

STAFF REPORT

TO: Golden Bay Community Board
FROM: Service Centres Manager
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 5 June 2006
SUBJECT: June 2006 Report

FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Forum Issues

I have been keeping an eye on the carpark at the Caves Lookout on Takaka Hill and would report that all seems to be clean and tidy. Could be that Penny arrived on a particularly bad day; (it only takes a few people to turn a beauty spot into an eyesore).

Chairperson's Report Issues

Whilst the matter of the archway has been considered by this Board and its concerns have been duly noted there is an additional matter regarding large rocks that are on Port Tarakohe Ltd land which, due to their precarious state, need to be removed.

I trust that the Board raised the matter of identification of iconic features with Sonya Leusink at the Planning Workshop.

A copy of the Takaka Carparking Study has been forwarded to Board members and is an item for discussion at this meeting.

Correspondence Issues

On the matter of foreshore protection, I have tabled a copy of the Guide for Local Authorities for Community-based Dune Management for the mitigation of Coastal Hazards and Climate Change Effects.

Given the significant length and high values of Golden Bay Coastlines this information could be of interest not only to the Board but those groups currently involved with Beach Care activity. I presume Beryl Wilkes has already provided copies for Beach Care groups in the Bay.

The guide supports the soft engineering 'natural' management of coastal environments rather than the hard edge engineering paradigm.

MATTERS SINCE LAST MEETING

Port Tarakohe Finances

As part of my administrative management of Port Tarakohe I have reviewed the fees and charges at the Port to aim for improved fiscal returns. A paradox has been to reduce the fish wharfage charge from \$9.75 to \$6.00 per tonne.

Whilst I had suggested that a higher charge be pursued, following discussion with the Port Users Advisory Committee (who include all ranges of users) it was considered that the \$6.00 charge would maximize profitability and that a higher charge would likely result in boats taking fish to Westport where there is only a charge of \$5.00 per tonne for fish.

The matter is now going through the formal process under the review of the Navigation Safety Bylaw and the Board is free to make any submission on the matter before 6 July.

I am including a copy of the proposed set of charges in the Board's info pack.

Integrated Health Facility

Following the meetings involving the DHB and Health Practitioners with the community last month I have taken the time to look around the three health facilities that are provided in Golden Bay and I was very impressed by not only the high level of professional and technical competencies, but the warmth and humanity that pervaded each of the three facilities; viz; GB Community Hospital, Joan Whiting Rest Home and the Medical Centre.

Discretionary Funds

The current balance that remains to the end of this month is \$3132.00

The Board will in all likelihood 'lose' this money if it remains unspent as of 30 June 2006.

If Board Members have any community projects that have clearly defined funding requirements these could be considered at this meeting.

One option that the Board may wish to consider is to purchase the quilt which currently is on display in the Board room.

The quilt has been offered for the Richmond Office of the TDC but this has been graciously declined. It would seem appropriate that such a magnificent artwork be retained in the Bay and the Board Chambers seem quite a fitting place for it to be displayed. It may be considered to be an investment.

I have discussed the matter with Liza Eastman and she is happy to consider a part payment of circa \$3000.00. The balance of \$1800 would need to be funded from next year's budget.

On the matter of Discretionary funds, the Board some time ago asked me to consider some guidelines with regard to dispersal of its Discretionary Fund.

My recommendation is that grants be limited to maximum of \$500.00 for any application during the year bearing in mind that monthly allocation is just a little over \$400.00.

The Board may also wish to consider the situation which the Motueka Community Board uses and that is if any funds remain at the end of the year the Board calls for projects at the May Board Meeting.

Representation Review

The Board will be aware that the Tasman District Council at its meeting of the 1 June decided to stick with the 'Status Quo' rather than follow the model as provided in the Staff Report.

Submissions on the proposal may be made until the 5 July following which the Council will then make its final determination.

The Board should be aware that if there are no changes in the final determination and Council sticks with the status quo then the matter will not be subject to further consideration by the Electoral Commissioner unless there are appeals to the Commissioner opposing such status quo determination.

It would be important to consider that if the Electoral Commissioner is appealed to the Commissioner will be required to follow the legislative parameters which could mean further consideration of the matter of a second Councillor for Golden Bay.

In view of the potential for the matter to be put before the Electoral Commissioner I would recommend that this Board makes a submission supporting the Council's decision to keep the status quo but adding that if any changes to that proposed by the Council or if any appeals to the Electoral Commissioner are made, that the Board would reserve its right to be heard before the Electoral Commissioner to support the two Councillor plus Community Board option for Golden Bay Ward.

Finally

I would like to thank the Board for its condolences following my Mum's sudden death just recently.

My mum was a particularly wonderful human being and it was a genuine privilege to have been under her most watchful care and guidance for the first 55 years of my life.

Recommendation:

“That the Service Centres Manager’s report for May be received.”

Bob Askew