

MINUTES

TITLE: GB Community Board
DATE: 8th December 2009
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: GB Service Centre Meeting Room

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Kempthorne from 9.07am, Crs N Riley, and Cr S Borlase from 9.03am, L Kennedy (Community Services Manager), N Heyes (Minute Secretary)

1. APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members C McLellan/K Brookes
GB09/12/01**

**THAT the apology for lateness from Cr Borlase be sustained.
CARRIED**

Cr Borlase arrived at this point.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Liza Eastman – said she had spent a lot of time looking at the proposals for the integrated health project. She feels very strongly that to lose the Joan Whiting Rest Home will be a loss to Golden Bay. Mrs Eastman said that the number of elderly people is going up and while it is Government policy to keep them in their own homes there are not enough carers available in Golden Bay to look after them and their needs are not attended to.

Mayor joined meeting at this point.

Mrs Eastman considered that what was presented at the two open days is inadequate for people to make a decision on and that the article in the GB Weekly by the Interim Management Group (IMG) is only what people have been told before. She said integration is not a bad idea but none of the questions asked have been answered adequately. Mrs Eastman said she asked 40 questions on the website in September and they were only answered last week. She tabled a draft of her comments (emphasising that it is a first draft) but she considered it important that people understand the negative aspects of integration. She expressed her concern that the medical staff must come to a consensus but they do not have the necessary information, and that people in the Bay need to know if they have to raise funds. Mrs Eastman worried that the new trust may end up as the present Joan Whiting Trust is

right now, (being under funded) as Government subsidies do not cover the costs. She said the cost of the building is totally unknown and savings in costs will be with the nurses. Mrs Eastman said she would put as much of her comment as necessary in a submission to the IMG; she said she believes it will cost the Bay more than it should and thinks the DHB is trying to remove itself from what is happening in Golden Bay. Mrs Eastman said the protocol is that there needs to be two more consultations with the people before they make a decision on what is being offered.

Penny Griffith – asked if Cr Riley could bring them up to date with the emergency radio. She said they do not get the 98.2 frequency.

Cr Riley explained that the system is on its own frequency – 98.2 and some radios cannot pick it up – i.e. some Japanese vehicle radios. He said they are only operating to broadcast Civil Defence and marine radio for Golden Bay and have almost total coverage. Cr Riley said that while they are not really attached to Civil Defence, they can hook into National Radio and put out information just for Golden Bay; in an emergency situation that is what would happen.

The Chairperson said an emergency services map is needed to show where people are and what frequency they can receive.

Ms Griffith also spoke about the road to the Aorere Gold Fields, which is a tourist site. She said the road up to the gate is in a better condition than last year, but there is nowhere for cars and campervans to park. She tabled a copy of a letter to the Engineering Manager seeking better signage and carparking; there is no sign to say 'carpark' and nothing to say where the road is only suitable for 4-wheel drive vehicles. Neither is there anything to say whether camping is allowed.

The Chairperson agreed that a copy of her letter being sent to the Department of Conservation would be a good idea.

Moved Board members L Gamby/K Brookes GB09/12/02

**THAT Mayor Kempthorne and Councillors Riley and Borlase have speaking rights.
CARRIED**

Rosamund Arthur – commented about the track from Ruataniwha Drive down to JW Resthome is in a state of disrepair. She circulated photos. Ms Arthur said that while she understands that some discussion has been held about concreting down the steep stony slope she thinks an asphalt surface like Gibbs Road track would be best. Ms Arthur said the residents may write a letter to Council as lots of people use the pathway.

The Chairperson said the matter has been brought to the Board before and a Service Request has been lodged. He said heavy rain has eroded the surface. He agreed it would be good to have an all-weather surface.

Mr Kennedy said he would follow it up with Reserves Officer, Glenn Thorn.

Victoria Davis – spoke from her position as the only radiographer in Golden Bay. She said Golden Bay people have an x-ray facility because of Joan Butts, herself and the generous people of Golden Bay who purchased the equipment. She is on-call all the time and has grave reservations about the integrated health proposals. She considered that the layout of the Medical Centre needs more room and she wants to know that the present services will be enhanced. She said it has been assumed that she needs new equipment but no-one has talked to her. Ms Davis tabled her comments.

