

REPORT

TO: GB Community Board

FROM: The Chairperson

REFERENCE: E855

DATE: 29th May 2008

SUBJECT: **Monthly Report for June 10 2008 Board Meeting**

Activities, events and meetings attended during the past month have included:

5 May: Agenda setting for 13 May Community Board meeting

9 May: Public information stall, Takaka, on Annual Draft Plan issues

12 May: Opening of new Takaka Library. A wonderful community occasion.

13 May: Community Board meeting Collingwood

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14 May: Draft Annual Plan submission research and preparation

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20 May: Minutes of 13 May Community Board meeting

21 May: Correspondence of 13 May Community Board meeting

26 May: Preparing Draft Community Board submission for Ministry of Fisheries consideration of a Golden Bay Spat Catching application

27 May: Reading submissions to Draft Annual Plan at Service Centre

28 May: Community Board/Team Golden Bay meeting with Manawhenua ki Mohua Committee at Onetahua Marae, Pohara re Western Golden Bay Planning process

29 May: Keep Golden Bay Beautiful Committee Meeting, Onekaka. Matters discussed included:

- Riparian planting and fencing projects including a further 250 plants ready for Takaka Ox-bow.
- 'Trees for Babies' day planned for 22 June 2008.
- KNZB to be requested to provide information by e-mail to reduce amount of paper and cost of postage.
- Biodiversity Advice and Condition Funds- applications discussed.
- Labyrinth Park, discussion as to how it could be maintained.
- Next meeting will be an Onekaka planting bee.

30 May: Agenda setting for the 10 June Board Meeting, Takaka. This was bought forward due the Queens Birthday holiday.

31 May: Community Commemoration of Lorna Langford's retirement after 61 years service at the Bainham Store. A wonderful community occasion with guest speakers including representatives of NZ Post, MP Hon Damien O'Connor, local children and the local and wider Golden Bay community.

ISSUES

Good Working Relationships (Agenda Item 4.1.1)

As raised during the Public Forum of the 13 May Board meeting, our Board appreciates the need for Council and the Community Boards to establish a sound basis for working together.

We have always sought a good working relationship with TDC as evidenced by our willingness to travel over the hill to relevant Council, Standing Committee, Representation Review and delegations meetings and the many positive submissions we have made to try to assist decision-making.

We understand what the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 are and try to fulfil these to the best of our skill and judgment in honour of our declarations.

It is clear that other community boards and their councils can work effectively together.

Trust, confidence and respect are earned. I believe that our Board over the past term has shown that we work well as an inclusive team and are competent, diligent and conscientious.

We must be able to engage, speak up, debate, support and oppose when necessary without fear or favour. A good healthy working relationship cannot be built on suppression and repression.

Recommendation:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board supports a meeting of the Tasman District Community Boards with the Mayor and CEO to discuss ways by which the Boards can work constructively with Council for the best possible Community and District outcomes.”

Medical Centre Property Sale (Agenda Item 4.1.2)

Concern has been expressed that the matter of the possible future sale of the present Medical Centre property when a new facility is built was not referred to the Community Board by TDC.

As part of first stage ‘delegations’ the Board is an advisory body for TDC property sales and purchases within the Ward.

In addition, Board Member Carolyn McLellan is the nominated Board representative on the Golden Bay Medical Centre Trust. The Board supports in principle the investigations into the proposed Integrated Health Facility and also has representation on the Steering Committee. It is therefore recommended:

“That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to the Tasman District Mayor and CEO and reminds of our allocated advisory role for sales and purchases of TDC property within the Golden Bay Ward.”

Iwi Representation on the Community Board (Agenda Item 4.1.3)

During the Board meeting with the Manawhenua Ki Mohua Committee on 28 May the question of whether there could be an iwi representative appointed to the Community Board. There is the facility to make appointments to the Board. With the Ward Councillors not accepting appointment this term we have been operating as a four member Board instead of the customary six. It is therefore recommended:

“That the Board writes to TDC and requests that the matter of a Manawhenua ki Mohua Iwi representative being appointed to the Golden Bay Community Board be considered.”

Golden Bay Planning (Agenda Item 4.1.4)

With the Western Golden Bay Planning Project underway we need to ensure that we build on previous experience gained with the successful Takaka-Eastern Golden Bay process. The ‘Team Golden Bay’ approach was an inclusive one which worked well. It would be a pity for this model not to be used again. It is therefore recommended:

“That, following the success of the “Team Golden Bay” model in the Takaka and Eastern Golden Bay Planning Process, the Golden Bay Community Board supports the use of the Team Golden Bay approach for the Western Golden Bay Planning project and advises TDC of this.”

Lorna Langford's retirement (Agenda Item 4.1.5)

The Bainham community once again excelled itself with great organization of Lorna's retirement function. Special mention must be made of Carolyn McLellan and Lynne Etheredge for their lead roles in this. It is therefore recommended:

"That the Golden Bay Community Board formally writes to the Bainham community congratulating and thanking them for organizing the wonderful event to mark the retirement of Lorna Langford from the Bainham store."

And further:

"That the Golden Bay Community Board writes to Lorna Langford formally thanking her on behalf of the wider community for the long service she has provided at the Bainham Store over the past 61 years".

Obituary - Colin Baas

Colin Baas had a long connection with Golden Bay dating back to his years as a teacher at Bainham School until 1957. He left the Bay to work as a drainage contractor and in real estate before returning and setting up a branch of his real estate business here and building a house on land between Milnthorpe and Collingwood. Colin was a great supporter of Milnthorpe Park and three of the tracks are named in recognition of the Baas family. He also formed the Coba Trust which provided funds for young people.

Joe Bell