

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: 8 May 2012
TIME: 9.04 am
VENUE: Collingwood Fire Station

PRESENT: C McLellan (Chair), L Gamby (Deputy Chair), Board members K Brookes and M Symmons and Councillors M Bouillir and P Sangster
IN ATTENDANCE: M Tasman-Jones (Community Recreation Advisor), N Heyes (Minute Secretary)

The Chair introduced Council's Mike Tasman-Jones (Community Recreation Advisor) who attended the meeting to advise the Board in Mr Kennedy's absence.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved Board members Gamby/Symmons
GB12/05/01

THAT the apology received from L Kennedy (Community Services Manager), be sustained.
CARRIED

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Sally Everett – asked that people who had served the community well over a long period of time have a formal acknowledgement, and perhaps a lapel pin along with a certificate.

Sara Chapman – reported on the recently held evacuation exercise that involved the Golden Bay Civil Defence team. She explained that they are required to hold an exercise each year.

Peter Foster – spoke about targeted rates; he said he is not opposed to them, but they must be fairly administered. The Local Government Commission had said that 'governance' should come out of the General Rate. He quoted Section 77 from the Local Government Act –

“Requirements in relation to decisions:

- (l) A local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process –
 - (b) Assess those options by considering –

(i) the benefits and costs of each option in terms of the present and future social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of the district or region;”

He said Council talks about the costs and does not mention the benefits of community boards; the benefits should be calculated against the costs.

Penny Griffith – tabled an email from John Salmon regarding motocross noise rules. He wrote that solicitor Warwick Heal said he had not advised Council that motocross bikes were exempt from the noise rules. Mr Salmon asked the Board to obtain the information on who said motocross noise could come under ‘agriculture equipment’ rules.

Nancy-Jean Bell – said that they had made their own solar water heating system; she requested that Council subsidises all homes to have solar water heating with the excess going into the national grid, as happens in Germany.

Cr Bouillir commented that Council did have a discussion about subsidising solar water heating but it got voted down.

BJ White – said there is still no signage for bird protection at Pakawau – there is signage at the camp to say ‘no dogs on the beach’. He said the signage at Tomatea Point is very small. He said the shag numbers have gone from around 300 to nearly nothing. Mr White suggested signage needs to be installed at each entrance to the Pakawau Beach.

Heather Wallace – said she was disappointed with the amalgamation outcome but is looking forward to greater powers for the community board which Mayor Kempthorne said would be given.

Ms Wallace also spoke about mining in Golden Bay. She is opposed to digging up land for gold; she said there is no public good and no benefit to other species. Ms Wallace said Oceania Gold would not allow them to visit the Sams Creek site. She asked the Board to look after the Golden Bay community.

The Chair asked for any further information to be forwarded to the Board.

Board member Symmons considered profit from mining gold to be very marginal and is only economic at the moment because of the high price of gold.

It was reported from the public gallery that it is estimated there are 770,000 ounces of gold at Sam’s Creek and that Oceania Gold has teamed up with MOD Australia to extract it.

Nicola Blasdale – reported that 1080 is about to be dropped in the water supply at Tukurua. She considered it should be a notifiable consent process to enable the public to have input. Ms Blasdale said the water supply would be shut off for two days and opened following satisfactory water tests. She had been advised not to let her goats drink the stream water and her dogs not to go up there for a year.

Penny Griffith – reported that Council had commissioned the publication of a book – she did not consider it to be ‘core business’ for Council to publish glossy books.

Board member Symmons said he had attended the book launch; the book was called “Go Wild” and he did not think it was funded by Council.

Ms Griffith also reported that there was nothing in the Tasman District Council budget for the Nelson Provincial Museum; \$3.75M has been allowed for in year four of the Nelson City Council LTP towards the storage of archives and collections.

Cr Sangster said he and Cr Edgar are going to talk to Nelson City Council to see what they can do.

Board member Gamby – said that several people had talked about the Golden Bay small wharves at the Long Term Plan hearing. He gave a brief history of the Golden Bay community and the Board endeavouring to have the wharves upgraded both by a community trust or Council but the whole process had stalled. Following a tour of the wharves, (excluding Westhaven), by the ‘small wharves team’, Council’s Transportation Manager Gary Clark and the Community Board in November 2010 a report was to be written.

