

REPORT

TO: GB Community Board
FROM: Board Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 2nd December 2006
SUBJECT: Monthly Report for December 2006

MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

Meetings, activities and events attended during the month included:

6 November – Agenda setting for 14 November meeting

14 November – Board meeting Collingwood

17 November – recorded Fresh FM radio interview for TDC Lowdown programme

20 November – Community Board Workshop, Takaka

This was called to prioritise items arising from the eight Community Meetings together with these brought forward from prior and subsequent meetings and other community approaches.

Also discussed were:

- Board submission to Draft Variation on recreational motor cycling
- LGC Hearing Takaka 21 December
- Combined Boards forum
- Police liaison – invitation for Takaka Police to attend December Board meeting
- Retiring CEO – invitation for Bob Dickinson to attend December Board meeting

22 November – meeting with Community Gardens and Golden Bay Work Centre representatives regarding an idea of a Community Plant Nursery training project in conjunction with these agencies and possibly Golden Bay High School. Community Gardens Trustees are to discuss the project and report back.

26 November – Opening of Abbeyfield

Despite the weather this was a wonderful Community occasion. It is suggested we write to the Committee congratulating them on the successful completion of the house.

27 November – Golden Bay Community Workers AGM Takaka

The Reports of the year's activities summarise the vital roles that the service provides to our community. The efforts of the Workers and Trustees are appreciated and acknowledged.

28 November – Community Whanau Meeting Takaka

Guest speaker was Phillip Chapman who is employed by the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board for Men's Health and fathering advice.

Phillip is an informative and entertaining speaker and will be based in Golden Bay for the next five months and will be available to discuss issues with community groups and individuals by appointment.

30 November – Keep Golden Bay Beautiful Committee meeting Onekaka

Issues discussed included:

- Trees for Babies presentation. There was a small attendance this year and this was put down to the day being fine after many wet days; petrol costs; many young parents not owning their own properties.

A grove of surplus Kowhai will be planted on the Te Kakau stream esplanade.

- Local Government Commission Hearing – KGBB to be represented.
- Pest Control submissions Hearing to be held in Richmond. With the bulk of submissions from Bay residents a hearing was requested in Golden Bay but this was declined.
- Motupipi Stream contamination – public meetings arranged by TDC for 13 December.
- Onahau Stream – concern also expressed about contamination of this.
- Takaka Ox Bow – land ownership definition to be again sought from TDC property manager.
- Weed distribution – concern about weed seed spread in roading metal.

ISSUES:

East Takaka

Following the November meeting I have had a call from Mr. Steve Zelko who advised that he is willing to discuss his power-line, tracking and tree block proposals. It is hoped to organize a meeting with Mr and Mrs Zelko and East Takaka residents.

Takaka Water Reticulation Proposals

Research into improved fire fighting facilities for Takaka by Montgomery Watson Harza has indicated that the reticulation of the township has merit especially when subsidies from Central Government and the TDC water club are taken into account. However, even with these subsidies, property owners within the proposed area would have to agree to a capital contribution and annual charge.

As with all of these schemes the Board's position is that those who would be required to pay should have the say.

To date, apart from owners in the northern part of Rototai Road (which is outside of the proposed reticulation area), there has been strong resistance to reticulation proposals. Bearing this in mind, the estimated \$200,000 for design, detailed costing and consultation may be better applied towards actually improving fire fighting capacity.

Anatoki Track Bridge

It is reported that TDC is taking a hard line over the provision of a bridge on this road and that Bill Page's practical suggestions have been rejected in favour of a Montgomery Watson Harza proposal for an expensive new bridge. A further on-site meeting is planned for 5 December with Tasman District Council Transport Manager, Roger Ashworth, and there will be verbal reports for the meeting of the outcome of this.

Bob Dickinson

We welcome retiring CEO Bob Dickinson to join us for morning tea. Bob has developed a wealth of knowledge about the region which will be a great loss. I'm sure all members will join in wishing Bob all the best for his retirement and for many happy years of exploration.

New CEO

The appointment of Paul Wylie, presently CEO of Palmerston North City Council, has been announced.

It is a shame that the recruitment process undertaken by TDC did not take advantage of the available time to recruit a replacement. With Bob Dickinson's contract having expired in June, but extended to December, our Council had six months in which to

advertise and make an appointment which should have lead to a seamless transition. As it stands there will now be a hiatus with an acting CEO until March when the new appointee can take up the position.

The Board welcomes Mr. Wylie and extends an invitation to visit the Bay at his earliest convenience.

Tata Beach Management Plan

As discussed previously, this Plan is now up for Review with submissions called for and due by 26 January 2007. The Board needs to look at the current Plan and decide whether to make a formal submission about it.

Representation Review

The next step in the process is the visit of the Local Government Commission to Golden Bay for the hearing of submissions at the Takaka Fire Station Meeting rooms on 21 December. It is unfortunate that this date is so close to Christmas because some people who wished to be heard have advised they will be absent from the Bay for family Christmas visits. It will be helpful for the Commission to hear from supportive residents and group representatives. It is also possible for submitters with similar views to make joint presentations to reduce repetition and make the best use of available time.

Commemoration Quilt

The Board needs to uplift monies granted for purchase of the Abel Tasman quilt. Unfortunately the last three funding applications have been unsuccessful. We will continue our efforts to make up the shortfall. We need to formally approve the Board contribution from the Discretionary Fund.

Christmas Decorations

These have been kindly collected by Leigh Gamby and were found to be in need of repair. This work is to be assessed on 4 December. It is suggested that costs of repairs and/or replacements could come from the Board's Discretionary fund and we need to formally approve this should it be needed.

Seasons Greetings

After another full-on year we will shortly have the chance for some well earned R & R. Lets hope our current weather master, El Nino, relents for a little while so we can enjoy some calm, fine, warm, summer days (with occasional rain at night ☺).

Thanks and best wishes are extended to all Board members and Staff for their work and assistance during the year.

I'm sure we all look forward to a healthy, peaceful and productive 2007.

Joe Bell