

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 11th March 2008
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: GB Service Centre Meeting Room

PRESENT: J Bell (Chairperson), C McLellan (Deputy Chair), and Board members L Gamby and K Brookes

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Borlase, Community Services Manager, L Kennedy, Minute Secretary N Heyes, members of the Press and Public

APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/03/01**

**THAT the apology received from Cr Riley be sustained.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/03/02**

**THAT speaking rights be granted for Cr Borlase.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/03/03**

**THAT a presentation by the GB Arts Council regarding the new library sculpture be added as a late agenda item.
CARRIED**

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Elizabeth Dransfield (Supervisor, GB i-SITE) – thanked the Board for the garden upgrade at the Golden Bay i-SITE, and the new picnic table.

She asked for small 'toilet' signage on each end of the toilet block as visitors do not realise that it is a toilet; 'no parking' at the caravan dump site, and extra space to allow adequate room for large vehicles; a 'No Parking' sign at the disabled ramp and bike stand; some sort of barrier to prevent people from parking too close to the gardens, where vehicles are breaking plantings.

Mrs Dransfield expressed disappointment that the Community Board is not supporting a recycle facility at the i-SITE; she said most other i-SITEs have their own recycling facility. Mrs Dransfield considered that people want to be responsible, but there is nowhere for them to leave recyclable items, and no signage to say where the transfer station is. The Chairperson replied that the Board does support a recycling facility in Takaka but is mindful of difficulties administering them.

Mr Kennedy replied he would raise the appropriate matters with his staff; he said Engineering Services is presently looking at recycle options for the whole district. The Chairperson read a letter from Council's Utilities Asset Engineer along the same lines; they are hoping to have information to communicate within six months.

Peter Foster – tabled two letters that he had presented to Full Council on 14th February regarding Council meeting procedure when discussing a targeted rate for community boards, the reduction in costings for boards, and a targeted rate being tied to delegations by a councillor. Mr Foster did not consider the minutes of that meeting reflected the order of the meeting; he said there were omissions and no 'main thrust' of debate was recorded. He said the matter of a declaratory judgement was not discussed.

The Chairperson said Mr Foster's comments would be taken into account when the Board discussed the CEO's letter on the agenda.

In reply to a question, Cr Borlase said it is not Council policy to tie delegated authority to a targeted rate. Mr Kennedy commented that he was not aware of such a view being expressed by others around the Council table. It was further pointed out that no-one at the meeting had disagreed with the comment made to tie delegations to a targeted rate.

Board member McLellan said the Board wants to work on the matter of delegated authority but has found itself combating the targeted rates issue. Mr Bell reminded the meeting that Community Board delegations will be discussed at a meeting on Monday 17th March 2008.

The Chairperson explained 'declaratory judgement' to a member of the public, with regard to targeted rates. He elaborated that both the LGA and the Rating Act need to be read together. It was suggested that the three legal opinions be made available to the public.

It was pointed out that the GB Community Board had been set up by the Local Government Commission and that governance should be looked at on a district-wide basis. As the Community Board cannot ask for a declaratory judgement itself, the Chairperson said the Board has asked another council to seek one but that no response had yet been received.

Jo-Anne Vaughan – thanked Promotions for the hanging baskets in Takaka's business area.

Mrs Vaughan said she had attended both Full Council meetings in Richmond as she is interested in the targeted rate issue. She mentioned the Chair's report and the values that come from having a community board. Mrs Vaughan spoke about Southland District Council with its 12 wards, each with a community board, 5 of which have total responsibility for their wards, including the preparation of local budgets and setting local rates. She said achieving democracy is a priority for Southland District Council and council is not seen as some remote political body.

Penny Griffith – updated the Board on the development of a Golden Bay heritage group. Ms Griffith and Mr Anderson had met with Council's Rose Biss, Dennis Bush-King, Cr Wilkins and Mayor Kempthorne, in Richmond and a proposal had subsequently been put to the Environment & Planning Committee. A copy of the proposal was tabled.

Debs Martin - Regional Field Officer for Forest & Bird, and Peter Maddison, National President, introduced themselves; they wanted to acknowledge the work done by Jo-Anne Vaughan and other members of the Golden Bay organisation. Ms Martin expressed concern about the long-term future of long finned eels in the Cobb area and valued the cooperation of Trust Power, Tasman District Council and the Department of Conservation in keeping waterways open for their migration. Concern was also expressed with regard to identifying outstanding landscapes through Variation 57 of the PTRMP.

