

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Golden Bay Community Board  
**DATE:** 14 February 2012  
**TIME:** 9.00 am  
**VENUE:** Collingwood Fire Station  
**PRESENT:** C McLellan (Chair), Board members K Brookes and M Symmons, and Crs M Bouillir and P Sangster

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lloyd Kennedy (Community Services Manager), N Heyes (Minute Secretary) and members of the Press and Public

## APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members Symmons/Brookes  
GB12/02/01**

**THAT the apology received from Board member L Gamby be sustained.  
CARRIED**

## 1. PUBLIC FORUM

Liza Eastman – expressed concern about the holiday banners in Takaka - some are damaged and some of the fittings are getting broken. She said they went up very early this year and need to come down now.

The Chair responded that the banners are being taken down this Thursday and that the Board is looking at going with the 'Flagmakers' system.

Mrs Eastman considered that because the banners are works of art and the time creating them was donated by the artists, the banners should be offered back to the artists. She suggested that if they are not wanted perhaps they could be auctioned and the money put towards the new system.

Mrs Eastman spoke about the Rototai Health Centre Trust's advertisement in the last GB Weekly. She said the group has withdrawn from its bid to have a medical centre at Rototai as they no longer have access to the land. Mrs Eastman said they are not disbanding and are worried about the money, responsibility, position of the new Integrated Family Health facility. She said money has been given to support the Rototai Trust and the Golden Bay Community Board is invited to put someone on the Trust.

Peter Foster – spoke to and tabled information about targeted rates. He had written to Council's Murray Staitte regarding benefits and costs. Ex CEO Paul Wylie had responded to Mr Foster and gave the history of how the targeted rate came about, but did not explain the savings or acknowledge the benefit to Richmond because of the Board's existence.

Penny Griffith – spoke about the Salisbury swing bridge site; since the bridge was washed away in the 28 December 2010 there has been no change in interpretation signage. She said it is a significant historic site and the signage should say the “Site of the Historic Salisbury Swing Bridge” with an interpretation plaque giving full information; she asked for the Board’s support. She reported that the original interpretation panel is not there and thought it had been washed away in the flood. However, the Chair replied it had been there after the flood. Ms Griffith asked for a modern swing bridge at that site.

The Chair said the matter would be put on the March agenda; she said the Bainham Reunion Committee will be having a meeting to discuss the new interpretation panel. Ms Griffith offered to write the text for the new plaque.

Ms Griffith commented about the latest Tourism Guides – she was puzzled that while the Motueka guide is called the Abel Tasman region, the Golden Bay publication does not mention Abel Tasman at all.

Ms Griffith tabled business cards so people can find the Abel Tasman 370<sup>th</sup> Commemoration : 2012 website.

She said there is to be an auction in Auckland of the earliest engravings depicting the visit of Abel Tasman to Golden Bay. Ms Griffith said financial support is being sought and they are hopeful that a realistic bid for the engraving can be put forward on behalf of the Nelson Provincial Museum.

Victoria Davis – suggested, following Cr Bouillir’s radio interview, there is a need for an open forum for people to put forward ideas on land use regarding multiple dwellings. She considered such a use would require Council to change its stance on composting toilets.

Ms Davis talked about the proposed cycle lane from Pohara to Takaka; she asked for the Board’s support for the project that was supposed to have taken place years ago.

Vicky Carlisle - spoke about the Christmas tree lights in Takaka. In November 2010 she had responded to a request from Cr Riley to raise some money for lights and \$600 was raised. Lex Taylor of Laser Electrical bought the lights and put them up for no cost. Last Christmas he put the lights up again and they were invoiced \$720; Ms Carlisle is going to give Laser Electrical the \$600 that was raised towards that invoice. She asked the Board if it would donate \$120 to make up the shortfall although Laser Electrical had not requested payment of the shortfall.

The Chair said the matter would be on the March agenda; she agreed to write and thank the people involved – Nelson Building Society (who supplied the power) and Laser Electrical for purchasing and putting up the lights.

Cr Bouillir – reported that people are concerned about the amount of weed spraying being carried out in town; she said the Village Green was going to be sprayed the day before the Mardi Gras. She asked for the contractor to check on what activities are happening prior to spraying and questioned the frequency of spraying from a cost and health risk point of view.

The Chair agreed the matter will be put on the agenda for March.

Paddy Gillooly – spoke regarding amalgamation and commented that there is going to be a Rural Advisory Committee and a Maori Advisory Committee.

The Chair explained that the information is in the amalgamation proposal documents and that the Mayor, Matawaka, and representatives of Iwi will make up the Maori Advisory Committee; the Rural Committee would be made up of the Mayor and representatives of the rural community, Federated Farmers from Nelson and Golden Bay; both Nelson and Golden Bay Rural Women and members from the Fruit Growers group, forestry and wine and grape industries.

Mr Gillooly considered it important to have someone from tourism on the Rural Advisory Committee.

Mr Gillooly spoke on behalf of Golden Bay Promotions; he said it is important that the Totaranui Road is rebuilt.

Sue Brown – thanked the Chair for including the Lower Aorere River visit in her report and Crs Sangster and Bouillir and Board member Brookes, for their attendance on the river visit. She said Federated Farmers has put its concerns regarding the river damage to farms to the Engineering Committee; emergency works planning is advanced and will happen. In the meantime, Mayor Kempthorne is to hold a meeting with Rivers Asset staff, Councillors Norriss and Bryant and local land owners.

The Chair asked that the meeting be minuted and the Board kept informed.

Don Mead – was pleased to see that Council understands it has to cap the rates. He asked that the Golden Bay Community Board keep that in mind when it is deliberating.

Mr Mead also spoke about the floods and damage done in eastern Golden Bay in December 2011; he considered it is going to be a long term and ongoing problem. He likened the unstable soils here to the east coast of the North Island and said such damage mostly occurs where there is farmland. Mr Mead considered it needs to be recognised that some areas cannot be built on.

Sara Chapman – spoke on behalf of Civil Defence as CD 2 and updated the Board regarding operational debriefs; these are to look at the response stage of the emergency. The Takaka debrief included Roger Broadhurst (CD 1), Laurie Davidson (Takaka Service Centre), Jonathan Davies (Police), Lynley Chalmers, (Takaka Service Centre), Glynn Rogers and Sheryl Nalder (Welfare), Kevin Heberd and Philip Woolf (Takaka Volunteer Fire Brigade) and herself, (Collingwood Fire Brigade). The debrief received notes from Board Chair Carolyn McLellan, and Cr Bouillir. The meeting prepared a Debrief Report to go to the Nelson debrief being held this week where the whole event and what occurred during the response stage will be discussed with a view to what could be done better. She commented that it was fortunate that the river levels were low at the time of the emergency.

Ms Chapman reported that Emergency Services are holding an open day on 17<sup>th</sup> March at Takaka where Fire, Police, Ambulance, Civil Defence and Search and Rescue will be present. The open day will be between 10am and 2pm.

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The public gallery thanked everyone in the Civil Defence team.

Joan Butts – agreed with Don Mead’s comments regarding the slips that occurred in the December heavy rain events. She read an excerpt from the Acting Chief Executive’s report and disagreed with his comments about native bush being washed down; she said it was mud and logs that had come down on their property. She considered the whole matter needs to be addressed.

Mrs Butts also commented on the work sites at Tarakohe; she said the quarry has been very busy and dusty; it is not a recreational area and is not a place for sightseers.

BJ White – commented that while there is less freedom camping in vans, people are still hitchhiking in the outer regions.

Mr White reported that dogs on the beach at Pakawau are still a problem and signs are still awaited.

Mr Kennedy responded that the signs are made; the Pohara signs have been installed and installation will continue around Golden Bay.

The Chair asked that the Tasman District Council contact phone numbers need to be regularly advertised so people can phone when dogs are on the beach and not under control.

Mr White asked about progress on Swiftsure Street.

Mr Kennedy replied that agreement has been reached with the landowner and the matter is now in the Property Manager’s hands; he is working with the solicitors to get a legal agreement drawn up; resource consent has been applied for to do the road works.

The Chair said the Board has received a letter from Wendy McLellan regarding the old Golden Bay County Council meeting room table; the Collingwood Machinery and Settlers Museum at Rockville would like to have either the present community board table or the old County Council table.

The Chair introduced Kane Haerewa and his wife Kylie. Sergeant Haerewa is now the Officer in Charge at the Takaka Police Station. Sergeant Haerewa said he has been policing for 15 years with his last post being in the Chathams; he has an ‘open door’ policy and lives behind the police station. They have three children aged 7, 8 and 10 years. He answered questions from the public and the Board.

Sergeant Haerewa reported that crime is down – he attributed that to the floods that reduced the number of people coming to the Bay – also the number of vehicle crashes is down. He said he will continue to put the police report in the GB Weekly.

