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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**GOLDEN BAY COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING**  
held  
**9.00 am, Tuesday, 13 November 2012**  
at  
**Collingwood Fire Station, Collingwood**

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**Present:** C McLellan (Chair), M Symmons, K Brookes, L Gamby, Crs M Bouillir (from 9.06 am) and P Sangster

**In Attendance:** Customer Services Manager (Suzanne Westley), Senior Customer Services Officer (N Heyes)

**1 OPENING, WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mrs Westley who was attending in the Community Services Manager's stead.

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Moved Deputy Chair Gamby/Brookes**  
**GBCB12-11-1**

**That the apology from Cr Bouillir for lateness be accepted.**  
**CARRIED**

**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

Garth Strange – spoke about Council and the Collingwood Tennis Club's proposal for new courts. Mr Strange explained that Council had approached the Club regarding moving their courts from the lease land in the Collingwood Camping ground to other leased land. The Club had negotiated to exchange lease land and Council offered to pay for the new courts with the Club raising \$25,000 towards the project. Mr Strange said they are still waiting for Council to approve the swap of the leased land; the Club has raised the \$25,000. Mr Strange understood that perhaps Council staff may be meeting with them on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

The Chair asked Mrs Westley to confirm whether Council's Jim Frater and Robert Cant are to meet with the Club on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

Cr Bouillir joined the meeting at this juncture being 9.06am.

Reg Turner – said he was pleased to see the CEO's (Lindsay McKenzie) pro–customer service profile.

Mr Turner commented on his request for a speed restriction sign outside the Joan Whiting Rest Home; he said the Joan Whiting Trust Board had written in support of a speed restriction in the area.

Mr Turner again raised the matter of his request for tourism directional signage. He said he has already asked Council; people have a problem finding his lodge and Council's excuses for not providing signage 'do not stack up'. Mr Turner asked Mrs Westley for an independent person to talk to him; he considered he fulfils the criteria in the MOTSAM manual.

Heather Wallace – expressed her concern about rock walls. Ms Wallace said she would like to see evidence that rock walling is successful. She said that sand is lost and gained and that she understands that people want to protect their properties. No resource consents are required; 8 properties are being walled at Pakawau and Rangihaeata properties are next. Ms Wallace said she would like to see the public involved as the beaches belong to everyone. She would also like to see Council taking more heed of the Wriggle Report.

The Board pointed out that the esplanade reserve has eroded away and that people are putting rock on their own land.

Jo Pomeroy – spoke on behalf of the 8 landowners at Pakawau. She thanked the Board for showing people how to do business with the Council regarding that matter, and also the Collingwood tennis courts. Mrs Pomeroy said while some people have questioned the need for the Board, it is important that we have a community board.

The Chair explained that once the esplanade had eroded it made it easier to find a pathway forward for the landowners; Mayor Kempthorne and Dennis Bush-King (Environment and Planning Manager) assisted to progress this matter.

Nigel Birse – spoke about Pennyweight creek which runs alongside Lewis Street; he asked that it be protected and not piped, covered in and turned into a footpath.

Don Mead – expressed appreciation for what has been done in Swiftsure street; also the work Kevin Heywood did on restoring the benches in Collingwood's main street - an excellent job at a reasonable price.

Mr Mead raised the matter of the path from the subdivision down to the Joan Whiting Rest Home (Ruataniwha walkway); he said it had to be broken up to get to a pipe that had burst, and the path still needs to be fixed. The path is used by people on mobility scooters and for pushchairs; also school children use it on a daily basis.

Regarding the walkway down to the beach from the Colin Baas subdivision, off Excellent Street, Mr Mead asked about signage and a small map, such as Milnthorpe has.

Board member Symmons suggested the walkway issue is being dealt with by Glenn Thorn.

The Chair suggested that perhaps the walkway could be included in the next edition of Council's 'Walk Tasman' books.

Mr Mead named the places he would like to see the signs directing people to the walkway and suggested the maps could be located at i-Site and DOC in Takaka, and around the Collingwood township.

Peter Foster – commented that people must understand that they need to be able to stop in half the distance of the visible road ahead. He said he is asking for information from NZTA to bolster his submission on the 80kmph issue. He said there had been 67 accidents in 5 years on SH60 and would like to know how many accidents there are on roads that are not on the state highway.

The Chair explained that if the police are not called the accidents are not recorded; she offered consultation forms on the 80kmph speed limit for Golden Bay for anyone who was interested. She said that some people do not read the Newsline which is a pity as there is a lot of valuable information in it.

Nicola Basham – said that people with PO boxes do not get the Newsline.

In response to the Chair pointing out that the questionnaire on having an 80kmph speed limit in Golden Bay is difficult to find on the website, Mrs Westley said she would improve its visibility.

Pat Ballard – acknowledged the Board's involvement in Swiftsure Street. She said her issue was with the drainage of Gibbs Road and it appears that the drains that flowed water onto BJ White's and the Ballard property have been improved; plantings are very lovely – she thanked the Board for its involvement.

Sara Chapman – Station Officer of the Collingwood Fire Station said the little fire engine could now get right up the hill to the water reservoirs.

Graham Pomeroy – asked about progress on the 3 bridges over the fords on the road going to Browns Hut.

The Board said that the Department of Conservation (DOC) is taking responsibility and negotiating a maintenance agreement with Council. John Mason from DOC is coming to the Board's December meeting.

Mr Pomeroy suggested poles with a red line on them to indicate the depth. He said Doug Baker pulls lots of people out – 8 – 10 rescues a year. He said that Search and Rescue's response in an emergency would be minimal if they cannot get past the fords.

Alan Blackie – spoke about the Newsline being treated as junk mail; he said the information in it is already in other publications that arrive at the same time. Council could save money by quitting it. Cr Bouillir said she is on the Communications Committee; the committee had considered cutting back the number of publications of the Newsline, but the advertising that helped fund it worked best on fortnightly printings.

Mrs Westley said the Newsline had been reduced from 16 pages down to 8. She explained that it is used for putting out statutory information.

BJ White – spoke about Swiftsure Street; he complimented Council on the plantings. Mr White said the drainage issue has been temporarily rectified, however the drainage pipes are still there.

Mr White read and tabled a letter that reiterated requests for information about costings, consents, surveying / engineering and related dates.

The Chair commented that she understood Mr White would get the information once everything is completed.

Stephanie Wilson – asked the Board whether there had been a decision regarding Sustainable Ventures at Pakawau; the Chair responded that the Board had not received any information.

Don Mead – explained that the judgement had been in favour of Sustainable Ventures; there is to be a meeting of the parties to see what will happen next.

Stephanie Wilson said she had come about the rock walling at Pakawau. She considered that Council should not have 'consented' Sustainable Ventures; she empathised with people who had so much storm damage. Ms Wilson said Cr Sangster did not approach the 'experts' – he went to Sollys for pricing of the rock work. She said rocks put on private properties affect the beach. She gave the Board information regarding natural dunes.

Cr Sangster commented that the rockwork does not stop sand accreting. He said that without rock protection, people who lived at Pakawau and beyond would have no road access.

Following further discussion, Cr Bouillir read from the Environment and Planning Manager's letter to the Pakawau residents regarding coastal erosion protection work that is a Permitted Activity on private property.

Fiona Wilson - Mrs Wilson commented that there is no point in having Coast Care doing work to preserve the coast if landowners can just come in and do rockwall work.

Board member Gamby – reported that he had read on "Stuff" there is to be a big party at the Blue Hole at Upper Takaka in January 2013 – about 400 people will be attending. He explained that the site at Upper Takaka is partly owned by Tasman District Council, Department of Conservation and the Harwoods family. He asked whether this event needs to have a consent. Mr Gamby said he has cleaned up that area in the past.

The Chair suggested a letter be sent to Nelson DJ, Josh Keelty, asking them to leave the area clean and tidy.

Board member Symmons – commented on the informative presentation by Council's Resource Scientist – Water, Joseph Thomas, about water in the Takaka aquifer. Mr Symmons said there is an intensification of water use by dairy farmers in the valley; they can use 10% of the water flow but no-one knows whether that is too much or too little. Mr Symmons considered that the "first in best dressed" method to allocation is a strange approach to allocating a public resource. He said he would like the Board to encourage moving the review from 2 years to urgent.

The Chair said the matter will be put on the Golden Bay Community Board's December agenda.

Sara Chapman – spoke about the Yellow Pine Creek bridge construction and road realignment; work has halted and the road has been left in a dangerous state.

The Chair considered completing this project to be of some urgency with the tourist season approaching.

Public Forum closed.

#### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

#### **5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was pointed out by the Minute Secretary that the CEO, Mr McKenzie, had requested the following amendment:

##### **5.8 Pohara Hall**

Paragraph two be deleted and the following inserted:

“In response to questions, Mr McKenzie clarified that the Tasman District Council is a building consent authority and the Takaka Service Centre is a ‘level 4’ building used for Civil Defence purposes; both are reasons for the service centre to be brought up to the Building Code.”

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Deputy Chair Gamby  
GBCB12-11-2**

**That the minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board meeting held on Tuesday, 9 October 2012, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting, with the amendment.**

**CARRIED**

#### **6 PRESENTATIONS**

##### **6.2 RSA Representatives Barry Pomeroy, Phil O'Connor and Noel Baigent - Site of old Takaka Library**

Mr O'Connor (President Golden Bay Returned and Services Association), made the introductions and explained they were seeking the Golden Bay Community Board's support for the establishment of a cenotaph and memorial garden on the old memorial library site. He said the RSA is seeking a respectful place to honour the war dead.

Mr Pomeroy (Vice President of the Golden Bay RSA, President of the Collingwood Sub-branch of the Golden Bay RSA, and District Vice President of the Nelson, Marlborough and Westland RSAs), further explained that Takaka does not have a prominent dedicated place to honour the war dead. He considered that the roll of honour at the new Takaka library is a concrete fence in a carpark; numbers attending ANZAC and Remembrance Day services are growing and the current location is not suitable. He asked the Board to support the RSA's submission.

Mr Baigent (Executive Committee Member of the Golden Bay RSA), explained their concept of a cenotaph with a water feature. He said there are a number of significant milestones coming up –

anniversaries of WWI – along with other significant commemorative events planned by the Government over the next few years, which could be held at the new site.

Mr O'Connor said their design had been inspired by memorials in London – (one being the 'Southern Sand' – New Zealand's War Memorial and the other, the Diana, Princess of Wales memorial fountain). The Memorial Garden would include a 'green field' of Remembrance with 72 crosses placed there on ANZAC Day.

Mr Pomeroy said the Lotteries Commission has put aside \$67M for significant events; \$37M for Culture and Heritage – this is the category where he considered the RSA could apply for funding. He said they could apply for the second round of funding by April 2013.

Mr O'Connor reiterated that the Golden Bay RSA wants to remember the people who gave their lives and this is the first opportunity to have a special place of remembrance. He asked for the Board's support for their application.

There was some discussion as to how they would feel if children played in their water feature. In response the Board was told that people fought and died for children to be able to do such things; they would not be upset about it.

In response to a question from the Board about the different levels from the footpath to the playground, he said they did not want any obstructions – people can stand on the roadway when memorial events took place.

The Chair asked Mrs Westley to investigate the 'memorial' status of the old library site.

RSA members said they were open to 'modifications' of their concept.

The Chair thanked them for their presentation.

## **6.1 Civil Defence - Debbie De Geus**

The Chair welcomed Ms De Geus to the meeting.

Ms De Geus outlined the Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) role in Golden Bay. Her organisation is there to support councils and emergency services. They also provide public education, training of volunteers; setting up welfare centres etc; and radio contact. Their main role is supporting Council, contractors and emergency services in their civil defence duties.

Ms De Geus works closely with Sara Chapman (Alternate Controller), and Roger Broadhurst, (Golden Bay Controller). She explained about the Golden Bay Community Response Plan, written for Golden Bay by the local community; that plan runs side by side with the Welfare Plan. Her organisation relies heavily on council staff, contractors and emergency services.

In response to a question, Ms De Geus explained that now the Takaka Service Centre office is closed, the Takaka Fire Station is the (Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)). Some welfare gear is stored there and an emergency 'power pack' is to be shortly delivered there. This is a portable power pack and can go anywhere. Previously EOCs have been wired so a generator can be plugged in; this is an expensive exercise - the portable one is invaluable.

Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) now sends other people over the Takaka Hill in an emergency – including USAR (Urban Search and Rescue) – these are highly trained volunteers and compensate for the lack of staff in the Bay.

The Chair commented that Golden Bay has its Land Search and Rescue team (LandSAR).

Ms De Geus said that LandSAR is very useful as they know the area and know which people may be in need. CDEM tries to put people in the most useful places where they can do the most good.

She said that flooding is the main emergency scenario for Golden Bay; storm surges, weather events – they cause the most damage most often and affect a greater number of people and are the costliest of all hazards.

Part of CDEM's role is to advise people (Councils) on tsunami alerts – not terribly effective as there is not enough time.

Cr Bouillir asked why the fire sirens do not go nonstop in the event of a tsunami.

Ms De Geus explained that fire stations are phasing out fire sirens as they are not entirely effective, however that probably will not happen in rural communities.

Ms De Geus said that a tsunami coming from New Plymouth poses the biggest risk to the top of the South Island with only 2 minutes' warning.

A tsunami coming from the Solomon Islands or thereabouts would have a 4 – 6 hour warning. They would have time to put signs on the beaches, have the radio and phone tree systems going.

In response to a question, Ms De Geus said that Golden Bay has a very low risk of tsunami - the lowest risk in New Zealand.

In response to a further question regarding flooding from a breach in the Cobb dam following an earthquake, Ms De Geus said there is a bigger chance of Takaka hill sliding; A large earthquake magnitude 8 would cause a small rupture in the Cobb dam; CD has looked at that scenario.

The Chair said that people were very grateful for information disseminated during the December 2011 flood event.

Ms De Geus agreed that people need to have information. She said they now have a Community Engagement Team; volunteers from Council and other Emergency Services, who are trained in dealing with the public and gathering information. This is a team of four people who know who to contact to get reliable information; information is fed out to Twitter and Facebook.

The Board reminded everyone that in an emergency people need to be able to look after themselves and their communities for at least 3 days.

The Chair thanked Ms De Geus for her presentation.

Meeting adjourned from 11.51 – 11.53.

## **7 REPORTS**

### **7.1 Golden Bay Community Board Chair's Report**

**Moved Chair McLellan/Cr Bouillir**  
**GBCB12-11-3**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Golden Bay Community Board Chair's Report RGB12-11-01**  
**CARRIED**

The Chair spoke to her report.

#### **7.1.1 Building Assessment for Earthquake Risk**

Mrs Westley reported that the report on the Pohara Hall was lacking and further information had been sought; that information has not yet been received.

With regard to the Takaka Service Centre, Mrs Westley said the quantity surveyor has not looked at it yet with a view to costings to strengthen it. However, the building is not satisfactory and Council cannot maintain a service in the building. Once the report on the costs are reported on the matter will go to Council for a decision to be made.

With regard to the old library site, the Chair said she had seen inside the BNZ's portacom building; it came from Christchurch and is in high demand and will go around the country as needed.

#### **7.1.2 Rates Remission**

The Chair congratulated councillors on the decision; Cr Bouillir reported that Council will make the decision on who receives the remission.

#### **7.1.3 Birds Hill**

The Chair reported that everyone is pleased with the little modifications to this stretch of road, and commented that it is worth waiting to have a long term solution to this difficult stretch of road.

#### **7.1.4 Takaka Waste Water Meeting**

Cr Bouillir spoke briefly to this item; she said it was a very successful meeting and the working party has worked well to get the public on board with the project. Board member Symmons attended with Cr Bouillir.

#### **7.1.5 Anatoki Track Road**

With regard to the very sharp gravel on the Anatoki Track Road that was talked about at the October Board meeting, Board member Symmons said the gravel needs to be compacted and will give a good base. He considered it a good 'win' to get the road onto the maintenance programme.

### **7.2 Report on Dog Control Bylaw Consultation**

**Moved Cr Sangster/Deputy Chair Gamby**  
**GBCB12-11-4**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Report on Dog Control Bylaw**



**Consultation RGB12-11-02 and the Golden Bay Community Board will begin public consultation when it holds its Annual Plan meetings next year and allow the opportunity for submissions from the general public after that.**

**CARRIED**

### **7.3 Report on Venues for Community Board Meetings**

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Deputy Chair Gamby**

**GBCB12-11-5**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Report on Venues for Community Board Meetings RGB12-11-03 and agreed that the December 2012 and January 2013 meetings be held at the Takaka Fire Brigade if they can agree the same charges as the Collingwood Fire Brigade.**

**CARRIED**

### **7.4 Report on Community Board Annual Plan Meetings**

**Moved Chair McLellan/Cr Sangster**

**GBCB12-11-6**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Report on Community Board Annual Plan Meetings RGB12-11-04 and the Board holds the community consultation meetings in March – April 2013 to discuss maintenance items and the Dog Bylaw Review, with the meetings advertised ahead of time.**

**CARRIED**

### **7.5 Report on Climate Change**

**Moved Brookes/Cr Bouillir**

**GBCB12-11-7**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Report on Climate Change RGB12-11-05 and writes to Environment and Planning and the Engineering Department to enquire what planning is being undertaken on any of these challenging issues.**

**CARRIED**

### **7.6 Report on Tasman Bays Regional Trust AGM**

**Moved Deputy Chair Gamby/Brookes**

**GBCB12-11-8**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Report on Tasman Bays Regional Trust AGM RGB12-11-06 and writes to both Sara Chapman and Mairangi Reiher in appreciation of their dedicated contribution to the Board of the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust and invites them to the 11 December Board meeting for a Christmas morning tea, along with the Takaka Service Centre staff.**

**CARRIED**

### **7.7 Report on Fishing Trawling in Golden Bay**

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Deputy Chair Gamby**

**GBCB12-11-9**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Report on Fishing Trawling in Golden Bay RGB12-11-07 and invites Richard Cox, Don Mead and Alan Vaughan to meet with the Board on Monday 4 March 2013, 9am – 12noon with a view to compiling a list of questions to send to relevant industry stakeholders and community representatives with a view to sustainable fishing in Golden Bay.**  
**CARRIED**

## **7.8 Report on the Meeting with Ligar Bay / Tata Residents**

**Moved Symmons/Cr Bouillir**  
**GBCB12-11-10**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Report on the Meeting with Ligar Bay / Tata Residents RGB12-11-08 and writes to Engineering and Environment and Planning departments to investigate the feasibility of sand relocation from the Ligar Bay lagoon and environs to the northern side of the Tata beach boat ramp.**  
**CARRIED**

## **7.9 Cr Sangster's Report to the Golden Bay Community Board**

**Moved Deputy Chair Gamby/Chair McLellan**  
**GBCB12-11-11**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board receives Cr Sangster's Report to the Golden Bay Community Board RGB12-11-09.**  
**CARRIED**

Cr Sangster spoke to his report.

### **7.9.1 Rangihaeata Reserve**

Cr Sangster asked whether the cost of Council mowing the small reserve between Fenwick and Rangihaeata roads can be transferred to the small reserve on the corner of Fraser and Rangihaeata roads. The Fenwick Road reserve has mostly eroded away and the reserve at Fraser and Rangihaeata roads corner needs mowing as Graham Phillips and Geoff Rennison who have mowed it for the last 30-odd years are no longer able to look after it.

### **7.9.2 Coastal Erosion**

Rock work has now started at Pakawau.

### **7.9.3 Christmas Decorations for Across Commercial Street, Takaka**

**Moved Deputy Chair Gamby/Brookes**  
**GBCB12-11-12**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board allocates \$300.00 to Cr Sangster to repair the 3 wires across Commercial Street, Takaka, to enable the putting up of Christmas decorations.**  
**CARRIED**

### **7.9.4 Contaminated Sites – Golden Bay**

Cr Sangster expressed concern that perhaps we are getting over-cautious regarding what sites should be on the list, so he raised the example of the Dangerous Kitchen site.

The Chair commented that it is important that this information is not lost and that people, through lack of knowledge, do not end up growing food on a contaminated site.

## **8 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 November 2012 Correspondence**

**Moved Cr Sangster/Deputy Chair Gamby  
GBCB12-11-13**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the November 2012 Correspondence.**

**CARRIED**

### **8.2 Donation Request from the GB Recreation Co-ordinator**

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Brookes  
GBCB12-11-14**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Donation Request from the GB Recreation Co-ordinator and approves funding of \$200 for the December 2012 Santa Parade and \$200 for the two part series of musical events.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 12.42pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: