

TARARUA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Dannevirke Community Board

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Dannevirke Community Board held in the Council Chambers, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Monday 2 August, 2004 commencing at 6.30pm.

1. Present

Mrs S A Aitken (Chairperson), Mr V J Hales (Deputy Chairperson), Mrs V M Johanson, Mr N H Ensor and Mr C P Thew.

In Attendance

Cr J Swenson	-	Northern Ward Elected Representative
Mr R Taylor	-	Administration Officer

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil

3. Public Forum

3.1 Annette Jeffs spoke on her request that the dog owners of Dannevirke be provided with appropriate safely fenced areas to exercise their dogs.

This should be done as dog owners pay rates and have the right to expect that these facilities are available for their use.

3.2 An outline was given of the Board's submission to the Council which proposed that three dog exercise facilities be established at various locations in Dannevirke.

3.3 It was noted that Annette Jeffs has also made a submission to the Council regarding this matter, and is to speak in support of this at the hearing of submissions to be held on Wednesday 11 August, 2004.

4. Personal Matters

4.1 Nil.

5. Notification Of Any Extraordinary Business Not On The Agenda

5.1 The following matters were notified as items of additional general business for discussion at today's meeting:-

- Traffic Flow Improvement Plan
- Speed restriction signs in High street
- Damage to grassed reserve area at Mangatera
- Dangerous road surface in High Street
- End of term dinner

6. Confirmation Of Minutes

6.1 ***That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 5 July, 2004 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Thew/Johanson

Carried

7. Matters Arising From The Minutes

7.1 Possible Dannevirke Day For Flood Victims (Item 7.2)

7.1.1 This event was cancelled. However vouchers were given to three families for free entry to the Fantasy Cave and Wai Splash indoor pool complex.

7.2 Landscaping Plan to Enhance The Appearance of The Town's Northern Entrance (Item 7.3)

7.2.1 Board Member Thew tabled a report which included reference to the following matters:-

- Information evening – Attendance at the evening was disappointing, though much interest in assisting with the project was generated.
- Work Programme – Planting has been delayed as Transit New Zealand have not completed the Traffic Management Plan and put this into operation. Hopefully this will occur shortly, and work can commence on Saturday 7 August, 2004.
- Preparation – Weed spraying and mowing of long grass has been carried out.
- Plant delivery – Plants have been ordered for staged delivery to suit the planting programme, with the first arriving this week.
- Volunteers – Some volunteers have offered their assistance, but more people are needed to ensure that the programme is completed before the equinox winds arrive.
- Safety requirements – The importance of safety requirements has been emphasised to all volunteers working on the project.
- Safety vests – A supply of these is required for the project, either borrowed or purchased.
- Transport of mulch – Arrangements to transport and move the mulch to the planting area need to be finalised.
- Welcome to Dannevirke Sign – The possibility of revamping the garden under the Welcome to Dannevirke sign is being considered.

7.2.2 It was noted that Rangitane have commended the Board for their initiative in undertaking this project.

7.2.3 ***That the Board purchase ten safety vests for the Adopt A Highway project, and That these be ordered from New Zealand Safety at a cost of \$20.44 each, to be funded from the budget set aside for this project.***

Aitken/Johanson

Carried

7.3 Safety at Pedestrian Crossings (Item 7.5)

7.3.1 A meeting is to be held on Wednesday with Debbie Webster (Regional Road Safety Co-ordinator), the Sport Tararua Recreation Co-ordinator and Rangitane to progress the “walking bus” concept.

7.4 Annual Report On The Board's Performance (Item 7.7)

7.4.1 ***That the Annual Report of the Dannevirke Community Board for July 2003 to June 2004 be adopted, and***

That a copy of this report be circulated to the Council for its information.

Ensor/Thew

Carried

7.4.2 It is hoped that the presentation of this report will provide potential Board candidates at the forthcoming elections with an indication of the work involved.

7.4.3 The report is also for the information of the communities of the Northern Ward whom the Board has represented, and it is requested that a copy be included on the Council website for viewing.

8. Tararua District Council Report

8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 July, 2004 (as circulated) be received.***

Thew/Johanson

Carried

8.2 Sewerage Subsidy

8.2.1 ***That the Board supports the Council in its endeavours to secure funding from the Sanitary Works Subsidy Scheme for the Dannevirke Sewerage Upgrade project, and***

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Health urging a favourable response to the application submitted for consideration.

Johanson/Thew

Carried

9. Reports From Board Representatives Appointed To Local Community Groups

9.1 Tourism Tararua

9.1.1 Board Member Johanson represented the Board at the Annual General Meeting of this organisation.

This included a presentation from a Tourism New Zealand representative, and the meeting was very informative and interesting.

9.2 Dannevirke A and P Association

9.2.1 The Chairperson represented the Board at the Annual General Meeting of this organisation.

This included a report of the A and P Association's activities for the past year.

10. Correspondence

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

***(a) Carmel Hurdle, Manager, Dannevirke Family Services 8 July, 2004
Re: Letter of appreciation***

**(b) John Walker, Business Manager, Tararua District Council – 12 July, 2004
Re: Response to the Board's submission on the Council Community Plan**

Thew/Ensor

Carried

11. Chairman's Remarks

11.1 Nil.

12. Safety Risks In The Vicinity of Carlson Street and Totara College

12.1 ***That the Board is concerned for the safety of the two students in wheelchairs who cross the road each day at Carlson Street going to Totara College, and***

That the Roading Manager be requested to investigate appropriate options to overcome this situation, and report back to the Board with his recommendations.

Thew/Johanson

Carried

13. Wackrow Memorial Youth Award

13.1 ***That the following timetable be confirmed as the arrangements for the 2004 Wackrow Memorial Youth Award:-***

<i>31 August</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Nominations close</i>
<i>7 September</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Judging of nominations</i>
<i>14 September</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Presentation ceremony at 5.30pm in the Barraud Way Centre</i>

And that the Board's Chairperson be appointed to co-ordinate the arrangements for this event.

Ensor/Johanson

Carried

14. Extraordinary Business Not On The Agenda

14.1 Traffic Flow Improvement Plan

14.1.1 The yellow no parking lines to be installed around the corners at the intersection of Barraud and Waterloo Streets to improve safety in this area have still not been done.

14.1.2 This matter will be referred to the Roading Manager with a request that this work be undertaken promptly.

14.1.3 It is noted that several months have already passed since the Board were advised this work would be carried out.

14.1.4 Some concerns have been raised about the Denmark/Millers Street intersection, and the change to the give way designations in this area.

This is causing near misses to occur, and has the potential for there to be serious accidents. Also of concern is that the visibility of some of the give way signs is obscured.

14.1.5 It is noted that an independent safety audit on the intersection has already been undertaken by the Land Transport Safety Authority, and their report is expected shortly.

14.2 Dangerous Road Surface in High Street

14.2.1 The dangerous road surface at the pedestrian crossing in High Street outside Classic Clothing has still not been repaired.

This matter was raised several months ago, but nothing has occurred despite promises being made that the work would be undertaken.

14.2.2 The Chairperson will be contacting Transit New Zealand to follow up on this matter.

14.3 End of Term Dinner

14.3.1 It was agreed that an end of term dinner be arranged for board members to occur following the Wackrow Memorial Youth Award presentation ceremony (14 September, 2004).

14.3.2 The Chairperson shall make the necessary arrangements to organise this event, and advise the details to board members once these have been confirmed.

14.4 Damage to Grass Reserve Area at Mangatera

14.4.1 Concern has again been expressed that the grassed reserve area opposite the Mangatera Hotel is in a damaged condition caused by cars.

14.5 Speed Restriction Signs In High Street

14.5.1 Concern has been expressed that there are not many 50 kilometre per hour speed restriction signs in High Street.

This is of particular concern travelling from the section in the vicinity of the showgrounds, and shall become even more significant when Hillcrest School merges with North School as more young children will be in this area.

14.5.2 It was agreed that a letter be sent to Transit New Zealand bringing this matter to their attention, and requesting that they erect additional 50 kilometre per hour speed restriction signs in High Street.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Chairperson