Alan Kilgour – Port of Golden Bay Manager. Mr Kilgour thanked the Board and the public for all that has been done in the Pohara area following the devastating flood event.

Mr Kilgour said the Port had got off very lightly thanks to the water being diverted away from the port a number of years ago; the water now flows down through the quarry.

Following some negative publicity regarding people fishing off the wharf, Mr Kilgour said it is an OSH issue and there has been no fishing allowed from the commercial wharf for 4 years now. He said people can fish from the bund walls.

Mr Kilgour updated the meeting regarding the barrier arm; he said there had been a mechanical problem with it which was quickly fixed. He considered over 90% of people have accepted the barrier arm and between 27<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012 there have been 1285 transactions. Mr Kilgour said the sea shuttle had been an additional challenge however we need to look at all options regarding Totaranui. While he considered the Totaranui Road is important, alternatives need to be thought of if it is not viable to fix it. He said the Sea Shuttle has carried in 360 people to the Totaranui camp, which is down from the usual 800 people. The service will continue while it is viable; people who have travelled on the sea shuttle have said it is a wonderful experience – with no dust.

Mr Kilgour reported on the marina; there are 71 vessels in a 61 berth marina, which is over-subscribed by 10 vessels; the 19 mooring berths are all full with 70 on the waiting list; he is turning away visiting boats as there is no room for them. He considered it is bad for the Bay to have to turn boats away, and new berths are urgently needed.

Mr Kilgour tabled photos of a busy sea shuttle day; two trips a day.

He answered questions from the public; the Port and sea shuttle can accommodate 800 people a week to the camp.

Cr Sangster pointed out that the road does need to be reinstated - approximately 20 ratepayers live on the Totaranui and the Awaroa roads and need to get in and out.

The Chair thanked Mr Kilgour for his time and said she would like it to be a monthly update.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.28 and 10.46 am.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

**Moved Board members Symmons/Brookes  
GB12/02/02**

**THAT the apology received from Board member Gamby be sustained.  
CARRIED**

## **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Golden Bay Community Board held  
on 13 December 2011**

**Moved Board members Brookes/Symmons  
GB12/02/03**

**THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Golden Bay Community Board held on 13 December 2011 (containing resolutions GB11/12/01 – GB11/12/10) be confirmed as a true and correct record.  
CARRIED**

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

The Chair explained that Helle Janssen, who was to address the Board regarding Holistic Forestry, was not able to be present.

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Brookes  
GB12/02/04**

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

**5. REPORTS**

**5.1 Chair's Report**

The Chair spoke to her report.

**5.1.1 Civil Defence Emergency**

The Chair spoke about the in-house debrief; while there were no additional people allowed to attend, suggestions were welcomed. Cr Bouillir had sent in feedback and the Chair had sent in suggestions. She considered there could be more use made of voluntary help - people who know the local place names and could better assist in an emergency.

It was reported that there was inadequate information available; people were being told that the Takaka-Collingwood highway was closed when it was actually open. Also the Civil Defence website said the Hamama Road was closed when it was open.

With regard to the decision that was made to have the debrief in-house, Mr Kennedy suggested an informal meeting of CD representatives and the Golden Bay Community Board to discuss issues that they would like to be addressed.

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Brookes  
GB12/02/05**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes contact with NZTA to request that two lanes be restored as soon as practical on Birds Hill, (SH 60), with additional width for a cycle lane, and every effort be made to ensure that a road to Totaranui is re-established.  
CARRIED**

**Moved Cr Sangster/Board member Symmons  
GB12/02/06**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board sends letters of appreciation to: Adrian Humphries for his outstanding work as Recovery Manager; to the Civil Defence team; and the Council staff in both Takaka and Richmond offices.”  
CARRIED**

**5.1.2 New CEO for Tasman District Council**

**Moved Board members Brookes/Symmons  
GB12/02/07**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board sends a letter of welcome to the new Tasman District Council Chief Executive, Lindsay McKenzie.  
CARRIED**

**5.1.3 Mayoral Fund**

The Chair reported that a meeting will be held to determine the criteria for allocation of funds.

**Moved Board members Brookes/Symmons  
GB12/02/08**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board asks that once the criteria for the Mayoral Fund has been decided the Board be advised, along with any other funds that may be accessed such as the Nelson Building Society, and the Westpac Bank.  
CARRIED**

It was reported that there is also a fund that will be allocated by the Lions Club.

**5.1.4 James Road Bridge Opening**

**Moved Board member McLellan/Cr Sangster  
GB12/02/09**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Engineering Services congratulating them on the completion of the James Road Bridge contract, and also writes to Concrete Structures Ltd thanking them for their work on this bridge.  
CARRIED**

**5.1.5 Old Golden Bay County Council Table**

The Chair reported that the old Waimea Power Board offered the Community Board's present meeting room table to the Tasman District Council, (who did not need it), so it was offered to the Golden Bay Community Board.

She said the old Golden Bay County Council table is taking up too much room at the Takaka Museum and they would like it moved. Mrs McLellan said the Board would like to see the table in the meeting room to decide which one is the most suitable.

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She said the Collingwood Machinery and Settlers Museum at Rockville is offering a climate-controlled home to either table – whichever is not wanted by the Board.

It was AGREED that the Golden Bay Community Board has the old table back in the meeting room to decide.

#### **5.1.6 Driver Licensing – Golden Bay**

Board member Symmons suggested that the practical test for young drivers held in the Bay does not really prepare them for driving over the hill.

There was considerable discussion on the necessity for the change; Cr Sangster pointed out that the majority of young people who are dying in accidents die when driving in country areas, often due to excessive speed.

Board member Brookes pointed out that young people have been getting their licences in Golden Bay and then drive over the hill where driving conditions are a lot more difficult.

#### **Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Symmons GB12/02/10**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board requests that if the tests are not to be retained in Golden Bay that Richmond be considered as a testing centre which will reduce the overall travelling time for Golden Bay drivers.**

**Further, the Golden Bay Community Board wishes to ensure that all other services, such as driver licence renewals, plates, vehicle registrations continue to happen in Takaka.”**

**CARRIED**

#### **5.1.7 Amalgamation Decision**

The Chair suggested the Board discuss holding an information evening for the public.

#### **5.1.8 Tourism Targeted Rate**

The Board agreed that a tourism rate across the whole district is the fairest way as there are benefits for the whole community.

#### **5.1.9 Community Board Targeted Rate**

The Chair corrected an incorrect figure in her report regarding Motueka Community Board's targeted rate for governance, which is \$5.73 (not \$6.73). (The \$10.73 is made up of the targeted rate and the special project component of \$5.00 which the Motueka Board asked for).

The Chair reported that Golden Bay's targeted rate is now having to cover all mileage incurred by the board members while on Board business. Board members need to travel long distances to fulfil their duties as board members; this rural community is being financially penalised for its geographic isolation.



She pointed out that if there was no targeted rate on community boards, it would mean an increase over the district of around \$5 on everyone's rates.

Mrs McLellan said the Local Government commission recognised this in the Reorganisation Scheme for Nelson / Tasman.

**Moved Board member Brookes/Cr Bouillir  
GB12/02/11**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board submits to the Draft Annual Plan against a Targeted Rate for Community Boards.  
CARRIED**

#### **5.1.10 Mapua Clean-up Book**

The Chair reported that Council's Communications Officer, Chris Choat, will purchase some of the books and make them available for the Council's libraries.

#### **5.1.11 Aerodromes**

There was considerable discussion regarding the importance of community board involvement in the decision-making of Takaka Aerodrome.

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Brookes  
GB12/02/12**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Mayor Kempthorne requesting that the Board is involved in the governance and decision-making of the Takaka airport.  
CARRIED**

Cr Sangster pointed out that there is no money to do up the cross runway.

#### **5.1.12 Port of Golden Bay - Tarakohe**

**Moved Board member Symmons/Cr Bouillir  
GB12/02/13**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the Mayor requesting that the Board be involved in the governance and decision-making of the Port of Golden Bay.  
CARRIED**

Discussion around the problems with Port of Golden Bay included:

- Council needs to run the Port as a business – the present model is not working.
- Area adjacent to the Port needs to supplement the Port
- Huge recreational component to the Port that needs to be recognised. Need people with business acumen running the Port.

- The Port's water supply - at present water is still being carted; after six weeks at a cost of \$10,000 - \$12,000. It was estimated the repairs to the water supply would cost approximately \$30,000, possibly less.

Cr Sangster reported that the closest water is at Three Oaks; other wells closer to the Port have produced brackish water and supplies are inadequate.

- Where is the money coming from to pay for the cartage of water to the Port?
- Loss of good will from Port Tarakohe Limited to supply water to the Port.
- Rumours that Council was going to sell the Port as it is not viable.

Mr Kilgour said he has approached Council regarding the water – the Port cannot operate without fresh water. It is not just the Port that is affected – the Pohara Boat Club has also lost revenue - the marina cannot operate without water.

