

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: Tuesday 14 June 2011
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: Takaka Service Centre meeting room
PRESENT: C McLellan (Chair), L Gamby (Deputy Chair), Board members K Brookes and M Symmons
Crs M Bouillir and N Riley
IN ATTENDANCE: L Kennedy (Community Services Manager), N Heyes (Minutes Secretary), K Campbell (Minutes Secretary), Press and Public

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES

Moved Board members Symmons/Brookes
GB11/06/01

THAT apologies from L Gamby for lateness and Cr Riley for afternoon absence be sustained.

CARRIED

2 PUBLIC FORUM

Valda & Tony Harris spoke about Telecom's cellphone tower adjacent to their property and their concerns about potential health effects of radiation from cellphone towers and lack of consultation.

Board member Symmons left the meeting to arrange a meeting for the Harris's with Chorus.

Alan Vaughan spoke about the proposed multi-purpose facility and he was concerned about such a facility's substantial running costs and the effect on the targeted rate.

He also mentioned the Golden Bay in 2022 business presentation at the last meeting and asked for the Board to consider carefully whether a business plan is really necessary.

Alan Kilgour asked for a public forum to be initiated and run by the Board to look at all issues relating to mining, oil exploration and job/employment issues in Golden Bay. Mineral wealth needs to be discussed in an informed manner.

Victoria Davis expressed concern that she has not received the figures regarding the rate take. Cr Bouillir will follow up on this information.

Ms Davis also spoke about oil drilling and does not consider that it is worth the risk.

Penny Griffith is disappointed that the small wharves funding is to be removed from the long term plan, except for one wharf. She thinks it is too early to make this decision. She suggested that Tasman District Council should be celebrating the 370th anniversary of Abel Tasman being the first European to visit Golden Bay.

Peter Foster spoke about the new freedom camping bylaw and asked what is going to be reviewed exactly as there is no measure of the basic problem.

B J White did not believe there should be a celebration of the 370th anniversary of the discovery of Golden Bay.

He took exception to Alan Kilgour's presentation at the last meeting.

Mr White also commented that nothing has been done on Swiftsure Street. Cr Riley will take up the issue with Council engineers.

Em Hofstede spoke about her proposal to create a mosaic mural at the old library site and playground. She tabled her proposal which the Chair said will be sent to Glenn Thorn (Reserves Officer) to consider. Cr Bouillir said Mr Thorn is open to local artists' contributions.

Joan Butts supported Alan Kilgour's comments from last meeting; she knew about Greywolf's reputation prior to it becoming public knowledge.

Nicola Basham questioned the status of natural burials at Rototai Cemetery and wants the Board to take up this matter. She also wants Council to let people know all the details regarding natural burials at Rototai.

L Kennedy (Community Services Manager) agreed to put this information request on the July 2011 agenda and to send a preliminary copy of the response to her and the Golden Bay Weekly.

3 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Joan Butts - Contaminated Sites Register

Mrs Butts presented a paper regarding the lack of access to information on the Contaminated Sites Register and raised the following questions:

- Why is it that the public are not allowed to see the register but are able to have the information if they purchase a LIM?
- The register she has been able to obtain is out of date (only valid to May 2010). How many more have been added to the register since then?
- 33 sites are listed in Golden Bay out of the 1000 in the Tasman District.
- Why are some sites that have cause for concern not listed, such as old wharves which used anti-foul and old landfill sites?

Cr Bouillir left the meeting at 9.55 am and returned at 9.57 am.

- There is cause for concern when less toxic items such as sites for building concrete pipes in paddocks are the listed contaminants, it is punitive.

- Historical local knowledge is needed to correctly update the list.

The Chair will follow up on this matter.

3.2 Peter Pontier – Helping Hands (Manager of Vocational Service)

Helping Hands are looking to expand their operation, shifting focus from a social service model to a community building (business) model. They want to include a broader range of people with other skills which will help improve the project as it grows. Peter tabled his presentation and gave the Board a brief overview of the organisation.