Board member McLellan said it all started because an upgrade at the Medical Centre was wanted as well as things needed at the hospital, and financial problems at the Joan Whiting Rest Home. She said there are weaknesses in systems and funding and we need to make the best use of the funding that we get.

Ms Davis said that the problems will not necessarily be solved by a new facility; she asked whether there will be question/answer meetings for the public.

Cr Borlase said there have already been two public meetings and there will be more – one in Takaka and one in Collingwood – at least. He said the open days were very successful.

The Chairperson said that if people have thoughts about it they need to put in a submission.

Don Mead - asked the Board to submit on the proposal to restart aquaculture; he said he has concerns about the report.

Zane Perry spoke about the toilet at Anatori; he asked whether it is possible to have a modern 'portaloo' type toilet as the existing one is "disgusting".

Mr Kennedy explained that a new toilet at Anatori is being put into next year's Annual Plan; he said Parks and Reserves staff have been speaking with the Department of Conservation and they are talking about moving, painting and tidying the existing toilet for this summer.

Alan Vaughan – reported that the Draft Challenger Fisheries Management Plan has been released; he said he has an electronic and hard copy that people could borrow. He said the draft plan is an improvement on the existing regime and hopes it will not be too altered before going to the Minister for adoption. Mr Vaughan said that it will go out for public comment once the working party has finished with it.

Liza Eastman – thanked the Board for the banners and for finding the funding to hang them. With regard to the Otere Bridge at Onekaka, she said the visibility is much improved.

In response to people who want public meetings regarding the integrated health facility, Board member McLellan said there is a fact and question sheet that people could have copies of. She said the IMG wants to hear what people are saying as it needs the community to be behind it for it to progress.

Mrs McLellan - read comments from a person regarding the Ferntown Bridge and the lack of visibility; the person requested lights at the Ferntown Bridge over the busy summer months as it is a one-way bridge and people do not know what to do.

It was agreed that visibility is very poor but very expensive to improve the approaches to the bridge; perhaps an item for next year's annual plan.

Board member Gamby said the Board is still waiting for a definitive answer regarding bikes on footpaths.

Mayor Kempthorne said he had spoken to John Winter (Acting Area Police Commander), and that the Board should take the matter up with the local police.

The Chairperson asked Board members Gamby and Brookes to follow up on the matter.

Bjarne Vandeskog – tabled his comments regarding a multipurpose facility in Golden Bay and spoke to them. Mr Vandeskog said there are a lot of different needs in Golden Bay and that following the first study, Option 3 had been recommended. *(To adopt a comprehensive and co-ordinated approach, drawing on a number of funding sources and forming a network of a selection of existing halls/venues to achieve optimal upgrades, alterations and consorted flow-on effects.)* The study did not recommend building one new facility.

He said he had met with Mr Kennedy and it was decided that the first practical step would be a stocktake of existing Golden Bay facilities; Tasman District Council owns seven halls in Golden Bay, and there are five that are privately owned – (community halls). Mr Vandeskog said there is a need to find out what can be done with the halls so that use of them increases.

In response to a comment that the Board should be involved in the stocktake part of the project, Board member McLellan agreed; she said members have responsibilities for one or more halls and some could be eliminated from any upgrade.

Mr Vandeskog did not think it would be feasible for every hall to be upgraded but that is what the stocktake would decide; also whether the umbrella group idea would work.

The meeting adjourned at 10.28am for an end of year morning tea to which staff and the public were invited, and resumed at 11am.

The Chairperson thanked all staff for their efforts during the year which was reflected in the 97% satisfaction rating in the recent TDC survey.

Penny Griffith – pointed out the Abel Tasman quilt that hung on the meeting room wall and said it is 367 years this month since Abel Tasman first came to Golden Bay.

The Chairperson suggested that Golden Bay has a radio check test sometime – to see who can receive the 98.2 frequency, from this test a more accurate map may be able to be prepared.

Neil Wilson – from the GB Weekly said he would be happy to write a story along those lines and also involve the schools in such a test.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on Tuesday 10th November 2009

**Moved Board members C McLellan/K Brookes
GB0912/08/03**

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the GB Community Board held on Tuesday 10th November 2009 (containing resolutions GB09/11/01 – GB09/11/10) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

**Moved Board members Gamby/McLellan
GB09/12/04**

THAT the letters and reports on the agenda be received.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chairperson's Report

4.1.1 Labyrinth Rocks Carpark

The Chairperson updated the Board on progress. He said there is to be a temporary portaloo, however, if it is vandalised it will be taken away.

Mr Kennedy said it is hoped to have the carpark sealed before Christmas.

Tasman/Nelson Environment Awards

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB09/12/05**

THAT letters of congratulations be sent to the Aorere Catchment Group, Cliff Turley, Pat Timings, Sandy Isbister and Sheryl Win and Ross Patching.

CARRIED

Tribute was paid to the GB Community Workers and the work they do.

4.1.2 Collingwood Memorial Hall

The Chairperson reported that the RSA want the present Memorial windows retained and options are being followed up on regarding the broken window.

4.1.3 Golden Bay Stream Care - Funding

The Chairperson spoke to his report and the need for ongoing funding for the Aorere Stream Care Group; he said that since his report was published they have received two offers of funding. Mr Bell said he saw the Board's funding as 'seed' funding for others to build on.

In answer to questions from the Board, Mrs Vaughan said that if the group had not had private funding they would not have been able to carry on. She said it takes about \$7000 a year to raise and plant the trees with 6000 trees planted each year.

Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby GB09/12/06

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes a contribution of \$250 from the Board's Discretionary Fund towards an ongoing Golden Bay Stream Care fund.
CARRIED**

Mrs Vaughan said that in the past funding has come from Land Care, World Wildlife Fund, Transpower, Cobb Mitigation Fund, also Biodiversity Fund on the odd occasion. She said they are changing their name from Aorere Stream Care to Golden Bay Stream Care to reflect the wider role they have been carrying out.

4.1.4 Aquaculture Submission

The Chairperson said he is aware of conflict between aquaculture and fisheries and the Board has advocated for the need for a Marine Management Plan which includes eco-system consideration. The Aquaculture Management Areas came about through a lengthy public process and need to be retained in Golden Bay. If they were removed there would simply be more conflict over sea space.

Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes GB09/12/07

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes a submission about the proposed aquaculture reforms before the closing date of 16 December 2009.
CARRIED**

4.1.5 Motupipi Street Car Park

The Chairperson explained that the Board does not want the ex-Mobile Mechanical area to be left in the same situation as the old Sicon yard area. He said he has had a look at the area and the foundations need to be removed.

Mr Kennedy explained that there is no money allowed for this in the Property budget to do the work this year.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB09/12/08**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board requests that the foundations on the demolition site in the Motupipi Street car park be removed and the site left tidy.
CARRIED**

4.1.6 'In Committee' Business

The Chairperson said the matter of in committee business was raised at the Board's November meeting and this one following receipt of the Enterprises Sub-committee agenda; he said nearly all the business is being conducted 'in committee'.

The Chair read his suggested recommendation:

"The Golden Bay Community Board refers the matter of the Tasman District Council Enterprises Sub-committee operating in committee outside the intent and spirit of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Tasman District Code of Conduct to the Office of the Ombudsmen and other agencies as appropriate."

Mayor Kempthorne explained that he did have a discussion with the CEO but that no conclusion had been reached.

It was AGREED that the matter lay on the table pending a response.

The Board commented that there are a number of Golden Bay issues that are discussed at the Enterprises Sub-committee meetings and there needs to be some transparency.

4.1.7 Golden Bay Wharves and Jetties

The Chairperson read his suggested recommendation; he explained that the wharves used to be Council assets. He said there is funding for their rehabilitation in the GB DILs account, but the first step is to get them re-licensed.

Cr Riley said he has been asked by Council's Utilities Asset Engineer, Kim Arnold, to furnish some history on the wharves.

Mr Bell said the matter of the wharves has been raised at the DOC Forum and the Department of Conservation is more than happy for them to go into Council ownership. DOC is also happy if other community groups want to take them on.

The Board expressed its gratitude for the work carried out on this issue by Mr Kennedy.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB09/12/09**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board requests that Tasman District Council re-licences the Mangarakau, Collingwood, Milnthorpe and Waitapu wharves as Council assets once they have been upgraded as funding is allowed for in the

**LTCCP, [years 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12] and the matter be discussed and work done in conjunction with the Department of Conservation.
CARRIED**

4.1.8 Discretionary Fund Grant – Penguin Signage

The Chairperson spoke to a tabled letter written by Chris Finlayson and read his suggested recommendation.

**Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby
GB09/12/10**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board accepts that the donations of work ‘in kind’ enables the penguin sign project to proceed and agrees to release the \$500 grant from the Board Discretionary Fund for this purpose with letters of thanks to Chris Finlayson and to Fulton Hogan for their contribution.
CARRIED**

Mayor Kempthorne commented on Mr Finlayson’s effectiveness as an artist around Golden Bay and further afield.

The Chairperson thanked everyone who contributed to the Board’s success and extended Season’s greetings to all.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Performing Arts & Conference Centre – Nelson City Council

**Moved Board members McLellan/Brookes
GB09/12/11**

**THAT the letter be received and the GB Community Board’s submission confirmed.
CARRIED**

5.2 Walking & Cycling at Pohara – Neville Rogers

The Chairperson said that the sea wall shared access proposal is to come back to the Community Board before being adopted by Council.

**Leigh/Karen
GB09/12/12**

**THAT the letter be received and Mr Rogers advised of the process with a copy of Mr Roger’s letter forwarded to the Transportation Manager for his information.
CARRIED**

5.3 Engineering Projects 2009-10 – Engineering Manager

With regard to the walkway/cycleway at Pohara, the Chairperson said the Board has asked that it not have a kerb and footpath and that there is a rumble strip between the road carriageway and the walkway.

In response to a comment that there were no re-seals flagged for Golden Bay, Cr Riley said he would follow up with Engineering Services although Mr Kennedy said there had been several re-seals carried out in Golden Bay last year.

The Chairperson spoke about the Accessibility for All (A4A) meeting where it was asked that there be a meeting in Golden Bay; he said it has not been ruled out. Some aspects to be considered are pram crossings, deep kerbs, steep road camber where cars park and gaps between the seal and kerb.

Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes GB09/12/13

**THAT the letter be received and the projects noted with follow-up actions, if any, determined as appropriate.
CARRIED**

5.4 Marine Bio-security Partnership – Top of the South

The Chairperson said that the Top of the South Marine Bio-security Partnership had come out of the Sea squirt and Undaria issues.

The meeting agreed a letter of thanks be sent to Sue Campbell for keeping the Board informed advising that the newsletter formed part of the Board's December agenda.

6. OTHER

6.1 Vehicles on Beaches – Excerpt from Whakatane District Council's Bylaw

The Chairperson said there are some really good points in the Whakatane District Council's bylaw. He said he had also had a complaint about people not cleaning up after their horses on the beach. Mr Bell said the Environment & Planning Manager, Dennis Bush-King, has mentioned the Whakatane bylaw in his report to the Committee and asked for guidance.

Moved Board members McLellan/Gamby GB09/12/14

**THAT the GB Community Board requests that Tasman District Council investigates the enacting of a bylaw covering activities on beaches, similar to that used by Whakatane District Council.
CARRIED**

6.2 Supplementary Items

Banners in Golden Bay – in response to a question by the Board, Mr Kennedy said the Board will receive \$500 from Council towards the putting up and taking down of the banners.

Takaka Tennis Courts

Mr Kennedy reported that the work was complete at the tennis courts at the Rec Park and said a great job had been done; he recommended that Board members have a look.

Pohara Beach Top 10 Holiday Park

Mr Kennedy also suggested that the Board visit the Pohara Camp; he said it came runner-up in the Most Improved category at the Top 10 Holiday Parks Annual Conference awards and is now rated one of the top camps in New Zealand. He suggested the visit take place in February or March 2010.

It was agreed that a letter of congratulation on their award be sent to Brent and Del Clarke.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.23pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: