

# 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 Tuesday 8 June, 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.***

***Thew/Johanson***

***Carried***

### 3. Public Forum

#### 3.1 Mr Brian Wilson conveyed his thanks and appreciation to board members for their assistance in promptly arranging permanent flooding and road closure signs to be made available within the area that he resides.

This will ensure that appropriate warning can be given of any problems caused in the future by flooding.

#### 3.2 Mr Wilson's daughter also thanked board members for their support and offer of counselling to assist in recovering from the trauma of witnessing the rescue of a woman trapped in a flooded car.

#### 3.3 The Board will send a letter to the Chief Executive thanking him for his assistance in dealing with this matter quickly to achieve a satisfactory outcome, and acknowledging the contribution of all relevant parties.

### 4. Personal Matters

#### 4.1 Nil.

### 5. Notification Of Any Extraordinary Business Not On The Agenda

#### 5.1 Nil.

### 6. Confirmation Of Minutes

#### 6.1 ***That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 3 May, 2004 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

***Ensor/Johanson***

***Carried***

### 7. Matters Arising From The Minutes

#### 7.1 Upgrading of Railway Crossings (Item 7.3)

##### 7.1.1 It is pleasing to note that the majority of the work required to upgrade Dannevirke's railway crossings is now all done except Stanley Street.

7.2 Additional Sewerage Charges Levied On Businesses For Pan Tax (Item 3.1.3)

7.2.1 The Council will be making a decision on this matter at its meeting scheduled for 16 June, 2004.

7.3 Possible Dannevirke Day For Flood Victims (Item 7.5)

7.3.1 Victim Support are to proceed with the arrangements for organising this event to be held on 8 August, 2004.

The Army are to be requested to assist with providing transport, and Wai Splash and the Fantasy Cave will make their facilities available. There is also to be a barbecue arranged.

7.4 Landscaping Plan to Enhance The Appearance of The Town's Northern Entrance (Item 12.1)

7.4.1 Board Member Thew tabled a report setting out quotes for the supply of plants, ordering recommendations, planting timetable, Transit Consultation, need for volunteers, spraying and mowing, mulch to be transported, ongoing maintenance and Dannevirke landmark. Quotes for spraying are still to be provided.

7.4.2 A further update was also tabled concerning amended recommendations for purchasing of plants, and outlining difficulties in attempting to clear and plant the steep hillside (Zone 1).

The western side of the highway hillside (Zone 2.2) is also slumping with slips reaching up into the neighbouring property where the Acacia plantation is established.

Transit New Zealand is to be consulted regarding this situation, and recommending that the area be stabilised with native plantings.

7.4.3 The Board thanked Mr Thew for his comprehensive report, and considered the amount of funding which it could commit to this project.

7.4.4 ***That the Board supports the proposal to enhance the appearance of the town's northern entrance, and commits the following funding to undertake this project:-***

<b><i>Dannevirke Fairbrother Trust Fund</i></b>	<b><i>\$3,000.00</i></b>
<b><i>Dannevirke Community Board discretionary funds</i></b>	<b><i>\$5,000.00</i></b>

***And that Board Member Thew be authorised to progress this project through making the necessary arrangements to order the plants, materials, and organise the labour required.***

***Ensor/Johanson***

***Carried***

7.5 Dannevirke Friends of the Town Hall Group (Item 9.1)

7.5.1 The Gala opening of the Town Hall went very well, with about 250 people attending this event.

7.5.2 The contributions of all those who participated in the Gala opening were much appreciated, with Patrick Power's performance, the Dannevirke High School Kapa Haka Group and the Viking Choir being some of the features.

7.5.3 A letter was tabled from the Dannevirke Town Hall Marketing and Promotions Group requesting the Board to consider covering the cost to hire the venue for the evening.

- 7.5.4 ***That the Board convey its congratulations to the Dannevirke Town Hall Marketing and Promotions Group for organising a highly successful evening to officially re-open the Town Hall, and***

***That the Board pay from its discretionary funds the cost of the hall hire for this evening estimated to be \$669.00.***

***Aitken/Ensor***

***Carried***

- 7.5.5 The décor of the Town Hall was the subject of many complimentary comments, and the Board thanks the Council staff and contractor for their efforts in achieving this magnificent outcome.

7.6 Safety at Pedestrian Crossings (Item 7.6)

- 7.6.1 The Chairperson has met with the Sport Tararua Recreation Co-ordinator who is very enthusiastic about progressing the “walking bus” concept.
- 7.6.2 The Chairperson will be out with Police and Debbie Webster (Regional Road Safety Coordinator) stopping cars to check the wearing of safety restraints.
- 7.6.3 The Chairperson has already participated in two days of cycle helmet checks.

8. Tararua District Council Report

- 8.1 ***That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 26 May, 2004 (as circulated) be received.***

***Thew/Ensor***

***Carried***

9. Reports From Board Representatives Appointed To Local Community Groups

- 9.1 Nil

10. Correspondence

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

***(a) The Akitio Recreation and Sports Club  
Re: Letter of appreciation***

***(b) Tararua Riding For The Disabled  
Re: Newsletter***

***May, 2004***

***(c) 1<sup>st</sup> Dannevirke Company Girls Brigade  
Re: Request to reconsider decision to decline funding application***

***10 May, 2004***

***(d) Kate Bertham – Parenting With Confidence Facilitator  
Re: Request for financial assistance towards the cost of running three toolbox courses in Dannevirke.***

***10 May, 2004***

***Thew/Johanson***

***Carried***

10.2 1<sup>st</sup> Dannevirke Company Girls Brigade

- 10.2.1 Board members indicated that they required further information from the applicant before their request for funding is reconsidered.
- 10.2.2 The Chairperson agreed to follow up on this matter and report back to the Board at its next meeting.

10.3 Kate Bertham – Parenting With Confidence Facilitator

10.3.1 ***That the Board approves the request for funding to assist with the costs of running three toolbox parenting courses in Dannevirke, and***

***That the sum of \$750.00 be made available from the Board's discretionary funds as its contribution of support for this programme.***

***Thew/Johanson***

***Carried***

11. Chairman's Remarks

11.1 Boy Racers Churning Up Grass at Mangatera

11.1.1 It was noted that there have been regular occasions when this has occurred, and instances of this happening need to be reported to the Police so that action is taken against the offenders.

11.2 Public Transport Services for Dannevirke

11.2.1 There has been recent discussion in the community on the need to provide this service for the elderly.

It is also considered to be of priority that such services are accessible to young people.

11.2.2 The Board will consider making a submission to the Horizons Regional Council Long Term Council Community Plan regarding this matter.

11.2.3 It may be possible that MidCentral Health are also considering this issue, and the Chairperson will follow up on this matter.

11.3 Annual Report On the Board's Performance

11.3.1 It was agreed that this matter be considered at the Board's next meeting. In the meantime board members will arrange to meet informally to discuss and identify possible items for inclusion in the report.

11.4 Contracts – Urban Mowing and Urban Street Cleaning

11.4.1 The Chairperson circulated a report from the Manager of District Assets concerning this matter.

11.4.2 Board members indicated that they had no specific comments to make regarding the plans showing the areas covered by this work.

11.4.3 The only issue which it noted and questioned is the weekly schedule of refuse bin cleaning. Is this sufficient? Also are the urban rural areas receiving the appropriate level of service relative to their needs for mowing and street cleaning?

12. Extraordinary Business Not On The Agenda

12.1 Nil.

*There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.*

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*Chairperson*