- Helping Hands operates under the umbrella of Te Whare Mahana
- Helping Hands works in the area of employment and operations and is mainly involved in wellbeing (mental health)
- There are 16-21 people working in Helping Hands with annual turnover of \$84,000 and Helping Hands is covering all operational costs
- There is an increase in demand for their services and the existing structure has been outgrown
- A business plan has been created which looks at co-operating with the Work Centre, Community Gardens, Community Workers and WINZ. They are also looking into involvement with Probation, Golden Bay High School and youth.

Helping Hands are interested in tendering for Council contracts and asked how they could do this. He cited Brisbane City Council's support of a social procurement policy and requested Tasman District Council considers Helping Hands under their social wellbeing policies.

Cr Bouillir applauded his vision and asked how it fits with Nicola Basham's vision.

Board member Symmons stressed the importance of it needing to be a commercial enterprise. He commended Peter for his initiative and Helping Hands willingness to become an employer which has huge value for the community.

Community Services Manager L Kennedy explained how Council contracts in Golden Bay work and suggested they talk with Beryl Wilkes (Reserves Manager) about what is involved in these bigger types of contracts.

The Chair thanked Mr Pontier for his presentation.

3.3 Lynda Keene (CEO Nelson Tasman Tourism)

Lynda introduced Nelson Tasman Tourism as the lead tourism agency for the Council and our community to promote the region. She gave an overview of the organisation as follows:

- They look after iSites –Takaka, Nelson, Murchison and Motueka (which is a stand-alone iSite)
- In high season iSite employs about 34 staff; winter down to 22
- They look at domestic and international marketing. Of the 620,000 annual visitors to New Zealand 34% are international visitors, 66% domestic visitors

- Event development in communities; key role is economic activity
- There are 28 other regional tourism organisations in the country to compete with; 4% of international visitors come to Nelson/Tasman region. We rank 7th
- See their website www.nelsonnz.com for a video stream of the area.
- A new brochure design promoting year-round promo logo “Where it’s all here all year” was shown. It also profiles more images from around the region.
- There is a big push to promote our region as the ‘Cycling Centre’ of NZ
- Rugby World Cup will increase opportunities for Golden Bay. High visitor numbers expected, especially from UK and Australia. Pressure points 18 – 22 September, 26 September – 3 October 2011
- She is impressed with the Golden Bay Promotions Association and iSite Takaka is doing a good job
- Free advertising opportunities have been offered to any tourism-related business with a free listing on their website. Footage is available at no charge for businesses to use on their own promotional websites on request. This is as a result of the targeted tourism rate by Council.

The Chair thanked Ms Keene for the presentation.

3.4 Inspector McKenzie and Sergeant Clarence – Police coverage over holiday season

Pohara incident – Sergeant Clarence reiterated that what happened was a problem with out-of-town youths in front of the camp. The Police were not called to deal with this problem. The Police need to be called in future. He noted that people were not aware of the liquor ban area, so better signage is required. It is important to get the liquor ban message out there.

Surveillance cameras - security issues can be dealt with using the cameras, they are definitely needed. They act as a crime deterrent in particular ‘target’ areas. L Kennedy (Community Services Manager) will check with the provider to find out what is happening with the order.

Inspector McKenzie spoke about the Rugby World Cup and thinks that people have under-estimated the number of visitors coming, especially in campervans, and this might have a bigger impact than expected. He said that the liquor bans work well.

The Chair thanked them for their update.

3.5 Chorus – Rural Broadband Initiative

Kathy Wiltshire, Neville Warsaw and Wally McCallum gave a presentation on the details of the planned network upgrades in Golden Bay. Ms Wiltshire outlined the background of Chorus’ business structure. She explained Chorus made a commitment to delivering faster broadband to 80% of New Zealanders.

- The Government’s Rural Broadband Initiative objectives are to deliver high speed broadband to schools (93% at 100Mbps) and community broadband coverage (80% of households at 5Mbps)
- Chorus will take fibre out to the schools and hospital (to the gate)
- Chorus is upgrading cabinets on the way to schools, so that all customers living near them will benefit from having access to faster speeds

- National RBl rollout plan is expected to take up to five years
- To access the new speeds an Adsl 2plus modem is required
- Vodafone is putting in 154 new sites in the country, Golden Bay will get two new sites
- Coverage for fibre to schools is contracted by Telecom, and general coverage is contracted by Vodafone, not Telecom
- Broadband maps can be viewed on www.chorus.co.nz and www.broadbandmaps.co.nz

Overall Golden Bay will receive better coverage than before. It would be worthwhile for remote rural residents who are not covered by Telecom/Vodafone to contact alternative service providers to access high speed broadband.

Board member Gamby joined the meeting at this point.

Neville Warsaw offered to meet with the public after the meeting to answer further questions.

3.6 Nicola Basham and Bruce Collings – Sustainable development

Bruce Collings spoke about the Golden Bay in 2022 Summary and Report. In his view the vision is excellent but it is not a plan. He highlighted issues of importance in the report which are nationwide problems and raised the matter of whether there is need for a plan and who should be responsible for delivering it? He also asked the Board to express what it wants from the Tasman District Council following a query from CEO Mr Wylie.

Board member Symmons is concerned about making a plan, because there are already highly successful local businesses such as Healthpost and Living Light Candles in Golden Bay. He suggested that assistance could be in the form of knowing if land is available for use specifically for the kinds of business being proposed (eg commercially-zoned land) to enable businesses to start-up with some certainty. However he reminded us about the vast and opposing opinions in our community which make one defining plan difficult.

Nicola Basham asked if the Board and/or Tasman District Council can become responsible for developing plans for the future, rather than reacting to problems as they arise.

The Board will look at this and see where we can go with it. The Chair asked whether Ms Basham and/or Mr Collings saw a role for themselves if a plan was developed? They confirmed they would be willing to participate if a plan is needed and are happy to work in a voluntary capacity.

L Kennedy suggested it might be good to include Bill Findlater from Nelson Economic Development Agency in this conversation.

Cr Bouillir left at this point.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Golden Bay Community Board held on 10 May 2011

**Moved Board members Symmons/Brookes
GB11/06/02**

**THAT the Minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board held on 10 May 2011 (containing resolutions GB11/05/01 – GB11/05/23) be confirmed as a true and correct record by the Golden Bay Community Board.
CARRIED**

5 REPORTS

5.1 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke to her report.

5.1.1 Local Halls

**Moved Board members Gamby/Symmons
GB11/06/03**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board send letters to the committees of the local halls thanking them for their work in maintaining these Golden Bay assets for the benefit of the Community.
CARRIED**

L Kennedy (Community Services Manager) commented that East Takaka, Puramahoi, Rockville, Upper Takaka and Motupipi Halls are owned by Trusts. The remainder are Council assets.

5.1.2 Federated Farmers AGM

**Moved Board members Symmons/Brookes
GB11/06/04**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board send letters of congratulations to Aorere Catchment Group and Land Care Trust for their work in the catchment and their continuing collaboration with the Mussel farmers;

And further:

**That letters of thanks be sent to the Golden Bay Stream Care Group for their ongoing work raising and planting on the streams and rivers of the Aorere catchment and the Mussel Farmers Consortium for their financial support to the stream care group to ensure the continuation of their work.
CARRIED**

5.1.3 Mining and Greywolf

**Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby
GB11/06/05**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board write to New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals and the Ministry of Economic Development requesting that the Golden Bay Community Board (as the organisation with statutory responsibility for matters pertaining to the Golden Bay community) be notified when any future application for mining and/or exploration rights, within the land or sea territory affecting Golden Bay, is received.

CARRIED

5.1.4 Golden Bay High School Pool

The Board thanked L Kennedy (Community Services Manager) for an excellent outcome.

5.1.5 Freedom Camping

It was agreed that the Chair contact Mayor Kempthorne to arrange a meeting to discuss freedom camping in Golden Bay.

5.1.6 Motocross

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB11/06/06**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board respectfully suggests that it would be helpful if Council would consider obtaining a legal view of this matter in order to determine whether or not motocross activities are exempt from the noise level restrictions of Rule 17.5.2.1 (d) of the TRMP in order to respond to the Ombudsman's preliminary report to give the Ombudsmen the requested feedback.

CARRIED

5.1.7 Get Plastered

**Moved Board members Gamby/Symmons
GB11/06/07**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board write letters of congratulations to Billy Kerrisk and Rural Women Golden Bay.

CARRIED

5.1.8 Proposed Multi Purpose Golden Bay Facility

**Moved Board members Symmons/Gamby
GB11/06/08**

**The Golden Bay Community Board writes to Council seeking seeding funding from the District Facilities Rate for concept plans and project management to take the proposed multi-purpose facility at the Golden Bay Recreation Park to the next planning stage in order for this to be presented to the community of Golden Bay.
CARRIED**

It was noted that the Multi-purpose Facility Committee had been advised to apply to the Lotteries Commission for funding in the first instance.

Board member Symmons commented on points in the Vandeskog's report regarding people's concerns about funding for existing halls, that support and opposition was 50/50 and that there is no surety that a multi-purpose facility as proposed in the Vandeskog report would be well used.

5.1.9 Community Services Manager's Report – 2011-12 Draft Annual Plan

The following submissions to the 2011 – 2012 Draft Annual Plan were discussed.

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB11/06/09**

**THAT the Golden Bay Tennis club funding request (shade sails \$1750) be approved by the Golden Bay Community Board.
CARRIED**

**Moved Board members Brookes/Symmons
GB11/06/10**

**THAT the Ligar Bay Road Reserve (beach frontage) \$10,000 for planning and future landscaping be approved by the Golden Bay Community Board.
CARRIED**

Board member Symmons said the consultation process needs to be as inclusive as possible.

**Moved Board members Symmons/Gamby
GB11/06/11**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board support staff being informed to go ahead to fund the upgrade of Milnethorpe wharf as planned.
CARRIED**

6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Australian/New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge – Golden Bay High School: Request for funding.

**Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby
GB11/06/12**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board:

- a) receives the letter from the Golden Bay High School seeking funding for travel costs for three students to attend the South Island finals, and,**
- b) that the Board donate \$100 per student, a total of \$300.**

CARRIED

**6.2 Proposed Parking markings, Wadsworth Street, Takaka –
Transportation Projects Engineer, Steve Elkington**

**Moved Board members Brookes/Gamby
GB11/06/13**

THAT the letter from the Transportation Projects Engineer regarding proposed parking markings in Wadsworth Street be received by the Golden Bay Community Board, and Mr Elkington be thanked for keeping the Board informed.

CARRIED

6.3 Motocross Noise Complaints – Graham Caradus

The Board thanked Mr Caradus, Co-ordinator Environmental Health, for his report.

**6.4 Access to the Brown Hut end of Heaphy Track – Helen & Derry
Kingston**

**Moved Board members Symmons/Brookes
GB11/06/14**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board refer the letter to the Department of Conservation, locally and nationally and send also to the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Conservation and local MPs expressing the Board's concern at the dangers to bikers and trampers not experienced with rivers and creeks in high rainfall areas.

CARRIED

6.5 Roadside Mowing - D & M Ferguson

**Moved Board members Gamby/Brookes
GB11/06/15**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board:

- a) receives the letter regarding reduced roadside mowing; and,**
- b) a copy be sent to Engineering Services for comment.**
- c) Further, that a copy of the letter be sent to Fulton Hogan with the Board's thanks for a job well done.**

CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.38 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: