

REPORT

TO: GB Community Board
FROM: The Chairperson
REFERENCE: E855
DATE: 4th August 2008
SUBJECT: Report for the 12th August 2008 Community Board meeting

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

1 July: Board members met to discuss response to TDC decision to target rate communities with Community Boards.

1 July: Following expressed concerns, inspected eroding shoreline north end of Pakawau rock protection works and reclamation works being undertaken on a property beyond the rock works.

1 July: Following expressed community concerns, inspected recent drainage works on Swiftsure Street Collingwood.

4 July: Inspected lower end of Swiftsure St/Gibbs Rd intersection during heavy rain. Watertable coping at that time.

4 July: Community Board Western Golden Bay workshop with TDC Planners Deborah Hewett and Neil Jackson. Board members asked to identify areas of landscape value and provide reasons /values for these.

5 July: Meeting with Cr Borlase to discuss various issues.

8 July: Community Board Meeting.

8 July: Inspection of Rangihaeata Reserve, Charlett Point Rd, at the request of residents concerned about recent plantings and species used. (Some plantings subsequently replaced with lower growing varieties.)

10 July: Preparation for forthcoming Milnthorpe Park AGM.

11 July: Discussion re Nelson St Milnthorpe Road Reserve planting management.

13 July: Discussion with resident concerned about loss of access at Takaka Transfer Station to scavenge materials for re-use.

15 July: Community Board correspondence.

17 July: Met with TDC Consultant Planner Sonya Leusink-Sladen re Takaka Planning.

18 & 19 July: Calls discussing Takaka flooding issues arising from recent publicity.

31 July: River care meeting Collingwood. TDC Rivers engineer Phillip Drummond outlined the work programme for the 2008-09 year. This was followed by a discussion with participants. Of particular interest is the new radar contour mapping which is now available. This will provide valuable information for land use planning purposes. The next area to be mapped is Takaka. Given recent discussion sparked by the Integrated Health proposal it will be really helpful to have this information which is accurate to 10 cm.

It is therefore recommended: "That the Golden Bay Community Board supports the radar contour mapping of Takaka to be undertaken as soon as possible so that the information obtained can be factored in to land use planning for the area."

Other issues raised at the meeting included:

- Need to maintain the training groyne in the lower Aorere.
- Suggestion of an additional training groyne to keep another vital flood channel clear of shingle and logs.
- Concern expressed about build up of gravel in the lower reaches and also the amount of gravel and sediment entering Golden Bay.
- Acknowledgement of the great value of the Salisbury Bridge recorder which provides clear dial-up information in real time.
- Concern about the spread of weed species in river berms i.e. banana passion fruit which threaten to smother riparian plantings.

31 July: Chaired the well-attended Milnthorpe Park Society AGM, Milnthorpe. I serve on this committee as the TDC representative.

Business matters discussed included:

- Review of the 2008 Heart Art sculpture symposium and pre-view of 2009 proposals.
- Recent work by DoC on new steps to the Stone bridge and the fence at the Wharf.
- A policy for occupancy of the Park house.
- Management of trees bordering the Park on Nelson and Kendal Streets.

ISSUES:

Motupipi Hall

The Motupipi Hall celebrated its 50th anniversary on 11-13 July 2008. This Hall is well supported by its community and provides a most useful facility.

It is suggested: "That the Golden Bay Community Board formally writes to the Motupipi Hall committee congratulating them on the successful commemoration 50th anniversary of the Hall".

Transfer Station – access to Reusable materials

Concern has been expressed at the recent exclusion of residents from being able to access the Takaka Transfer Station for reusable materials. It is understood that the higher price for scrap metals is a factor in this decision. Persons with mechanical ability have been able to retrieve re useable parts for a donation. This system has reportedly worked well and has enabled the reuse of things that would otherwise be crushed and destroyed. In these constrained economic times, and following the TDC adoption of the Zero Waste Strategy, a way needs to be found to enable access to reusable materials.

It is therefore suggested: "That the Golden Bay Community Board makes a service request to Engineering Services to develop a policy for continued access to re usable materials at TDC transfer stations."

Transferable Water Permits

Variation 65 to the proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan has been notified which *inter alia* is intended to permit site to site transferability of water permits in the Moutere water management area. Submissions close on 29 September 2008.

Community concern has been expressed about such transfers which are seen as the thin edge of the wedge for the privatization of water rights.

It is therefore suggested: That the Golden Bay Community Board considers making a submission to Variation 65 of the proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan opposed to the idea of transferable water rights away from the property for which they are held as a matter of principle and that any surplus water rights be relinquished to Tasman District Council for re-allocation".

Joan Whiting Funding request

The Trustees of the Ann Castle Memorial Fund have considered the request from the manager of the Joan Whiting Rest Home for funding for the purchase of a mobility chair. The Trustees see real merit in supporting this project and the value for the Rest Home having more than one of these chairs. Community fundraising efforts are also underway for this purchase.

It is therefore recommended: "The Trustees recommend that \$500 each be granted from the Ann Castle fund towards the purchase of a chair or chairs to a maximum of \$1500 if three chairs are purchased.

Port Golden Bay at Tarkohe

It is noted in the Enterprise Sub committee meeting of 16 July 2008 it has been resolved that regarding Council enterprises:

e) "a financial reporting structure be adopted to support a business model."

Members of the Golden Bay Community Board have been seeking proper financial management for the Port over the past 6 years. It has been of concern that proper charging, billing and payments have not been made and received in some instances. This all-tide Port is a wonderful asset and users who had to endure tidal and weather constraints before it was built must surely recognize and appreciate this. Port user industries must not seek to avoid their contribution to the cost of maintaining/improving this asset.

The following recommendation is therefore made: "That the Golden Bay Community Board supports all efforts to set appropriate charges and billing systems for use of Port Tarkohe and harbour environs in order that the Port is managed in a sustainable way which fairly reflects the inherent value of its existence as an all-tide community owned port to all Port users."

Local Government Commission Legislative Review

The recommendations of the Local Government Commission Review of the Local Government Act have recently been released.

The Commission reported inter alia:

"We are on record as saying we believe community boards are a part of governance structure for the district as a whole and therefore their administration should be funded across the district, not just the community concerned. In order to ensure this, we believe a legislative amendment is necessary. We recommend Clause 39 of Schedule 7 be amended to clarify, for the purpose of funding the

administration of community boards, that the 'general revenues' of the district precludes the levy of targeted rates."

Their specific recommendation is: *"Clause 39 of schedule 7 to expressly preclude the levying of targeted rates for the purpose of funding the administration of community boards."*

The Golden Bay Community Board and others had requested Tasman District Council to wait until the Review Report was available with regard to Targeted Rates. In light of the Local Government Commission Review recommendation it is suggested:

"That the Golden Bay Community Board requests Tasman District Council to rescind the decision of 26 June 2008 to target rate communities with community boards".

Joe Bell
Chair