

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 10th November 2009
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: Fire Station Rooms, Collingwood

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby
GB09/11/01**

**THAT the apologies received from Councillors Borlase and Riley be sustained.
CARRIED**

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Alan Vaughan - spoke about the proposed privatisation of water and warned that if this proposal is adopted the cost of water will escalate. He urged for all to vigorously oppose it.

The chairperson replied that the Board is mindful of these issues and explained that the process will be open to submissions through select committee and that people will then need to oppose the privatisation.

Lorna Scurr and Robyn Darney spoke about their concern for the proposed helicopter tourism venture at the Naked Possum. No Resource Consent has yet been granted for this operation but there is a notion that the proposal is going to be accepted, as helicopter flights are already being advertised on the internet and various other places. They fear a huge increase in traffic and in cars parked into a pristine part of the country.

The Chairperson suggested they make a submission to the notified Consent. The hearing committee will need to take all views into account so it is most important to make a submission.

Ross McDonald, representing the Golden Bay Collectible Vehicle Club, expressed their concern on the large number of roadside signs in Golden Bay. They are a distraction to drivers, with visitors looking at the signs and not concentrating on driving.

The Chairperson replied that the Board is having a workshop today, and that they have had requests for MORE signs. Signs are one way of alerting the public to the possible presence of cyclists, horses, penguins on roads. A discussion followed on the merits of having so many roadside signs and the need for people to concentrate on driving rather than on reading signs.

John Milne - enquired about progress made on parking on Williams Street and parking for boats.

The Chairperson advised that consent has been granted and that the work will now be put out to tender.

Pam King - said parking in Collingwood during Labour weekend was total chaos with boats and trailers everywhere. Cars were parked on the dump station for emptying-out caravans and that the No Parking sign is covered with foliage. There is an urgent need for extra parking spaces.

Penny Griffith would like to record her appreciation of the Community Board holding so many meetings for discussions on the Annual Plan. She felt it takes real dedication to duty to have so many meetings and she really appreciates it.

Ms Griffith then spoke about Civil Defence emergencies and expressed her concern that some radio frequencies are not available in Gibbs Road. There are stations being advertised in Newsline for people to listen to in an emergency that are not able to be received in parts of Golden Bay.

BJ White asked if there was any progress on the making of signs for birds at the Pakawau Beach. He also said the stormwater issue on Swiftsure Street has not been resolved yet. Mike Stevenson has been trying to organise a meeting with the residents but as yet it has not yet been re-scheduled.

Lloyd Kennedy will follow up on this issue with Mike Stevenson. He advised that the bird signs are being worked on presently.

BJ White expressed his concern about people 'hooning' on Collingwood and Pakawau beaches and asked if there are any By-laws against this.

He was advised the best thing is to let the Police know and that they will come out and deal with it.

The Board has taken this matter up several times with TDC and has been told it is a National problem which needs to be dealt with nationally.

Leigh Gamby asked what the law is regarding people riding bikes on footpaths. In the past there have been mixed messages and he would like to know if it is legal or illegal. The Mayor— had agreed to contact the district Police but the Board has had no answer from him about this.

Karen Brookes read out a 2004 letter from the NZ Police to Mr Harry Wells regarding people riding on the footpath saying that it IS an offence punishable with a \$55 instant fine. A copy of this letter was given to Mr Kennedy.

Mr Bell will follow this up with the Mayor to ask what he has found out

Carolyn McLellan remarked on the recent fireworks display in Collingwood which was put on by the Fire Brigade and Sealords. She said that TDC was listed as being a major sponsor at the Guy Fawkes celebration in Murchison and would like to know if the fireworks were paid for by the ratepayer.

A strategic leisure development plan was done for Murchison, and the Work Centre are looking at having a plan done for Golden Bay. They would like to have the same sort of funding as Murchison had.

Rudolf Samper spoke about the proposal to have commercial helicopters flying in and out of Kaituna and spoiling the peaceful nature. He said he would like to say just one sentence: "if you want to keep your café as the wonderful place we know it is, drop the idea of the helicopter business".

The Chairperson thanked Rudolf for his comments. He explained that this is a public process which is open to public submissions. Anyone concerned should put in a submission and it will be taken into account by the Hearing Committee.

Robyn Darney said the Naked Possum is already advertising the helicopter flights even though there is no concession with DOC to fly over the National Park, or for picking people up and dropping them off.

The Chairperson then thanked everyone who spoke at public forum.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on 13th October 2009

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB09/11/02**

**THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on Tuesday 13th October 2009 (containing resolutions GB09/10/01 – GB09/10/17) be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chairperson's Report

4.1.1 GB Community Board Garden Competition

The Chairperson explained that Claire Webster has offered to help organise the garden competition again. The dates for judging are the 9th and 10th December and the judges will be Claire Webster, Jenny Borlase and Joe Bell. He said the competition needs to be well advertised, in the Golden Bay Weekly and also in the

Tasman Newline if possible. Mr Kennedy agreed to follow up on the Newline possibility.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB09/11/03**

**THAT the GB Community Board appoints Jenny Borlase and Joe Bell to be the judges together with Claire Webster for the 2009 Garden Competition.
CARRIED**

4.1.2 Golden Bay Facilities Project

It was agreed that this item be discussed later in the meeting.

**4.1.3 Golden Bay Community Board Community meetings for 2010-11
Annual Plan**

Seal Extensions

The Board discussed the fact that a lot of road sealing has been going on outside of Golden Bay and of the need to make sure Golden Bay is brought into the picture as well. The roads to the Farewell Spit Visitor Centre and to Wharariki Beach are carrying high traffic numbers and as such these should have a higher priority as special purpose/tourist roads. The Board has taken this matter up with MPs to try and get the same subsidies as the West Coast roads.

Carolyn McLellan commented that the Board has been working on this for ten years but has had no joy. Tourist numbers have increased markedly and many roads including Orion Street, and Pakawau, need seal extensions and upgrading. This should be a National funding issue and not only TDC.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB09/11/04**

**THAT GB Community Board continues to make representations for funding for sealing Golden Bay roads with a large tourist access factor.
CARRIED**

Fulton Hogan – Excellence Award

A special morning tea was provided by the Board in recognition of the Roding Excellence Award recently won by Fulton Hogan for work done on the Eureka Bend Project.

Gavin Stobie (Divisional Manager) and Kevin Bruning (Local Manager) attended, and were formally thanked and congratulated by acclamation by those present.

All present were invited to stay for the celebratory morning tea.

Land Use Planning

The Board expressed its concerns about good agricultural and horticultural land in Appleby and Richmond being rezoned for urban development. It was stressed that people in Golden Bay need to take heed of this.

Board member McLellan felt it is up to Nelson Federated Farmers to take this up.

The Chairperson said the Board can only raise their concerns as an issue.

Golden Bay Community Board Community meetings for 2010-11 Annual Plan

The Chairperson spoke to his report and commented that a list of items have been raised during these meetings which need to be prioritised.

Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes GB09/11/05

**THAT the GB Community Board meets to prioritise the issues listed during the eight Community Planning meetings for submission to TDC prior to 12 November.
CARRIED**

4.1.4 Speed Limit Review

The Chairperson spoke to his report and noted that Tasman District Council is currently undertaking a partial speed limit review. There are still concerns about the 70kmph limit at Rototai Road despite regular submissions from residents to have this lowered.

Mr Bell said Abel Tasman Drive is also an area of concern where there are no footpaths or cycleways, a narrow carriageway, deep ditches, ribbon development, a school, hall, heavy trucks etc. It is desirable to have the speed changes rationalised, and it would be good to have a walking/cycling track.

The possibility of having a 40kmph School zone around the school was also discussed.

Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes GB09/11/06

**THAT the GB Community Board makes a submission to the Draft Partial Speed Limit Review requesting reconsideration of Rototai Road and Abel Tasman Drive and supporting other proposals.
CARRIED**

4.1.5 Privatising Water

The Chairperson spoke on his report. Cabinet has approved a paper which includes the possibility of corporatisation of water supplies.

GBCB will make a submission against the proposal for privatisation.

There was much discussion about water rights and the worry that Councils could form companies which could take over assets which belong to the community. Then at a later stage the Councils could decide to sell these companies and it would not be in the best interest of the people if the company were then removed from the community that owns it.

The Board stressed the need for the community to retain control over its water and to not be complacent.

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB09/11/07**

**THAT the GB Community Board makes a submission against the corporatisation of water supplies including by Council companies removed from oversight and ownership. Privatisation in this context does not refer to individual water supplies of property owners or community schemes run as non profit entities.
CARRIED**

There was further discussion about water use. Board member McLellan would like Council to make it mandatory that all new buildings have water tanks. Some members would also like to see mandatory solar heating, and a water filtering system.

The Board decided to find out current TDC policies on these requirements and then maybe bring it up for the next LTCCP.

4.1.7 Tasman District Council Communitrak Survey.

This survey was carried out in July/August 2009 by National Research Bureau Ltd. A sample of 401 people were interviewed by phone and asked a range of questions about Council performance.

Golden Bay was behind in some areas, notably stormwater, however it was very good to see a rate of 97% satisfaction for the Golden Bay Service Centre. This is a great reflection on the front line staff.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

THAT the Chairperson's report and correspondence contained on the agenda be received.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB09/11/08
CARRIED**

5.1 Eureka Bend Excellence Award – Fulton Hogan

5.2 Dog Control Bylaw Review – Tasman District Council

5.3 Thanks to GB Community Board : Funding for MX Bike – GB Recreation Co-ordinator

It was noted that items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 were received earlier.

5.4 Toilet Maintenance Anatori River Area – Jason Crichton

The Chairperson reported that two other people have also offered to maintain this area.

Moved Board members McLellan/Brooks GB09/11/9

**THAT the letter be received and passed to Council’s Reserves Department for consideration along with the names of others who have expressed interest.
CARRIED**

4. Chairperson’s Report Continued

4.1.2 Golden Bay Facilities Project

The Chairperson welcomed Geoff Rennison (Chairperson of the Golden Bay Work Centre Trust) and Ali Gardner (Manager of the GB Work Centre) who attended the meeting to discuss the formation of an umbrella group.

Ali Gardner handed out a summary sheet. There was general discussion on what the Board needs to know, and on who would be doing what part of the investigation. The Work Centre trustees are willing to enable the investigation but not to do all of it.

The structure of an umbrella group was talked about, and the idea that it would have clusters within it so as to not become too cumbersome.

The desirability of a new facility versus making the best of any existing buildings was discussed at length.

Mr Bell said we must be guided by the study done which showed support for a new facility to be much less than 50% and that improvement of existing facilities is the preferred option.

Geoff Rennison said we need input from Dr Bjarne Vandeskog.

Mr Kennedy said that Council money can be available for improving facilities as well as for a new facility. Council has funds set aside for a new facility in Golden Bay. He explained about the criteria and that it could be a new facility or possibly for existing facilities.

Different ways of funding a further study were looked at, including funding from Lotteries. It was asked if Council could help funding, through facility rates.

Mr Kennedy replied Council can assist with feasibility costs but suggested they apply to Lotteries in the first instance. He said the community can afford to take the time to ‘get it right’ as there are three years until the funding becomes available.

Board member McLellan asked if facilities rate money collected from Golden Bay could be kept in a separate account so we could draw from that and hold our own money as the source of funds for projects.

Mr Kennedy explained how the money is held/spent on paying interest on loans and that there is no funding being built up for anything specific. He said TDC is a District and money is spread over the whole district, so smaller communities can be helped as well as the larger ones.

Golden Bay is different from other communities and if there is to be a new facility it can be made to suit our own community.

Ali Gardner felt that if this is facilitated well and the spirit of cooperation is encouraged people will work collectively and everyone can participate. She suggested this can be a 2-phase project and there should be clear indicators at the end of three years.

Lloyd Kennedy suggested that subject to funding being available the Work Centre do a study and then come back to the Board. Ali will email Dr Vandeskog and ask him to make contact with Mr Kennedy, and also to meet regularly with the Community Board.

Mr Kennedy said that 20% of funds have to come from outside of Council funding and that this would include funds from Lotteries and other funding Trusts.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB09/11/10**

THAT subject to funding being available the GB Works Centre Trust be engaged to undertake a study of existing facilities in the Bay and that:

- 1. The study to be done in consultation with all the halls and facilities Committees;**
- 2. The Trust be asked to provide a brief on how they propose to do this work at the next Board meeting.**

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.07pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: