

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 7 December 2009 commencing at 3.10pm.

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

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| Mrs M E Reynolds | - | Mayor |
| Mr R Taylor | - | Governance Manager |
| Mr C Veale | - | Community Assets Manager (for items 7.1.7 to 7.1.10) |

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil

3. Public Forum

3.1 Nil

4. Personal Matters

4.1 *That the Board's congratulations be conveyed to Metalform Dannevirke Ltd. on their success in the Hawke's Bay Business Awards.*

Teahan/Dresser

Carried

5. Notification of Items Not On The Agenda

5.1 Nil

6. Confirmation of Minutes

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

Isaacson/Macdonald

Carried

7. Matters Arising From The Minutes

7.1 **125 Years of the Railway to Dannevirke** (Item 7.1)

7.1.1 The General Manager of KiwiRail, the Mayor, the Member of Parliament for this area, Gerald Shone, the Dannevirke Brass Band and the Highland Pipe Band will all be attending the short ceremony at the railway station to acknowledge this anniversary.

7.1.2 This will be held at 10.10am on Saturday 6 February 2010 to coincide with the arrival of the steam train to the A & P centennial show.

- 7.1.3 The Chairperson tabled for discussion a proposal setting out the wording of the plaque to commemorate this occasion, and he advised that the estimated cost is \$500.00.
- 7.1.4 Approval was given to the Chairperson to arrange the plaque subject to the proposed wording being amended as follows:
- The heading shall be “Dannevirke – Sleepertown – 1884”.
 - Alter the wording in the second paragraph to “In the years leading up to the arrival of the rail from Hawke’s Bay in December 1884 the road through Dannevirke was lined for two miles with stacks of sleepers up to 12 feet high.”
 - Alter the last sentence to “Before the rail arrived the town’s population was just over 100. The coming of the rail helped to boost the population of Dannevirke which had reached 1,000 by the time the town was proclaimed a borough in 1892.”
 - Add “This plaque was unveiled by Her Worship the Mayor Maureen Reynolds on 6 February 2010.”
- 7.1.5 There was agreement that the plaque be designed in the shape of a steam train, and it will be made from stainless steel.
- 7.1.6 The Rotary and the Lions Club are undertaking as a joint project the refurbishment of the Dannevirke railway station, and they are considering options for the removal of the goods shed.
- 7.1.7 Concerns were raised regarding the railway subway that is regularly covered in graffiti and tagging, and it is an unpleasant area to walk through.
- 7.1.8 The Community Assets Manager joined the meeting, and he advised that work had been undertaken to remove the graffiti and tagging from the subway. However, further incidences had resulted in more graffiti and tagging occurring.
- 7.1.9 The Community Assets Manager informed the Board that the responsibility for maintaining the subway is undertaken by Engineering Services, and they should be contacted regarding any issues concerning this matter.

7.1.10 ***That the Board requests the feasibility of closing the Dannevirke railway subway be investigated.***

Macdonald/Dresser

Carried

7.2 Dannevirke Town Centre Refurbished Footpaths (Item 7.6)

- 7.2.1 A tender has been accepted from an individual to provide regular maintenance cleaning of the newly resurfaced footpaths in the Dannevirke Town Centre. This work will commence tomorrow morning.
- 7.2.2 It was requested that a letter be sent to the Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce seeking their assistance to remind businesses to keep the footpath area clean outside their shop.

7.2.3 This is particularly relevant to shops selling food and providing tables on the footpath for outdoors dining.

7.2.4 The Chamber of Commerce will be asked to include this matter in the newsletter to their members.

7.3 **Christmas Community Concert** (Item 7.7)

7.3.1 The arrangements for the Carols in the Park community event were discussed. This will be held on Sunday 20 December 2009 at the A & P Showgrounds commencing at 5.00pm.

7.3.2 Signs are to be erected to promote this event, and the Deputy Chairperson is to arrange publicity posters and advertisements in the Dannevirke News and Bush Telegraph.

7.4 **Trees in Queen Street** (Item 7.8)

7.4.1 Some work has been undertaken to improve the appearance of these trees, and this is to be completed following consultation with the RSA.

7.5 **Dannevirke Domain** (Item 7.9)

7.5.1 It was noted that the Council is to consider a proposal to prepare a Reserve Management Plan for the Dannevirke Domain.

7.6 **Options for Bus Parking** (Item 10.7)

7.6.1 An on-site meeting is to be held with the Roding Liaison Manager and board members to discuss options for bus parking near to the Barraud Street toilets and the Fantasy Cave.

7.6.2 The Chairperson advised that the matter of providing a designated bus parking area at the Dannevirke Domain will also be discussed with the Roding Liaison Manager.

8. **Tararua District Council Report**

8.1 *That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 November 2009 (as circulated) be received.*

Dresser/Isaacson

Carried

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

9.1 **Dannevirke Information Centre Management Committee**

9.1.1 The Chairman attended the recent meeting of the Dannevirke Information Centre Management Committee, and he had encouraged them to consider extending their services and generate additional revenue through acting as a booking agency for travel and accommodation.

9.2 Dannevirke Brass Band

9.2.1 The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson had attended the Dannevirke Brass Band function held on Saturday afternoon following the Christmas parade.

9.3 Tararua Safer Community Council

9.3.1 Board Member Dresser gave a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Tararua Safer Community Council, and this included reference to the following matters:

- Debbie Webster, the Horizons Regional Council Road Safety Co-ordinator is undertaking various community focused activities and initiatives in the Tararua District, including emphasis on education to promote the use of child safety restraints.
- Crime statistics for Dannevirke indicate increases in burglaries and family violence.
- Concerns exist in the Dannevirke Community regarding gang members and their presence within the town.
- The Council's Manager Strategy and District Development is providing advice on the development and funding of a security camera monitoring system for the Dannevirke retail area.

9.4 Dannevirke and District A & P Association Inc.

9.4.1 The Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson have attended meetings of the Dannevirke and District A & P Association Inc. regarding the arrangements for their centennial show.

10. Correspondence

10.1 *That the correspondence as listed be received:*

- (a) **New Zealand National Horse and Pony Show Association Inc. Committee** **5 November 2009**
Re: Letter of appreciation and invitation to the Show
- (b) **Brian Barnes, Contract Supervisor (Urban)/Safety Management (Roading)** **6 November 2009**
Re: Road direction sign request
- (c) **Irene Walker-Gregory, Tamaki Nui A Rua Kapa Haka Group** **20 November 2009**
Re: Letter of appreciation
- (d) **Gerald Shone**
Re: Acceptance of invitation to the 125 years anniversary of the railway to Dannevirke ceremony
- (e) **John Hayes, MP for Wairarapa** **23 November 2009**
Re: Acceptance of invitation to the 125 years anniversary of the railway to Dannevirke ceremony

- (f) **MWH New Zealand Limited** **26 November 2009**
Re: Adopt A Highway agreement
- (g) **Rangitane Ahurei Committee** **27 November 2009**
Re: Request for financial assistance
- (h) **Tararua REAP** **30 November 2009**
Re: Request for financial assistance

Dresser/Macdonald **Carried**

10.2 Adopt A Highway Agreement

- 10.2.1 **That the Board renew the agreement for the Adopt A Highway project at the northern approach to Dannevirke on State Highway 2.**

Dresser/Macdonald **Carried**

10.3 Rangitane Ahurei Committee

- 10.3.1 **That the Board grant the Rangitane Ahurei Committee the sum of up to \$500.00 from its discretionary funds as assistance towards the cost of hiring the Dannevirke Town Hall and the Sports Centre for their festival event to be held in Dannevirke from 19 to 21 February 2010.**

Macdonald/Dresser **Carried**

10.4 Tararua REAP

- 10.4.1 **That the Board grant Tararua REAP the sum of up to \$62.00 from its discretionary funds as assistance towards the cost of hiring the Dannevirke Sports Centre for their Family Fun Day to be held on 21 January 2010.**

Southgate/Macdonald **Carried**

11. Chairman's Remarks

11.1 Season's Greetings

- 11.1.1 The Chairperson thanked board members and the Governance Manager for their work and efforts throughout the year, and extended his best wishes for a merry Christmas and a successful New Year.

11.2 Dannevirke Mainstreet Committee

- 11.2.1 The Chairperson advised that members of the Dannevirke Mainstreet Committee were disappointed that the Council has withdrawn their funding for two years.
- 11.2.2 As a result of this situation they no longer have sufficient funds to undertake any projects and cannot afford to pay for the Christmas lights to be put up in High Street.
- 11.2.3 To ensure that the Christmas lights are in place the Chairperson has indicated that the Board would underwrite these costs if necessary.

12. Dates of April and June Board Meetings

12.1 *That the dates of the April and June Board meetings to be held next year are as follows:*

- *Tuesday 6 April 2010 (as the date when the meeting would usually be held is Easter Monday).*
- *Tuesday 8 June 2010 (as the date when the meeting would usually be held is Queen's Birthday).*

Teahan/Macdonald

Carried

13. Items Not On The Agenda

13.1 Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 4.52pm.

Chairperson