Cr Sangster reiterated the need to supply water; he said Council has a contract with the boats in the marina providing services of power, water and rubbish; Talley's ice plant needs water.

Mr Kilgour reported that he is meeting with the Property Manager, Jim Frater, this week and will discuss the whole matter. He believes there are ways to recover some of the costs; there is a need to sit around the table with Port Tarakohe Limited.

Mr Kennedy pointed out that the decision to cart water was made at the time of the emergency and it was not known at that time how much it would cost to the cart water over the ensuing weeks.

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Symmons  
GB12/02/14**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Tasman District Council asking for Council to work alongside Port Tarakohe Limited to resolve the matter of the water supply.  
CARRIED**

**Moved Cr Sangster/Board member Brookes  
GB12/02/15**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Bob and Joan Butts thanking them for the work they did to divert the water down through the quarry to stop flooding going through the road, the Port, and into the harbour.  
CARRIED**

Joan Butts said they are sorting out the weir; she said no-one has ever talked to them about the silos that could store water for emergencies. She reiterated there is also a need to sort the forestry issue above the quarry.

The Chair apologised to the Butts; she said the water supply has been a real gift.

### **5.1.13 Golden Bay A & P Show**

**Moved Crs Sangster/Bouillir  
GB1/02/16**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board puts the money raised from the silent auction for the World Cup banners towards a community project, yet to be decided.**

**CARRIED**

### **5.1.14 Dogs in Takaka Town**

The Chair spoke to the request for the Dog Control Bylaw review period to be brought forward. The GB Community Board had a significant amount of feedback from the public who do not want dogs reintroduced to the Takaka CBD; they like knowing the street is clean and their children are safe.

**Moved Board member Brookes/Cr Sangster  
GB12/02/17**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board will not be requesting that the Dog Control Bylaw review period is brought forward, due to the amount of public opinion against an early review.**

**CARRIED**

### **5.1.15 “Welcome to Golden Bay” signage**

It was agreed that this item be held over until the March meeting and a letter sent to Communications Officer, Chris Choat, along with the information tabled at the December meeting and asking for his opinion.

### **5.1.16 Rockland Road Weedbusters Request for Funding**

The Chair explained that the Rockland Road Weedbusters group need some funding from Tasman District Council to be able to access other funding.

**Moved Cr Sangster/Board member Symons  
GB12/02/18**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board grants \$150 to the Rockland Road Weedbusters Group from the monies raised from the auction of the World Cup banners.**

**CARRIED**

## **5.2 Cr Sangster’s Report**

### **5.2.1 Holiday Banners**

**Moved Crs Bouillir/Sangster  
GB12/02/19**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board asks the Promotion Association to take over the responsibility for holidays banners.**  
**CARRIED**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**6.1 Community Sign request – Penny and Gordon Challis**

**Moved Crs Sangster/Bouillir**  
**GB12/02/20**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board recommends to NZTA that an 80kmph sign be placed before the beginning of the houses prior to the JW Rest Home at Collingwood.**  
**CARRIED**

- 6.2 English Language Training for Officials (ELTO) meeting with the Golden Bay Community Board – Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT)**
- 6.3 Abel Tasman 370<sup>th</sup> Commemoration: 2012 – Penny Griffith**
- 6.4 “Safeguarding Children & Young People” Seminar – Golden Bay Community Workers**
- 6.5 Salisbury Swing Bridge Signage – Richard Liddicoat (Online Communications Officer)**

Correspondence items 6.2 – 6.5 were dealt with earlier in the meeting.

**7. OTHER**

**7.1 Consultation on the Proposal to change Pupu Springs Road and Pupu Valley Road to Te Waikoropupu Springs Road and Te Waikoropupu Valley Road**

It was agreed that the suggested resolution (below) lie on the table until Board member Symmons reports back to Manawhenua, and that a letter be sent to Engineering Services to tell them what is happening, and that the matter comes back to the March meeting.

*“THAT in view of the feedback received the Golden Bay Community Board recommends to Engineering Services that the names Te Waikoropupu Springs Road and Te Waikoropupu Valley Road be used on signage in addition to Pupu for both the springs road and valley road.”*

**Moved Crs Sangster/Bouillir**  
**GB12/02/21**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the residents of both roads advising them of the Board’s recommendation for bilingual signs for both roads.**

**That the matter lies on the table until Manawhenua ki Mohua and the residents of the roads have been consulted regarding the resolution.  
CARRIED**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.40 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: