

MINUTES

TITLE: Golden Bay Community Board
DATE: Tuesday 11 October 2011
TIME: 9.00 am
VENUE: Takaka Meeting Room

PRESENT: C McLellan (Chair), Board members K Brookes, M Symmons and Cr M Bouillir

IN ATTENDANCE: L Kennedy (Community Services Manager), J Cuthbertson (Utilities Asset Manager), K Campbell (Minutes Secretary), Press and Public

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. She welcomed councillor elect Paul Sangster and congratulated him on his success in the local by-election.

1 APOLOGIES

**Moved Board members Symmons/Brookes
GB11/10/01**

**THAT apologies from Deputy Chair Leigh Gamby for absence be sustained.
CARRIED**

2 PUBLIC FORUM

Alan Vaughan – enquired about the success of call centres used by our local police station.

The Chair responded that calls are answered in Nelson and responses from local police are prompt and satisfactory.

Tony Harris - spoke about the ongoing issue with telephone cables and fibre optic cables installed on his land which do not meet resource consent. L Kennedy (Community Services Manager) will follow up with Mark Jones (Technical Engineer) about this.

Alan Kilgour –spoke on behalf of the Pohara Boat Club. He acknowledged the valuable contributions made to the port by the Golden Bay community, Department of Conservation and Tasman District Council.

Mr Kilgour highlighted the success of the boat club which is now debt free, and thanked Council for the initial loan which has since been cleared through use of the boat ramp and motorhome campers.

The Department of Conservation's contributions included building and installing penguin nesting boxes and planting approximately 600 plants along the western arm.

The 100 penguin nesting boxes are currently occupied and Mr Kilgour saw potential for them to become a tourist attraction.

A new security barrier arm at the boat ramp is to be installed before Christmas. Mr Kilgour raised his concerns about people not paying the fees. These were set in the annual plan, at \$5 per launch and \$50 per annum.

Cr Bouillir asked whether walkers and cyclists can go through the security barrier. Mr Kilgour assured they can. He raised his concerns about dog walkers who do not have their dog under control around birdlife and stressed the importance of educating the public using appropriate signage.

Mr Kilgour reiterated the need for a plan for the port.

The Chair responded that she and Mayor Kempthorne had recently discussed the importance of having a strategic plan.

BJ White – enquired about Council's issues with road access onto Swiftsure Street and what developments have been made.

L Kennedy (Community Services Manager) reported that Council is in the process of negotiating with the landowner for a public right of way across the property.

Mr White also enquired about the signs planned for Pakawau to protect threatened birdlife from dogs.

L Kennedy (Community Services Manager) assured him that the signs are almost complete and it is hoped they will be installed before Christmas. The signs include detailed history about the birds and elaborate designs with input from Manawhenua.

Joanne Vaughan – Forest and Bird want signs at Tata Beach to protect the shags and to encourage dog owners to control their dogs.

The Chair responded that more notices are needed in Golden Bay to highlight the need for dog owners to use leash control.

Paul Sangster – spoke about his experience of reporting a burglary using the police call centre system recently. He thought it worked well as it was responded to promptly by local police after going through the call centre in Nelson.

**Moved Board member Symmons/Cr Bouillir
GBCB11/10/02**

**THAT Councillor elect Paul Sangster be given speaking rights.
CARRIED**

The Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and closed public forum at 10.15 am.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting of Golden Bay Community Board held on 13 September 2011

**Moved Board members Brookes/Symmons
GB11/10/11/03**

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of Golden Bay Community Board held on 13 September 2011 (containing resolutions GB11/09/01 – 11/09/17) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Arthur Clarence (Formerly Sergeant Clarence of the Takaka Police) Recognition of his years of service to the Golden Bay community

The Chair welcomed Mr Clarence and expressed a very big thank you on behalf of the Board and the Golden Bay community. In recognition of his 21 years of service she presented Mr Clarence with a framed appreciation certificate and plant for Mrs Clarence to thank her for her support.

Cr Bouillir congratulated Mr Clarence for doing an exemplary job.

Board member Brookes thought it was good to know the family are staying on here, as they are a real part of the community.

Mr Clarence thanked the Chair and Board.

4.2 Gretchen Rasch – Returning Officer, Nelson Electorate

The Chair welcomed Mrs Rasch to the meeting.

Mrs Rasch spoke on behalf of Electoral Commission to talk about the upcoming Referendum on the Parliamentary voting system. The last Referendum to change the voting system was held in 1992-93. This year the Referendum coincides with General Election on 26 November.

Voters will be asked whether they want to keep our current system, Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) or change to one of the four other systems: First Past the Post (FFP), Preferential Vote (PV), Supplementary Member (SM) or Single Transferable Vote (STV).

If at least half the voters opt to keep MMP, an independent review to recommend changes to the way it works will be carried out in 2012. The Electoral Commission will conduct the review.

If more than half the voters opt to change the voting system, Parliament will decide if there will be another Referendum in 2014 to choose between MMP and the alternative voting system that gets the most support in the 2011 Referendum.

Mrs Rasch presented a DVD "Referendum on the voting system" which outlined each voting system, and how they affect the party and electorate votes. She also directed people to make use of their website www.elections.org.nz which contains a handy tool to help voters gain some clarity about which system might best match their preference.

Brochures containing detailed information on each of the voting systems, copies of the DVD and informative guides to the voting process were provided and will be available at the Takaka Service Centre.

Regardless of the outcome of the Referendum, there will be no change to the number of Members of Parliament (120) and Maori seats.

The Chair thanked Mrs Rasch for her presentation.

4.3 Utilities Asset Manager, Jeff Cuthbertson - Stormwater Infiltration from Private Wastewater Laterals – RESC10-08-09

Mr Cuthbertson spoke to his report. He discussed the purpose of the report and explained the effects of problems caused by stormwater infiltration from private wastewater systems on Council's reticulation system.

He outlined how the issues will be remedied. Upper Takaka's stormwater infiltration issues were used as an example although similar repair work will also need to be carried out in other areas in Tasman district.

Under the Resource Management Act reticulation systems are required to comply with overflow levels and currently this is not being met in Upper Takaka. Council undertook to repair the whole reticulation system in Upper Takaka but this failed to reduce infiltration levels sufficiently to meet resource consent requirements. Household connections are possibly the cause for the continued rise in infiltration levels. Individual property owners will therefore be required to repair or replace their reticulation systems to meet building code standards. In Upper Takaka the problems are most likely due to the materials used in the past deteriorating and the way in which the pipes were laid.

Property owners will need to go through the building consent process, and have their systems inspected by a building inspector. Notices will be sent to property owners, with 28 days to undertake repairs. Existing systems have to be dug up at the boundary to locate the laterals for inspection, and if non-compliant with the building code, old pipes will need to be repaired or replaced (in some cases it might be more economical to replace all rather than do spot repairs). Residents in Upper Takaka should expect to see a building inspector in the near future.

Board member Symmons enquired as to whether the laterals could be inspected first by Council. He was concerned for residents of Upper Takaka's ability to afford the required investigations especially if repairs are not going to be required.

Mr Cuthbertson responded that testing is not able to be done until household laterals have been looked into. It is not possible to do any investigations on their behalf due to the laterals being on private property.

The Chair enquired about whether Council might provide financial assistance in the form of a private loan or a targeted rate since the repairs will effectively protect council infrastructure.

Mr Cuthbertson responded that Council is responsible for infrastructure costs only, not for private repair costs on private land.

The Chair asked whether it could be arranged for Council to do the work, so residents could then pay the repair costs off through their rates.

Mr Cuthbertson will take this question to Council.

Mr Sangster enquired about the possibility of cost savings to Council being made through a reduction in pump station power costs following repair works being completed.

Mr Cuthbertson responded that a costings exercise on comparative power use has already been done but there were no savings to be made.

The Chair thanked Mr Cuthbertson for his presentation.

Mr Cuthbertson updated the Board on other works in progress:

- Takaka sewage plant RIBs trial: The results are not back yet, but are expected to be fine and investigations for undergrounding options are being looked into. There are no potential flooding issues, which is a desirable outcome. The Board plans to have an open day before Christmas once the results have come back.
- Patons Rock stormwater issues: Due to problems with Patons Rock Road being level with the high tide mark, pipelines are sometimes buried up to 2 metres below sand level. A new system will be installed to try to prevent sand building up in the pipes.
- Swiftsure Street road access: negotiations are underway to purchase the section of land on the corner to provide access to the reservoir. Upgrading of the road is likely to be a concrete layer, 4-5 metres wide. Mr Cuthbertson will take this matter to the Engineering Services Committee meeting next week to discuss the way forward. Once approved a copy of the resolution will be sent to the Board.

**Moved Board members Brookes/Symmons
GB11/10/04**

**THAT all correspondence and reports on the agenda be received.
CARRIED**

5 REPORTS

5.1 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke to her report.

5.1.1 Kaumatua

**Moved Board member Brookes/Cr Bouillir
GB11/10/05**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Archdeacon Andy Joseph to relay to him their pleasure that he has agreed to take up this appointment and invite him to meet with the Board at a date that suits.

CARRIED

The Chair commented that she is pleased that Tasman District Council has appointed Archdeacon Andy Joseph. It is the first time Council has appointed a Kaumatua and she stressed that this input from tangata whenua is really important.

5.1.2 Old Library Site

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Brookes
GB11/10/06**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board looks at the possibility of extending the skateboard area and adding it to the annual plan items for inclusion in the Golden Bay priorities.

CARRIED

L Kennedy (Community Services Manager) has spoken with Glenn Thorne (Reserves Officer) and advised that the proposed extension of the skateboard park will be included in the plans for the development of this site.

The Chair requested that a sign with the proposed plan for the old library site be erected, once available, so the public can provide feedback over the Christmas period.

5.1.3 Local Government Commission – Hearing on the Draft Reorganisation Scheme for the Union of Nelson City and Tasman District

**Moved Board members Symmons/Brookes
GB11/10/07**

THAT the Golden Bay Community Board makes an oral submission to the Local Government Commissioners on the 12th October 2011.

CARRIED

5.1.4 Bike Safety Post Card

**Moved Board members Brookes/Symmons
GB11/10/08**

That the Golden Bay Community Board meets the cost of printing the post cards and that a letter of thanks be sent to the businesses who have donated goods for prizes.

CARRIED

5.1.5 Te Waikoropupu

**Moved Board member Symmons/Cr Bouillir
GB11/10/09**

That the Golden Bay Community Board consults with the affected landowners and community members regarding name changes from Pupu Valley Road (to Te Waikoropupu Valley Road) and Pupu Springs Road (to Te Waikoropupu Springs Road).

Further, that the Golden Bay Community Board sets a date to hold a public meeting to consult with the community on the proposed renaming of these roads.

CARRIED

A date was set for Tuesday 22 November, 7.30pm at Takaka Service Centre. This is to be advertised for the public to attend and letter to be sent to affected landowners.

5.1.6 Port of Golden Bay at Tarakohe

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Brookes
GB11/10/10**

That the Golden Bay Community Board follows up on the verbal invitation to the Mayor and Councillors, to tour the Port of Golden Bay and Environs, with a formal written invitation.

CARRIED

Board member Symmons suggested that this would be an appropriate delegation for the Board to come up with a time bound plan to present to Council.

Cr Bouillir agreed with this suggestion and thought it would be a very good idea in the eyes of the community.

L Kennedy (Community Services Manager) will take this idea to Mayor Kempthorne.

5.1.7 Motocross

Cr Bouillir reported that this issue has been acknowledged by Council following the Ombudsman's recommendation to look at the Council's definitions of noise in the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

The Board would like to acknowledge Hamish Harwood who has recently won the Australian National Title 150cc (15 year age group), and obtained second place in the 250cc competitions.

**Moved Board member Symmons/Cr Bouillir
GB11/10/11**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Hamish Harwood to congratulate him on his recent motocross success at the Australian Nationals.
CARRIED**

5.1.8 Resolution from Council Meeting

The Chair welcomed Tasman District Council's decision to allow the Chair and Board representatives to join Council at the table, and speaking rights for standing Committees and full Council meetings.

The Chair is delighted at the change, which shows great progress has been made over the past 15 years.

Cr Bouillir congratulated L Kennedy (Community Services Manager) for gaining recognition as dedicated council officer for the Golden Bay Community Board.

5.1.9 Congratulations – Lance Corporal Alistair Baker

**Moved Chair McLellan/Board member Brookes
GB11/10/12**

**THAT the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Lance Corporal Alistair Baker to congratulate him on being awarded the New Zealand Gallantry decoration for his bravery.
CARRIED**

6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Tasman District Council Community Development Fund – Community and Recreation Advisor

This item was received earlier in the meeting.

6.2 Sponsorship – Closing Ceremonies/School Magazine : Golden Bay High School

**Moved Board member Brookes/Cr Bouillir
GB11/10/13**

That the Golden Bay Community Board again sponsors the Golden Bay High School by donating \$50 towards the school magazine and \$50 towards prize-giving.

Further, that the Golden Bay Community Board also sponsors the Collingwood Area School for the end of year prize-giving and magazine to the same amount.
CARRIED

6.3 Grants from Rates – Community and Recreation Advisor

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Symmons
GB11/10/14**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board receives with pleasure the letter advising the allocation of \$1200 for erection of the festive banners.
CARRIED**

6.4 Appreciation from the ELTO Group : Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology

This item was received earlier in the meeting.

6.5 Nelson Provincial Museum : Supporters' Update – Penny Griffith

This item was received earlier in the meeting.

6.6 Community Services Manager – Proposed Multi Purpose Golden Bay Facility

This item was received earlier in the meeting.

6.7 Donations sought for Santa Parade and Mardi Gras – Golden Bay Recreation

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Board member Brookes
GB11/10/15**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board donates \$200 from its Discretionary Fund towards the Santa Parade and \$200 towards the Mardi Gras organised by the Golden Bay Recreation Co-ordinator.
CARRIED**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.44 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

Unconfirmed Minutes