The Chair reported that the Deputy Mayor (Cr King) and Cr Norriss said the project had stalled with the Golden Bay Community Board, however that was not the case and the report had never been received by the Board.

BJ White – asked which councillors were present when the amalgamation flyer was discussed.

The Chair read an email received from Paul Marcussen regarding the process that led to the flyer being sent out and asked which councillors had been involved.

Cr Sangster replied that the flyer was discussed by most councillors following a committee meeting however three councillors had left the meeting. He said they did not see a copy of the flyer prior to it being sent out, but were told it was going to be neutral and only include facts. Cr Sangster said two councillors wanted to answer the questions, not the Mayor.

The Chair said the Board would follow up on the matter of the process that allowed the flyer to be sent out.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Alan Kilgour – Manager, Port of Golden Bay

Mr Kilgour reported on another busy month at the Port; on 1st May the ‘Ring Road’ came in, to allow the fin fishermen to catch their ‘flats’ (flounder) ; they fish that area between 1st May to 1st November. Mr Kilgour said there are now seven boats trawling out of the port; he said it is one of the best amateur fishing years for a long time with people catching snapper.

Dolomite is still going across the wharf; the barrier arm is earning money, with a new computer linked to it gathering information. He reported that on 30th June 2012 all cards will be deactivated and card holders will receive letters from Council and the Boat Club to pay the next year's fee – their card will then be re-activated.

The marina is still fully booked with a long waiting list and boats being turned away weekly; a lot of income is being lost through lack of marina space.

The Port still does not have a water supply; Mr Kilgour said tens of thousands of dollars have been spent on carting water to the Port. He said it could have been fixed within 2 weeks of the flood and negotiations need to take place to secure the water supply.

Mr Kilgour reported that there is no water to wash the dolomite dust off the wharf, and boats wanting water have to wait.

Cr Bouillir said Port Tarakohe Limited is to fix the water at their cost but that is not happening as there is no strategic plan for the Port.

Mr Kilgour said the actual water plant is ready to go.

Following further discussion, Mr Kilgour said 25,000 litres of water a day is being used at the Port – he would like to see a pipeline coming all the way from Takaka township.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr Kilgour said there are 60 – 70 expressions of interest regarding berthage; he said the last two marinas were filled from day one and they pay for themselves.

3.2 Rob Lewis – Coast Care

Mr Lewis tabled an update for the Board and spoke to it. He explained that Parks and Reserves fund the project from Reserve Financial Contributions. The work is done by coast care groups made up of volunteers from the community who help plant and maintain the habitats; there are groups at Collingwood, Pakawau and Parapara and other beach areas. Working bees are advertised in the GB Weekly and Newsline. Work at Pakawau includes extensive dune re-vegetation with similar plantings at Collingwood, also plantings of low growing shrubs, and gorse, broom and pampas control.

Mr Lewis spoke about green waste being dumped in the coast care areas; this includes weeds and exotic plant species which spread.

He said there is a 'toilet' sign to be erected at the Collingwood beach carpark directing people to the public toilets in town.

Mr Lewis said there has been drastic pruning of the vegetation by the public, with the debris just being left. He said if people want the vegetation trimmed the process is to contact the Parks and Reserves department.

Parapara is continuing with extensive dune re-vegetation, also replanting of an area that was burnt last year. This is another area that has green waste being dumped on the esplanade reserve. Coast Care workers have to remove the material and then control the weeds that occur as a result of the dumping.

The Chair asked for planting dates to be forwarded to the Board.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea between 10.42 and 10.55am.

3.3 Devon McLean – Project Janszoon

Mr McLean, and John Mason (Department of Conservation), joined the meeting.

Mr McLean spoke about Project Janszoon – securing the ecological future of Abel Tasman Park.

Mr McLean gave a thumbnail sketch of his background, with both him and his wife knowing this area very well. He said the family behind the investment in Project Janszoon come from Northland and wish to remain anonymous; Mr McLean worked with them for 5 years on the restoration of an island in the Hauraki Gulf, and they were looking for a new challenge. Abel Tasman National Park was chosen because it is 'do-able', is the smallest of our national parks and it needs restoration. They are taking a 30 year view of the work and will take that long to make a significant difference.

Objectives include ensuring:

- That the biodiversity values in the park are no longer threatened by invasive weed and pest species
- There are robust levels of native birds, animals and plants
- A buffer zone along the coast to minimise the risk of stoats and rats getting to Adele and Fishermen's islands; bird populations can be tested on those islands to see how well they do. 700m altitude provides the best environment for the reintroduction of Mohua and Kiwi – there are existing Kaka and land snail populations. At 700m altitude, rats are inactive. As this is beach forest, rat and stoat control is the challenge. Wasp control will also be looked at. Ground based methods (re-setting traps) will be used to control rat, stoat and possums.

Challenges are:

- Opossums – Northern Rata and Mistletoe are good indicators of their presence
- Stoats – they have effective methods of control
- Goats – relatively easy to control
- Wild pigs – very damaging on sea bird population. Loss of the birds mean there is less calcium in the soil and snail shells are not as strong; the aim is to get back to a natural cycle.
- Rats are a problem
- Deer – will be controlled.

Opportunities:

- Restoration of Northern Rata; Mistletoe, Green Gecko, Land snail, Kaka, Mohua, Whio (blue duck), and the Great Spotted Kiwi.

In response to a question, Mr McLean said it is hoped by 2014 there will be no cone-bearing wilding pine trees; the best way to deal with them is by poisoning. Hakea can be overgrown with natives; Passionvine etc is a localised problem and gorse can be a fire risk.

Mc McLean said they will be working with the neighbours of the park and volunteers; there is a potential to create employment.

The Chair thanked McLean and said the Board would support the project as it can; she asked for a progress report.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board meeting held on 10 April 2012

**Moved Crs Sangster/Bouillir
GB12/05/02**

THAT the minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board meeting held on 10 April 2012 (containing resolutions GB12/04/01 – GB12/0417) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Board member Gamby asked for the Board's thanks to the Minute Secretary to be noted for her full recording of the minutes.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke to her report.

Amalgamation – it was very helpful to get the results for each Ward.

Civil Defence Discussion Meeting – this was a good meeting, however, local knowledge was missed out on due to the 'military style' CD Emergency operation.

Motocross – The Chair reported that a meeting had been held and that the Code of Practice is no longer to be voluntary. The Board's comments regarding the Code of Practice are to be forwarded to Council's Policy Planner, Rose Biss, before 16 May 2012.

A speaker phone conference call to Ms Biss was discussed for 15th May, when the Board would hold a workshop, with input from the Harwoods, Karen and Russell Pringle, and John Salmon and Paddy Brennan to be sought for that day.

Unconfirmed Minutes

5.1.1 Nicole Foss

**Moved Board members Symmons/Brookes
GB12/05/03**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Mr Laurence Boomert thanking him for his work in arranging the Nicole Foss tour and three different speaking engagements in Golden Bay.
CARRIED**

5.1.2 Disability Tour

The Chair said she was very impressed with the wheelchair-friendly Golden Bay Museum, also Take Note.

**Moved Board members Brookes/McLellan
GB12/05/04**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Sarah Downs (Transportation Planning Officer), to thank her for organising the Takaka disability tour.
CARRIED**

5.1.3 Tourism Accommodation – Signage

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Gamby
GB12/05/05**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Mr Turner informing him of Tasman District Council and MOTSAM regulations and that his request for tourism accommodation signage does not fit the criteria.
CARRIED**

5.1.4 Boredom Busters Mag

Mr Tasman-Jones explained to the Board that the Boredom Busters Mag will no longer carry the Boredom Busters programmes due to costs being reduced by 20%.

Following further discussions including the need for advertising where the programmes can be found, it was resolved:

**Moved Cr Sangster/Board member Gamby
GB12/05/06**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Chris Choat to ask whether a brief Boredom Busters programme can be put in the Boredom Busters Mag and if not, can the programme be put on the TDC website.
CARRIED**

The Chair suggested that it be trialled for a couple of holidays to see how it works.

Unconfirmed Minutes

5.1.5 Long Term Plan

Comments were made to the Board by the public that they thought the Board would also be sitting around the table during the submissions. The Board thought that could be a topic for discussion with the new Chief Executive, Lindsay McKenzie.

It was agreed that the Chair's list of items from the submission process would be discussed at the Board's workshop on 15 May 2012.

5.1.6 ANZAC Day

Cr Sangster reported that the day went very well. He said that as there was only one wreath at Collingwood he was glad that the Chair had invited Mayor Kempthorne and his wife Jane to help lay the wreath.

**Board member McLellan/Cr Sangster
GB12/05/07**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the Takaka and Collingwood RSAs and the Collingwood Ladies RSA thanking them for their efforts in making it another memorable ANZAC Day.
CARRIED**

5.1.7 Chemical Spraying

The Chair drew members' attention to the article in the Nelson Mail on Saturday 5 May by Patrick Rose.

**Board member Brookes/Cr Bouillir
GB12/05/08**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board invites Mr S Steedman (Transportation Networks Engineer) to speak to the Community Board regarding the existing contracts and the available sprays and methods with a view to finding a solution to the issue of toxic spraying.
CARRIED**

The Board asked that Mr Steedman provide information on costs of alternative weed control methods (organic, steam and hand-weeding), the methods that other councils use, also about whether aerial spraying is notified or non-notified.

5.1.8 LGNZ – CEO

It was reported that the new Chief Executive for Local Government New Zealand will look into the mileage issue for the Board.

5.1.9 Old Library Site

Mr Tasman-Jones reported that Council's Glenn Thorn has concept plans to be put out for the community to comment on.

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member McLellan
GB12/05/09**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes and thanks Jude Gillies for her assistance with landscape planning for the Old Library site.
CARRIED**

5.1.10 Takaka River Flood Hazard

**Moved Board member Brookes/Cr Bouillir
GB12/05/10**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board meets with Lisa McGlinchey and Eric Verstappen on May 15th 2012 to discuss the Takaka River Flood Hazard Report and workshop the issues in order to report back to the Environment and Planning committee with a recommendation.
CARRIED**

5.1.11 Regional Land Transport Programme

It was agreed that this item be discussed at the Board's workshop on 15 May 2012, and that the Chair would talk to Merv Solly regarding an effluent dump station for stock trucks.

**Moved Board member Symmons/Cr Bouillir
GB12/05/11**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes a submission on the Regional Land Transport Programme.
CARRIED**

**5.1.12 Golden Bay Issues from Engineering Services Committee Meeting
26 April 2012**

**Moved Board member Gamby/Cr Bouillir
GB12/05/12**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board notes the continued lack of water supply to Port Taranaki and asks that Council does all in its power to remedy the situation and stop the associated build-up of debt against the Port of Golden Bay as soon as possible.
CARRIED**

5.1.13 Golden Bay Roading Maintenance – Fulton Hogan Bouquet

**Moved Crs Sangster/Bouillir
GB12/05/13**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board sends a letter of appreciation to Fulton Hogan for their roading maintenance work in Golden Bay.
CARRIED**

5.1.14 Natural Burial Areas – Rototai Cemetery

**Moved Board member Symmons/Cr Bouillir
GB12/05/14**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board approves the draft concept plan for the location and design of the Natural Burial Area for Rototai Cemetery and recommends to Council that this project now proceeds.
CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned for lunch and a site visit to look at coast care work in Collingwood between 12.37 and 1.36pm.

5.1.15 Community Board member Mik Symmons Report

Board member Symmons spoke to his report regarding the Neighbourhood Support initiative in Christchurch. He said the initiative had expanded following the Christchurch earthquakes. Mr Symmons said he would follow up on the software used to enable the same initiative in Golden Bay.

The Chair thanked him for his report and said the Board would support him attending in the future.

**Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby
GB12/05/15**

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

5.1.16 Reserves Manager's Report – Rototai Cemetery – Natural Burial Area

This report was dealt with during the Chair's Report item.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence items were received earlier in the meeting:

6.1 Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board – Fracking Free

6.2 Licence to Occupy – Portion of Takaka Library Carpark – Susan Mathieson, Property Officer

6.3 Practical Driver Licence Test Sites – NZ Transport Agency

6.4 Reinstatement of SH60 at Birds Hill – Damien O’Connor

The following correspondence items were discussed earlier in the meeting:

6.5 Draft Tasman Regional Land Transport Programme 2012 – 2015 – Sarah Downs, Transportation Planning Officer

6.6 Organic Spraying – Selwyn Steedman, Transportation Network Engineer

6.7 Code of Practice – Recreational Use of Motorbikes – Rose Biss, Policy Planner

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.49pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: