

STAFF REPORT

TO: GB Community Board
FROM: Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 7th February 2006
SUBJECT: February 2006 Report

Activities, events and meetings attended during the past two months included:

1 December - Keep Golden Bay Beautiful Committee meeting. Update on Takaka Ox- Bow riparian project. Fencing of northern side completed. Releasing of riparian plantings elsewhere has been undertaken.

2 December - Attended launch of Dr. Phillip Simpson's new book, "Pohutakawa and Rata - NZ's Iron-hearted trees", at Kaituna.

3 December - Attended Pohara Boat Club Community Christmas Party as a judge of the Children's Art Competition of decorated pine cones. Imaginative entries in various age classes made this an enjoyable experience.

5 December - Agenda setting for the 13 December Community Board Meeting.

13 December - Community Board Meeting Takaka.

14 December - Attended full Council meeting, Richmond. Invited to join table with speaking rights. Spoke on the need for further consideration of lower speed limits for those areas not changed in the recent review. Inflexibility of the Warrant system in rural situations without dwellings on both sides of the road raised. Observed debate on Golden Bay Wharves – discussion curtailed by the Mayor and the CEO was requested to ascertain further information and report back prior to any final decisions being made.

15 December - Facilitated meeting of Community Services Manager, Board, Collingwood Museum Society and Aorere Centre representatives. Issues identified and discussed. Society Chairman to report back to the committee. Further meeting proposed for 7 January 2006 in Collingwood.

15 December - Attended informal meeting between Community Services Manager, Board and Golden Bay Toy Library representatives. Issues concern present premises in Keith Page Hall and alternatives/improvements discussed. Various suggestions were made for consideration and costing.

20 December - Attended Community Board morning tea for Service Centre Staff. Presentations were also made by both the Board and Keep Golden Bay Beautiful during this to Murray Burnett a Takaka resident who has been cleaning up litter from streets around the township on a voluntary basis.

8 January – Collingwood Hall Committee meeting. Projects for 2006-07 year listed. Accounts passed for payment.

General:

21 January – Golden Bay A&P Show. Attended at the TDC tent 10am – 12 noon. Great Show with excellent attendance - reportedly 2nd highest behind Centennial Show.

25 January – meeting with Iwi at Onetahua Marae regarding Bonaparte Diamond Mines NL prospecting application for waters of Golden Bay Ward i.e. Kahurangi Pt – Separation Pt out to 12 nm, 3393km². The meeting was unanimous that all concerns need to be raised and advised to authorities at this early prospecting stage.

There were numerous other community events over the summer including Collingwood raft race, jazz concert, sand sculpture competition, market day, cardboard boat race, mardi gras etc. The Community Board should write to each of the organizations concerned and congratulate them on their successful efforts. Of special note are those who had to re-schedule events due to weather conditions.

It was beneficial to have had the Annual Plan LTCP round in October and November 2005. Apart from projects hopefully having more chance of budgetary consideration, the change has allowed Board members to enjoy a good break and be refreshed for the New Year.

ISSUES:

GB Wharves and Jetties

There has been on-going correspondence with Tasman District Council CEO, Mr Dickinson. I attended the full Council meeting on December 14th 2005. As mentioned above, discussion was curtailed and the CEO requested to enquire from LINZ and others concerning the status of adjacent land which a proposed Trust is seeking to manage along with the wharves. Unfortunately this request is

not recorded in the Minutes of the meeting. It is clear from the record that TDC had accepted responsibility for these wharves but no longer wants to continue with this. It is also clear that these community assets are best administered by TDC and/or DoC. If they are to be managed by third parties then representation needs to be democratically elected. There appears to be some resistance to this. Clear guidelines must also be established as to what can or cannot happen with the structures and the uses of them.

The Board has requested that the matter be reported back to it before any final decisions are made.

Council Cottages

A request has been made for the Council cottages to be handed over to an Affordable Housing Trust to be used as collateral towards applying for Government funding.

This proposal has not been discussed by the Board but needs to be. The previous community boards were fully consulted regarding the building of the new cottages and their administration was to have been a Board delegation. We need to have an assurance that these assets will not be put at risk if they are used as collateral for other purposes. Being of significance, this proposal will trigger the community consultative process required under the LGA.

Pakawau Motor Camp

Members will be aware that Pakawau Motor Camp is up for sale. This camp has been regarded as a 'family camp' for many years and it would be good if ways could be found to enable it to continue in this role.

The Board needs to discuss the matter and decide if an approach should be made to TDC and /or DoC/Central Government for its purchase and retention.

Bonaparte Diamond Mines NL

Upon request the Board has received a copy of the prospecting application covering a vast area of offshore Golden Bay. Concern is expressed that this application may lead to expectations of future mining if payable quantities of a range of minerals are located.

The Board needs to make its position known to Government by the closing date of 15 February.

Dog and Launch Wardens

Recent incidents have brought to mind the need for locally based Dog and Launch Wardens. Persons nominated for Dog Warden positions have reported that they have yet to be approached.

Beach Speed Limits

The Board needs to enquire about progress being made on the requested Beach Speed Limits. A Para Para Beach ratepayer has reported 'hoons' racing up to 100kmph on the beach recently. He attempted to photograph the offenders to aid in their identification.

As with boaties/jet skiers who spoil a day at the beach for others by exceeding the 5knot within 200metres of shore speed limit, there needs to be controls so that offenders can be held accountable. Without them offenders disregard the safety and activities of others.

Representation Review

The informal submission invitation in the 17 November 2005 Newline resulted in 194 responses from Golden Bay. Of these 161 supported retention of the status quo of two ward councillors and the Community Board. From personal comments others also supported the Board but confined their comments to the second councillor position because this was being threatened. These submissions have provided a very clear direction for Council in considering Golden Bay representation.

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