

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 Tuesday 3 June, 2008 commencing at 6.30pm.

1. Present

Board Members R P Teahan (Chairperson), C J Isaacson (Deputy Chairperson),
R A Dresser and N H Ensor.

In Attendance

Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager

2. Apologies

2.1 *That an apology be sustained from Cr C W Southgate for non-attendance at the meeting, and the apology of Board Member N H Ensor be received for lateness.*

Dresser/ Isaacson

Carried

3. Public Forum

3.1 Nil

4. Personal Matters

4.1 Nil

5. Notification of Items Not On The Agenda

5.1 The following matter was notified as an item of general business not on the agenda for discussion at today's meeting.

- Pedestrian crossing request

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 *That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 5 May, 2008 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Isaacson/Dresser

Carried

7. Matters Arising From The Minutes

7.1 *Welcome to Dannevirke Signs (Item 9.2)*

7.1.1 *That the Dannevirke Mainstreet Committee be invited to submit to the Board their proposal to tidy up and improve the appearance of the Welcome to Dannevirke signs located at the entrances to the town.*

Teahan/Isaacson

Carried

7.1.2 A request is also to be made to remove the graffiti from the Welcome to Dannevirke sign at the town's southern entrance.

7.2 Dannevirke Town Centre Refurbishment (Item 9.8)

7.2.1 Board Member Dresser gave a verbal report to provide an update on progress being made with the Town Centre refurbishment project.

7.3 Dannevirke Town Centre Refurbishment Sponsorship Programme (Item 9.6)

7.3.1 It was requested that letters be sent to the Dannevirke Host Lions Club and the Dannevirke Arts Society to follow up their offers to contribute sponsorship.

7.4 Community Variety Concert (Item 9.7)

7.4.1 The community variety concert was very good, with about \$2,500 being raised for the Philips Search and Rescue Trust emergency helicopter service.

7.4.2 It is proposed that the Board consider arranging another similar event this year based on a free community concert in the park to celebrate Christmas.

7.4.3 Should the weather not be suitable to hold this event outdoors then the Town Hall will be used as the venue.

7.4.4 Board Member Ensor entered the meeting at 6.57pm.

7.5 Hall Street Public Car Park Tree (Item 12.4)

7.5.1 The tree located at the Hall Street entrance into the public car park and the rear of the Scanpower access way to their premises has been pruned.

7.6 Wackrow Memorial Youth Award (Item 15)

7.6.1 The Chairperson has held some preliminary discussions regarding the 2008 Wackrow Memorial Youth Award with a representative of the Dannevirke High School.

7.6.2 The Board was requested to consider the appointment of a community representative to the Wackrow Memorial Youth Award judging panel.

7.7 Request For Sponsorship (Item 16.3)

7.7.1 The group established to raise funds to boost the morale of the Dannevirke Business Community will be meeting tomorrow to further discuss this matter.

8. Tararua District Council Report

8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 May, 2008 (as tabled) be received.***

Dresser/Ensor

Carried

8.2 Smoke Free Environment

8.2.1 ***That the Dannevirke Community Board unanimously supports the Smoke Free Environment policy as outlined in item 11.7.2 of the Council's meeting minutes of 28 May, 2008.***

Dresser/Ensor

Carried

9. Reports

9.1 Proposed District Plan

- 9.1.1 That the report from the Manager Environmental Services dated 5 May, 2008 concerning the Proposed District Plan (as circulated) be received.**

Ensor/Teahan

Carried

- 9.1.2 That with regard to the Council's Proposed Tararua District Plan, the Dannevirke Community Board makes the following submission.**

The Board notes that the Proposed Tararua District Plan contains provisions in Section 2.8.3 regarding the transportation network and adjacent activities.

This issue is of concern to the Board in relation to the matter of identifying and designating suitable alternative routes to divert heavy traffic away from High Street in Dannevirke.

The Board proposes that the Council include within this section an amendment which supports the concept of two alternative routes being established for north and south bound heavy traffic.

For the purpose of defining the streets as the basis of these routes the following options are proposed.