Peter Maddison –expressed his concern about endangered insects; he said Nelson province has the highest number of endangered beetles in the country. He also pointed out the importance of appropriate development in Golden Bay in regard to its effect on migratory birds.

Joan Butts – commented that the size of vessels that may be attracted to Port Taranaki has been raised as a matter of concern; Mrs Butts said there are certified charts giving the depth of the harbour, which is up to international standards.

Alan Vaughan – spoke about a targeted rate for community boards; he agreed with the points raised by Mr Foster. He expressed concern that no councillor challenged the Chief Executive Officer's comments that Tasman District Council minutes comply with Standing Orders, and that the Mayor did not comment.

The Chairperson said that Standing Orders 3.17.2 lists things that must be recorded in the minutes; however, they are not the only things and that matter needs to be clarified.

Don Mead - spoke regarding recording what happens at meetings in Humboldt County, Northern California, where the video recording of local public meetings makes everything available on-line via Access Humboldt. Mr Mead tabled a newspaper article for information purposes.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 GB Community Board – 12th February 2008

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/03/04**

THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 12th February 2008 (containing resolutions GB08/02/01 – GB08/02/26) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

**Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby
GB08/03/05**

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

CARRIED

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairperson's Report

Targeted Rates

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/03/06**

THAT the inwards correspondence relating to the targeted rate be received and the outwards correspondence approved.

CARRIED

The meeting discussed Grace Church with regard to the Headingly Centre and the proposed grant of a further \$250,000 to the project.

Mr Kennedy explained that Council is dealing with the Trust who owns the building and that the Grace Church will just be using the building. He said Council is very aware of the issues and that no money will be changing hands until a Heads of Agreement is in place.

Cr Borlase said there are good reasons for the extra \$250,000 being sought and the extra funding will result in a very good facility that will attract orchestras, bands, the ballet etc and will be very good for the whole Nelson region.

Paul Sangster – Takaka Stop Bank

Mr Sangster joined the meeting and gave the Board a brief history on the changing pathway of the Takaka River and its present course out towards Rangihaeata, which resulted in Takaka township becoming an 'island'. Various flood protection works have been carried out to limit flooding, part of which was a stone wall which is now under the present 'stop bank'. Mr Sangster said a lot of the stone wall was destroyed in the 1967 flood, and following the 1983 flood when a lot more water went through

the township, there was a proposal for a \$7M stopbank which was opposed by the community. Business people in town still wanted protection so in 1984 they started to cover the stone wall with material from road works etc. with the first 200m being widened after Doug Nottage and Richard Pearson had come up with an engineering plan. Mr Sangster said there is now an abatement notice which says 300mm has to be removed. He said some 100mm has been taken off but it is not enough. Mr Sangster said it will cost around \$10,000 to remove the rest and a dump site for the removed material also needs to be found. He said there has been no water through the town for 25 years now and asked whether the Community Board would take up the struggle to have the stop bank recognised; he said it probably needs resource consent.

The Chairperson said Cr Riley had considered that the Abatement Notice is between Mr McKenzie and Council and agrees the Board should not be involved.

Cr Borlase suggested that the 300mm mentioned was probably a little excessive, however, the bank does need to be lowered as 300mm more had been added to it since the landowner had been told not to raise it any higher. Cr Borlase recognised that it is doing a good job; he suggested the stop bank could be extended as a hardfill site, with resource consent and properly engineered. He suggested that the excess that Council is asking to be removed be pushed over the edge to make the bank a bit wider and once that is done the Community Board could make submissions to Council for a hardfill area that will act as a stopbank.

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/03/07**

THAT the GB Community Board requests Engineering Services to collate information on the Takaka River in the lower reaches, including levels being taken, in order to determine appropriate bank heights able to be installed without adversely affecting other land.

CARRIED

The morning tea break was taken between 10.48am and 11.05am, and was followed by an official photograph being taken of the Board.

Chairperson's Report Cont.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/03/08**

THAT the GB Community Board makes a submission on items as appropriate to the 2008/09 Draft Annual Plan.

CARRIED

Biosecurity in Golden Bay

The Chairperson said the South African brown mussel has the potential to be a real pest; he said it looks similar to the Greenshell mussel that we export so could create confusion when harvesting.

Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby GB08/03/09

THAT the GB Community Board writes again to Bio-security NZ seeking robust proactive measures to be taken to avoid these risks and to seek unqualified assurance that tanker hulls are not carrying pest species and are not being cleaned whilst the vessels are anchored in Golden Bay. Further, that the Board asks what measures can be taken to stop incidents such as the unsafe cleaning of the 'Ocean Patriot' happening again.

CARRIED

Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes GB08/03/10

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Fred Te Miha of Motueka thanking him for drawing the matter of cleaning the sub-structure of the oil rig 'Ocean Patriot' in Tasman Bay to the attention of Biosecurity NZ, and asking that the Board be kept informed of the outcome.

CARRIED

Port Tarkohe

The meeting discussed the proposal to change the name of Port Tarkohe to Port of Golden Bay. The various amalgams of Tarkohe and Golden Bay were discussed along with the reason for the change, being confusion with the registered private business name of Port Tarkohe Limited.

It was suggested that the name be Port Golden Bay, Tarkohe, or Port Golden Bay at Tarkohe.

Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby GB08/03/11

THAT the GB Community Board recommends that 'Tarkohe' stays part of the Port name for historical purposes, but that Golden Bay comes first for identification.

Carried

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB08/03/12**

That a copy of the article on the 111.91 metre “Ngahere” visiting Port Tarakohe in 1983 to off-load gypsum be sent to Harbour Manager, Alan Kilgour.

CARRIED

Ligar Bay

Board member Gamby and Council’s Property Manager Jim Frater attended the meeting with three of the bach owners, (L & G Bray, P & J Northover, and J Massey) at Ligar Bay. There was wide-ranging discussion on the history of the baches and the type of tenure they have; their Licences to Occupy expire in about 6 years and they would like them to ‘roll over’. No decision was reached at the meeting. It was agreed that the GB Community Board would facilitate a meeting with the wider Ligar Bay community within the next month to discuss development in that area.

Mr Kennedy explained that the licences to occupy cover the area that each house occupies; now they have hedges and fences etc and so have effectively taken over public land.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/03/13**

THAT the GB Community Board holds a public meeting with Ligar Bay property owners to discuss development planning for Ligar Bay.

Carried

It was agreed that prior to the public meeting with Ligar Bay residents Mr Kennedy talks to Engineering Services and the Reserves Manager to find out their plans for the Ligar Bay area.

Solar Water heating fees

It was suggested that the Council should follow Nelson City’s lead by not charging building consent fees for solar water heating however it was pointed out that if the building consent fee is not paid by the property owner someone else will have to pay for it, and also that only 50% of building consent fees are recoverable. It was further pointed out that once installers of solar water heating systems are accredited, it will reduce Council having to monitor it.

The Chairperson left the room.

Board member Gamby said his solar water heater saves around \$30 per month on his power bills.

The Chairperson returned to the meeting.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/03/14**

**THAT the GB Community Board urges Tasman District Council to drop the solar water heating Building Consent fee to match Nelson in the interests of developing a regional policy of encouragement for solar systems.
CARRIED**

Costing Paper Synopsis- Targeted Rates

The Board discussed the costings at some length, including the benefits of having a community board. The Chairperson pointed out that the costings are the latest figures. He said the outside costings obtained for photocopying have been met by Council, and the meeting room hire has been taken out of the equation.

Mr Kennedy said staff time could be saved at meetings by presentations to the Board happening outside of the actual meeting.

Board member McLellan left the room at 12.11pm.

There was some discussion on the way the Board had arrived at staff costings.

Board member McLellan returned to the meeting 12.13pm.

It was suggested that it is time to look to the future as the consultation process is yet to happen and the targeted rate amount has been more than halved; the hope was expressed that the whole targeted rate issue may 'go away'.

The cost of hearing the submissions to the Draft Annual Plan was raised, also the division caused by the issue, and bad publicity. It was pointed out that the debate should have happened before the matter went to Council, as was promised by the CEO in July 2007.

Discussion was held on the last Council meeting (6th March 2008) with people who had attended being unhappy with the comments of some councillors.

Mr Kennedy said staff are trying to work with the Board and that the first costings also included overheads that should not have been taken into account. It was felt that the sooner the whole matter could be resolved the better.

Lunch break taken between 12.30pm and 1.22pm.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 J Croxford – Takaka Train railway remnant

This issue had been referred to the Historic Places Trust representatives and DoC at the time the complaint was received.

It was explained that the historic category with the Historic Places Trust does not necessarily give the item protection. Cr Borlase said he had spoken with the landowner and had explained its value and the landowner had agreed to keep part of the embankment for posterity.

It was explained that the embankment had never been surveyed and thus made part of public land.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB08/03/15**

**THAT the matter be referred to Heritage Golden Bay Inc, and Mr Croxford be advised.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/03/16**

**THAT a letter be sent to the Historic Places Trust asking what protection an historic embankment such as this should have in order to safeguard the remnants that are left, with a copy of the letter to be sent to Environment & Planning asking whether resource consents are required for work to take place on an historic embankment.
CARRIED**

5. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Sculpture for New Library

Mrs Liza Eastman joined the meeting to talk about the library sculpture entries. She said the Arts Council has short-listed four of the sculptures; she presented models of three of the works although one was incomplete. Mrs Eastman was seeking Board input into the four items short-listed and explained that two of the items were under budget and two were over; she provided costs for all four.

Public votes had been sought from visitors to the Takaka Library where illustrations of the sculptures were provided. Votes were sought from the Board and staff.

The Board thanked Mrs Eastman for the presentation and for the opportunity to vote.

5.2 Trust Power Nelson Tasman Community Awards

Council's Mike Tasman-Jones and Theresa Partridge, Community Relations Representative from Trust Power Community Awards, explained the awards to the Board. Ms Partridge said the awards are a great way of celebrating and recognising

the work that groups do in the community. Nominations close on 16th May 2008, and there are 5 different categories. Prizes are \$1500, \$500 and \$250 and are accompanied by a certificate. There were 118 nominations last year from the Nelson Tasman area.

4. Correspondence Cont.

4.2 P Wylie CEO : Tasman District Council – Council decision not to support the seeking of a declaratory judgement

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/03/17**

**THAT the GB Community Board acknowledges with disappointment the lack of support from Tasman District Council to seek a declaratory judgement.
CARRIED**

Correspondence and card from the International Honours Programme, and the Joan Whiting Rest Home were received earlier in the meeting.

4.3 A Cole & J Clouston – GB Speed Limits

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/03/18**

**THAT the letter be received and the correspondents be advised that the Board has made a submission to Transit NZ regarding the setting of appropriate speed limits, including the extension of the 50kmph zone to the north and south of Takaka township.
CARRIED**

Mr Kennedy reported he has spoken with Engineering Services and the 50kmph signage at both ends of Takaka township is being considered by Transit NZ. He explained that while the Board is not involved in the Transit NZ/TDC Liaison meetings, members can forward these sorts of issues to the councillors who attend.

There was some discussion on Birds Hill; it was suggested that Transit NZ wants the work there to come in under \$1M.

4.4 Joan Butts – Naming of Golden Bay’s harbour at Tarakohe

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

4.5 Tony Harris - Article ‘Gypsum by the Shipload’

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/03/19**

THAT the article be received and Tony Harris thanked for providing the

**information.
CARRIED**

6. OTHER

6.1 Community Board Mileage – Discussion on Reimbursement of mileage claims.

The Chairperson explained that a mileage claim by a board member had not been paid as it related to an unauthorised workshop. Until its refusal the Board was unaware of any suggestion that workshops need authorisation and clarification is sought.

Mr Kennedy suggested the matter was an audit issue; he said he would take the matter up with the Corporate Services Manager for clarification and ask whether a comprehensive authorisation of community board workshops could be obtained.

6.2 Takaka Clock

Mr Kennedy said that repairs on the old clock are estimated at around \$6,000; to that cost would be added freight and installation. He asked for the Board's thoughts on whether the money could come from the Golden Bay DILs account. He explained there is no budget for clock repairs.

Following further discussions, Mr Kennedy said he would investigate prices for other types of clocks as an alternative to repairing the existing one.

6.3 Representatives for Anzac Day

It was agreed that Board member Gamby and Cr Riley attend the Takaka Anzac Service and Board member McLellan attends the Collingwood ceremony.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.27pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: