

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 5 July, 2004 commencing at 6.30pm.

1. Present

Mrs S A Aitken (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 ***That an apology be sustained from Mr V J Hales for non-attendance at the meeting.***

Ensor/Johanson

Carried

3. Public Forum

3.1 Nil

4. Personal Matters

4.1 Nil.

5. Notification Of Any Extraordinary Business Not On The Agenda

5.1 The following matter was notified as an item of additional general business for discussion at today's meeting:-

- Dannevirke Traffic Flow Improvement Plan

6. Confirmation Of Minutes

6.1 ***That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 8 June, 2004 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Johanson/Ensor

Carried

7. Matters Arising From The Minutes

7.1 Upgrading of Railway Crossings (Item 7.1)

7.1.1 The Stanley Street railway crossing is still to be upgraded, and this will be done after other work programmed in the vicinity of the area is completed.

7.2 Possible Dannevirke Day For Flood Victims (Item 7.3)

7.2.1 This event will be held on 8 August, 2004 and is being organised by Victim Support.

7.2.2 The Chairperson is to contact Victim Support to progress the necessary arrangements which need to be finalised.

7.3 Landscaping Plan to Enhance The Appearance of The Town's Northern Entrance (Item 7.4)

7.3.1 The supply of plants for this project have been ordered. Quotes for the spraying are still to be obtained.

7.3.2 Some volunteers have come forward to offer their assistance. Transit New Zealand are to be contacted regarding the area of the highway hillside which is slumping with slips.

7.4 Dannevirke Friends of the Town Hall Group (Item 7.5)

7.4.1 The Group is keen to continue the momentum following the Gala opening of the Town Hall. They are looking at a further two to three other initiatives being organised.

7.4.2 The management of the Town Hall through the Information Centre is working well, with some minor procedural matters being clarified.

7.4.3 The importance of ensuring that the heating arrangements for the Town Hall are operating properly was emphasised.

7.5 Safety at Pedestrian Crossings (Item 7.6)

7.5.1 Debbie Webster (Regional Road Safety Co-ordinator) and the Sport Tararua Recreation Co-ordinator are working on progressing the "walking bus" concept.

7.6 1st Dannevirke Company Girls Brigade (Item 10.2)

7.6.1 The Chairperson circulated further information from the 1st Dannevirke Company Girls Brigade regarding their application for funding.

This provided details of the Girls Brigade Fonomarae to be held in Ngaruawahia from 9 – 16 January, 2005. The registration fee for each person attending is \$495.00, and they are seeking to send ten girls to this event.

7.6.2 ***That in light of the further information received from the 1st Dannevirke Company Girls Brigade regarding their application for funding, the Board grants them the sum of \$500.00 from its discretionary funds as assistance towards the cost of registration fees to attend the 2005 Girls Brigade Fonomarae in Ngaruawahia.***

Johanson/Thew

Carried

7.7 Annual Report on the Board's Performance (Item 11.3)

7.7.1 Board members are to meet informally to discuss and identify possible items for inclusion in the report, and the Chairperson was requested to arrange this and advise the details.

8. Tararua District Council Report

8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 16 June, 2004 (as circulated) and 30 June, 2004 (as tabled) be received.***

Ensor/Thew

Carried

8.2 National Skydiving Competition/Boogie

- 8.2.1 ***That the Board convey its congratulations to Andy Pine (Cloud 9 Skydiving) for organising the national skydiving competition/boogie to be held at the Dannevirke Aerodrome from 26 December, 2004 to 2 January, 2005.***

Ensor/Johanson

Carried

- 8.2.2 Board Member Ensor is to attend the public meeting which has been arranged to discuss this event.

8.3 TrustPower Tararua District Community Awards 2004

- 8.3.1 Board members were encouraged to consider appropriate organisations and groups within their community which could be nominated for these awards.

9. Reports From Board Representatives Appointed To Local Community Groups

9.1 Dannevirke Brass Band

- 9.1.1 The plans for the new bandroom are all done, with labour quotes now being sought.

9.2 Dannevirke Grey Power Association

- 9.2.1 Grey Power are pleased with the discussions taking place to provide public transport from Dannevirke to Palmerston North hospital.

- 9.2.2 Grey Power is seeking an indication of board members who are intending to stand for office at the forthcoming elections.

10. Correspondence

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

***(a) Dannevirke Girl Guide Association Parent Support Committee
Re: Letter of appreciation***

***(b) Horizons Regional Council
Re: Acknowledgement of submission to Horizons Regional Council Draft
Long-term Council Community Plan***

***(c) Kate Bertham – Parenting With Confidence Facilitator
Re: Letter of appreciation***

Johanson/Thew

Carried

11. Chairman's Remarks

11.1 Citizenship Ceremony

- 11.1.1 A citizenship ceremony is to be held for Tom Cradock at 5.30pm on the day of the Board's next meeting.

11.2 Dog Exercise Facilities

11.2.1 The Board would like to progress the dog exercise facilities as proposed for Dannevirke, and will reinforce this request through the consultation process on the Draft Dog Control Policy.

11.2.2 It was noted that the Board has previously indicated to the Council a willingness to provide appropriate receptacles and signage at the following locations as a community project:-

- Railway embankment, Stanley Street
- Railway reserve, Mangatera
- Grassed area adjacent to White Bus Company, High Street.

11.2.3 The Board also reiterates its support that High Street, from Miller Street to McPhee Street, be designated as a dog prohibited area.

11.3 Vote of Thanks and Best Wishes

11.3.1 The Board's thanks and appreciation are to be conveyed to Maureen and Noel Lohead to acknowledge their service and contribution to the town, and extending its best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

12. Extraordinary Business Not On The Agenda

12.1 Dannevirke Traffic Flow Improvement Plan

12.1.1 Board Member Ensor referred to the section of the Chief Executive's report concerning this matter which was presented to the June Council meeting.

This sets out the actions to be taken, and the response from Transit New Zealand regarding the parts of the Traffic Flow Improvement Plan that impact on the State Highway.

12.1.2 Board Member Ensor expressed concern and frustration at the time it is taking to sort out the traffic problems in High Street, and the issues now being raised.

Some of these are farcical, and progress needs to be made in implementing the recommendations which were previously accepted and agreed to.

Further delays should not be tolerated, and Transit New Zealand needs to be urged to reconsider its position on their response.

Of note is the comments concerning parking, and these should be considered in the context of the present situation which exists in High Street due to the stormwater upgrading work being undertaken.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

Chairperson