

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 14th October 2008
TIME: 9.02 am
VENUE: Golden Bay Service Centre Meeting Room

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/10/01**

THAT the apologies received from Board member Gamby and Cr Borlase be sustained.

CARRIED

**Moved Board members Brookes/McLellan
GB08/10/02**

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

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Phyllida Mead – attended Public Forum with a bandaged nose; she had tripped over a cats-eye reflector in the middle of the street outside Hammer Hardware. Mrs Mead said she does not see the necessity for there to be a cats-eye there and asked for it to be removed.

The Chairperson explained that the accident had been put through Council's 'Confirm' system and that Montgomery Watson Harza had been asked to follow the matter up. Cr Riley said he would raise the matter at the Transit NZ/TDC Liaison meeting.

It was reported someone else had also tripped over that particular cats-eye and there had been a similar accident at Collingwood. It was considered the reflectors were unnecessary in the township areas.

Lillian and Ivan McKay – spoke to the meeting again about the high fence on the corner of Rototai Road and Arapeta Place. Mrs McKay tabled and spoke to a report on this matter; specifically seeking:

- Judder bars for both sides of the corner
- Signage - 30kmph as an advisory speed for the corner
- Signage – 50kmph from Boundary Road to the end of the subdivision

The report also sought better communication between Council departments, contractors and the residents.

The Chairperson explained that Council is currently reviewing the speed limit for that section of road and that the processes previously sought by the McKay's have been asked for by the Community Board. He considered that the risks can be mitigated by reducing the speed limit.

Mrs McKay pointed out that as Affordable Housing is building in the sub-division, there will be a number of young families in the area.

Cr Riley said he would raise the matter at the Engineering Services meeting on Thursday.

Mr McKay said he has driven a variety of trucks and buses and when fully laden they are very difficult to stop; the speed limit past the subdivision is too fast. He said he was almost involved in an accident there when a car came round the corner on the wrong side of the road due to the excessive speed it was travelling.

The Chairperson said the advisory speed of 45kmph for the corner is more than people want and the Board would ask for the details.

Mrs McKay also raised the matter of the stormwater system that serves the subdivision; the water drains under the road and into the open ditch adjacent to 65 Rototai Road. She said the pipes are at full capacity during heavy rain events and the water is affecting the road, the driveway serving No. 65 Rototai Road and two boundary fence posts. She said there is a broken pipe in the undergrowth.

The Chairperson reported that stormwater further along Rototai Road is being dealt with and the stormwater problem raised by Mr & Mrs McKay would be forwarded on.

Jo-Anne Vaughan – spoke on behalf of the Friends of Labyrinth Rocks; she said the concept of running the area has been approved in principle however they have been asked by Council's Engineering Services to provide a plan showing the carpark area, accessways etc. Mrs Vaughan asked Mr Kennedy whether there was any progress in leasing some land from an adjacent farmer for carparking purposes. Mr Kennedy said he had understood that the group was to talk to the farmer, however, he said he and the Parks and Reserves Manager would endeavour to look at progressing the matter today.

Mrs Vaughan also raised the matter of Government funding for projects on public land. She said the road reserves in the Pakawau/Puoponga area are full of weeds

and it is a good opportunity for a group to obtain funding, also for Labyrinth Rocks (weeds there come from transfer station land). She said she would like to apply for funding on behalf of Forest and Bird but feels daunted at all the 'hoops' they would have to go through. Mrs Vaughan said the funding is not just for controlling weeds; it must be high priority land for a restoration project. The projects need approval from Council.

Mrs Vaughan said she had seen the fruit trees that have been planted along the Rototai Walkway; she had obtained plants from the market and along with plants from Maria Polglase, they would be added to the Rototai edible plantings.

Alan Vaughan – spoke on behalf of Penny Griffith who was unable to attend. He read and tabled a memorandum to the Community Board regarding the Community Plan Survey that expressed her concern about:

- Time constraints – 3 weeks to contribute to a 10 yr plan;
- Survey only available 'on line' or by picking up a form from the Council office;
- Reference made to starting the review, but known that Council has been holding closed LTCCP workshops for months;
- Survey included 24 'key things' that Council may focus on; no definitions were provided and no space provided for comment;
- No 'key thing' for sewerage schemes that are failing;
- Water – not known whether domestic, firefighting or irrigation;
- Parks and reserves - does it mean maintenance or new?
- Performing Arts Centre – where?

Ms Griffith concluded that the survey was a token gesture towards consultation with the community. She did complete the survey but included a comment on its shortcomings.

Alan Vaughan – commented about the mowing and cutting back of vegetation in the Collingwood area. He asked whether the contractor who does the work is trying to make Golden Bay look ugly. He said the vegetation that makes country roads look like country roads has been smashed to pieces. He said he has been told that the cutting back has been extended. It was 1.5 metres (when he first arrived in Golden Bay in 1992) but is now 4 or 5 metres back from the seal. Mr Vaughan wants a statement from Tasman District Council as to why they are allowing this to happen. He said some trees have been killed; there are gaps in the line of trees and the area is becoming an ugly mess.

In reply to a question from the Chair, Mr Vaughan said the area he is talking about is in the vicinity of Plain Road intersecting with the State Highway. It was cut three weeks ago with a rotary slasher.

Board member Brookes talked about the section of road reserve in the vicinity of the Aorere Bridge where flaxes have been chopped and asked why this was done.

Mr Vaughan said he had asked the contractors and was told that the flaxes become entangled in the mower blades.

Ms Brookes considered that the flaxes added character to the area and that 'character' is now gone.

The Chairperson talked about stormwater pipe blockages due to vegetation, also sightlines; he considered the cutting back to be a 'balancing act' that needed to be done, but in a sensitive way.

Zane Perry – lives at 3 Oaks; he said the ferns and pongas that grew on his frontage have been sprayed out, also the vegetation has been chopped back. He said he would have been happy to do it himself if he had been asked.

There was some discussion about encroaching vegetation; it was considered the landowner should be approached first.

The Chairperson said that in settled areas landowners adjacent to roads and footpaths are asked to trim encroaching vegetation and if this is not done the work is then done by Council contractors.

Cr Riley said he would follow the matter up.

Sara Chapman – reported that there would once again be public fireworks at Collingwood during Labour Weekend (Sat 25th October); this is the fourth consecutive year. The display will take place at Aorere but if really windy will be held at the beach and if rained out it will be held on the following day. Ms Chapman said the display is endorsed by the NZ Fire Service, who is lobbying for the abolition of fire works sold to the public.

Ms Chapman also talked about a creative proposal for the exterior wall of the Aorere Centre where it is proposed to make and install two large cut-outs of an old Collingwood fire truck and also one of the early safari vehicles. They are looking for volunteers to jigsaw and paint. The cut-outs will be bolted directly onto the building and are hoping to have it completed prior to Christmas. Ms Chapman tabled the proposal complete with photographs of what the cut-outs are to look like.

NgAng – spoke about the Rototai cycleway/walkway and the various concept plans for the future. He said 24 fruit trees have been planted along the 340m length of the walkway and it is also planned to have various other 'edibles' and mosaics included. He hoped it would be a model for others and encouragement for people to grow their own food. He said the group would like to approach the Board for DILs funding of approximately \$200. He said more and more people are getting on board with the over all project. He tabled a before and after photograph of the walkway.

In reply to a question from the Chairperson as to whether the drainage issue has been resolved, NgAng said there is now to be a swale with a mosaic ford.

BJ White – spoke about Council's Utilities Asset Manager Jeff Cuthbertson's letter in the agenda.

The Chairperson pointed out that the last paragraph does answer some of the concerns that have been raised. He said that Gary Beaumont from Montgomery Watson Harza hoped to have the work done before Christmas. Mr Bell said he

understands that Council is dealing with the roading issue; they have to find a way to change access to a public road via a private R.O.W.

In reply to a question from Mr White about Swiftsure Street stormwater, the Chairperson said the matter was complicated by a landowner paying for some of the work, but it is still a legal road and a public road. He said the letter in the agenda was in response to the Board taking up the matter; he also has had a further reply which will be on the next agenda. Mr Bell said the matter of Swiftsure Street stormwater has to be tied into drainage work on Gibbs Road. He explained what the Board is requesting for the area.

Mr White said he would like some communication from Jeff Cuthbertson. He reported that the big pine tree complained about previously has been removed.

The Chairperson said it is recognised that Swiftsure Street needs to be legalised.

Carolyn McLellan – said she had been approached by person who walks around the Takaka township block. They do not feel safe on the piece of Motupipi Street between Glendale Farm and the Fonterra factory as there is not much verge and and vehicular traffic is very close. The person had experienced traffic veering towards her and nearly running her over. It was reported that others have also had near misses on that part of the street also.

The Chairperson said that the matter is on the Engineering Services agenda and identified as Minor Safety Work for this current year.

Board member Brookes asked whether the matter of a letter of thanks to the Canterbury Community Trust for its donation to Affordable Housing for Golden Bay could be added as a late agenda item.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/10/03**

**THAT the matter of thanks to the Canterbury Community Trust for its donation to Affordable Housing be added as a late agenda item.
CARRIED**

NgAng – advised of a 50yr plan centred around penguin habitat at Tarakohe.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.28am and 10.50am.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the GB Community Board meeting held on 9th September 2008

It was noted that item 6.5 - GBCB August Budget - on Page 10 should read "AMENDED JULY" Budget in both the title and the text.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Bell
GB08/10/04**

**THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 9th September 2008 (containing resolutions GB08/09/01 – GB08/09/19) with amendments, be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

Board member Brookes rejoined the meeting at this point.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/10/05**

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

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chairperson's Report

Alternative Fuels in Golden Bay

The Chairperson said the Board has supported groups regarding sustainable bio fuel proposals.

There was some discussion about the standards that may have to be met and whether processing the oil would require resource consent.

**Moved Board members Brookes/McLellan
GB08/10/06**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board supports the initiative to retain used cooking oil in Golden Bay for refining as a fuel source, provided suppliers agree and it can be stored and processed safely, and meets the necessary statutory regulations.
CARRIED**

Local Road Width for Sealing

The Chairperson read his suggested recommendation; he reminded the Board that part of Hamama Road was sealed to a narrower width.

Mr Kennedy read an email received from Council's Engineering Manager that included the following points:

- Council is required to design a seal width to suit the representative traffic for that section of road;
- TDC has tried previously for a 4.5m seal and this was rejected; minimum width accepted 5.5m and this has been reiterated by the newly formed NZ Transport Agency.

- New roads must comply with the TRMP – an access road having a requirement for 2 sealed lanes of 2.75m each.
- Subsidised capital works will not be approved or funded below the NZTA standard.

There was considerable discussion about comparing no subsidy and sealing to a lesser width, with obtaining the subsidy for the greater width. The Chairperson said it was reported in the Engineering Services agenda that the policy for low trafficked rural roads was last reviewed in 2006; construction costs have increased by 17.7% and the recommended increase represents an increase of over 40%. He said there is now not a great deal of difference between sealing a narrower road (without a subsidy) or sealing a wider subsidised road.

The Chairperson considered the cost of sealing should come down with the recent reductions in the oil price.

Mr Kennedy pointed out that narrow roads are prone to edge seal break with vehicles driving off the edge to pass.

It was suggested that there could be a standard for a 'dust seal'.

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/10/07**

THAT the GB Community Board enquires of Transit NZ and Transfund regarding available discretion in the sealing of rural roads and raising the possibility of changing the criteria taking into account the increased cost of sealing.

CARRIED

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/10/08**

THAT the GB Community Board enquires of Council that in the light of high sealing costs, whether a narrower carriageway could be accepted for sealing low trafficked rural roads.

CARRIED

Mr Kennedy pointed out that the seal on top is just part of the work – the road underneath would still need to be constructed to a greater width.

Local Road Speed Limits

The Chairperson read from his report that in the North Island authorities are setting appropriate local speed limits, especially in coastal communities. He considered that there is discretion available.

He read his suggested recommendation which was amended.

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

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the TDC Engineering Manager seeking more discretion in setting appropriate speed limits providing examples of such limits elsewhere.
CARRIED

School Bus Passing Speeds

The Chairperson said the matter was raised during the Annual Plan community meetings.

Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/10/10

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to school bus operators suggesting that 'passing speed of 20kmph when stationary' signs be placed on buses in order to raise awareness of this requirement.

Further that the Board writes to bus operators and the schools and asks for reminders for children to remain on the side of the road until after the bus has left.

CARRIED

It was reported that Rural Women NZ has been working on this following a number of recent deaths.

Weeds on Council Land

The Chairperson pointed out that funding is available but needs support from the Local Authority, however, the deadline for funding applications closes before the Policy Planners meeting on 10th November.

Mrs Vaughan said she had emailed the Parks & Reserves Manager, but there seemed to be too many requirements to be able to apply this year. Mayor Kempthorne suggested that perhaps Mr Kennedy could help so they could apply this year.

Mr Kennedy said there is some confusion – the funding is also for restoration, not just weed control and specific areas are needed. He asked Mrs Vaughan for a list of areas, also a planting programme so it can be approved by Council's Parks Department. Mr Kennedy said he had spoken with the Parks and Reserves Manager and they could give a letter of support for specific approved areas.

Moved Board members Brookes/McLellan
GB08/10/11

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to both Community Services and Engineering Services of Tasman District Council seeking their support for community groups to apply for funding for the control of weeds and restoration of agreed areas of Council land.

CARRIED

Mrs Vaughan asked whether the funding could be extended to deal with the weeds at the transfer station that keep infesting Labyrinth Rocks.

Tourism Access Roads

The Chairperson said that Canaan Road also needs to be added to the list.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Bell
GB08/10/12**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the main political parties seeking their policy position on special funding for local roads with a high visitor traffic component and low local population and also asking for the Central Government funding contribution to these roads to be restored.
CARRIED**

Te Kakau Stream Responses

It was reported that the responses have been forwarded to Council's Trevor James.

Proposed Friday Bus Services - Collingwood-Takaka, Pohara-Takaka

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/10/13**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board takes no further action about organising a Friday bus service at this time and advises the bus operator and respondents of this decision due to the very small expression of interest.
CARRIED**

Broadband Investment Fund Application

The Chairperson said it will be around March 2009 before decisions will be made.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.1 Lidar Coverage – Response from Environmental Information Manager

This item of correspondence was received earlier in the meeting.

5.2 Swiftsure Street Stormwater – Response from Utilities Asset Manager

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/10/14**

THAT the memorandum be received and that the Chairperson's subsequent reply (circulated by email) be endorsed.

CARRIED

5.3 Abel Tasman Foreshore Reserve Bylaws – Department of Conservation

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/10/15**

THAT the letter be received and the details in it noted.

CARRIED

5.4 Community Board Mileage Reimbursement – Corporate Services Manager

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/10/16**

THAT the letter be received and the Chairperson's reply by end of September, as requested, endorsed.

Carried

Mayor Kempthorne said the matter has not been discussed.

5.5 Reorganisation and Delegated Functions – Motueka Community Board

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/10/17**

THAT the letter be received and the offer to meet accepted on a mutually agreeable date and venue."

CARRIED

The Chairperson said he will contact David Ogilvie and obtain a number of dates to work around.

Following a comment it was agreed that the reinstatement of the two Golden Bay Ward councillors be put on the agenda for the Workshop meeting.

5.6 5-Knot Speed Limit Sticker Suggestion – Maritime NZ

**Moved Board members Bell/McLellan
GB08/10/18**

THAT the letter be received and Mr Lilley replied to seeking specific ongoing efforts to education on the 5-knot rule.

Further, that the GB Community Board writes to Totally Boating Ltd, the Principal of which has expressed personal local interest in the initiative asking if his company could consider obtaining and using the stickers.

CARRIED

It was considered that 5-knot speed limit signs are required at Parapara and the Chairperson said he had spare signs for this area.

5.7 End of Year Donation – GB High School

This letter was received earlier in the meeting.

5.8 Children’s Playground Request – Bainham Rural Women

Moved Board members Bell/Brookes

GB08/10/19

THAT the letter be received and the senders be advised that the Community Board has added the request to the prioritising list for the 2009/2010 Annual Plan consideration.

CARRIED

Mr Kennedy said the matter needs public consultation; Council would like to know what the parents out there would like.

5.9 LTCCP Public Consultation Meetings – Strategic Development Manager

The Chairperson reported that he has responded by email that the Community Board will be pleased to assist with the holding of the public meetings on 8th April 2009.

5.10 Takaka Museum – East Takaka Church and Cemetery Trust

Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes

GB08/10/20

THAT the letter be received and referred to the GB Museum Committee for its information and the letter writer be advised of this course of action.

CARRIED

5.11 High Fence on Corner of Rototai Road – Environment & Planning Manager

Moved Board members Bell/Brookes

GB08/10/21

THAT the memorandum be received and Mr Bush-King advised that although Rototai Road has been designated a ‘collector road’ the presence of the subdivision has altered the land use in the vicinity of Arapeta Place and it is suggested that the designation be reviewed and the suggestions by Mr and Mrs McKay be attached to the letter, with a copy to the McKays.

CARRIED

The Chairperson said that Affordable Housing has purchased four sections and the issues will just get worse; the area has changed from rural to urban and the designation of the road needs to take that change into account.

5.12 Te Waikoropupu Springs Management Plan Submissions – Department of Conservation

This letter was received earlier; the setting of a hearing date is awaited.

6. LATE AGENDA ITEM

6.1 Canterbury Community Trust – Affordable Housing Donation

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB08/10/22**

**THAT the GB Community Board sends a letter of thanks to Canterbury Community Trust for its donation of \$1.2M for Affordable Housing in this area.
CARRIED**

7. OTHER

Mayor Kempthorne said he has now attended two really good GB Community Board meetings.

Mr Kennedy said that he and the Parks and Reserve Manager are now going to Labyrinth Rocks to look at an alternative accessway and the carpark area.

Board member McLellan said the Board had put forward two sites for a playground at Parapara; both needed checking for archaeological sites; Mr Kennedy said he would follow it up with the Parks and Reserves Manager.

Meeting closed at 12.40pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: