
MINUTES
of the
GOLDEN BAY COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
held
9.04am, Tuesday, 12 April 2016
at
Takaka Fire Station , Motupipi Street, Takaka

Present: C McLellan (Chair), L Gamby, A Blackie, D Gowland, Crs M L Bouillir, P F Sangster

In Attendance: Community Development Manager (S Edwards), Senior Customer Services Officer (L Page)

Part Attendance: Mayor R G Kempthorne, Chief Executive Officer (L McKenzie), Strategic Policy Manager (S Flood), Utilities Manager (M Schruer)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 Alan Vaughan

Mr Vaughan explained to the Board that the Talleys consortium have applied to Council for a private Tasman Resource Management Plan Change for the Wainui spat farms. If the Plan Change proceeds, it will change the farms from a discretionary activity requiring a resource consent to an aquaculture management area (AMA), which will mean the farms become a controlled activity and no longer open for review as easily controlled by Council. Mr Vaughan asked the Board to submit against the proposal to grant the spat farms AMA status as it would remove the ability by Council to use discretion with problems that have now been sorted by agreement with neighbours.

Mr Vaughan also discussed the new shared recreational facility and said that he sought assurance that it would be more than just a sporting facility. He has looked at the plans and there is only one room that can be used by the community as a meeting room, he asked how it can be called a community facility when it is a sporting facility with one community meeting room.

Ms Edwards explained that there are two meeting rooms available for the community to use – the function room and the meeting room.

3.2 Reg Turner

Mr Turner would like to know what Council is going to do about future funding for the Golden Bay Visitor Centre.

3.3 Noel Baigent

Mr Baigent asked, on behalf of the Golden Bay RSA, about the current situation with removing the old plaques from next to the Library. He also discussed the grandstand at the rec park. He said that on 6 June 2011, the summary from the rec park facility meeting claimed that there would be a grandstand/viewing area. He also asked what governance Council had in place so that heritage buildings are looked at or flagged as such when considering removal of these older structures.

3.4 Don Mead

Mr Mead thanked the Board for its submission on the Marine Protected Areas and also thanked the Board for making progress on cycleways, he said he supported Mr Vaughan on the submission to Council on the Wainui spat farms. Mr Mead asked the Board about what was happening with the Kahurangi Virgin Waters resource consent. The consent was granted, even though they were told last time that it would not be renewed. He said that the wider impacts on Golden Bay were not considered.

3.4 Penny Griffith

Ms Griffith acknowledged that Rose Biss has retired from Council and part of her role was heritage, now there is a gap in Council until her replacement commences. 13 years ago, there was a heritage committee and Ms Griffith has concerns that many heritage events are a low priority in Council. She said that planning is underway for Abel Tasman 365 next year. The Whalery project funding is getting close to the target, they are about \$9000 short now. There is a Give a Little page, if anyone would like to make a donation.

3.5 Lisa Lewis

Mrs Lewis noted that there have been recent discussions around freedom camping and suggested having cleaning facilities, such as a shower and somewhere that campers can wash their dishes, possibly in the visitor information centre car park. She also suggested that Council celebrate the quality of water in Golden Bay and have a plaque placed at a water filling site, where people can learn about the quality of the water in Takaka.

3.6 Chair Carolyn McLellan on behalf of Peter Foster

Mr Foster tabled his submission on the Annual Plan, with particular reference to the Waimea Dam. He listed his concerns about the statements made by Council in its information sheet on the Waimea Community Dam.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Deputy Chair Gamby
GBCB16-04-1**

That the minutes of the Golden Bay Community Board meeting held on Tuesday, 8 March 2016, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Chair's Report

3 Items from Public Forum

Talley's application for the Wainui Spat catching farm for a private Plan Change to create an Aquaculture Management Area (AMA) – The Board discussed the benefits for and against keeping the consent as a discretionary activity. If it remains a discretionary activity, Council can monitor the resource consent and continue with the yearly meetings between the consent holders and affected neighbours. If it changes to an AMA, it will be a controlled activity, but Council can put in specific rules. Some Board members argued that the consent holders need more security and changing it to an AMA will give them that. There is a cost to the consent holder each time they have to reapply for the resource consent. The Board agreed that they didn't have enough knowledge on these agreements to submit either in favour or against. It agreed to get more information and make an informed decision. The Board agreed to make a general submission, stating that the current system is working but also asking that Council pursue a lease or coastal occupation levy from the consent holders.

**Moved Deputy Chair Gamby/Cr Bouillir
GBCB16-04-2**

That the Golden Bay Community Board make a general submission to Council on the application to change the Wainui spat catching farms from a discretionary activity to an AMA stating that it would like Council to pursue a lease or coastal occupation levy from the consent holders.

CARRIED

6 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Annual Plan Presentation

Mayor Kempthorne and Chief Executive Officer, Lindsay McKenzie made a presentation to the Board on the Annual Plan. Utilities Manager, Mike Schruer and Strategic Policy Manager, Sharon Flood were also in attendance to answer any questions.

The presentation covered the following:

- Legislation has changed so Council does not need to do a formal consultation if there is no real change to the Long Term Plan.
- Council is proposing an overall increase of 1% in rates income, rate payers can put their valuation number into a calculator on the Tasman District Council website to see what increase their particular property will receive.
- Debt is forecast to be \$166 million, which is \$12 million less than originally expected.
- Both expenses and debt are lower than forecast.
- Council would like to maintain the level of service but have received criticism of maintenance of gravel roads, this will be looked at.
- Richmond's drinking water plant had to be upgraded to meet national drinking water standards.
- Takaka Waste Water Treatment Plant was upgraded.
- Motueka and Collingwood Waste Water Treatment Plants are being upgraded.
- Mapua Wharf has been redeveloped.
- The velodrome at Saxon Field is being built.
- There have been minor road improvements.
- In the coming year, projects include stormwater upgrade and reinstatement of Queen Street, Richmond, the Waimea Dam, the Golden Bay Shared Recreational Facility and completing the loop of Tasman's Great Taste Trail.
- Growth is double what was predicted and Council needs to position itself to cope with that.
- Last year there was an accounting surplus of \$21 million, \$12 million was used to pay off debt.
- The capital works programme is behind in this financial year, these works will be carried forward into the next financial year.
- Council is looking at shared services with Nelson City Council with solid waste. Council will pay NCC \$4.2 million, which is the difference in the solid waste landfill asset values between TDC and NCC. Council will maintain ownership of its own solid waste assets and buy in to access NCC's solid waste assets. This will mean that there is regional landfill capacity for Nelson and Tasman for the next 45 years. It is predicted to cost Council approximately \$14million for development of the next stage of Eves Valley landfill if this project does not proceed and Council continues at Eves Valley only.
- Council is working on options for the Waimea Community Dam. It is waiting to find out if the funding partners can meet their obligations and then there will be a formal community consultation in early 2017. Mayor Kempthorne and Mr McKenzie stressed that the current work being undertaken doesn't amount to Council agreeing to go ahead with the dam, it just needs to be fully informed before the public consultation.
- Golden Bay rate payers will pay the facilities operation rate from the next financial year, which will be approximately \$42 per year.

Council is asking for feedback on whether the public support what Council has done with reducing

debt and limiting rate rises.

The Mayor, CEO and staff then responded to questions from the Board and members of the public.

In response to a question asked about whether Council can enter into the Waimea Dam with an open mind, given the fact that \$25 million has been budgeted for it, both the Mayor and CEO reiterated that there is an obligation for Council to develop a proposal to consult on and the money is in the budget. The money for the dam has been consulted on twice. They said that, even if the funding partners come up with the funding, it doesn't mean that the dam will definitely go ahead.

The Mayor was asked about the coincidence of lower rates in the election year. The Mayor agreed that it was a coincidence but stated that a combination of factors have enabled Council to minimise rates rises this year, these include lower interest rates, the capital works programme is behind so borrowing is down and the cash surplus from last year was used to pay off debt.

Mike Schruer was asked whether the Pohara water supply area would be widened. He explained that the focus is on upgrading the service rather than extending the supply.

The Mayor was asked about Council's stance on climate change. He explained that Council is trying to reduce the effects of climate change and acknowledge that the Tasman region is exposed in terms of coastal erosion and sea level rises. In Mapua, areas close to the sea have been closed to subdivision and development and development has been pushed back to the hills, this is one example of Council allowing for future sea level rises.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.49 am – 11.15 am

7 REPORTS CONTINUED

7.1 Chair's Report continued

3 Items from Public Forum continued

Funding for the Golden Bay Visitor Centre – The Board agreed that it would like to ask Council for \$20,000 in its annual plan submission. The Board also discussed the possibility of installing pay-to-use showers into the visitor centre car park. If unlimited drinking water was to be made available, Council would have to introduce a monitoring regime, which could be expensive. There is a tap for filling water containers in the memorial gardens and, although it was suggested putting a charge on this, it would be expensive and it was agreed to leave it alone unless there is a problem.

Moved Board Member Gowland/Board Member Blackie GBCB16-04-3

That the Golden Bay Community Board write a letter to Council asking for \$20,000 to cover the costs of running the Golden Bay Visitor Centre, which is in danger of closing.

CARRIED

RSA Plaques – Kathy Curnow, Horticultural Officer - Motueka and Golden Bay, is looking at the plaques with someone from Nelmac. The Board agreed that the plaques should be removed.

Grandstand – Tiered seating was considered in the early stages of the design but due to budget constraints, it was removed from the plans.

Heritage buildings – The grandstand has been heavily modified so it does not meet the criteria to be classified as a heritage building in the Tasman Resource Management Plan. According to the Historic Places Act, any building that pre-dates 1900 is automatically protected. When there are earthworks in an area where archaeological sites are likely to be found, Iwi are present to monitor the works. The Board suggested that an educational article could be placed in Newsline to make people aware and to make sure things are protected.

Rose Biss, who looked after heritage buildings, has recently retired from Council. The Board would like to send her a card.

Kahurangi Virgin Waters – The Board will write a letter to Takaka FLAG raising its concerns about these consents.

Celebrating Takaka Water – The Board agreed to talk to Heritage Golden Bay about doing a plaque or information panel in the memorial park.

5 Flooding Damage and Road Closures

The Board would like to send an email to Giles Griffith, Rivers and Coastal Engineer, outlining its concerns about the gravel build up in Takaka Rivers. The Board also would like an onsite meeting in the Waingaro and the Aorere catchment to discuss more maintenance and gravel removal from river beds.

7 Annual Plan

The Board will make a submission on a number of topics for the Annual Plan.

8 The Shared Community Recreation Facility

Structural and Geotech Engineers have assessed the hole at the site of the new Community Recreation Facility at the Rec Park. Their solution is a combination of filling the hole with lightweight material and then use some polystyrene blocks. This idea has been sent to Council's engineers for checking. There will be a cost to this and will use up a good proportion of the contingency funding. The original geotech report is being peer reviewed as the site of the hole was one of the sites tested by the geotech engineer.

9 Golden Bay Service Centre

Tenders are due by 14 April.

15 Updates from Board Members

Mural on the side of Fresh Choice – Councillor Sangster has had discussions with the information centre, the Arts Council and Crowther Reynish about painting a mural on the side of Fresh Choice. Chris Finlayson is happy to do the work and public feedback has been positive so far. Ms Edwards suggested that the Board can apply for a Community Grant, which open on 2 May. The Board will get an estimated cost from Chris Finlayson.

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Deputy Chair Gamby
GBCB16-04-4**

That the Golden Bay Community Board

- 1. writes to Crowther Reynish supporting a mural being painted on the side of the Fresh Choice supermarket in Takaka; and**
- 2. apply for Community Grant funding towards the cost of the mural.**

CARRIED

Flooding in Takaka - The Board will write a letter to Giles Griffith asking what plans that Council have for river works in town.

Motupipi Tennis Courts – Council does not maintain these tennis courts and the committee are charged \$1200 annually for rates. They are struggling to meet the finances. The Board would like to write to Council to ask the status of the Motupipi tennis courts and ask why they cannot get a rates remission.

Christmas Decorations – Board member Gamby will not be standing for the Board again after this term and therefore, will not be installing the Christmas decorations. The Board will ask Council to install the decorations in its Annual Plan submission.

Anzac Day Services – Councillor Sangster and Deputy Chair Gamby will attend the Takaka Service, Chair McLellan will attend the Collingwood Service. Wreaths will be laid at both services on behalf Council and Community Board.

Long Plain Road – The Board would like to know where the agreements are kept where property owners have agreed to carry out road maintenance on gravel roads. The Board agree that this information should appear on LIM reports and property files.

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Chair McLellan
GBCB16-04-5**

That the Golden Bay Community Board requests from Engineering Services and Information Management that agreements where property owners have agreed to carry out road maintenance, ditch maintenance, pay for sand push ups, maintain culverts, or any other relevant agreements, appear on a property file for public viewing and also appear on a LIM report.

CARRIED

Wood Chopping – Board Member Gowland informed the Board that the wood choppers may have secured a spot to grow trees for their wood chopping, subject to Council approval.

**Moved Chair McLellan/Cr Bouillir
GBCB16-04-6**

That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Chair's Report RGB16-04-01.

CARRIED

7.2 Action Sheet

The Board reviewed the Action Sheet contained in the agenda.

**Moved Chair McLellan/Cr Bouillir
GBCB16-04-7**

That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Action Sheet report RGB16-04-03.

CARRIED

7.3 Financial Report - February 2016

The Board reviewed the Financial report contained in the agenda.

**Moved Cr Sangster/Deputy Chair Gamby
GBCB16-04-8**

**That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Financial Report - February 2016
RGB16-03-05.**

CARRIED

8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence

The Board reviewed the correspondence that accompanied the agenda.

The Board agreed to respond to Doug South's letter regarding the deregulation of the Network Tasman Trust, asking for him to keep the Board informed.

**Moved Cr Bouillir/Deputy Chair Gamby
GBCB16-04-9**

That the Golden Bay Community Board receives the Correspondence Report RGB16-04-02.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 1.28 pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair: