

MINUTES

TITLE: GB Community Board
DATE: 13th June 2006
TIME: 9.00am
VENUE: Collingwood Fire Station, Collingwood

PRESENT: J Bell (Chairperson), C McLellan (Deputy Chair), Crs N Riley (from 9.15am until 12.40pm) and S Borlase, and Board member L Gamby

IN ATTENDANCE: B Askew (Service Centres Manager), N Heyes (Minute Secretary), and members of the Press and Public

APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB06/06/01**

**THAT the apology from Cr Riley for lateness be sustained.
CARRIED**

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Tessa Gillooly – spoke on behalf of the GB Heritage Aorere Trust; she said that three design options had been considered by them and she believed there is a way to overcome the present impasse. Ms Gillooly said that once the new building is there, the trust is looking forward to developing projects that will be presented at the Centre.

Sara Chapman – spoke on behalf of the Collingwood and Takaka Volunteer Fire brigades, who had made submissions to the LTCCP, and had attended the hearing of same on 12th June where they had requested assistance with the Takaka fire wells and ponds for handling fires at Mangarakau. Ms Chapman said both brigades had agreed to hold two public fire works displays – one on Guy Fawkes Day and the other the week prior – with the aim of encouraging the public to go to displays rather than buying their own fireworks. Through the LTCCP process, the brigades have asked Council to cover them under its Public Liability insurance policy, and to promote and advertise the displays.

Dave Whittaker – spoke briefly about the timing of Board member Hill's resignation and democracy at work.

The Chairperson commented that Council's Electoral Officer (Lloyd Kennedy) had envisaged the by-election costing around \$5,000 - \$7,000 not the \$20,000 that had been quoted.

Mr Whittaker said he had attended the LTCCP submissions hearing the day before and applauded the number of speakers; he said he was proud to be in Golden Bay.

Cr Borlase endorsed Mr Whittaker's comment; he said the submissions were of a very high standard, with submitters willing to give bouquets as well as brickbats and he was proud to be a Golden Bay councillor.

Cr Riley joined the meeting at this point.

Mr Whittaker asked whether the staff briefing topics could be better publicised; he commended previous speakers who briefed the Board.

The Chairperson agreed; he pointed out that people are always welcome to stay for all of the public meeting. It was agreed that the 'key note' speaker be advertised each month in the GB Weekly meeting advertisement.

Alan Vaughan – commented on the Late Agenda item regarding heavy traffic travelling down Commercial Street; he said he had noticed a truck and trailer unit trying to get around the kerb and channel traffic calming measures outside the GB High School – nearly impossible without blocking the whole road.

Mr Vaughan asked whether it is appropriate that there are approximately 33 organisations in Golden Bay asking for a Board representative; he suggested that perhaps the number could be 'trimmed' down.

The Chairperson pointed out that the organisations that received Tasman District Council funding have a Board member as a representative, however, they are not required to attend all meetings but can do so particularly if there is a specific issue that needs to be addressed.

It was pointed out that if the representative receives minutes and agendas it is apparent when Council input is required.

It was further pointed out that organisations could be formally advised of the process when they are notified of their representative.

Mr Vaughan considered that the matter of venues for motor sports in Golden Bay is not being addressed; he said that those who wish to be 'competitive' need an opportunity to train and compete locally; the venue needs to be accessible but as far away as possible from populated areas.

Cr Borlase replied that he had carried out considerable investigations for motocross and it had proved to be extremely difficult to find a suitable venue. He considered Golden Bay has the best compliance with the Code of Practise for the recreational use of motorbikes.

Cr Riley did not consider there to be a high demand in Golden Bay for other vehicle sports – he suggested that some publicity may provide a suitable venue for motocross.

Board member McLellan pointed out that present motocross venues are ‘private’ and people are invited, and that somewhere is needed where anyone can go.

Nicola Basham – said she also was proud to be a Golden Bay resident at the LTCCP hearings; she was appreciative of the time people had put into their submissions. She expressed regret that she had paid too much attention to the ‘detail’ of the draft plan and had lost sight of the ‘top line’ which she considers to be unaffordable. She considered that projected debt of \$175 million to be ‘terrible’ and that we should be working out what we can afford from the present rate take.

Crs Riley and Borlase agreed that the ‘wish list’ is far too big; Cr Borlase said we cannot continue living outside our means. He pointed out that Central Government is putting funding demands on local government, for example dog micro-chipping, and potable water to every household in New Zealand.

Board member Gamby – Agreed with previous speakers about the quality of LTCCP submissions. He expressed concern that the last speaker at the hearing was not given an opportunity to answer questions.

Mr Gamby asked for comment by Mr Alan Kilgour regarding sea squirt being found on a structure at Tarakohe Harbour.

Mr Kilgour replied that the sea squirt had only been found the day before and it was a small patch on the floating marina that can be contained and treated, with work starting that day. He said it is vitally important to contain it within Tarakohe because of the implications to the mussel industry. Mr Kilgour said investigations are being carried out as to whether the sea squirt is a native, or imported.

Board member McLellan – said she understood that congratulations from the Board have gone to Mrs Ann Lewis who received the QSM in the recent Queen’s Birthday Honours List. Mrs McLellan said the recognition was richly deserved and that Mrs Lewis had given a lot of time, energy and expertise to the Golden Bay community.

Mrs McLellan commented that the Board was a little put out that the last citizenship ceremony had been carried out at the Corporate Services meeting at Pohara, however, it was a lovely occasion where the Motupipi School children had been invited to sing and congratulations had been passed to Mrs Valerie Gribble for her organisation of the

ceremony. Mrs McLellan suggested that one of the schools could be invited to the July citizenship to be held in the Golden Bay Service Centre.

BJ White – congratulated the Board on its hard work.

Mr White asked again for signage at Pakawau Beach to stop people disturbing the shags.

Mr White pointed out that there is an on-going slip on Gibbs Road, Collingwood.

He also asked whether the Collingwood Motor Camp could be turned into a reserve; Mr White said it is a beautiful location that could be enjoyed by a larger number of people on a daily basis, rather than keeping it as a camping ground.

The Chairperson reported that the lease has been relinquished and the camp will have a manager for 12 months while the next step is worked out. He said quite a proportion of the land is reserve.

Cr Riley commented regarding the slip on Gibbs Road; he said it had been looked at a fortnight ago by the Engineering Manager and the matter is in hand.

Nicola Bashman – spoke about the shags on Pakawau Beach; she said there are two places where they and other birds congregate and should be protected.

The Chairperson said they are protected as it is an offence for dogs to be allowed to harass a protected bird. He suggested that Mr White contact John Bergman from Control Services Nelson who had been trying to get in touch with him about these matters.

The Chairperson introduced Council's CEO, Mr Dickinson, and Mr Kilgour, Port Tarakohe Manager, who had joined the meeting during public forum.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 GB Community Board meeting held 9th May 2006

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB06/06/02**

THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 9th May 2006, (containing resolutions GB06/05/01 – GB06/05/15) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

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

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

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.12am and 10.27am.

Mr Bob Dickinson, CEO, joined the meeting for his presentation on Rating and Valuation.

The Chairperson welcomed him and spoke about ratepayers' concerns regarding increasing rates.

Mr Dickinson said he had noted concerns, also some misunderstandings regarding rating. He said he is a member of a Local Government Rating committee that is dealing with whether funding is sustainable under the present rating system.

Mr Dickinson made a power point presentation (a copy of information to be made available to Board members) and elaborated on the points raised. He pointed out that Tasman District Council uses the Capital Value rating system, as opposed to a Land Value or Annual Value system, and discussed the pros and cons of each system. Mr Dickinson said advantages of capital value rating include: that there is solid sales evidence of the value of the property; the rating base grows with development; and there is an improved link to the ability to pay. He considered that farmers are worse off under land value. Mr Dickinson said valuation is the only financial tool that Council has to levy general rates.

Cr Borlase considered that weight is put on rural landowners whose ability to pay may be a lot less than urban property owners.

Board member Gamby agreed; just because there is a perceived ability to pay does not mean they actually have the ability to pay.

Mr Dickinson explained that when the Council changed to capital value rating, it did so with a high 'user pays' element; he said capital value applies to the general rate strike. Mr Dickinson pointed out that the general rate is a tax – something that is imposed upon people and that has no relation to the benefits received. One of the disadvantages of capital value rating is that it is regressive – it hits people on lower incomes more than people on higher incomes - people who are 'asset rich' and 'cash poor'.

Mr Dickinson explained the purpose of general rates, targeted rates, differentials, and that under the Rating Valuations Act 1998, properties must be valued every three years, independently of Council. He said that Quotable Values Limited carries out Council's valuations.

The Chairperson commented that in California rates are based on the purchase price of the particular property; Mr Dickinson replied that our valuations are based on market sales and current building costs. He considered that property owners should challenge at least one valuation to find out the process and emphasised that there is only a very short time to object. Mr Dickinson said the new rates rebate criteria is now available and that people with genuine hardship issues should phone the Council's Rating Department. He did not consider that rate increases could be kept to the rate of inflation – there would be no progress.

He too pointed out that Central Government is continually putting more costs on the local authority.

Ms Basham commented that local government needs to lobby central government to prevent 'stupid' laws being introduced.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Dickinson for his presentation; he said some people had not objected to their valuations this time because when they had previously objected the valuations had been raised.

The meeting adjourned for five minutes.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairperson's Report

Port Tarakohe Charges

Mr Alan Kilgour joined the meeting for this item.

The Chairperson commented that the Board had made a similar submission to the Draft LTCCP as to the Environment & Planning Committee.

The Service Centres Manager reported that the matter had been taken to the Port Users Committee and there was quite a backlash on a proposed wharfage charge of \$10 per tonne for fish and shell fish products. He said the previous charges were not collected. Users had said they would go elsewhere if they were charged more than \$6.00.

Mr Kilgour commented on the need to be competitive in our environment. He said that while there have been anomalies in the past, he now does all the charging (currently \$9.75) to try and claw back some of the losses. He considered \$6.00 to be a fair charge.

Mr Askew said the new charge will bring in around \$80,000 a year.

The Chairperson said he did not consider that Port Nelson or Westport could be used for charging comparisons; Marlborough and Greymouth could be compared to Golden Bay. He said scallops at Tarakohe are a high value product; he considered there would always be argument from those who have never paid or paid less than the charge rate.

Mr Kilgour said that all the rates at Tarakohe can be negotiated.

Mr Askew said his rates were done on the best information he could get; it is a charge for a business facility, not a tax.

Mr Kilgour said there had been discussion on scallop people barging their product elsewhere if the charges are too high.

The meeting discussed whether or not people would actually take their catch elsewhere.

Mr Kilgour considered the top rate should be inserted in the plan, whether it is charged or not.

The Chairperson thought it important to apply comparable charges with other similar ports.

Board member McLellan pointed out the need for transparency. She commented that mussel farmers do not pay rates as other farmers do, so across the wharf charges need to be adequate.

Mr Kilgour said it is not just the loss of the fish if fishing boats leave; he said there are five resident fishing boats in the Bay and the biggest pays berthage of \$4000 a year.

It was agreed that it would be fair to have differential charges for wet fish and scallops.

Cr Riley considered that \$6.00 may cover administration costs, but there is nothing to develop the port.

Cr Borlase saw no point in charging too much and having fishermen leave.

Board member Gamby considered that the Board should put in the same submission to the Navigation Safety Bylaw as it had to the Environment & Planning Committee and the LTCCP.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB06/06/04**

THAT the GB Community Board forwards a similar submission to the Draft Navigation Safety Bylaw as it put in to the Environment and Planning Committee and the Draft LTCCP.

The Chairperson said that he has since spoken to two people on the Users Group, who, when they were aware of the comparable charges for other Ports were comfortable with considering the matter of charges again. He considered the matter needed to be referred back to the Users Group.

Mr Bell said the submission would have additional information that had become available since the Board's submission had been written; he said a draft of the new submission would go out to all Board members for comment.

Board member McLellan asked what influence the Port Users Committee has regarding the matter of charges.

Mr Askew replied that they need to discuss matters with a representative group and that genuine issues need to be sifted out. He said that Merv Solly pays his way and wants everyone else to pay their way.

Mr Kilgour pointed out that the biggest revenue earner is the marina, which brings in around two thirds of the income – he asked on that basis which aspect of the port should be considered for development? He said the public pays nothing towards the reserve areas at the Port and that Council needs to come to the party for the public good aspect with a formula to reduce the debt. Mr Kilgour said the marina pays for itself, but it is the previous debt that has been lumped onto the Port that is the problem.

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

Cr Borlase voted against the motion.

Board member McLellan left the meeting between 12.20pm and 12.25pm.

Representation Review

**Moved Crs Riley/Borlase
GB06/06/05**

THAT the GB Community Board puts something in the GB Weekly to inform the public about the representation review and seeking community support for Council's decision CN06/06/03 to retain the status quo.

Carried

It was asked that the Board make a form available along those lines so that people can just sign it and drop it in to the Service Centre for forwarding to the Richmond office.

Consent Hearing Information

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Riley
GB06/06/06**

THAT the GB Community Board be informed of the details of applications regarding Golden Bay consent hearings (what people are seeking consent for), so that all Board members can be aware and respond to queries if required.
CARRIED

It was agreed that the Service Centres Manager takes the matter to the Managers' Meeting.

The meeting adjourned for lunch between 12.40pm and 1.29pm.

Regional Refuse

Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB06/06/07

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Engineering Services Committee of both Nelson City and Tasman District councils requesting that they form a regional body to deal with recycling and refuse to ensure opportunities for working towards zero waste to land fill are not lost.

And further,

THAT increased charges be applied to mixed refuse with reduced charges for recycling.
CARRIED

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB06/06/08

THAT the refuse/recycling route be increased to cover all roads that Streetsmart travel on; e.g. from Upper Takaka to Takaka.
CARRIED

Takaka Library

Both the Chairperson and Board member McLellan reported that people have forwarded suggestions for the new library.

Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase
GB06/06/09

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Community Services Manager requesting that consultation with the Board, library staff and library users be undertaken before any library plans are finalised.
CARRIED

Regional Museum

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Borlase
GB06/06/10**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Nelson City and Tasman District councils as shareholding councils requesting that the Regional Museum debt be restructured to sustainable levels and that the operation of the Museum be reviewed after operating for a full financial year.

**Further, that a draft of the letter be sent to the Chairperson of the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust Cr O'Shea, for her approval, prior to being sent out to the councils.
CARRIED**

Iconic Sites

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby
GB06/06/11**

THAT the GB Community Board supports public submissions to the LTCCP regarding the significance statement, that iconic natural features of Golden Bay be included in the Definition of Significance, and further, that the redeveloped Significance Policy goes out for public consultation.

**The Board points out that this is supported by the LGA Section 90, the findings of the Commissioner during the hearing of the Petry subdivision at Pakawau, and the Boffa Miskell Coastal Landscape Report.
CARRIED**

Place Names

Mount Crusader

**Moved Board member Bell/Cr Borlase
GB06/06/12**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the NZ Geographical Board and requests that the name Mt Crusader be reinstated, after checking with Iwi for any concerns.
CARRIED**

Black Maire Road

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB06/06/13**

THAT the GB Community Board undertakes community consultation with Iwi, residents and the wider community, by way of a letter in the GB Weekly, and considers making a submission to having the name corrected.
CARRIED

Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase
GB06/06/14

THAT the GB Community Board gives a bouquet to Engineering Services for the informative new signage at Collingwood, but asks for the inclusion of signage for Copenhagen Street, Collingwood, and for the spelling of 'Milnthorpe' to be corrected.
CARRIED

3.2 Service Centres Manager's Report

The Service Centres Manager spoke briefly to his report.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Tasman District Council – Submission to Council's LTCCP 2006/2007

This item was received earlier.

4.2 CEO Bob Dickinson – Review of Community Board Delegations

This item was received earlier; the Chairperson pointed out that there is a Community Board Delegation Sub-committee of Council and that the two community board chairs have been attending the meetings. It was agreed that the Service Centres Manager follow the matter up.

4.3 GB Heritage Aorere Trust – Aorere Centre Building Concept

Cr Borlase said the special meeting with Ivan Riley and Tessa Gillooly that he was to arrange had not happened due to pressure of work, but it will take place early in July.

The Chairperson drew the Board's attention to a report by Council's Jim Frater to the Community Services Committee, with his recommendation, which was read out by Board member McLellan.

“That a variation of the Council lease with the New Zealand Fire Service be sought to clarify the area subleased to the Collingwood Museum Society and the shared access:
and

That a consultation of affected parties be undertaken regarding the proposal and that the outcome of that consultation be reported back to the Community Services Committee.”

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB06/06/15**

**THAT the GB Community Board supports the recommendation by Jim Frater, Property Manager, to the Community Services Committee, and that discussions by the two GB Ward councillors, Tessa Gillooly and Ivan Riley take place and that subsequently a report by Cr Borlase be submitted for the Board’s July meeting.
CARRIED**

4.4 Minister of Conservation – Bonaparte Diamond Mines NL

The Chairperson said a working group has been set up in Golden Bay to deal with this application and the matter is presently with Iwi, who are corresponding with Crown Minerals regarding aspects of their mandatory consultation.

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase
GB06/06/16**

THAT the GB Community Board replies to the Minister of Conservation explaining that they have not consulted with the community and the Board has already written to Government about the lack of consultation: that RMA consultation only occurs if the application is notified

**Further, that the above letter is also sent to the Hon Harry Duynhoven and Hon Trevor Mallard explaining the misconception that there is wide public consultation over matters such as this when there is not.
CARRIED**

The Service Centres Manager said he would contact Damien O’Connor’s secretary to enable all interested ministers to receive the same letter.

4.5 Engineering Services – Relocation of SPCA Cages

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Borlase
GB06/06/17**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the local SPCA and asks whether the old Rototai Dump site would be suitable for the relocation of the cages.
CARRIED**

5. OTHER

5.1 Takaka Carparking Study

**Moved Board member Bell/Cr Borlase
GB06/06/18**

**THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Engineering Manager requesting that the study be updated and considered by the Engineering Services Committee prior to being put out for consultation with the Golden Bay community.
CARRIED**

Ms Chapman informed the Board of a correction to the GB Heritage Aorere Trust information; the costing on the artist's impression of the Aorere Centre on agenda page 16 should read \$25,000, not \$35,000. She said the Trust is also seeking a community board representative on its committee.

**Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Bell
GB06/06/19**

**THAT Board members McLellan and Gamby share the role of GB Community Board representative on the GB Heritage Aorere Trust.
CARRIED**

6. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

The Chairperson read the matters to be considered in committee, the reasons for passing the resolution and the grounds.

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase
GB06/06/20**

THAT the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

**Port Tarakohe; and
GB Community Board's Discretionary Fund**

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for passing this resolution are as follows:

Item	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1.	Port Tarkohe	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
2.	GB Community Board's Discretionary Fund	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

Item	Reasons to withhold information Under Section 7	Section
1.	Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person(s) who supplied or who is the subject of the information	Section 7 2(b)(ii)
	Protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7 2(a)

CARRIED

7. LATE AGENDA ITEM

7.1 Heavy Traffic, Commercial Street, Takaka

**Moved Board members Bell/Gamby
GB06/06/21**

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Engineering Manager explaining that the Motupipi/Meihana Street route is currently the only available alternative; reiterating the need for public consultation to take place and a proper bypass being eventually constructed.

CARRIED

It was agreed that the matters of signage at the entrances to town, and parking being on one side of Commercial Street only, be held in abeyance until the Takaka Carparking Study is considered.

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

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

