

REPORT

TO: GB Community Board
FROM: Board Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 29th November 2007
SUBJECT: Report for 11th December Community Board Meeting

Activities, events and meetings attended during the past Month included:

November 1: Met with Milnthorpe Park Secretary regarding a new map for the Park.

November 5: Agenda setting for November 13 Board Meeting.

November 5: Community Board Annual Plan/LTCCP meeting Pohara Hall.

November 6: Golden Bay Community Workers AGM Takaka. Committee re-elected.

November 9: Community Board Workshop to discuss:

- Community Meeting information for submissions to TDC Departments in preparation for 2008-09 Annual Plan.
- Western Golden Bay Planning Workshop date.
- Board member portfolios for 2007-10 term.
- Board member declarations.
- Councillor appointments to Community Boards.

November 9: Community Board meeting with Liza Eastman from the Arts Council and Dave Myall from Community Workers, regarding street decorations for coming summer season. Banners are to be renewed.

November 12: One day Transit NZ Course for Traffic Management Planning Onekaka. This course is needed as a preliminary to being able to deploy traffic management signage.

November 13: Community Board inaugural meeting. Declarations by members, election of Chairperson and deputy Chairperson, adoption of standing orders (as

amended) and Councillors Code of Conduct and briefing on other legal requirements by CEO.

November 14: Department of Conservation Community Forum.

Update items included:

- Canaan campsite. Minister of Conservation announced 100 new camp sites proposed for DoC land. Canaan water supply and carpark upgraded.
- Possum control. Consultation underway on Cobb and Abel Tasman Park operation proposed for next winter.
- Weka at Totaranui - 13 more birds released.
- Community trapping, Friends of the Cobb, Friends of Paynes Ford, Para Para Valley Group and Friends of Mangarakau all stepping up their trapping work.
- A bridge on Wainui Falls track replaced, Fish Creek bridge sides, Te Waikoropupu, being rebuilt and Grove and Te Waikoropupu tracks gravelled.
- Cobb Rd along Dam to Tribolite area graded and gravelled.
- Discovery of a critically endangered Orchid species made.
- Baseline vegetation monitoring underway in the Anatoki catchment.
- Draft Abel Tasman National Park Management Plan presented to NZ Conservation Authority for approval.
- Southern Right Whales again seen in Golden Bay.

Agenda Items included:

- Canaan campground regarding fire place provision? DoC not establishing fire places.
- Community trapping. Friends of the Cobb thanked for their efforts. Data base for lowland trapping regarding areas covered and outcomes is being established.
- Recent marine survey of Golden Bay estuaries raised. DoC was not aware of the project.
- Archaeological site protection. Damage to sites reported occurring on Puponga Farm Park. Issue to be investigated.
- Whitebait sock nets. Upsurge in use on Aorere reported. Concern about increased pressure on fishery as a result.

November 16: Collingwood Area School Senior School Prize giving and dinner.

November 18: Visited Onekaka Power Station and was given a guided tour of the generator room.

November 19: Visited Pakawau and checked out reported erosion on the northwest side of the Pakawau Inlet Bridge and on the beach front north of the rock wall protecting the road.

November 20: NVC Compassionate Communication group meeting Patons Rock.

November 21: Milnthorpe residents meeting and exercise with Collingwood Fire Brigade. Residents' pumps demonstrated and discussed. Two additional 'No Fire' signs requested.

November 26: Self Reliance Hub Meeting Rototai regarding web site development and general discussion including the forthcoming market. It is recommended that our Board should have a link on the website as the catalyst for and supporter of the initiative.

November 29: Agenda Setting for December 11 Community Board meeting and informal discussion on Western Golden Bay Planning issues.

ISSUES

Vessels at Anchor in Golden Bay

In recent weeks there have been large cargo vessels (tankers?) anchored in Golden Bay for lengthy periods.

There is community concern about bio security issues and other pollution (hulls carrying pest species, bilge and ballast water discharge, flying insects, sewerage, rubbish, etc) from these vessels.

Golden Bay is largely enclosed with reportedly little water exchange from outside of the Bay over a normal tide cycle. We currently have vessel-borne invasive pest issues with Pacific oyster, undaria and sea squirt (*didemnum vexillum*) infestations, and do not want more.

The issues have been taken up with MAF Biosecurity and we are currently awaiting a response.

It seems there may be a gap in monitoring vessels which enter and anchor within the Territorial Sea but do not enter a NZ Port.

Western Golden Bay Planning

It is great that we have met with Planning Staff for preliminary discussions on Western Golden Bay Planning after a wait of 12 years. With the current reference on Coastal Landscapes before the Environment Court with the referrers having waited for 11 years for a Hearing, no doubt the Court will be looking to Council making meaningful progress towards adequate Policies and Rules in the District Plan. We had great feedback on this issue during the eight recent Community meetings. We need to progress planning for the whole Bay and this Western Bay project is the next logical step towards that.

Broad Band Access

There are great opportunities being lost to Golden Bay residents and businesses due to the lack of accessible, affordable Broadband for many areas. Where there is access successful international businesses have been established. There is

reportedly a fibre optic cable between Takaka and Collingwood but Telecom is reluctant to enable access along its route.

It is suggested that the Board advocate on this issue to try to obtain affordable improvement. Satellite access is available but it is expensive and reportedly slower than high speed land line.

Seasons Greetings

As this will be the last formal Board meeting for the year I would like to sincerely thank all Board members, TDC staff and councillors and the Golden Bay Community for all of the positive efforts and achievements throughout the year.

I wish a very Merry Christmas and a bright, prosperous, healthy and caring New Year to all.

Joe Bell