

TARARUA DISTRICT COUNCIL
Dannevirke Community Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Dannevirke Community Board held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Monday 6 April, 2009 commencing at 3.00pm.

1. Present

Board Members R P Teahan (Chairperson), C J Isaacson (Deputy Chairperson), R A Dresser, W R Macdonald and Cr C W Southgate (Council appointed community board member).

In Attendance

Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil

3. Public Forum

3.1 Nil

4. Personal Matters

4.1 Nil

5. Notification of Items Not On The Agenda

5.1 The following matter was notified as an item of general business not on the agenda for discussion at today's meeting:-

- Youth community variety concert

6. Dannevirke Community Hospital

6.1 The Chairperson welcomed Sharon Wards (Manager of the Dannevirke Community Hospital) to the meeting, and invited her to address the Board.

6.2 Sharon Wards spoke on the current situation at the Dannevirke Community Hospital regarding changes to MidCentral District Health Board services, with these discussions including reference to the following matters.

- Late last year MidCentral raised issues about the safety of their nurses working from the mobile surgical services bus.
- Initially this issue applied to Levin and then subsequently Dannevirke.
- It was recognised that in Dannevirke the patient waiting list generally relates to simple operations, with these being undertaken through the mobile surgical services bus on its regular visits to the town.
- The mobile surgical services bus can provide a wider range of services than those presently being made available to the community.

- Visits to both Levin and Dannevirke by the mobile surgical services bus have at this time been suspended.
- Mobile Surgical Services (who provide and manage the mobile surgical services bus) and MidCentral Health are still considering whether the bus will come back to Dannevirke to continue providing its services.
- Their decision is expected this month, and certainly it has not been determined that the mobile surgical services bus visits to Dannevirke will be cancelled.
- MidCentral District Health Board will temporarily be reducing the number of patient clinics held in Dannevirke. This situation will apply until the end of this financial year, and the outcome of this decision is being monitored.
- The three clinics involved are urology, general surgery and ophthalmology.
- This has been done to enable hospital specialists to see more patients in its district through eliminating travel time by transferring these services to the Palmerton North Hospital.
- A shuttle service operates between Tararua and Palmerston North Hospital (and return), and people may wish to use this service to travel to attend the clinics.

6.3 The Chairperson thanked Sharon Wards for attending the meeting to brief the Board on matters relating to the services at the Dannevirke Community Hospital.

6.4 Board Member Isaacson will arrange a media article to explain what is occurring in respect of these services and to allay community concerns regarding this matter.

7. Confirmation of Minutes

7.1 ***That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 2 March, 2009 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Macdonald/Dresser

Carried

8. Matters Arising From The Minutes

8.1 ***Diverting Heavy Traffic From High Street (Item 3.1)***

8.1.1 The hearing of submissions and further submissions by the Council's District Plan Review Hearing Committee will begin at 10.00am on Monday 4 May, 2009 in the Council Chamber.

8.1.2 The Manager Environmental Services will be sending to the Board in about one week's time a copy of the planner's report on its submission, together with an indicative timetable for submitters.

8.2 ***Welcome to Dannevirke Signs (Item 7.4)***

8.2.1 The Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce is arranging a meeting on Monday 20 April, 2009 at 5.30pm in the Council Chamber to discuss proposals for the design of the Welcome to Dannevirke signs.

8.2.2 Board Member Dresser will follow up with the Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce the sending of invitations to all interested parties to attend this meeting.

8.3 **Rules to Control Activities on the Town Centre's Refurbished Footpaths**
(Item 7.5)

8.3.1 **That the Board endorses the following guidelines for the use of the Town Centre's refurbished footpaths in the Dannevirke Central Business District (CBD):**

The Council will introduce a cleaning regime for the CBD;

- 1. Businesses are also responsible for the cleanliness of the refurbished areas adjacent to their premises, and also to keep the rear of premises clean and tidy and free from graffiti;**
- 2. Graffiti should be removed as soon as possible;**
- 3. Restaurant/Cafe' owners with tables on the refurbished areas should give particular attention to cleanliness during business hours;**
- 4. Business personnel should not park in High Street or streets off High Street;**
- 5. All litter and foreign matter of any kind should be deposited/dropped into the rubbish bins provided;**
- 6. Banners or other advertising material should not be displayed on balustrades;**
- 7. Advertising material should not obstruct pedestrian or vehicular traffic and should be adjacent to the building or against the kerb;**
- 8. Vehicles should not be driven or parked on refurbished areas;**
- 9. Barbecues should only be used for special events and with adequate protection of the refurbished areas; ie – protective cover under the barbecue to catch any spilled food or grease;**
- 10. Businesses should be mindful of the Council bylaws regarding obstruction of the CBD;**
- 11. Dogs are prohibited in High Street CBD;**
- 12. Cycling / skateboarding on footpaths is prohibited.**

And that the Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce be invited to support these guidelines.

Macdonald/Isaacson

Carried

8.3.2 Board Member Dresser will raise this matter with the Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce.

8.4 **Dannevirke Town Clock** (Item 7.6)

8.4.1 The Board will arrange an official community event for the dedication of the new Town Clock, with food to be provided at The Hub afterwards.

8.4.2 This event is to be held prior to the Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce celebrations to formally open the refurbishment of the Town Centre.

8.4.3 At this stage the Chamber of Commerce is considering arranging their function to be held towards the end of May.

8.4.4 It was noted that the work has been undertaken to apply the anti-graffiti paint to protect the appearance of the Town Clock.

8.5 ***Danneverk Letter Inviting Contact (Item 7.7)***

8.5.1 Board Member Dresser has received a reply to his email, and details have been provided to contact the Mayor of Dannewerk. These are Hermann Buell, Schaeperweg 4, 24867 Dannewerk, email info@amt-haddeby.de.

8.5.2 ***That the Mayor of the Tararua District be invited to make contact with the Mayor of Dannewerk, Germany, to strengthen their historical connections with Dannevirke through reciprocating and promoting the opportunity for friendship and tourism.***

Dresser/Macdonald

Carried

8.6 ***Meet the Candidates for the Tararua North Ward By-Election (Item 12)***

8.6.1 The public forum held for the community to meet the candidates contesting the Tararua North Ward by-election was a successful event, although it was disappointing to note the poor attendance of representatives from the business sector.

8.7 ***Sponsorship of Dannevirke Town Centre Street Furniture (Item 13.1)***

8.7.1 As a result of the media publicity a further three seats and six trees have been sponsored.

8.8 ***Recycling Bins at Herbertville (Item 13.2)***

8.8.1 The Waste Manager has resolved the concerns previously raised regarding the arrangements for the recycling bins at Herbertville over the Christmas/New Year period.

9. Tararua District Council Report

9.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 11 and 25 March, 2009 (as circulated) be received.***

Southgate/Isaacson

Carried

9.2 ***Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009/2019***

9.2.1 The tentative date for a presentation to Community Boards/Community Committees and Tararua Federated Farmers regarding the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009/2019 was noted.

9.2.2 This briefing is proposed to be held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 16 April, 2009 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

9.3 ***Dannevirke Main Street Upgrade***

9.3.1 It was noted that accidents have been occurring in the areas of the balustrades, and this situation is being reviewed and monitored.

10. Reports from Board Representatives Appointed to Local Community Groups and Assigned Responsibilities

10.1 *Dannevirke Information Centre Management Committee*

10.1.1 The Chairperson attended the recent monthly meeting of the Dannevirke Information Centre Management Committee, and he reported that the Information Centre continues to operate very satisfactorily and they are in a good financial position.

11. Correspondence

11.1 *That the correspondence as listed be received:-*

- (a) *Stacey Thomas* **20 February, 2009**
Re: Acknowledgement of the Board's sponsorship of the New Zealand National Horse and Pony Show

- (b) *New Zealand National Horse and Pony Show Association Executive Committee* **23 February, 2009**
Re: Letter of appreciation

- (c) *Appleton Kindergaten* **12 March, 2009**
Re: Request for financial assistance

Southgate/Macdonald

Carried

11.2 *Appleton Kindergaten*

11.2.1 *That the Board grant the Appleton Kindergaten the sum of up to \$450.00 from its discretionary funds as assistance towards the cost of hiring the Town Hall and its kitchen facility for their "Rags to Riches" annual fund raising community ball to be held on 25 July, 2009.*

Southgate/Macdonald

Carried

12. Chairman's Remarks

12.1 Nil

13. Cycle and Walkway Event Within the District

13.1 It was noted that there is potential in considering the possibility of a cycle and walkway event being organised within the district, and in conjunction with other areas.

13.2 There was agreement that an event of this kind will involve considerable planning, and a steering group would need to be established to undertake this process.

13.3 An invitation is to be extended to Mike Harold to attend the Board's next meeting to further discuss this matter.

13.4 Cr Southgate agreed to contact Mike Harold and convey the Board's invitation to him, and seek his views regarding suggestions to progress this proposal.

14. Green Area In High Street

- 14.1 The Chairperson advised that a suggestion had been made to him regarding the possibility of the Council purchasing the former restaurant building located on the corner of Allardice and High Streets for the purpose of developing a green area.
- 14.2 It was agreed that such expenditure could not be justified given the significant funding directed to the refurbishment of the Town Centre, and acknowledging that this included the establishment of a green area in Ward Street.

15. General Assistance Grants Scheme 2008/2009

- 15.1 Board Member Dresser declared an interest in the application of the Dannevirke Art Society, and abstained from these discussions.
- 15.2 The Chairperson declared an interest in the applications of the Dannevirke and District Agricultural and Pastoral Association and the Dannevirke Smallbore Rifle Club, and abstained from these discussions.
- 15.3 Board Member Isaacson declared an interest in the application of the Dannevirke and District Agricultural and Pastoral Association, and abstained from these discussions.
- 15.4 ***That the following grants be approved for disbursement from the Dannevirke Community Board's General Assistance Grants Scheme for the 2008/2009 annual funding allocation:-***

No	Name	Project	Amount Granted
1.	<i>Akitio Rural Fire Force</i>	<i>Welcome to Akitio Beach sign and Akitio Community Hall sign</i>	<i>\$ 450.00</i>
2.	<i>Aotea Sports Club</i>	<i>Building Warrant of Fitness annual inspection</i>	<i>\$ 160.00</i>
3.	<i>Dannevirke Art Society</i>	<i>Purchase television and DVD/video player for teaching and tutoring club members</i>	<i>\$ 350.00</i>
5.	<i>Dannevirke Information Centre</i>	<i>Operational grant for providing St John Health Shuttle appointments service</i>	<i>\$ 2,000.00</i>
6.	<i>Dannevirke Junior Cricket</i>	<i>Upgrade the main cricket wicket at the Domain</i>	<i>\$ 400.00</i>
7.	<i>Dannevirke Smallbore Rifle Club</i>	<i>Purchase shooting mats</i>	<i>\$ 250.00</i>
8.	<i>Dannevirke St John Cadets</i>	<i>Purchase sports equipment for cadets</i>	<i>\$ 100.00</i>

9.	<i>Pukaha Mount Bruce Board</i>	<i>Consent fees for Visitor Centre extension</i>	<i>\$ 400.00</i>
10.	<i>Rangatira Croquet Club</i>	<i>Materials for maintaining the standard of the facilities lawns</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
11.	<i>Weber Community Committee</i>	<i>Renovate the kitchen of the Weber Hall</i>	<i>\$ 1,800.00</i>
13.	<i>Tararua Bird Club</i>	<i>Materials for decorating the kitchen and dining area of the clubrooms</i>	<i>\$ 300.00</i> -----
	<i>Total amount granted</i>		<i>\$ 6,710.00</i>

And that the following applications be declined for the reasons as stated.

Application: Dannevirke and District Agricultural and Pastoral Association for interior painting of new toilet block and refurbishment of floor and walls under the grandstand, request for \$2,465.00.

Reason for Decision: The applicant has previously received a grant from the Board this financial year, and therefore is not eligible to be considered for further financial assistance at this time.

Application: Whanau Horse Trekkers requesting \$3,500.00 to send participants to a two day course in "Advanced Communication for Horsemanship".

Reason for Decision: The total of requests received by the Board for financial assistance exceeds the amount of funding which it has available for allocation, and therefore no contribution can be made towards the applicant's project that seeks a significant sum towards the costs involved.

Advisory Note

The Board received thirteen applications seeking \$29,590.68 in funding. A maximum total of \$7,217.64 was available for allocation.

Macdonald/Southgate

Carried

15.5 Cr Southgate departed from the meeting at 5.05pm.

16. Items Not On The Agenda

16.1 Youth Community Variety Concert

16.1.1 Board Member Macdonald proposed that consideration be given to arranging a youth community variety concert later this year.

16.1.2 There was general agreement that this suggestion be further considered at a future meeting, with Board Member Macdonald to report back on this matter.

16.1.3 The possibility of including this event as part of the Spring Festival was supported.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 5.10pm.

Chairperson