

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 9th June 2009
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: Golden Bay Service Centre

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members Gamby / McLellan
GB 09/06/01**

**THAT the apology from Cr Borlase be received.
CARRIED**

The Chairperson expressed concern that some Council meetings are now being held on the same day as Community Board meetings and asked this be recorded.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Ross McDonald – thanked Lloyd Kennedy for his help with Labyrinth Park and said that they are now getting there slowly.

He then spoke about the footpath at Pohara. Since this need was first brought up ten years ago there has been an increase in traffic and in housing. This is a very busy area and needs a footpath. It is a very dangerous area, especially around Christmas time when the camp is full and vehicles are angle parked. It is time something is done about getting a footpath.

The Chairperson replied that it is in the Plan for this coming year, at least for the section from the camp to the Pohara Hall.

The need for a footpath was discussed and the fact that the first part of it has received Resource Consent to go ahead.

The Board agreed to discuss these issues later in the meeting.

Duncan McKenzie - Spoke about the problem of stock effluent on the Takaka Hill. A lot of herds are shifted during 'gypsy week' which happens annually in early June. There is nowhere to dump effluent and as a result the tanks are full and effluent spills

out onto the road. Some operators do empty their tank by the side of the road. There needs to

be a dump site at Upper Takaka. He said there is no actual requirement to have tanks on a stock truck, but that Sollys does have them. Some farmers do not stand their stock away from feed prior to pick up.

The Chairperson explained there is a voluntary code of practice which suggests standing stock away from feed for 4-8 hours before collection. There was some discussion as to whether this was long enough.

The possibility of using farm effluent ponds as dump sites was talked about and it was said that farmers would not want to take the extra risk involved.

Cr Riley agreed to take this issue up on behalf of the Board. He said it is expensive to have dump sites, and explained that camper vans cannot use them.

There was a discussion about different types of effluent systems.

**Moved Board members McLellan / Gamby
GB09/06/02**

**THAT the matter of stock effluent disposal be added as a late agenda item.
CARRIED**

Lily McKay - advised there has been no communication with her regarding the road signage at Rototai Road and that Steve Elkington has not yet been there to inspect the site. They are still waiting for chevron signs to be installed as well as extra signage, and for a lowering of the speed limit to be approved.

The Chairperson said a works order has reportedly been issued for the chevrons to go up, and expressed concern that this is taking so long. Lloyd Kennedy advised that he would follow up on the issue.

Elizabeth Warren – agreed there is a problem with people speeding around Rototai. She mentioned the need for a pedestrian crossing because there are a lot of families living in the new subdivision. She thanked TDC for the footpath to the school. This has become a very popular walking route.

She then presented a letter on behalf of Friends of the Labyrinth, asking for clarification on when the Friends Group can have access to the area. Ms Warren reported that everything is going well at Labyrinth Park and said that Dave Whitaker's house has now been sold with the new owners moving in during August.

As a former Launch Warden Ms Warren expressed her concern about the chaos in vessel use at the Tata Beach Ramp at Christmas time, and asked that someone be employed there during the busy time.

The Harbour Master was at Tata policing the beach quite a lot this summer. It was reported that generally things were under control. It was suggested that during the

busy season another person or persons with a Launch Warden warrant is needed to assist.

Lloyd Kennedy will take this up with Environment & Planning to see if there is anything that can be done. However this happens all over New Zealand during those few weeks.

Ms Warren then asked what the situation is now with beach access from Tukurua Road.

Lloyd Kennedy advised has been in correspondence with a neighbouring property owner who lives overseas but has agreed to meet with TDC regarding access through her property when she returns to New Zealand sometime this year,

There has recently been a possibility of Council obtaining land in another location through a possible subdivision but this would involve three titles and would be more complicated.

There was a discussion about riparian rights and the need for beach access for the public, that this should be settled at the time of subdivision.

Paul Sangster - spoke about flooding in Takaka and said he attended a mediation meeting with the Environment Court to discuss Variation 57. Mr Sangster expressed his disappointment that information coming from the Councillors and the Board seemed to be negative to Golden Bay and to Takaka.

He said that information given about Takaka flooding is different to what the facts are. He said in 1983 he was involved with every flooded building in Takaka and has all the information. Council had the wrong information at that mediation meeting. Mr Sangster offered to provide information about flood problems to Council.

There was a discussion about flood levels and flood banks and Mr Sangster asked what is happening about the flood bank to which the Chairperson replied that the matter is on the Boards Action list.

Mr Sangster expressed concern regarding the building of the BMX track saying the people cannot take any gravel out of the river to get a base and that there has been no Council support.

Lloyd Kennedy replied he has recently been on site and that Parks and reserves staff have also met on site to see what TDC can do to help.

Mr Sangster was advised that the Board has written a letter in support of funding for both the BMX and the mountain bike tracks, and the Club also has the support of the Mayor.

There was more discussion about water levels, and sections needing to be built up in Takaka. If the stop bank is at an incorrect height it can make the flooding worse.

The Board has asked for proper river and flood plain levels to be taken. This has been done recently using a new technology, LIDAR, which gives accurate information, and the results will be available shortly.

TDC is using this technology to get accurate ground contour information. The data can then be plotted for various scenarios and stop banks can be built to the right height.

Mr Sangster said there is a problem with gravel build up in the river which could lead to flooding again.

It was pointed out that in a flood the river flows bank to bank and any gravel banks in the river bed are covered with minimal effect on flood flow capacity.

Leigh Gamby advised that the Engineers have the final say in these matters and that the Board can only give them input.

Karen Brookes - spoke of the drainage problems in Takaka. She said the water in the main street this morning was up to one and a half metres across in some places. Something needs to be done about this fairly urgently.

The Chairperson has had calls regularly from concerned people and said the Board needs to follow up on their LTCCP submission.

Carolyn McLellan - mentioned that the driveway at the Community Centre has not been fixed and that the sealing is unsatisfactory.

Carolyn McLellan said she attended the open day at the enviro house in Wainui Bay. She asked the Board to write to them to congratulate them on their Award.

Richard Copenhagen who is based in Nelson has a role with the government Sustainable Management fund and gives free advice on sustainable housing. Mrs McLellan felt the Community board could invite him to come to Golden Bay to hold a seminar or workshop here. He is one of nine people in New Zealand who does this.

Sara Chapman - said it is fantastic the Gibbs Road walkway is going to be done this financial year. She said it took a lot of time planting it five years ago and she hoped the plants will remain when track is widened.

The Chairperson advised that any trees needing to be moved will be replanted where possible, and replaced where it is not possible to replant.

Karen Brookes has been told by BJ White there is a spring that bubbles up under that path. Council is aware of this.

Ms Chapman said the path gets heavy use by visitors as well as locals and that it is essential to have the railings. It is also the official school route. There is low level lighting going in also.

Ms Chapman asked if the Board envisages that the targeted rate for Community Boards will go to a full Council decision. She feels the targeted rate to be punitive.

Cr Riley replied that there is general support for targeted rates although the rate for communities with Community Boards is not 100% supported by councillors. He thinks that targeted rates will remain.

Ms Chapman informed that in April she had asked to speak about the Regional Museum submission for bulk funding. She asked to formally address the Community Board so it could be reported. She was advised not to attend the Community Boards as this could be seen as being antagonistic to some councillors in Richmond.

When the Council had workshops last week funding was discussed. Ms Chapman felt that her addressing the Community Boards had been seen as a negative action on her part and she is very unhappy with that. She felt the Community Board was being demonised. The Museum has no Memorandum of Understanding.

The Chairperson replied that the Board was exhorted to make submissions to the Draft LTCCP on targeted rates and that it did so.

The Strategic Manager's report for the 10 June 2009 Council meeting clause 66 refers to the submissions. "Acknowledges that there have been a number of submissions, on matters not addressed by specific decisions as a result of this report and other reports on this agenda, that have requested additional funding or projects, changes to the timelines in the draft Ten Year Plan or projects to be deleted."

Clause 67 reads :

"Agrees not to change the final Ten Year Plan in response to the submissions referred to in 66 above, in light of their funding implications and the relative priority of those matters and activities in the context of the overall Plan."

The Board submitted in good faith but there has been no comment in the Report specifically on the targeted rate issue.

The Chairperson expressed his frustration with the submission process and the lack of time given to respond to the Staff Reports through the Ward Councillors. He felt the LTCCP is a Council plan, not a community plan.

Carolyn McLellan reported that she advised Sara Chapman to present her information to the Board so it could include the requests in its submission. She said treasures at the provincial museum are everyone's treasures. She also said the Board wants to work with the Council, to cooperate, and to be advocates for this community.

There was discussion about the powers or lack thereof of the Community Board.

Lloyd Kennedy said the Community Board has the support of the majority of councillors. He explained that a lot of submissions to the LTCCP had been received and that the Council cannot agree to everything everyone asked for.

There was further discussion about targeted rates and about the cost of up to \$336 per hour to the Community Board when having dealings with the Council, making it almost unaffordable for the Board to do so.

The CEO and the Mayor are to discuss the best way to have dealings with the Community Board taking into consideration other Council's models.

Cr Riley - has received an email from Rose Biss suggesting that the Pohara band rotunda be protected as a heritage building. He said the Board needs to realise that the proposed footpath goes through the rotunda.

Cr Riley advised that Krista Hobday has spoken to MWH about School Zone warning signs for both Central Takaka and Motupipi schools. He is not sure if Central Takaka school fits the warrant for a flashing light system, but Motupipi school does.

He then talked about the Pohara footpath and said it is only at high tide that there is a problem.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.42am until 10.58am.

**Moved Board members Gamby / McLellan
GB09/06/03**

**THAT Cr Riley be granted speaking rights.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members McLellan / Gamby
GB09/06/04**

**THAT the Reports and Correspondence contained in the agenda be received
CARRIED**

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 12th May 2009

The following alterations were requested:

Leigh Gamby : On page 4 Item 5.1.2 first paragraph, last line, take out the word BACH

Karen Brookes : On page 6 Item 5.4 Coastcare. PINGAU should possibly be spelt PINGAO

**Moved Board members McLellan / Brookes
GB09/06/05**

**THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 12th May (containing resolutions GB09/05/01 – GB09/05/14) as amended be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson spoke of Roy Barden being one of the unsung heroes of our community for his work on pest control initiatives especially at Mangarakau.

Board has thanked the Community Trust for their donation towards four houses.

Letters have been sent to the Council's Property Manager and LINZ re Oxbow proposals.

4.2 Action List

4.2.1 Bird Protection signage - Pakawau

Beryl Wilkes, Reserves Manager, has this in hand and is looking at August to have it designed. The signage wording will be sensitive to particular areas. Locals will need to help with the problem of out of control dogs.

4.2.2 Collingwood Streetscaping

This has escalated in cost to \$186,000. The Board is not aware of work needing to be done under the ground as the drainage has been done. Cr Riley to take this up with TDC on behalf of the Community Board. Add this to next month's agenda.

4.2.3 Complaints Policy

Leave on table.

4.2.4 Delegation of Authority

The Mayor and CEO intend to look at how other councils are working successfully with their community boards.

4.2.5 DILs Bridging Loan for Abbeyfield (\$50,000)

There is still some confusion as TDC funding for Motueka Abbeyfield was provided in a different way. Quarterly repayments are going back into the Golden Bay DILs account.

4.2.6 GB Wharves

The re-licensing was not mentioned in the briefing papers. The information has gone to Jim Frater and will be on a waiting list for his attention in the new financial year. Lloyd Kennedy will follow this up.

4.2.7 Heavy traffic in Commercial Street (Bypass)

This is not in the LTCCP but this will be reviewed in 3 years. Engineers are still investigating the suggested route. Road Transport forum has been helpful in the past and the Board will thank them for their efforts in bringing the matters to the attention of their members previously, and ask them if those efforts could be repeated.

4.2.8 National Energy Strategy

Have had no response from LGNZ. Will talk to Chris Auchinvole.

4.2.9 Pohara Footpath

Have had no response. Is in LTCCP for 2010. Cr Riley to follow up.

4.2.10 Policy on rating UDAs

Tata Beach is being reconsidered. Patons Rock also needs to be reconsidered.

4.2.11 Realignment of road at Port Tarakohe

This would make more land available on the seaward side of the road. Cr Riley advised it was discussed briefly but no decision made. Cr Riley to follow up.

4.2.12 Road access to Road end properties

With subdivision consents being granted, new dwellings are built beyond the end of the road and there needs to be some flexibility between E & P and Engineering Departments to sort these out. Lloyd Kennedy said Council cannot stop people from using paper roads to access their properties, and that Council and land owners need to have individual agreements regarding the cost of upgrading roads.

Cr Riley said Engineering and Planning are working together better. He will raise the issue with Dennis Bush-King.

4.2.13 Safe Walking Spaces

There was an offer from Fulton Hogan for a foot-bridge by the Joan Whiting corner as a community initiative. It needed an Engineers Certificate for the bridge and this has not yet been signed off by TDC Engineering. Cr Riley to follow up on this.

The lessees of the Pohara Motor camp are happy for people to walk through the Camp. Does this agreement need to be formalised?

The possibility of having a footpath on the opposite side of the road was discussed as the Selwyn Street path is difficult for wheelchair users.

Lloyd Kennedy will ask Engineering what their plans are.

4.2.14 Takaka Fire Fighting Water

Another round of consultation is in the recommendations for the LTCCP.

4.2.15 TDC Carpark Study

TDC Engineers will look into this in the future.

4.2.16 Tukuru Camp Road – Public Access being sought

Leave on table.

4.2.17 Bikes on Footpaths

Dave Myall has written to GBCB suggesting we get in touch with the schools. Leigh Gamby to liaise with Dave Myall.

4.2.18 Targeted rate for Community Boards

Submission made to the LTCCP.

4.2.19 Vehicles on Beaches

Board to ask for information from Whakatane District Council.

4.2.20 Takaka Stop Bank

Peter Thompson will be asked to comment on the letter written to him by the Board. The LIDAR survey results will be useful.

4.2.21 Speed restriction signage

The Chairperson has talked with Steve Elkington. Mr Elkington recognises there are some issues to be re-looked at, and he is prepared to do that ahead of the next general review. Board is to keep him up to that. The Board needs a list of places it would like re-visited.

4.2.22 5-knot Speed Restriction

Steve Hainstock (Harbourmaster) has already put up the signs. Stickers are available from point of sale. Lloyd Kennedy will thank the Harbourmaster for putting up the signs, and ask for a supply of stickers so that Board members can provide them to local outlets.

4.2.23 Economic Study - GB

The Board would like to see the outcome of these studies. Will speak with Chris Auchinvole.

4.2.24 Birds Hill Cutting – Proposed warning system

Cr Riley will take this to the next Council meeting. It has been approved.

4.2.25 Special Consultation Process – UDAs

Has gone to Jeff Cuthbertson.
Cr Riley to follow up.

4.2.26 Planting of Nut trees on Council reserve land

With Beryl Wilkes

4.2.27 UDA – Pohara

The second meeting has not yet taken place. Lloyd Kennedy will ask Steve Elkington to keep the Board advised.

4.2.28 High fence on corner – Rototai Road subdivision

Leave on table.

4.2.29 Proposal to sell GB Medical Centre

Leave on table.

4.2.30 Stormwater at Collingwood – Gibbs Road / Swiftsure Street

The Property Manager has met with some of the land owners last Thursday.

4.2.31 Transfer Stations – Access to reusable materials

Cr Borlase went to the Takaka Transfer Station, and Joe Bell went to the Collingwood Transfer Station. Staff at Takaka are setting aside reusable materials for display and sale. They have a list for people to request particular items. Not all requests might be met.

Ministry of Environment to supply six moveable bins to be placed in Commercial Street.

4.2.32 Transferable Water Permits

Leave on table. The Government is looking at all issues on water. Talk to Chris Auchinvole today.

4.2.33 Burning of plastics

The cost of a 1-page flyer would be approximately \$400. Lloyd Kennedy to follow up.

4.2.34 Flooding & After Hours Service

Had no response. Presume this has been taken on board so needs to come off action list.

4.2.35 Funding for Tourist Access Roads

Wharariki Road is in the draft LTCCP. Talk to Chris Auchinvole.

4.2.36 In Committee Items

Has been discussed with the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor who will review this. The Board has since received some information about Council Enterprises. Leave for follow-up meeting with the Mayor.

4.2.37 Labyrinth Rocks

Work is due to start at the start of the new financial year.

4.2.38 Broadband

Letter received from Steven Joyce advising there is no policy developed for spending the \$48 million yet. He will advise us when the process is developed. Discussion as to whether there is or is not a fibre optic cable coming to the Bay. Cr Riley will talk to Bruce Dodds.

Leave on the table and talk with Chris Auchinvole.

4.2.39 Ligar Bay Baches

Leave on table.

4.2.40 Overnight Staying

Leave on table.

4.2.41 Takaka River Oxbow

Leave on table.

4.2.42 Dog Control Bylaw Review

Leigh Gamby will take submission letters around local businesses on 10 June 2009.
Leave on table.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Capital Air Submission for Expansion - Takaka Aerodrome Management Committee

Chairperson's suggested recommendation:

"THAT the letter be received and the submission made to the LTCCP noted."

Discussion ensued about whether the cross runway will be sealed or not sealed.

Alteration to Order of Agenda

Chris Auchinvole MP joined the meeting at 12.20pm, with Rayner Bonder his assistant.

The Chairperson welcomed Chris Auchinvole and Rayner Bonder to the meeting and asked if several matters could be brought to his attention.

Economic study for Golden Bay - The Chairman briefed Mr Auchinvole on the need for an economic study for Golden Bay which was referred back to Nelson Development agency and has come to a full stop. Klaus Thoma, a Golden Bay soil scientist, had been in contact with Lincoln University which had offered to undertake this study at a reasonable price. The Chairperson asked Mr Auchinvole to take this up on their behalf. The Board will get the name of the two professors to him.

Prospect of tradable water rights - The Board has made representations raising concerns about possible transfer of water rights away from the land for which they were obtained.

Mr Auchinvole asked the Board to put their request to him in writing. He said the matter of resources which can be allocated will be addressed in phase 2 of the Resource Management Act Review.

The ownership of water was discussed.

Tourism - The Board has made various submissions about visitor access roads such as from Puponga to the visitors centre, Puponga to Wharariki Beach, Dry Road to the Kaihoka Lakes, Dry Road to Mangarakau, Heaphy track access, and the new camping ground at Canaan. These are gravel roads, and the Board has asked for special funding for those roads. It would be easier for TDC to maintain these roads if they were tar sealed. Tourists from all over the world use these roads and farmers complain about the roads being cut up.

Cr Riley talked about the subsidy for roading.

Mr Auchinvole asked to have all the figures such as what the present subsidy rates are, the number of tourists, etc.

Examples of specially funded roads, e.g. the road to Totaranui, the road to Pupu Springs and to the Cobb dam were provided. At Mr Auchinvole's request the Board will send a letter on roading through to him.

Broadband- Mr Auchinvole is going to see Steven Joyce's advisor to talk about broadband in Golden Bay. There was discussion about people trying to run a business in Golden Bay which is very difficult without broadband.

The platform for his Party was to have broadband internet access in Golden Bay.

The Chairperson explained how the Broadband Investment Fund was to fund this and will keep in touch with Mr Auchinvole. The Board needs to confirm if there is, or isn't a fibre optic cable to be laid in Golden Bay.

Mr Auchinvole said he is going to visit places in his Tasman electorate on a regular basis. Toll-free telephone numbers have been set up for easy access to him.

Mr Auchinvole and Rayner Bonder left at 1.10pm and the meeting adjourned for lunch.

5.1 Correspondence – Resumed

**Moved Board members Gamby / McLellan
GB09/06/06**

**THAT the letter from Takaka Aerodrome Management Committee be received and the submission made to the LTCCP noted.
CARRIED**

5.2 Intersection at Falconer Road - P & C Challis

There are some boy-racer types in the vicinity. It is hoped that if the Give Way sign is changed to a Stop sign the problem may be mitigated. It may however raise the noise level with cars stopping/accelerating. It would be helpful if Mr & Mrs Challis try and get the registration numbers of the offending cars and report them to the Police.

**Moved Board members Gamby / Brookes
GB09/06/07**

THAT the letter be received and the suggestion made to Tasman District Council's Engineering Services that the 'Give Way' sign be replaced with a 'Stop' sign in order to mitigate the problems outlined.

Further, that Mr & Mrs Challis be thanked for their letter with the Board response outlined to them.

CARRIED

6. LATE AGENDA ITEM

6.1 Stock Effluent

It was suggested that the Board needs to write to Federated Farmers. This is a voluntary code of practice and it is preferable to sort it without the need for a By-law if possible.

There was prolonged discussion about trucks discharging effluent and the time needed for farmers to get their stock ready for transportation. It would be desirable to have a hot line where public can report vehicles that discharge onto the road. This would put pressure back on the stock firms to not pick up the animals which had not been withheld from food for an adequate length of time.

There is an urgent need for dump points. If they are on SH60 the NZ Transport Agency is in control.

Cr Riley said he is trying to get a dump site installed, preferably this side of the hill. Crs Riley and Borlase have previously written to Transit New Zealand.

Moved Board members Gamby / Brookes

GB09/06/08

THAT GBCB write to TDC Environment & Planning requesting the development of a bylaw regarding stock effluent on the road.

CARRIED

Moved Board members McLellan / Gamby

GB09/06/09

THAT GBCB write to Federated Farmers asking that they advise their members of the need to observe the withholding period for stock prior to cartage as a result of a number of complaints received, to help reduce effluent on the road.

CARRIED

Moved Board members Gamby / Brookes

GB09/06/10

THAT GBCB write a letter to NZ Transport Agency, care of Crs Riley and Borlase, to formally request that effluent disposal points be provided at strategic locations for receiving stock effluent from the holding facilities on trucks.

CARRIED

**Moved Board members Gamby / McLellan
GB09/06/11**

THAT GBCB write to the Road Transport Forum asking them to bring this issue to the attention of their members.

CARRIED

7. OTHER

7.1 Economic Study for Golden Bay

**Moved Board members McLellan / Brookes
GB09/06/12**

THAT the GBCB write formally to Mr Chris Auchinvole MP about the economic study for Golden Bay, the tourist access road, and the broadband expansion for Golden Bay.

CARRIED

**Moved Board members McLellan / Gamby
GB09/06/13**

THAT the GBCB write to Mr Chris Auchinvole MP as Chair of Local Government and the Environment Select Committee about the tradable water rights issue.

CARRIED

7.2 Milnthorpe public toilets

The difficulty of finding the public toilet at Milnthorpe Park was discussed. There needs to be a notice in an obvious location showing where the toilet is. Lloyd Kennedy will take the matter up with Parks and reserves staff.

7.3 Airport sign

The Airport sign is right at the airport turnoff. There needs to be one on Birds Hill, and another one near the Onahau dip so that drivers have plenty of warning of the entranceway to the Airport.

7.4 Ligar Bay Leases staff time account

The Chairperson questioned why the Board is being charged for this when it was Jim Frater's suggestion to have a meeting with the bach owners.

Lloyd Kennedy will speak with Jim Frater about this charge.

The desirability or not of having surveys was discussed. There will be a public meeting where everyone interested can have their say.

There are sections for sale across the road from the baches so current bach owners who still want to live at Ligar Bay could possibly buy one of those.

7.5 Radio frequency interference

There has been a lot of interference recently. Cr Riley said that he would follow through on this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.40pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair: