considered there are perhaps two areas in Golden Bay that would be suitable for this type of camping.

In reply to comments about freedom camping being in competition with camping grounds, Mr Clark said there seem to be a lot more DOC-type camps in Gisborne.

Chris Finlayson – thanked the Board for the donation to the mural on the ‘Take Note’ wall. He said the mural on the Fresh Choice wall will not now go ahead – there is to be a backpackers built next door which should diminish the impact of the wall.

Mr Finlayson talked about the walkway at Pohara; he tabled visuals on providing for safe access for cyclists and pedestrians. Mr Finlayson did not consider the road needed to be widened – his proposal gave a 1.2 – 1.5 wide pathway and seawall separated from the road carriageway by a post and wire barrier, which provided well for the band rotunda.

The Chairperson explained that the matter has also been raised by others in the community and that Engineering Services is to redraw plans and bring them back to the Board.

Andy Clark – suggested a new name be given to the ‘Newsline the Mag’; he commented that he was cynical about the positive spin put on information in it and provided an example of how inconsistent statistics were used. Mr Clark also suggested that it should not be put in an envelope for distribution.

Mr Clark asked when the dangerous piece of road on the Collingwood side of Milnthorpe would be redesigned. He considered the dip in the road should have been filled prior to the resealing work being carried out.

Kirsty Barr – Road Safety Co-ordinator

Ms Barr joined the meeting to give an update on road safety work being done in Golden Bay, also an update on the issue of bikes on footpaths. She said future projects included:

Drivetime Seminars – which promote more time with supervisors in the car when young people are learning to drive. Board member McLellan asked that the seminars be held wherever there is a high school, ie Collingwood Area School as well as GB High School, she also suggested carpooling and using school buses to encourage people to attend. Ms Barr said she would follow up with the schools.

Vulnerable Road Users – Ms Barr said the bill boards are to be rotated; she said she had received quite a bit of feedback regarding horses using the road verges, also cyclists and people pushing prams.

Child Restraints – Ms Barr said lots of people use them but not necessarily correctly and that Golden Bay is to be visited by Paula Eggers who will go to pre-school organisations and explain about correct use of child restraints.

Safe with Age courses – a lot of interest had been shown by older people in Golden Bay. Ms Barr said it is a theory course, however, Knuckles Driving School does take older drivers for short assessment drives free of charge. Board member McLellan asked for something at the Collingwood end of the Bay.

Drive-over Campaign – Ms Barr said New Zealand has one of the highest rates in the world of running over children in their driveways. She spoke about 'Corflute' signs that can be put up in driveways to remind people to be aware of small children, who cannot be easily seen from a vehicle.

Re-cycling Courses – Getting people back on their bikes. Ms Barr would like this to happen in Golden Bay in the next financial year.

Cyclists on Footpaths – Ms Barr praised the Board for its initiative in making footpaths safe for pedestrians; she said they now have a colouring competition arising out of the postcard 'Push, not Pedal, on the Path'. The Board asked that all schools in Golden Bay be included in the competition.

Mr Barr explained the judging process and the age groupings.

Cr Riley asked Ms Barr about the 'Left Links' road sign that is no longer outside the Mussel Inn. There was discussion as to whether others are missing as well.

NgAng asked for a cat and dog to be added to the little yellow Corflute driveway signs.

The Chairperson thanked Kirsty for her briefing.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.41am and 10.58am.

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby
GB06/03/01**

**THAT the request from the Community Workers regarding the reduction/waiving of the Household Unit of Demand (HUD) levies for Abbeyfield, be added to the agenda, also the matter of funding for the Boredom Busters holiday programme.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Riley
GB06/03/02**

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

**Moved Crs Riley/Borlase
GB06/03/03**

**THAT Standing Orders be set aside to enable Cr Riley to make comments regarding the February minutes.
CARRIED**

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 GB Community Board Meeting held 14th February 2006

The following amendments were requested:

Page 2 – Moira Tilling – paragraph 2 – insert AND “..... of the shore, AND where there are.....”

Page 16 – 4.17 – amend 1005 to 2005.

Cr Riley asked questions and made comments to clarify items contained in the February minutes due to his not having been able to attend the meeting.

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member McLellan
GB06/03/04**

THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 14th February 2006, as amended, (containing resolutions GB06/02/01 – GB06/02/25) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

2.2 Minutes of the Collingwood Museum Society and Coalition of Heritage Arts & Environment Meeting held on 7th January 2006

**Moved Crs Borlase/Riley
GB06/03/05**

THAT the Minutes of the Collingwood Museum Society and Coalition of Heritage Arts & Environment Meeting held on 7th January 2006 be received.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairman's Report

Crown Minerals Programme

**Moved Cr Riley/Board member Gamby
GB06/03/06**

THAT the GB Community Board approves the Board's submission to the Draft Crown Minerals programme.