North

Rawhiti Street/ Queen Street/ Allan Street/ Guy Street/ Hospital Street

South

Allardice Street/ Denmark Street/ Edinburgh Street

The Board seeks the Council's adoption of this proposal through its inclusion in the District Plan, thereby resolving the longstanding issue of the adverse environmental effects caused by heavy traffic in High Street.

Ensor/Teahan

Carried

- 9.1.3 The Board requests the opportunity to present its submission to the Council, with the Chairperson to arrange for this to occur.**

9.2 Allardice Street Car Park – Farmers' Market

- 9.2.1 That the report from the Manager Environmental Services dated 12 May, 2008 concerning the proposed establishment of a farmers' market in the Allardice Street car park (as circulated) be received.**

Teahan/Isaacson

Carried

- 9.2.2 That the Dannevirke Community Board supports the concept of a farmers' market being established in Dannevirke, but has reservations about the proposed location of it being held in the Allardice Street car park, and**

That the Board believes an alternative site should be found away from existing businesses within High Street, and suggests the possibility of the A & P Showgrounds as a suitable option for consideration.

Teahan/Isaacson

Carried

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

10.1 *Dannevirke Information Centre Management Committee*

10.1.1 Board Member Ensor reported that the Dannevirke Information Centre is operating satisfactorily, with the continued trend of visitor numbers being down in comparison with last year.

10.2 *New Zealand Community Boards Executive Committee*

10.2.1 Board Member Ensor reported that in the future these meetings (which are held in Wellington) will commence at 10.00am, with the Chairperson holding a prior breakfast meeting at 7.30am.

10.3 *Tararua Safer Community Council*

10.3.1 Board Member Dresser reported that the Tararua Safer Community Council is granted funding from the Crime Prevention Unit for the following projects:-

- Drivers licensing programme
- Campaign for action on family violence
- Tararua Community Youth Services

11. Correspondence

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

(a) *Starship Foundation and Starship Children's Health 10 April 2008*
Re: Letter of appreciation for support from the Bonanza Country Music festival

(b) *Dannevirke Gallery of History Inc 15 May, 2008*
Re: Visit to the Museum

(c) *Lions Club of Dannevirke Host Inc 2 May, 2008*
Re: Request for financial assistance

(d) *Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Tamaki Nui A Rua*
Re: Request for financial assistance

(e) *Rotary Club of Dannevirke 29 May 2008*
Re: Letter of appreciation

Ensor/Isaacson

Carried

11.2 *Lions Club of Dannevirke Host Inc*

11.2.1 Board Member Dresser declared an interest in this item of business, and abstained from the discussions and voting on the motion regarding this matter.

- 11.2.2 ***That the Board grant the Lions Club of Dannevirke Host Inc the sum of up to \$500.00 from its discretionary funds as assistance towards the cost of hiring the Town Hall for their annual book sale fund raising event to be held in August, 2008.***

Ensor/Teahan

Carried

- 11.3 ***Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Tamaki Nui A Rua***

- 11.3.1 ***That the Board grant the Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Tamaki Nui A Rua the sum of up to \$606.50 from its discretionary funds as assistance towards the cost of hiring the Town Hall for their Matariki Ball community event to be held on 28 June, 2008.***

Dresser/Isaacson

Carried

12. Chairman's Remarks

12.1 General Assistance Grants Scheme

- 12.1.1 The Chairperson reported that he had received several positive comments from various community groups and organisations expressing appreciation for the funding which they were granted through the Board's General Assistance Grants Scheme.

13. Marketing and Promotion of Dannevirke

- 13.1 The Chairperson reported that Infracon and Scanpower are considering appropriate options to market and promote Dannevirke.

14. Items Not On The Agenda

14.1 Pedestrian Crossing Request

- 14.1.1 The Chairperson reported that he had been approached by the residents of the Council's pensioner flats in Denmark Street requesting a pedestrian crossing to New World.

- 14.1.2 The residents advised that they are experiencing difficulties crossing the road to the supermarket due to the heavy volumes of traffic, and this is causing a risk to their safety.

- 14.1.3 This matter will be referred to the District Roding Manager to investigate and report back to the Board with his recommendation to rectify this situation.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 8.28pm.

Chairperson