

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 10th June 2008
TIME: 9.03am
VENUE: GB Service Centre Meeting Room

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB08/06/01**

**THAT apologies from Crs Riley and Borlase be sustained.
CARRIED**

The Chairperson welcomed Mayor Kempthorne to the meeting.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/06/02**

**THAT Mayor Kempthorne be granted speaking rights.
CARRIED**

2. PUBLIC FORUM

A minute's silence was held for Colin Baas; the Chairperson spoke of his long history in Golden Bay as a teacher, real estate person, a supporter of Milnthorpe Park, and founder of Coba Trust.

Jo-Anne Vaughan – spoke about Labyrinth Rock; she said the Golden Bay Weedbusters had visited and spent two and a half hours going through all the tracks. Mrs Vaughan said it used to be totally weed infested but is now a world class attraction and “too big an asset to just let go”. She offered GB Weedbuster's support to Tasman District Council and the Community Board.

The Chair said other groups have shown an interest in keeping Labyrinth Rocks going and that he hoped today the Board would visit the park with a view to looking at an alternative entrance. He said Mr Whitaker is keen for the weed control area to be widened.

Mr Bell said Mr Kennedy had brought an aerial photo of the area and that Ross McDonald has direct access from his property and is keen to help out.

Peter Foster – said he was glad to see the first recommendation in the Chair's Report (under the heading of Good Working Relationships) about opening discussions between the Boards, the Mayor and CEO.

Anne Gentleman – spoke about the consultation process and UDA's as submitted to Council's Annual Plan process. A copy of her submission was tabled. Mrs Gentleman said no-one had been consulted about the UDAs planned for Tata Beach and other places. She asked what could be done to make it much better than it is. She did not consider that the LTCCP / Annual Plan process works and said a better way needs to be found. Mrs Gentleman said earlier information from Golden Bay councillors is required when things concern Golden Bay. In reply to her question as to whether councillors confer with the GB Community Board on a regular basis, the Chair said they do.

It was pointed out that unless the Board is given information, members find out what is happening the same way as the community.

The Chair explained that matters of concern from the community come to the Board's attention via the eight Annual Plan community meetings that are held each year; he said concerns were raised at various locations about stormwater (Bainham, Collingwood, Patons Rock, and Rangihaeata), however the Board could not recall it being raised for Tata Beach. He explained the process the Board goes through to have these matters dealt with by Council.

Mr Bell said the UDA is capital rated at Tata Beach and the Board considered it an unfair way to fund it as beachfront properties have a much higher value than other properties in the area; he said the Board had submitted against it being a capital based charge.

Mrs Gentleman considered that a UDA does not give certainty that you are going to get the service; that there may be a more appropriate way. She considered UDAs to be very expensive and with constant price increases.

Mayor Kempthorne took up the point of better consultation; that it is up to councillors and board members to disseminate information so the relevant part of the community is informed of proposals.

The Chair said the Board used to get information relevant to Golden Bay via the Service Centres Manager. He considered there is a need for appropriate solutions to problems; having to continually dig sand build up away from pipe ends is not an appropriate way of getting rid of stormwater.

The Board considered it is good at consultation; however it must be given the information to let the community know what is proposed.

The Chair suggested the comments from the Annual Plan submission hearing and today's meeting be included in a letter to Tasman District Council suggesting a way forward. He considered it appropriate for the matter to be added as a late agenda

item with a view to having it looked at as a set charge rate with suggestions of ways where the process may be improved.

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

THAT the matter of a special consultation process for proposals such a UDAs be added as a late agenda item for discussion, and advise how the Board can help with matters that need to be consulted in the community.

CARRIED

Anna Raunigg – brought a request that food bearing trees be planted in parks and reserves. She said she used to have access to various nut trees in the Buller, but there is nothing here. She suggested that as people increasingly do not have enough land to grow large trees – chestnuts, walnuts and hazelnuts – they could perhaps be grown on Council land.

Mr Kennedy said Council has been approached before for other types of fruit trees, but because of needing spraying for healthy fruit, had shied away. He said he would talk to the Parks and Reserves Manager and put together a report for the Board.

Board member McLellan – asked what is happening about the town clock.

Mr Kennedy said money has been put in the budget but would not be available until 1st July 2008; he said double-faced clocks are expensive.

There was some discussion about other types of clocks that were less expensive and battery operated.

Board member Brookes – had attended the Golden Bay Recreation Park meeting; she updated the Board on the work that has been done including erecting a tractor shed, the Booth and lean-to being lined, new toilets and the soccer club now using the grounds etc.

Alan Vaughan – complained about the advertisement in the Newline Updates that this Board meeting was to be held in Collingwood. With regard to the request for Council to plant nut trees, he asked that chestnut trees not to be planted where children play because of their spiky cases.

The Chair said the TDC website has the correct meeting place; Mr Kennedy is to follow up the matter of incorrect advertising.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance at Public Forum.

The Chair spoke about the recent Ministry of Fisheries public meeting to consult with the public about mataitai reserves on the West Coast.

He said Joyce Wylie had proposed a motion from the floor and there had been a unanimous vote in favour of a mataitai reserve. Mr Bell asked that the matter be discussed as a late agenda item as the 40-day consultation is running out and the Board needs to make a submission.

**Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby
GB08/06/04**

**THAT the matter of a GB Community Board submission on the Mataitai Reserve be discussed as a late agenda item.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/06/05**

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

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

**THAT the Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 13th May 2008 (containing resolutions GB08/05/01 – GB08/05/21), be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chairperson's Report

4.1.1 Good Working Relationships

The comment was made that most of the time there is a good working relationship; Mayor Kempthorne agreed that both sides need to work at having a good relationship. The Chairperson read the suggested recommendation from his report which was discussed and amended.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/06/07**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board supports a meeting of the Tasman District Community Boards with the Mayor and CEO to discuss ways by which the Boards can work more constructively with Council for the best possible Community and District outcomes.
CARRIED**

Mayor Kempthorne suggested:

- The importance of having a good process – needs to be clear and open. He said the working relationship has hit a low spot and that the targeted rate

process needs to be worked through before concentrating on ways to improve that relationship.

- Everyone can work on communication. Mayor Kempthorne suggested that when there is disagreement the parties talk to each other rather than send emails; he would like to discuss issues with the Chairperson as they occur.

In response to the Chairperson's comment that the Board needs to be able to put forward community requests, Mayor Kempthorne said the Council wants the Board to forward that information.

The comment was made that the Board does not like dissension and that the 'ball is in Council's court at the moment'. It was hoped that the targeted rate comes to a good conclusion. It was pointed out that the next item on the agenda "Medical Centre Property Sale" was an illustration of there being no consultation and the Board not being kept up to date by Council.

In reply Mayor Kempthorne advised that the Board would be consulted about the proposed sale. The Chair pointed out that if the community through the Board is not consulted on property matters it can become a big community issue. He said the Board has been through difficult times with the issues of representation, the Local Government Review and the targeted rate; it will be good to have those things resolved, however he considered that acknowledging where issues originate is part of the moving on process.

The importance of how communications are worded was pointed out, and phoning and talking to each other when issues arise.

In discussions regarding the meeting to discuss working relationships, it was agreed that Mayor Kempthorne, the Chief Executive and Mr Kennedy come to Golden Bay to meet with the Board.

4.1.2 Medical Centre Property Sale

The Chairperson said the Board was concerned that it was not kept in the loop; he said that while Board member McLellan is the Community Board representative on the GB Medical Centre Trust, Mr Holmwood had said there was not room for a Community Board representative on the Trust. The Chairperson considered that as the Trust has a financial link with Council they should have a Board representative on their committee as with other TDC related organisations.

Board member McLellan said she has been on the Integrated Health Committee from the outset, and is willing to stand aside if the Medical Centre Trust would like someone else, however, the Chairperson considered that a strong communication link between all the parties concerned about health initiatives is very important. Mrs McLellan said she is concerned about the sale of the property not being relayed to the Board.

Mayor Kempthorne explained that the property is not being sold; the recommendation flagged an intention to be prepared to sell which would make the community's contribution to that facility available where it is needed. He said to actually sell the property the matter must come back to the Council; he asked Mr Kennedy to follow up why there had been no direct approach to the Board.

It was suggested that the matter should have triggered the Significance Policy and the special consultative process however, Mayor Kempthorne said that while the matter is significant for Golden Bay the policy is written for the whole district.

Concern was expressed by the Board that after the sale of the office block at Tarakohe, it was thought that the Significance Policy would prevent such a thing happening again.

The Chair pointed out that the issue of Takaka fire wells will trigger the special consultative process.

The Chairperson read the suggested recommendation from his report.

**Moved Board member McLellan/Brookes
GB08/06/08**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the Tasman District Council Mayor and CEO and reminds of our allocated advisory role for sales and purchases of TDC property within the Golden Bay Ward with a copy to Council's Property Manager.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.40am – 11.00am.

4.1.3 Iwi Representation on the Community Board

The Chairperson said there is a facility for appointments to be made to the Board; he read the suggested recommendation and asked for discussion on the matter.

It was explained that following Eastern Golden Bay Planning it was considered that Iwi had not been involved early enough. Iwi are involved with Western Golden Bay Planning from the outset and during a meeting at the Marae there had been discussion about a Manawhenua ki Mohua Iwi representative on the Community Board.

The Board discussed whether now is “good timing” to consider such an appointment to the Board. It was pointed out that there may be remuneration issues with the funding frozen due to a change in criteria by the Remuneration Authority. The Board has considered the matter should be discussed. Feedback was that people should stand for election when nominations are called for; concern had been expressed about appointments over and above that process which would skew the election process.

The suggested recommendation from the Chairperson's Report was discussed and amended:

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/06/09**

THAT the Board writes to TDC and requests that the matter of a Manawhenua ki Mohua Iwi representative being appointed to Team Golden Bay for planning

purposes be considered, with a copy of the letter to Council's Steve Markham and Deborah Hewett.
CARRIED

4.1.4 Golden Bay Planning

The Chairperson said the matter had arisen out of concern that Western Golden Bay Planning may differ from the way Eastern Golden Bay Planning had been handled. He read the suggested recommendation from his report. The Chairperson said Ms Hewett (Subdivision Officer) had recently met with Federated Farmers, Iwi and some environmental groups last week. He considered it very important for the Board to be involved as previously when the ideas are beginning to be 'firmed up'.

Jo-Anne Vaughan asked for permission to speak to the meeting; she said Eastern Golden Bay Planning was the best consultation she had ever been involved with.

The Board commented that Sonya Leusink (Policy Planner) had kept the Board in the loop with a series of emails; she also asked the Board for comment throughout the process.

Mayor Kempthorne suggested that the Board involve Cr Borlase who is Deputy Chair of the Environment and Planning Committee. The Chairperson advised that both Ward Councillors are part of Team Golden Bay.

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/06/10

THAT following the success of the "Team Golden Bay" model in the Takaka and Eastern Golden Bay Planning Process, the Golden Bay Community Board supports the use of the Team Golden Bay approach for the Western Golden Bay Planning project and advises TDC of this.

CARRIED

4.1.5 Lorna Langford's Retirement

Board member McLellan asked that Mrs Wendy McLellan's contribution to the retirement event for Ms Langford be acknowledged.

Moved Board member Bell/Gamby
GB08/06/11

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board formally writes to the Bainham Rural Women congratulating and thanking them for organising the wonderful event to mark the retirement of Lorna Langford from the Bainham store and post office.

CARRIED

Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/06/12

**That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Lorna Langford formally thanking her on behalf of the wider community for the long service she has provided at the Bainham Store and post office over the past 61 years.
CARRIED**

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.1 Spat Catching Permit Applications – Further Information : Ministry of Fisheries

This correspondence had been received earlier in the meeting; the Board noted that the further information was useful in considering the Board's submission on the spat catching permit applications.

5.2 Targeted rate for Community Boards – Response from Office of the Ombudsmen

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB08/06/13**

**That the letter be received and that a further approach to the Office of Auditor General be made as suggested if required following the targeted rate outcome.
CARRIED**

5.3 Appointment of Trustees – Joan Whiting Rest Home

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/06/14**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board nominates Cr N Riley as the Tasman District Council representative, and Board members McLellan and Gamby as the GB Community Board representatives on the Appointments Committee for the Joan Whiting Rest Home Trust and that nominations be called as required for two community representatives.
CARRIED**

5.4 Sponsorship/Funding support request – Golden Bay High School

Mr Kennedy said there was approximately \$2500 in the Board's Discretionary Account.

While the Board considered that such a request is not core business for the Board, literacy was considered very important.

The Board discussed how much it may contribute to the Lexia Reading programme but considered it needed more information prior to making a decision. Board member McLellan said she would investigate.

In response to a question from the Board, Mayor Kempthorne said it is Council's policy to leave funding matters regarding health or education to the relevant Government departments.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/06/15**

THAT the matter of funding for the Lexia Reading programme lie on the table pending further information and confirmation that the five Golden Bay schools will be involved, and also whether requests to other funding supporters has been supportive/positive.

CARRIED

The Chairman reminded the Board that the matter of money remaining in its Discretionary Fund account at the end of June needs to be dealt with.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/06/16**

THAT any decisions on Community Board expenditure from its Discretionary Fund account need to be flagged now, and any balance transferred to Golden Bay Reserves Development Contribution account on 30th June 2008.

CARRIED

6. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Maitaitai Reserve

The Chairperson reported that there is a 40 day consultation period with the local community, followed by second 40 day consultation period for people with a direct commercial interest in the reserve. He said there was a good turnout at the public meeting in Collingwood with West Coast people turning out in force.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/06/17**

THAT the matter of the Maitaitai Reserve be discussed under urgency as a Late Agenda Item under Section 3.7.5 (b) (ii) of Standing Orders and that the Golden Bay Community Board makes a submission to the Ministry of Fisheries on the Maitaitai Reserve proposal.

CARRIED

6.2 Special Consultative Process – Tata Beach UDA

Mayor Kempthorne suggested the Board talks to Council's Jeff Cuthbertson to find out what the process was for the UDA at Tata Beach; the result of the investigation will show what needs to happen next. He asked that the Chairperson contacts him with that information after speaking with Mr Cuthbertson.

With regard to Golden Bay issues in Council agendas and minutes it was agreed that minutes and agendas be emailed to the GB Community Board members.

It was further agreed that the GB Community Board writes to Tasman District Council and asks what the special consultative process would be for such matters as the

UDA for Tata Beach and whether the Board can assist with this process, seeking a reply in time for the next Board meeting.

6.3 Golden Bay Community Board Remuneration

Mr Kennedy explained that the Remuneration Authority has altered the way they assess the indicative pools and how it is divided; it is now worked on the net assets of the Council. He said as it has been 'grandparented' nobody will be worse off.

The Chairperson said the Board has previously resolved to question the way the Board remuneration is worked out. He said in 1989 Council paid themselves the full amount they were entitled to, and as there was no defined role for community boards at that time they only received half their entitlement. In 2004 the Board asked the Remuneration Authority to review it and the Authority decided to adhere to Council's resolution at that time. It came up again in 2007 following the election as an interim recommendation pending a wider review; now, because there has been a drop in the pool, it has been decided that the old wage be carried on in the meantime. That being the case, the Chairperson said he does not consider a review of the remuneration can be sought at this time.

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/06/18**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board use the Model "G" formula to calculate the salaries from the indicative pool for the 2008/09 year.
CARRIED**

The Community Services Manager said he will not be in attendance at the next GB Community Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.12pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: