

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 9th September 2008
TIME: 9.05 am
VENUE: Golden Bay Service Centre Meeting Room

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/09/01**

**THAT Crs Riley and Borlase and Mayor Kempthorne be granted speaking rights.
CARRIED**

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Alan Kilgour – spoke about the Golden Bay Cement Works Reunion being held at the Pohara Hall and the Pohara Boat Club; Mr Kilgour was seeking funding from the Board's Discretionary Account towards the hire of the venues, and towards a memento of the Bay perhaps a bag from the Golden Bay Bag Ladies.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr Kennedy explained that Council's policy is that everyone who uses the hall pays; he pointed out that people can apply to Council's Grants from Rates scheme.

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/09/02**

**THAT the request for monies towards venue hire and a memento of the Bay for the GB Cement Works Reunion be added as a late agenda item.
CARRIED**

Mr Kilgour reported that Port Taranaki Golden Bay had made a small financial profit last financial year, and that at the end of November a cruise ship is coming into the Port with perhaps 200 – 300 people visiting the Bay.

Mr Kilgour further reported that work on the breakwater has started; he said it is hoped to have the work completed in approximately three weeks time. Mr Kilgour said the breakwater is to be turned into a penguin habitat and that a count of penguins is to take place on Friday.

Elizabeth Warren – thanked Council for the Rototai footpath/cycleway; she would like to see it continue into town in the future. She asked whether the drainage issues had been addressed. The Chairperson responded that the drainage work is to be carried out under a separate contract and that the Board saw that work as essential.

Penny Griffith – said she is excited that the Gibbs Road track is being dealt with and that Engineering people are coming to look at the area on 19th September. She pointed out that drainage issues need to be addressed.

Ivan and Lillian McKay – expressed concern that nothing has yet been done to alleviate the danger of the blind corner on Rototai Road that was drawn to Council's attention; there is still no signage regarding the concealed driveway and road marking have been carried out without yellow lines. She said the matter had first been raised in March 2007. She tabled a memo to the Board regarding the matter.

The Chairperson said Council's Roading Asset Engineer, Steve Elkington, is in Golden Bay on 19th September and the Board would approach him to see if he will have a look at the situation. He said the Board has passed on the requests for safety measures to Engineering and will contact them again.

The Board discussed the speed limit and would like it reduced; as there are houses on both sides of the road it should meet the warrant criteria.

Mr McKay commented about approaching Fair Go regarding the problem.

Board member McLellan – spoke about the Community Service Awards that were presented to Laurelee Duff, Heather Hovenden and Nancy Ward.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/09/03**

**THAT congratulatory letters be sent to Laurelee Duff, Heather Hovenden and Nancy Ward in recognition of their recent Community Service Awards.
CARRIED**

Emma Brazendale and Sheryl Nalder – GB Community Workers. Ms Brazendale spoke about the anti-violence message the Government is promoting throughout the country. She said Mayor Kempthorne had signed a Memorandum of Understanding that Council would participate in the programme. She said the programme is being launched in October and she would like something put in the GB Weekly; the project is for one year and it is hoped that men would get involved. Mrs Nalder said they are asking for the Community Board's endorsement for the project.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB08/09/04**

**THAT the GB Community Board supports the anti-violence programme being run by the Community Workers.
CARRIED**

BJ White – raised his concerns regarding Swiftsure Street and that he has not been contacted by Council. He did not consider there is equality – he said when he asked Council about cutting down gum trees on the road reserve he was told he had to get everyone's permission on the street, however, work carried out on Swiftsure Street did not require affected landowners' permission. He said he understood the concreting on the bottom end of Swiftsure Street is still going to be done.

The Chairperson said the Board has taken all the points raised up with Council; he said it is unusual to have right-of-way access to a legal road. Mr Bell said Mr Gary Beaumont of MWH had met with Mr Ballard and had agreed that the work carried out was putting more water onto private properties below the road and he saw it as an issue that needed addressing. He said the Board is meeting with Mr Elkington regarding Gibbs Road and perhaps would have a look at Swiftsure Street. Mr Bell said the Board had been told the concreting would not be carried out.

Cr Riley read an excerpt from a letter that had been sent by Council's Jeff Cuthbertson to Mr Ballard on 4th August about the stormwater problem, saying that Council is undertaking stormwater improvements to try and mitigate the problem.

The Board asked that every affected landowner is given information on the timeline of the works to be done, also what work is going to take place.

Martin Potter – said he had received notification regarding Western Golden Bay Planning; he objected to consultation being carried out through the Council's website. He did not consider internet to be a fair and reasonable avenue for consultation.

Mr Potter was also concerned about the lack of availability of Broadband in the Bay; he asked what Council is doing about Broadband.

The Chairperson said the Board had taken the matter up; he said there is fibre optic cable from Takaka to Collingwood and Takaka to Ligar Bay, however it needs 'boosters' to enable people along those routes to access it. Mr Bell said there had been no response from Telecom to the Board's letter. He said the Board has supported the installation of satellite receivers in the Bay as an interim measure.

Mayor Kempthorne said the matter of getting reliable high speed internet access is a huge issue for Council and they are working with other councils on the fibre optic cable route; getting a cable from Motueka to Golden Bay is essential to have reliable broadband access, but it is a major cost.

It was pointed out that the matter of Broadband funding is on the agenda; it was suggested that comments from Martin Potter and local businesses could be helpful.

Mayor Kempthorne suggested the Board contact Bill Findlater and Nelson EDA.

Jo-Anne Vaughan – raised the matter of maintaining Labyrinth Rocks. She considered the rocks to be as important for Golden Bay as the Pupu Springs; there is a group willing to maintain it but they need access and a management plan.

Dave Whitaker – commented that banana passion vine is coming back at Labyrinth Rocks. He said he had just put the section and cottage on the market – he considered it would have made a lovely environmental trust centre.

The Board discussed making Community Services and the Property Manager aware that it is listed for sale.

Mr Kennedy reminded the meeting that he and the Board had looked at the property with a view to providing access, carparking and toilets, and that a public group had been formed.

It was pointed out that mention had been made that if Labyrinth Rocks was in the QEII Trust it would be protected.

It was agreed that Mr Kennedy talk to Property Manager, Jim Frater, about the cottage and section being on the market.

Leigh Gamby – raised the matter of the carpark at the Community Centre that had been sealed a few months ago; there is a constant problem of water pooling as there is no drainage. He said the problem is recognised and needs to be addressed. The Chairperson said that a blocked drain had been identified by Montgomery Watson Harza (MWH) that caused flooding on Commercial Street and the Community Centre driveway.

Cr Riley said he had talked to Transit NZ who had put in the drains but no outfall to Te Kakau Stream; he said they are to address the problem.

Presentation – Historic Plaques for Takaka Township

Barry Cashman and Jane McDonald – spoke to the Board about historic plaques for Takaka township. Mr Cashman said that while the project had first been brought to the Board's attention 2½ years ago, Heritage Golden Bay had been formed earlier in the year and the matter is now progressing. He said that Tony Bischoff of East Takaka had done a lot of computer work to improve the images and Jane McDonald had worked hard on the research and the text. Mr Cashman presented a completed plaque of a photograph of the top end of the township; he said there are 14 or 15 people interested in being involved in the project. Due to the costs, it had been decided to make the plaques out of metal, (rather than granite) similar to the Collingwood panels. Each plaque will have a number corresponding to information on a brochure.

Ms McDonald said that Heritage Golden Bay has the full support of i-Site and the GB Museum; brochures will be available from both places.

Mr Cashman said they were seeking a letter of support from the Board to strengthen their case for funding applications.

**Moved Board members/McLellan/Gamby
GB08/09/05**

**THAT the GB Community Board provides a letter of support for the Heritage Golden Bay plaque project.
CARRIED**

Ms McDonald said the cost of each plaque is close to \$600; the Board wished them every success with their project.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.32 and 10.50am.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 12th August 2008

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

**THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 12th August 2008 (containing resolutions GB08/08/01 – GB08/08/22) be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

Board member Gamby updated the Board on the extension of the Banners in Takaka. He reported that he and Board member McLellan have applied to Grants from Rates, Creative NZ, and they will also apply to the Network Tasman Trust. He said it is going to cost around \$3000 to have the brackets put up, and the banners put up and taken down by the United Group.

Mr Gamby said last year's banners have lasted remarkably well and should last for at least 3 years. Nelson Laundry is to charge \$5 per banner for heat setting the new ones.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chairperson's Report

End of Year Prize Giving to Schools

The Chairperson read his suggested recommendation; he said the Board has been giving \$50 towards the magazines and \$50 towards the prizes – the Board needs to discuss whether that is still sufficient.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/09/07**

**THAT the GB Community Board donates from its Discretionary Fund \$50 towards the School magazines and \$50 towards prizes for both the Collingwood Area School and the GB High School end of year prize giving.
CARRIED**

Garden Competition

The Chairperson said the competition has been running for several years now; he said the organisation for it needs to be done now.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB08/09/08**

**THAT the 2008 Golden Bay Community Board Garden Competition be held in November and that organizers/judges be appointed for it.
CARRIED**

The Board discussed whether November is the best month to hold the competition; it was considered that weather-wise it was.

It was agreed that Claire Webster be asked if she would organise it again; if she is not able to, a Board member would take on the role. It was also agreed that Jenny Borlase be asked to be a judge with other judges to be appointed soon.

LTCCP/Annual Plan Community Meetings

The Chairperson read his suggested recommendation and asked whether October is early enough to have input into the LTCCP.

Mr Kennedy said the sooner the Board's input was forwarded the better as the process has already started.

It was suggested that the Board numbers the issues in the order of priority and that the Board obtains a list of the projects being considered now from the department secretaries.

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/09/09**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board holds community meetings at Upper Takaka, East Takaka, Takaka, Pohara, Onekaka, Collingwood, Bainham and Pakawau providing an opportunity for community suggestions to the LTCCP during October 2008.
CARRIED**

Banners

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/09/10**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board allocates \$1000 from the discretionary

**fund towards materials needed for the summertime banner extension project.
CARRIED**

4.2 Cr Riley's Report

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/09/11**

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

Cr Riley updated the Board on meetings he had attended:

- Positive Ageing – and tabled documents
- Motor sports – and spoke about a feasibility study into developing a site at Stanley Brook
- Ministry for the Environment regarding funding for mediation between industry parties – e.g. marine farming and fishing.
- Port Taranaki Golden Bay – agreement on how development should proceed.
- Mapua Cleanup – and tabled a press release.
- Land Transport – amendments including the use of mobile phones while driving.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.1 Applications for Broadband Funding – Broadband Investment Fund

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB08/09/12**

**THAT the GB Community Board investigates making application to the Broadband Investment Fund on behalf of the Golden Bay community including discussions with Tasman District Council IT staff, the Economic Development Agency, together with supporting letters from interested locals and groups.
CARRIED**

It was suggested that the Chairperson writes a letter to the GB Weekly seeking community support for the application.

5.2 Birds Hill Cutting : Message Warning Signs – Transit NZ

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB08/09/13**

THAT the letter be received and an enquiry made to Mark Edwards of Transit NZ regarding a timeline for the erection of the proposed signage and to suggest that road widening from the Rangihaeata turn-off through to where

the old road bench is below the existing road, is the only viable option.

CARRIED

5.3 Prize-giving – Collingwood Area School

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

5.4 Market in Old Fire Station Carpark – Manager Property Service

The Chairperson said he was impressed with the positive feeling of the market; he did not believe that lack of parking was an issue and the market added an extra dimension to Takaka.

It was pointed out that the market should stick to the old area and leave parks for people visiting the library, although it was commented that people did not always stick to the correct area last summer.

Mr Kennedy suggested they take a look at lunchtime and mark on a plan the area to be used for the market.

Cr Borlase pointed out that the carpark is up for reconstruction and redevelopment and will be done this financial year; there will be a period of some months where it will not be available.

Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan

GB08/09/14

THAT the letter be received and Mr Frater advised that the Board supports the recommencement of the Takaka Market over the summer.

CARRIED

5.5 Funding for Economic Study in Golden Bay – NZ Trade and Enterprise

As the Board had already sent a copy of its letter to NZ Trade and Enterprise to Bill Findlater, it was suggested it be followed up with a phone call by the Chairperson.

Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes

GB08/09/15

THAT the letter be received and the proposal be taken up with Mr Bill Findlater of the Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency as suggested.

CARRIED

5.6 Notified Application for Resource Consent : Waitapu Fishing Company – Tasman District Council

The Chairperson pointed out that the submission period had closed and the Board was not a submitter.

The correspondence was received earlier in the meeting.

Cr Riley left the meeting between 12noon and 12.07pm.

5.7 Long Term Council Community Plan Input – Strategic Development Manager (Susan Edwards)

It was agreed that the meeting with Ms Edwards should take place prior to the community meetings.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/09/16**

**THAT the GB Community Board meets with the Strategic Development Manager prior to the Golden Bay LTCCP community meetings.
CARRIED**

6. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Ombudsmen’s Survey

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/09/17**

**THAT the GB Community Board responds to the Ombudsmen’s Survey by the closing date of 16th September 2008.
CARRIED**

6.2 GB Cement Works Reunion

The Chairperson suggested that the Board could contribute towards the venue hires – Pohara Hall and the Pohara Boat Club.

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/09/18**

**THAT the GB Community Board makes an allocation of up to \$500 for the hire of venues for the Golden Bay Cement Works Reunion.
CARRIED**

The Board asked Mr Kennedy to approach the Corporate Services Manager about costs of promotional folders and the DVD of Golden Bay.

6.3 Violence-free Golden Bay

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB08/09/19**

**THAT the GB Community Board formally supports the initiative of Violence-free Golden Bay and offers support however it can.
CARRIED**

Mayor Kempthorne suggested the Board can support the initiative by attending key events that are organised.

In reply to a question, both Mayor Kempthorne and Mr Kennedy said posters for the initiative can be put up in the Service Centre.

In discussion, the following points were raised:

- people should be reporting domestic violence when they hear it happening;
- communication classes need to be held in high schools;
- text bullying;
- boys need to be raised to respect people;
- video games / X-box glorify violence.

6.4 Town Clock

Mr Kennedy reported that the old clock could be restored but would not be in the original case; a brand new clock would cost approximately \$8000. He reminded the Board there is \$10,000 in the budget for a clock.

The Board discussed the various options, including whether a new clock would have battery backup in the event of a power outage.

It was agreed that Mr Kennedy investigate whether a new clock would have battery backup prior to ordering.

6.5 GBCB August Budget

Mr Kennedy tabled the Board's budget figures for August 2008.

6.6 Baches at Ligar Bay

Mr Kennedy explained that following the death of one of the owners, and an approach from his solicitor as to whether the lifetime licence could be extended, he said Council is keen to stick with the present agreement.

While it was acknowledged that the baches are an iconic part of Golden Bay, the Board agreed that Council's policy should be adhered to; the removal policy would make it consistent with the whole district.

6.7 Labyrinth Rocks

Mr Kennedy pointed out that the purchase of Mr Whitaker's property is not included in the Annual Plan, and while it would be nice to have, Labyrinth Rocks can be operated without it. He said the group that was formed can carry on and maintain the area. Mr Kennedy said he would get back to the group and let them know. He asked whether the Board wants to take up the possibility of buying the piece of land.

It was agreed that once the Board knows the asking price it would hold an email discussion and get back to Mr Kennedy.

6.8 Local Government Trip to Brisbane

Mayor Kempthorne said he would be joining a Local Government trip to Brisbane to see how they 'do' local government. He intends to report to Council upon his return with a copy to the Boards.

6.9 Ann Castle Fund

Cr Riley said the balance in the Term Deposit account is \$7986.71. Mrs Heyes said she would check whether \$1500 for mobile chairs for the Joan Whiting Rest Home had been taken out of the account.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.52pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: