MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board

DATE: 12th September 2006

TIME: 9.03 am

VENUE: Golden Bay Service Centre Meeting Room, 78

Commercial Street, Takaka

PRESENT: J Bell (Chairperson), C McLellan (Deputy Chair), Crs N

Riley and S Borlase, and Board member L Gamby

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Hurley from 9.10am, B Askew (Service Centres

Manager), N Heyes (Minute Secretary)

APOLOGIES

Nil

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Lethea Erz – read and tabled a letter from Golden Bay Futures regarding notification of resource consents in Golden Bay; the group is asking that: all Discretionary Consent Applications to be publicly notified until the changes to the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) arising from the Golden Bay Strategic Plan process are completed; for applications to be notified in the Motueka/Golden Bay News and the GB Weekly; and that the GB Community Board be notified of all resource consent applications for Golden Bay. Ms Erz said that ideally they want a moratorium on all discretionary non-complying consents. Ms Erz asked Cr Borlase to present a copy of the GB Futures letter to Council's Environment & Planning Committee and requested that a written response be given to their questions.

Ms Erz also spoke about a petition that was circulated on Waiheke Island to obtain more autonomy for its community board by way of a Deed of Delegated Authority. She said GB Futures has adapted the petition and will invite other groups in Golden Bay to jointly drive such a petition for more autonomy for the GB Community Board.

<u>NgAng</u> – considered he had been misquoted in the August minutes which quoted him as saying the Rototai residents group had raised \$15,000 towards the walkway project.

He supported more responsibility for local governance in Golden Bay.

<u>Dave Whitaker</u> – raised again the matter of the refuse/recycling rate on vacant sections. He disagreed with the response from the Engineering Manager and said that Volume 1 of the LTCCP says it is a summary of Volume 2 and the two documents should agree.

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Mr Whitaker asked what good people's submissions on the representation review were; everything now must go to the Local Government Commission; he considered that Golden Bay suffers for Tasman District Council being a unitary authority instead of having a separate regional authority.

<u>John Janke</u> – objected to the disestablishment of community boards; he said he was seeking support for having an information table about the representation review in the town on Friday.

Mr Janke said he would like the protected tree to stay. The tree was the subject of discussions regarding the GB Work Centre Trust's lease renewal during the August Board meeting.

The Chairperson explained that no decisions about the tree had been made.

<u>Jo-Anne Vaughan</u> – reported that the condom vending machines were gone from the Rose Garden toilets in Takaka and the Collingwood toilets, due to vandalism. She tabled a photograph of a vandal-proof machine in the Montgomery Square toilets in Nelson and asked that the Board investigate the possibility of this type for Golden Bay.

Mrs Vaughan also expressed concern that people's appeal/objections to the Representative Review were going to Council's Richmond office instead of direct to the Local Government Commission.

The Chairperson said he had been assured that all submissions will be forwarded to the Local Government Commission.

It was reported that Council's Lloyd Kennedy had talked of a locked box being provided for submissions and that only Takaka staff, Sandra Hartley and he would be handling them. Submissions would be entered into a computer as they arrived.

<u>Alan Vaughan</u> – said he had spoken to Sandra Hartley who had assured him that submissions would be safe.

Mr Vaughan asked about the difference in roles of the Tarakohe Harbour Manager (Alan Kilgour) and the Port Tarakohe Administration Manager (Bob Askew).

Mr Askew explained that the Harbour Manager is a contractor to council responsible for the day to day running of the harbour and the Administration Manager takes overall responsibility for the facility on behalf of TDC. Mr Askew said he is carrying out the role previously held by David Ward.

Mr Vaughan asked whether the public could ask questions during Claire Webster's briefing on solar panels. He said people in Golden Bay are very interested but the Government subsidy of \$500 does not go far when solar panels are around \$8000 to supply and install, plus the additional cost of a new cylinder. The Chairperson advised that the staff briefings are for the benefit of the Board and the members of the public present.

<u>Mik Symmons</u> – spoke about Occupational Health & Safety (OSH); he said while they are viewed as a compliance organisation they do have a very proactive role in

ensuring safe workplaces. They are coming to Golden Bay on 10th and 11th October 2006 and have asked for that to be made known. Mr Symmons said OSH is happy to meet with employers regarding safe working environments.

<u>Derry Kingston</u> – spoke on behalf of the GB Environment Trust and its petrol 'sharing' scheme; he tabled a news article about Hutt City Council trialling a 'hitch-and-ride' scheme. Mr Kingston said he would write to the Board about it seeking support in principle for such a scheme in Golden Bay.

<u>Victoria Davis</u> – tabled documents from Whangarei District Council regarding GMOs. She said ERMA has not protected New Zealanders and reported that a perennial grass that was genetically altered in the United States is now a big liability there.

Ms Davis said she is the only radiographer in Golden Bay and would not be going on strike.

Ms Davis said Council's 'Rates made Easy' are not easy for her. She said rate payments account for about one fifth of her income; she has a disabled husband and has difficulty in paying her rates. Ms Davis said she knows people who want to leave Golden Bay as the rates are too high. She said Council could save councillors travel money by not travelling all around the district for meetings and by having local decisions being made locally.

Ms Davis is happy that the Representation Review submissions are going to the Local Government Commission; she believes Golden Bay should have more autonomy and asks that people say that in their submissions.

<u>Ro Piekarski</u> – spoke in support of local representation and delegated authority. He sees a need that everyone has 'area' representation as well as 'number' representation. He considered that all wards should have the opportunity to have a community board.

The Chairperson explained that other Wards need to make the decision on whether or not to have a community board.

Mayor Hurley said that the Local Government Commission analyses every piece of information from the community.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 GB Community Board meeting held on 8th August 2006

The following amendments were asked to be noted:

Pg 2 – Paragraph 5 – the word 'project' be changed to 'appeal'. (It was pointed out that the \$15,000 was for legal fees for an appeal to the Environment Court by the Rototai residents regarding a subdivision a subdivision). **NOTE**: this amendment also applies to Cr Riley's comments on page 6, during discussions with the Asset Engineer, Steve Elkington).

Pg 5 – Insert between GB06/08/03 and GB06/08/04 - "It was decided that the whole Board takes over the role of the sub-committee in dealing with the matter of the proposal to purchase the former GB Environment Centre property.

Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase GB06/09/01

THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 8th August 2006 (containing resolutions GB06/08/01 – GB06/08/26 as amended) be confirmed as a true and correct record. CARRIED

Moved Cr Riley/Board member Gamby GB06/09/02

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

Moved Cr Riley/Board member Symmons GB06/09/03

THAT the item of correspondence received from the Takaka Volunteer Fire Brigade regarding the transfer of the Leyland water tanker to the Collingwood Fire Brigade be accepted as a late agenda item to be added to Correspondence.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairperson's Report

Seabed Mining Application

Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase GB06/09/04

THAT the GB Community Board registers its interest with Tasman District Council Environment and Planning consent staff on behalf of the Golden Bay community and asks to be informed as an interested party to any application for mining-related activities on land or within the Territorial Sea adjacent to the Golden Bay Ward.

The Chairperson spoke about mining in Namibia where companies mine the seabed for diamonds, and have also pushed back the sea with a sand barrier and mine behind the barrier on what was formerly seabed and foreshore. The Golden Bay applicant Bonaparte Diamond Mines has interests in Namibia.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

Kindergarten Approval

Moved Cr Riley/Board member McLellan GB06/09/05

THAT the GB Community Board writes a letter of congratulations to the GB Kindergarten Establishment Committee.

CARRIED

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

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Takaka Primary School Board of Trustees thanking them for their assistance to the Kindergarten Establishment Committee, and for the provision of land that makes it all possible.

CARRIED

Port Tarakohe

It was agreed to formally put into effect the outcomes of the Board's discussions regarding Port Tarakohe.

Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase GB06/09/07

THAT following receipt of additional information from Tasman District Council, together with preliminary discussions with the Office of Auditor General, unless there are further concerns raised by residents and ratepayers the Golden Bay Community Board will leave further action regarding Tarakohe accounts in abeyance.

CARRIED

Moved Crs Riley/Borlase GB06/09/08

THAT the GB Community Board supports the restructuring of Tarakohe finances to sustainable levels as proposed by the Council Enterprises Subcommittee.

CARRIED

2006-07 Annual Plan/LTCCP Community Meeting Round

The Chairperson suggested the three larger community meetings be held earlier to also enable discussion about Golden Bay planning and representation; he reminded the meeting the closing date for submissions to the Representation Review is 27th September, however, there is a possibility it may be extended.

Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby GB06/09/09

THAT the Pohara, Takaka and Collingwood Golden Bay Community Board Annual Plan meetings be held as soon as possible with dates and venues to be confirmed, booked and advertised.

CARRIED

Mt Stevens Carpark

Moved Board members Bell/Symmons GB06/09/10

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Engineering Services requesting that they work with DOC to make the Mt Stevens parking area accessible and useable for the purpose intended.

CARRIED

Salisbury Swing Bridge

Moved Cr Riley/Board member McLellan GB06/09/11

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Engineering Services enclosing the photographs and asking that drainage and gravelling work be carried out to make the bridge approach accessible to pedestrians.

CARRIED

Abel Tasman Quilt Purchase Funding Applications

It was agreed that Network Tasman should be applied to for funding, and Board member Gamby commented that the Arts Council may be able to help further.

Board member McLellan asked when Council would be considering the Grants from Rates allocations.

Cr Riley declared an interest; he said he was presently looking at applications for funding.

Vehicles on Beaches

Moved Cr Borlase/Board member McLellan GB06/09/12

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Resource Management Policy Committee requesting urgent action on a bylaw setting a speed limit on Golden Bay beaches which is equivalent to the 5 knot inshore sea limit and that where feasible, barriers and signage be erected to prevent vehicle access of environmentally sensitive areas such as estuaries and bird nesting places.

Mr Askew explained the history to beaches being considered roads; he said the only access used to be by sea and beach.

Board member McLellan said that people still need to be able to take their boats to the water. The Chairperson explained that it was excessive speed and anti-social 'hooning' which was causing the problem.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

Representation Review

Moved Board members Gamby/Symmons GB06/09/13

THAT the GB Community Board lodges an objection and an appeal with the Local Government Commission regarding the final decision by Tasman District Council to the Representation Review.

Board member McLellan said the support from the community is very heartening, along with people's appreciation of the Board's work.

Board member Gamby considered the issue has consolidated the Golden Bay community.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

The Big Picture

The Chairperson reiterated the need for the Board to keep looking at the 'big picture' and not just focus on the representation review.

The morning tea break was taken between 10.33am and 10.53am.

Staff Briefing - Claire Webster regarding Solar Panels

Ms Webster reported that Ecofest events provide a great deal of information; there were eight or nine solar panel suppliers at Ecofest and that following that event around 20 Council staff were wanting to buy solar panels, so Council was trying to do a bulk buy. Ms Webster said that the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) had sent Council a government discussion document that would go to Neil Jackson, Council's Policy Planner. Information about solar water heating is on the website www.eeca.govt.nz.

Ms Webster suggested that pricing for solar panels varied from around \$2,500 to \$5,000 for the panels and plumbing into the water cylinder.

It was pointed out that a building consent is also required as plumbing is involved.

Brochures from one company, 'nzsolar', were tabled.

Discussion took place on bulk sales reducing the price and the energy savings from installing solar panels.

Ms Webster considered it to be a 'big ask' for people to install solar panels when it is an added cost. She said Council is in the process of creating documents that explain solar water heating to people, which will hopefully encourage installation.

It was agreed that if people can see they would save around 40% on their power bill, they would be interested in solar panels; however it was pointed out that it is cheaper to put solar panels into a new house than to retrofit.

Ms Webster talked about a 'smart home' to be constructed on a container base that is energy efficient through lighting, smart use of energy etc. The smart home is being built in Nelson by master builders who are donating their time and it should be finished in November. Ms Webster said she is looking to bring it to Golden Bay so people can walk through and take in the energy saving features.

Ms Webster said she was at a meeting with the Service Centres Manager, and staff are to look into 'smart, sustainable living' and how Council can progress that in Tasman District.

Mr Askew explained it is a huge project; they need to find out what is affordable, achievable and how much the project itself would cost. He said if Council goes ahead with a pilot study on smart sustainable living it will come back to the Community Board as Golden Bay is a good place to do it.

The \$500 government subsidy was discussed; also the possibility of Council waiving or lowering compliance costs.

The small amount of money paid to people who want to put power back into the national grid was also discussed. It was agreed that Council has a role to lobby central government to increase the amount paid for such power.

Mayor Hurley pointed out that this initiative is not new technology but not a lot has happened until recently. He considered that Council's best opportunity to progress the idea is to lower regulatory costs. He did not consider it would solve the energy crisis, but it would help however he did not want the Board promoting it as an energy solution.

The Chairperson replied that water heating is a large component of power bills and the use of alternative means like solar or wet backs would save a lot of electricity.

Ms Webster drew her briefing to a close and reminded the Board that Environmental Award time is coming up and asked for lots of nominations.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Webster for her presentation.

Board member McLellan said she would like a subsidy or grant from Central Government to encourage people to take up this initiative; she suggested government takes up the cost of regulatory costs. It was agreed that the top of the South, with its high sunshine hours, is an ideal place for solar panels.

It was suggested that Council needs to take the matter forward, and the Board should indicate its willingness to be involved.

Moved Cr Borlase/Board member McLellan GB06/09/14

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Council seeking support of the Smart Sustainable Living Strategy being discussed by senior management, and requests that additional incentives for solar panels be pursued including bulk purchases, increased subsidy and waiver, or reduction, in consent fees. CARRIED

Moved Board members Symmons/McLellan GB06/09/15

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Council and requests that consideration be given for mandatory provision of solar panel installation for all new permanent buildings that utilise water heating. In addition to energy savings, this would also have the effect of lowering unit costs and the overall costs of compliance for the installation.

CARRIED

3.2 Service Centres Manager's Report

SPCA Letter

Moved Board members Bell/Gamby GB06/09/16

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Environmental & Planning Manager requesting that tests be carried out at the now closed Rototai landfill site to ensure that any discharges to the environment are safe.

CARRIED

Roading and Parking – signage for Heavy Vehicle Detour

Moved Crs Riley/Borlase GB06/09/17

THAT the GB Community Board writes to NZ Road Transport Association suggesting that their members be requested to continue to avoid Commercial Street, Takaka, as previously.

CARRIED

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan GB06/09/18

THAT the GB Community Board requests Engineering Services to repeat the consultation with residents regarding heavy traffic using Motupipi and Meihana streets, instead of Commercial Street, Takaka.

CARRIED

The Chairperson explained that the problem was due more to out-of-district stock and log trucks, rather than local ones.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

Stock Truck Effluent on the Road

While it was understood that Merv Solly was going to allow other trucks to use his 'informal' dump point at Upper Takaka, it was considered that there should be an official dump point available in Golden Bay.

Moved Board Members McLellan/Gamby GB06/09/19

THAT Crs Borlase and Riley take the matter of stock truck effluent on the roads to the next Transit NZ/TDC Liaison meeting.

CARRIED

Rate Rebates

It was pointed out that Tasman District Council only had one person processing the applications, also that applications are subject to a final acceptance by Internal Affairs.

In reply to a question as to how many applications there had been for areas within Tasman District, Cr Riley said he understood there had overall been around 1400.

Moved Crs Riley/Borlase GB06/09/20

THAT the GB Community Board formally thanks staff for their efforts (through the Service Centres Manager) and also writes to Wendy Earle of Heartlands, and Jan Morganti, thanking them for their efforts and assistance in providing advice to ratepayers regarding the rates rebate scheme. CARRIED

Board member McLellan did not consider the rate rebate is enough.

Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Borlase GB06/09/21

THAT the GB Community Board supports the overhaul of Local Government funding, and in the interim supports an increase in the rating rebate for property owners. Further, the Board would like it extended to a higher threshold, with a letter along those lines being sent to the Minister of Local Government, Local Government NZ, West Coast Tasman MP Hon Damien O'Connor, National West Coast List MP Chris Auchinvole, and the Rating Review Sub-committee of which RG Dickinson (Council's CEO) is a member). CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for lunch between 12.42pm and 1.25pm.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Engineering Manager – Refuse/Recycling Rate – Vacant Sections

The Chairperson considered that there are contradictions throughout between Volumes 1 & 2 of the LTCCP. In summary he did not consider the user charges to be fairly applied if the service was not being used; the cost is to cover collection and disposal. Mr Bell said that Part 1 of the LTCCP should be compatible with Part 2. For example p104 Vol 1 Performance assessment – accessibility – "all **developed** properties within the rating area will be provided with a recycling bin". This clearly illustrates intent to provide a service to 'users'. The Waste Management Plan refers to 'collection and minimisation'. The Plan provides for 'flexibility in its implementation', 'cost recovery for waste minimisation and management activities'. Principle 2 pp160 Vol II "As far as practicable, people and organisations **that are disposing of waste** should meet the full financial costs of managing the waste they seek to dispose of."

It was suggested that Engineering Services be given a chance to remedy the situation because the matter could be taken to the Commerce Commission.

Moved Board member Symmons/Cr Riley GB06/09/22

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Engineering Services with the Board's comments and ask them to remedy the inappropriateness of charging for a service that is not being provided.

CARRIED

4.2 Golden Bay Recreation - Mardi Gras Request

The Chairperson said there had been a problem with the last Mardi Gras with people letting off stink bombs and stringy gum type substances that had been purchased from stalls.

Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby GB06/09/23

THAT a letter of support be provided to GB Recreation for the road closure of Commercial Street on Saturday 3rd February from 4.30pm until 1am on 4 February 2007 to enable a Mardi Gras to take place.

Further, that the Golden Bay Community Board requests that Golden Bay Recreation, as organisers, ensures that stalls do not offer for sale or as prizes stringy gum type substances which leave a residue on road and footpath together with offensive stink bombs and the like.

CARRIED

4.3 SPCA Golden Bay – Relocation of Animal Shelter

Moved Cr Borlase/Board member Gamby GB06/09/24

THAT the GB Community Board writes to the Golden Bay SPCA and informs them of the request to Council seeking assurance that the site is safe before taking any further action, with a copy of the letter to be sent to Council's Jeff Cuthbertson.

CARRIED

4.4 Robin Robilliard – Vehicles in Motupipi Estuary

Moved Cr Riley/Board member McLellan GB06/09/25

THAT the GB Community Board writes to Mrs Robilliard thanking her for her correspondence and advising of the Board's efforts to have a speed limit for Golden Bay beaches which is equivalent to the 5 knot inshore sea limit and that where feasible, barriers and signage be erected to prevent vehicle access of environmentally sensitive areas such as estuaries and bird nesting places. CARRIED

4.5 Nelson/Marlborough Conservation Board – Bonaparte Diamond Mines NL Prospecting Application

This item of correspondence was received earlier in the meeting.

4.6 John Lee – Removal of Trees, Beachfront, Selwyn Street

A letter from Council's Kathy Tohill was tabled which answered Mr Lee's concerns. Ms Tohill's letter explained that the trees will not be removed at this time as they provide useful shade and other plantings are to be established prior to the macrocarpas being removed in the future.

4.7 Tasman Tennis Centre

This item of correspondence was received earlier in the meeting. Cr Riley said he is attending and agreed to represent the Board at the opening of the extended pavilion.

4.8 Ashburton District Council – Zone 5 Community Board Forum

The meeting supported the Chairperson attending the Methven forum; it was agreed that the Chairperson, Service Centres Manager and someone from the Motueka Community Board would consider attending.

4.9 GB Kindergarten Establishment Committee – Thanks

This item of correspondence was received earlier.

4.10 Penny Griffith – Parking Area Salisbury Bridge

This item was dealt with during the Chairperson's report.

4.11 Takaka Volunteer Fire Brigade – Leyland Water Tanker

The Chairperson explained that now the Takaka Fire Brigade has another tanker the Takaka Brigade would like to pass the Leyland tanker, the purchase of which had been facilitated by the Community Board, on to the Collingwood Fire Brigade.

Moved Board members Gamby/Symmons GB06/09/26

THAT the GB Community Board supports the Leyland water tanker being retained in Golden Bay and being passed on to the Collingwood Volunteer Fire Brigade.

CARRIED

5. OTHER

5.1 Board member Issues

Commercial 'creep' into Residential Area

Cr Riley commented that he had noticed commercial activities being carried out in residential houses.

Mayor Hurley rejoined the meeting at this point, being 1.52pm.

Moved Crs Riley/Borlase GB06/09/27

THAT the matter of commercial activities in residentially zoned areas be referred to Consent Planner, Laurie Davidson, for investigation and report to the Board.

CARRIED

Policy on Rating Urban Drainage Areas (UDAs) in Tasman District

Cr Riley reported he had received complaints about Council's method of rating UDAs which is based on the valuation of a property; it was considered that a 'flat' rate should be charged.

Moved Crs Riley/Borlase GB06/0928/

THAT the GB Community Board requests a report from both Corporate and Engineering services regarding Council's policy on rating property owners in urban drainage areas.

CARRIED

Golden Bay High School Corner

Cr Riley said there is a lot of confusion at the corner as to who gives way; he said there have been a number of near misses and the Give Way sign has been removed.

The Chairperson explained that the Police had taken away the sign as it was causing confusion. Mr Bell said when the road was first reconfigured Takaka Police put an explanation and diagram in the GB Weekly.

Moved Crs Riley/Borlase GB06/09/29

THAT the GB Community Board requests the Takaka Police (through Board member Gamby) to re-run the article and diagram regarding the 'give way' situation at the GB High School corner.

CARRIED

Coast Care

Board member Symmons commented that coast care is a wonderful, Council-supported programme. He suggested that perhaps Beryl Wilkes (Reserves Manager) could make a presentation to the Board which may clarify some issues.

Cr Borlase added that most people involved in the programme are indeed residents.

Moved Board members McLellan/Symmons GB06/09/30

THAT the GB Community Board replies to Pete Watkins and Tessa Gillooly explaining why controlled walking spaces have been put in place, that the programme is very strongly supported by residents and that the Board would like their input into the programme.

CARRIED

It was agreed that the Service Centres Manager arranges for Ms Wilkes to speak to the Board (prior to Christmas) about reserves processes for the holiday season.

Temporary Buildings

Board member Symmons said that sometimes when people have bought land and want to build a dwelling they cannot afford to do so immediately; he asked for a clear interpretation of policy on temporary accommodation.

Board member McLellan said she would like the policy widened to include other temporary housing arrangements.

The Service Centres Manager said he would refer the matter to Phil Hilliard (Coordinator Regulatory Services) regarding inconsistencies that occur, and the planning aspect to Laurie Davidson.

Expediting Adoption of 'Principles' for Golden Bay Planning by notifying all Discretionary Consents

Board member Symmons said that following on from the "Golden Bay in 2022" document great work is being done with the Eastern Golden Bay Growth Strategy, however Mr Symmons considered policies may be undermined during the process of getting them into the Tasman Resource Management Plan. Mr Symmons asked whether the principles could be put into the draft.

The Service Centres Manager explained the different sorts of resource consents and that discretionary activities do not need to be notified if the effects are no more than minor and if adversely affected people give their permission in writing, compared with non-complying activities which are not provided for in the TRMP and do need to be notified.

Moved Board members Bell/Symmons GB06/09/31

THAT the GB Community Board asks the Environment and Planning Manager whether the Board can register as an interested party in the planning consent process, particularly with regard to discretionary subdivision development applications where a decision may impinge on strategic planning initiatives for Golden Bay.

CARRIED	
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.29pm.	
Date Confirmed:	Chair: