

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 2 July, 2007 commencing at 6.30pm.

1. Present

Messrs C P Thew (Chairperson), N H Ensor (Deputy Chairperson), R P Teahan and Mrs C J Isaacson.

In Attendance

Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil.

3. Confirmation of Appointment to Fill Extraordinary Vacancy

3.1 *That pursuant to Section 118(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Dannevirke Community Board confirms the appointment of Raymond Patrick Teahan of Dannevirke to fill the extraordinary vacancy for a position on the Board, and*

That in making this appointment the Board has taken into account the following criteria for selecting this person to fill the vacancy.

- *The person qualifies to fill the vacancy as an elector of the Tararua District and resides in the North Tararua Ward, and*
- *The person previously demonstrated that he has community support to fulfil this role through being the highest polling unsuccessful candidate at the election for a board member which was held on 19 July, 2006 and*
- *The person is willing to serve on the Board for the remainder of its term of office.*

Ensor/Thew

Carried

4. Declaration Required of New Community Board Member

4.1 The Chairperson witnessed the making and attesting of the declaration required of the new community board member, Raymond Teahan, by Schedule 7 Clause 14 of the Local Government Act 2002.

5 Public Forum

5.1 Vandalism

5.1.1 Dave Pawson spoke to the Board on regular vandalism which is occurring at the northern end of town caused by young people after they have been drinking at the hotel in this vicinity.

These problems generally happen on Friday and Saturday nights, and damage is being done to both private and public property.

This behaviour is not acceptable to the residents, and action needs to be taken to rectify this situation.

- 5.1.2 ***That the Board convey its concern to the Senior Sergeant of the Dannevirke Police regarding the vandalism problem being experienced at the northern end of town, and***

That the Police be requested to more effectively patrol this area during the hours of 11.00pm to 4.00am, and ensure that enforcement of the liquor ban within the central business district is taking place.

Ensor/Teahan

Carried

- 5.1.3 The Chairperson will also contact the community night patrol to make them aware of this matter and seek their assistance.

5.2 Recycling

- 5.2.1 Dave Pawson commended the Council on the facilities which they are providing for recycling, and supported publicity being undertaken to promote the use of this service.

- 5.2.2 It was suggested that an invitation be extended to the Waste Manager to attend a future Board meeting to speak on progress being made to minimise waste within the district.

6. stepUp Foundation

- 6.1 Graeme and Heather Heald spoke on the work undertaken by the stepUp Foundation, and their involvement with the events which it organises.

This non profit Foundation's purpose is to educate and excite teenagers of 14 to 18 years about the possibilities for their future in business and life.

- 6.2 Graeme and Heather Heald are running a two day event to be held in Palmerston North at the Arena Manawatu on 2 and 3 August, 2007. They previously attended a similar event in Auckland, and this was a huge success.

With the benefit of this experience which involved 700 West and South Auckland teens they are now enthusiastically determined to ensure that Tararua youth has the opportunity to attend the Palmerston North event.

They already have 120 Dannevirke High School students signed up to attend, and are actively promoting the event to include more teens and gather support from the community. The cost is \$60.00 for each person, and they are required to contribute \$20.00 towards this amount.

- 6.3 ***That the Board grant a maximum sum of up to \$900.00 from its discretionary funds as sponsorship towards the cost of bus hire to transport teenagers from Dannevirke to attend one of the day's of the stepUp Foundation event to be held in Palmerston North on 2 and 3 August, 2007.***

Ensor/Teahan

Carried

7. Dannevirke Community Hospital

- 7.1 Sharon Wards, Manager of the Dannevirke Community Hospital spoke on the successful negotiations with Mobile Surgical Services to regularly use Dannevirke as the host site for the mobile surgical bus. This has the support from MidCentral DHB.

The service is a very exciting initiative, and the mobile bus is contracted to come to Dannevirke for one day every five weeks. Patients will be selected from the public waiting list at Palmerston North, and the facility is available to patients domiciled in Dannevirke and the Tararua District.

- 7.2 Sharon Wards advised that as the host site the Dannevirke Community Hospital is required to provide nursing staff, service amenities and a suitable site for the bus to “plug into” while it is based here.

The current electrical loading on the hospital switchboard is not capable of providing sufficient power for the bus, and a quote of \$8,160 GST exclusive has been obtained to undertake the work required to set up an appropriate supply.

Funding is presently being requested to assist with this cost, and the Board is invited to make a contribution to support this new community service.

- 7.3 ***That the Board grant the Dannevirke Community Hospital the sum of \$1,000.00 from its discretionary funds as assistance towards the cost of establishing the Mobile Surgical Services host site to provide this facility in Dannevirke.***

Ensor/Teahan

Carried

8. Personal Matters

- 8.1 The Board conveyed its congratulations to the Governance Manager on completing thirty years of local authority service.

9. Notification of Items Not On The Agenda

- 9.1 The following matters were notified as items of general business not on the agenda for discussion at today’s meeting.

- Dannevirke Central Business District refurbishment
- Under verandah street lighting in Dannevirke

10. Confirmation of Minutes

- 10.1 ***That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 5 June, 2007 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Isaacson/Ensor

Carried

11. Matters Arising From The Minutes

11.1 Wackrow Memorial Youth Award (Item 7.1)

- 11.1.1 Letters have been sent out to clubs, organisations and businesses encouraging them to submit nominations for the 2007 Wackrow Memorial Youth Award.

11.2 Tararua TrustPower Community Awards (Item 7.4)

- 11.2.1 Fifty four different organisations were nominated for the Tararua TrustPower Community Awards, and judging has taken place to determine the outcome of each category.

11.2.2 The presentation function is to be held on Monday 20 August, 2007.

11.3 **Tararua PHO Limited** (Item 11.2)

11.3.1 The Chairperson represented the Board at the Tararua PHO discussion group meeting held in Pahiatua on Tuesday 12 June, 2007.

11.3.2 There was a very poor response to the invitations sent out to participate in these discussions, with those in attendance indicating their support for PHO's to assume the responsibility for delivering health services.

11.4 **Zone 3 Community Boards Forum** (Item 11.3)

11.4.1 The Board was not represented at the Zone 3 Community Boards Forum held in Hawera on 29 and 30 June, 2007.

11.5 **Clean Up New Zealand Week** (Item 12.1)

11.5.1 The Chairperson has contacted the town's circular delivery contractors and the Dannevirke News regarding their delivery practices, and they support the Board's request to ensure that material is delivered in a manner which prevents the paper from being blown down streets.

11.5.2 The Chairperson is still to discuss this matter with New Zealand Post.

11.5.3 Letters have been sent out to community groups and schools encouraging them to participate in Clean Up New Zealand Week through undertaking a project.

11.5.4 Board Member Teahan was invited to follow up his suggestion of a local scrap dealer removing unsightly vehicles from properties at no cost.

11.5.5 Board Member Teahan will bring back a proposal to the Board's next meeting regarding this matter, and it may require some advertising to be arranged to promote the service being offered.

11.6 **Roading Queries** (Item 9.1)

11.6.1 The Stairs/Stanley Street and Cole Street railway crossings have been repaired.

11.6.2 The Board's appreciation is to be conveyed to OnTrack for their prompt attention to undertaking this work.

12. Tararua District Council Report

12.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 June, 2007 (as tabled) be received.***

Teahan/Isaacson

Carried

13. Reports From Board Representatives Appointed to Local Community Groups and Assigned Responsibilities

13.1 ***Dannevirke Brass Band***

13.1.1 The Chairperson attended the Annual General Meeting of the Dannevirke Brass Band, and the office holders remained the same as previously elected.

14.4 **Social Darts Committee**

- 14.4.1 ***That the Board decline the request from the Social Darts Committee for a grant towards the cost of their 25th anniversary year special night as assistance is not available to fund such events.***

Teahan/Ensor

Carried

15. **Chairman's Remarks**

- 15.1 Nil

16. **Items Not On The Agenda**

16.1 ***Dannevirke Central Business District Refurbishment***

- 16.1.1 Board Member Teahan raised the matter of upgrading shop frontages in conjunction with the Dannevirke Central Business District refurbishment project.

- 16.1.2 Board Member Teahan is to follow up this matter through discussions with the District Roothing Manager.

16.2 ***Under Verandah Street Lighting In Dannevirke***

- 16.2.1 It was noted that 62 under verandah street lights are not working in town and need to be repaired.

- 16.2.2 The District Roothing Manager is to be requested to advise who owns the street lights in Dannevirke and is responsible for their maintenance?

16.3 ***Adopt A Highway Project***

- 16.3.1 At the invitation of the Board Dave Pawson gave an update on progress being made with the Adopt A Highway project.

- 16.3.2 Dave Pawson advised that ongoing work is being undertaken to maintain the area which has been planted, and the project is gradually progressing through the assistance of two volunteers.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chairperson