CARRIED

Community Boards in other Wards

The Chairperson commented that the GB Community Board is supportive of community boards in other wards if that is the wish of their communities.

The Service Centres Manager said the Motueka Community Board submission supported a board in each ward for more community decision-making; they also wanted to inform the community about what they do.

Cr Riley pointed out that all wards need to know that community boards are funded out of the general rate and that communities cannot have a rate targeted to fund community boards.

The Service Centres Manager considered that discussion at the boards' forum on the 22nd April 2006 regarding the matter will fit in with the Representation Review timetable.

Tarakohe Roothing

The Chairperson considered that if councillors could actually see the lay of the land and walk the indicative roading route, it may help to progress this matter. He asked for it to be recorded that there would be concern if the indicative road exiting to Pohara Valley was formed and used for industrial traffic.

Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby GB06/03/07

THAT the Resource Management Policy Committee, with planning and engineering advisors, (Sonya Leusink and Dugald Ley were suggested), be invited to meet in Golden Bay to visit the Ligar Bay, Tarakohe and Pohara area to gain full appreciation of the need for rational planning including roading, cross boundary effects etc in consultation with Port Tarakohe Limited and other affected land owners.

CARRIED

Cr Riley pointed out that the indicative walkway crosses the indicative road at three points.

Tarakohe Income

The Chairperson spoke to his suggested recommendation in his report.

Caution was advised as the process is felt to be working; the Service Centres Manager said he has been instructed by the Chief Executive Officer to resolve the issues and is having discussions regarding the matters of leases for wharf and fuel facilities in the near future.

Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby

THAT the GB Community supports Council's efforts in pursuing formal charges for wharf facilities and the fuel depot at Port Tarakohe.

There was further discussion on the importance of the harbour to the Golden Bay community.

Moved Board members Hill/McLellan GB06/03/08

**THAT the motion lay on the table for one month.
CARRIED**

Vaccination and other Information

The Chairperson considered the matter beyond the brief of the community board.

**Moved Board member Hill/Cr Riley
GB06/03/09**

THAT the information on vaccination be referred to the GB Health Group through Board representatives Gamby and McLellan, also to Board member McLellan and Cr Borlase on the Integrated Health Group.

CARRIED

Rangihaeata Trees

Cr Riley said he is to have a meeting with the engineer and will investigate where the road reserve is and report back to the Board at its April meeting.

Bio Fuels in Golden Bay

The Chairperson reported that in Germany farmer co-operatives are getting together to produce bio diesel; Cr Borlase commented that the technology is available now.

The meeting discussed global warming; it was suggested that there is a need to start investigations locally. Cr Borlase pointed out that bio fuels cost around \$3 a litre to produce at the moment.

**Moved Cr Riley/Board member McLellan
GB06/03/10**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the GB Environment Centre advising it supports in principle the formation of a study group to investigate the implications of uncertain fuel supply and price sensitivity issues for the Bay and the possible production and use of local alternatives such as bio fuels, and asking the study group to liaise with the Board on a regular basis.

CARRIED

Making Good Decisions

**Moved Crs Riley/Borlase
GB06/03/11**

THAT the GB Community Board formally requests Council to re-consider a previous split decision and that community board members be able to attend training workshops on 'Making Good Decisions'.

CARRIED

Pakawau Motor Camp

The Chairperson said he had emailed Community Services, the Department of Conservation in Nelson and Golden Bay and the Minister of Conservation but had not had a reply, apart from an acknowledgement.

Cr Riley said there is a lack of funding for purchases such as the camping ground.

While the Service Centres Manager pointed out that if the camping ground was sold and the land subdivided for residential development, Council would be provided with public access and an esplanade reserve. However, it was considered that the government uses Golden Bay's beautiful scenery to sell tourism and it should be putting money in to retain such campgrounds.

It was further pointed out that the camp needs a lot of work to bring it up to standard.

Moved Board member Hill/Cr Riley GB06/03/12

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the NZ Motor Caravan Association, the Department of Conservation and the Minister for Conservation regarding the purchase and retention of the Pakawau Camp.
CARRIED**

Village Green Hall

The Board discussed the benefits of Council purchasing the Village Green property; the Service Centres Manager suggested the owner may be willing to lease it in the meantime with Council having first option to purchase.

Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby GB06/03/13

**THAT the matter be referred back to Board member McLellan and Cr Borlase, (and Cr Riley be co-opted on to that subcommittee), to investigate the suggestion of leasing the property in the meantime and the matter of purchase to be taken up with the Community Services and Property managers.
CARRIED**

Motocross in Golden Bay

Cr Borlase reported he had spoken to Shane Harwood who would like to address the Board regarding motocross noise levels at 1.30pm.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch from 12.42pm to 1.38pm.

3.2 Service Centres Manager's Report

Signage at Collingwood

The Service Centres Manager suggested that when the signage on the Historic Cemetery Walkway had 'mellowed down', and the odd marker post removed, it would be acceptable.

Didymo Signs

The Board discussed the wording and colour of the Service Centres Manager's suggested signage.

Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Borlase GB06/03/14

**THAT the wording "Don't spread Didymo – Check, Clean and Dry" be added to the Welcome to Golden Bay sign on the top of the Takaka Hill.
CARRIED**

Dog and Launch Wardens

The Service Centres Manager commented that dog wardens have been organised.

Moved Board members McLellan/Hill GB06/03/15

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Pohara and Collingwood boat clubs, in conjunction with Alan Kilgour, and ask if they are prepared to nominate people to be honorary launch wardens.
CARRIED**

Joint Board Forum

The Service Centres Manager said the forum would be held at Seifrieds; he suggested the Boards could discuss whether Model Standing Orders are appropriate for the boards.

Cycling on Footpaths

The Chairperson considered that all Golden Bay primary schools should be involved. Discussion took place on the colouring competition age groups, prizes and whether the dog in the picture should remain (if dogs in the business area are prohibited in the bylaw). The funding of prizes was also discussed.

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase
GB06/03/16**

THAT the GB Community Board supports proceeding with the postcard, poster campaign and colouring competition, with the amendments that all schools can take part from age 5 to 10 years old plus, and the dog in the picture be removed if necessary.

**It was agreed that the GB Community Board will arrange the prizes for each category, and that there would be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category.
CARRIED**

'Weed-eater' for Collingwood Historic Cemetery

The matter of the ownership of the land was raised; also the balance of the Board's Discretionary Fund.

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Borlase
GB06/03/17**

**THAT the matter of the purchase of a weed-eater for the Collingwood Historic Cemetery lay on the table pending determination of ownership of the land.
CARRIED**

Elected Members Remuneration 2006/2007

**Moved Board members Hill/McLellan
GB06/03/18**

**THAT the GB Community Board agrees to the adoption of Model G to calculate the 2006/07 salaries from the increased pool.
CARRIED**

Shane Harwood joined the meeting to talk about the motocross protocol. He said the motocross track is used just the same as it always has been and he considered that people buying lifestyle blocks are not being fully informed about country living by the real estate people – there are rural noises.

Mr Harwood tabled information on the dates the track was used – 7 – 8 times since last Easter; he said they had not held races on one of the days they were going to as Mr Steer had asked him not to as they had guests. Mr Harwood believed he has done as much as he can; they have now relinquished Sundays. He tabled noise meter readings.

In reply to a question from Cr Riley as to his comments on the protocol, Mr Harwood replied that the protocol needs to be flexible for each site; they should not all have to

have the same protocol. He considered it not too difficult to abide by. However, he considered if there was a protocol for one sport there should be one for all sports and noises. He did not consider that four bikes on the track provide an adequate level of competition for practise. Mr Harwood said he would like to be able to negotiate the hours they ride. He said they notify the neighbours of their riding schedule in advance.

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Borlase
GB06/03/19**

THAT the GB Community Board refers the letter received from Patrick Steer and Wendy Hardwick together with the information received from Mr Harwood to the Motocross Protocol Review group and request that the matters be taken into account in the review with the recommendation that this matter be worked through in the neighbourhood of each property where motocross is carried out under the terms of the protocol.

CARRIED

Urban Drainage Areas

It was pointed out by Cr Riley that the Takaka Water Supply is for the fire wells only.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Friends of Golden Bay – Marine Management Plan, Golden Bay

The Chairperson reported that he had spoken to Council's Rob Smith, who would make contact with Simon Thrush from NIWA; it is planned for them to address the Board at its April meeting.

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase
GB06/03/20**

THAT the GB Community Board notes the request and the Friends of Golden Bay be informed they will be advised of meetings or discussions towards the preparation of a Golden Bay Marine Management Plan.

CARRIED

**Ministry of Economic Development – Prospecting Permit Application 39 306:
Bonaparte Diamond Mines NL**

**Moved Board member Hill/Cr Riley
GB06/03/21**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Environment and Planning registering an interest in this application and asks to be kept informed if any applications for

resource consent for mining related activity by Bonaparte Diamond Mines NL in Golden Bay waters are received.

Further, the GB Community Board would like to be considered as a potentially affected party for any future application.

CARRIED

The Service Centres Manager explained the resource consent application process; if effects are more than minor the application will be notified, if the effects are not more than minor the application will not be notified.

4.2 Tasman District Council Chief Executive Office – Management of Genetically Modified Organisms

Moved Cr Riley/Board member Gamby
GB06/03/22

THAT the GB Community Board prepares a summary from the community management of GMO's II paper and its attachments and sends this to the Chief Executive Officer, together with a copy of the paper, to be used as helpful information for informed decision-making.

CARRIED

4.3 Peter Foster – Rising Fuel Costs

Moved Board members Bell/Gamby
GB06/03/23

THAT the GB Community Board requests that the Chief Executive Officer obtains information on the potential effects of rapidly increasing fuel costs on Golden Bay's social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being in the present and the future, as provided for under S42 of the LGA 2002.

CARRIED

The Service Centres Manager considered the effects would be astronomical, with more impact on rural people.

4.4 John Croxford – Seeking Road improvement, Devils Boots to Aorere Goldfield

Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby
GB06/03/24

THAT the GB Community Board requests Engineering Services to reinstate the road from Devils Boots to the gate to the Aorere Goldfields under Tasman District

**Council maintenance programme, and where necessary provides adequate drainage and water tables by raising the road height or by other effective means.
CARRIED**

The Service Centres Manager said he would obtain a map of the roads with adjoining property owners and bring it back to the Board's April meeting.

4.5 Elizabeth Warren – Footpath from Boundary Road to Arapeta Place

Cr Borlase reported that Ms Warren's letter was factually incorrect; he is not a member of the Rototai Road Residents and Friends Society, he resigned when he was elected to Council. With regard to the Rototai Road footpath, Cr Borlase said he had attended a meeting in November 2005 where they had talked about a safe walking access – no kerb and channel had been mentioned.

It was pointed out that NgAng said he had canvassed the neighbours who would be delighted with a safe walking access.

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Riley
GB06/03/25**

THAT Rototai Road residents (between Boundary Road and Arapeta Place) be advised individually that there will be consultation on this issue, and that it is understood that a landowner has offered an opportunity for safe walking access on part of her property and that this needs to be explored and the costs and requirements ascertained.

CARRIED

The Service Centres Manager said he would send an Explore Tasman map of the road and properties to Board members.

4.6 Derry & Helen Kingston – Proposed Stage 2 Seal Widening, Ligar Bay

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member McLellan
GB06/03/26**

THAT the GB Community Board supports the holding of an on-site meeting (at a date to be notified) of interested parties to examine and discuss the issues and options prior to any decision being finalised.

CARRIED

The Service Centres Manager said he would talk to Dean Hunt to see where this work is up to.

4.7 Kirsty Barr (Road Safety Co-ordinator) – Update

This item was discussed earlier when Ms Barr was in attendance.

4.8 Patrick Steer & Wendy Hardwick – Motocross Code of Practice Trial Period

This item was dealt with earlier when Mr Harwood was in attendance.

Cr Borlase – Verbal Report : Old Man’s Beard Eradication, Rocklands Road

Cr Borlase reported that the Contract Pest Control Officer (Graham Strickett) had called a meeting with Rockland Road residents regarding the eradication of Old Mans Beard, and it had been suggested that if the GB Community Board could provide some money for ‘Vigilant’ it may be a way forward. Cr Borlase said he had agreed to phone board members requesting up to \$500 and while there was support for the idea there was also concern about setting a precedent.

After some discussion regarding the possibility of setting a precedent by granting funds to the Rockland Road residents from the Board’s Discretionary Fund for the eradication of this pest, it was

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member McLellan
GB06/03/27**

THAT the GB Community Board provides 4 kilograms of active ingredient Vigilant, plus six dispensers, as a one off contribution to Graham Strickett and the bio diversity project for the control of Old Mans Beard and Banana Passionfruit vine in the Rockland Road area.

CARRIED

Cr Borlase reported that Mr Strickett is providing the chemicals to spray any new seedlings following the use of ‘Vigilant’.

5. OTHER

5.1 Abbeyfield Update – Sheryl Nalder

This matter was dealt with earlier when Mrs Nalder and Mr Clark were in attendance.

5.2 Mural on “Take Note” Wall – Discretionary Funds Sought

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB06/03/28**

**THAT the GB Community Board gives \$100 from its Discretionary Fund to restore the mural on the wall of the “Take Note” building.
CARRIED**

5.3 Boredom Busters Holiday Programme

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member McLellan
GB06/03/29**

THAT the GB Community Board supports the Community Workers and Recreation Co-ordinator applying for a minimum of \$1500, and agrees it is not practical to organise to bus children over the hill to “Big Day Out” programmes.

**Further, that the Board supports Golden Bay being autonomous in the holiday programmes it puts on in Golden Bay.
CARRIED**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.59pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: