

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 7 March, 2005 commencing at 6.30pm.

1. Present

Messrs C P Thew (Chairperson), T E Cradock and Mrs M A Leen.

In Attendance

Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager

2. Apologies

- 2.1 ***That an apology be sustained from Mr N H Ensor for non-attendance at the meeting.***

Cradock/Leen

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:-

- Makotuku and Ormondville railway crossings

6. Confirmation Of Minutes

- 6.1 ***That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 7 February, 2005 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Leen/Cradock

Carried

7. Matters Arising From The Minutes

- 7.1 Vehicle Entrance to Elsinore Court (Item 13.1)

- 7.1.1 It is intended that vehicle entrance access is to be installed at the Elsinore Court pensioner flats, and this work will proceed as soon as a contractor is available.

7.2 Strategic Plan (Item 3.1)

- 7.2.1 The Chairperson met with Vikki Johanson regarding the Strategic Plan which she had offered to develop for the Board, and this will be completed and a copy presented for its reference.

7.3 Dannevirke Domain Playground Development (Item 7.1)

- 7.3.1 The Chairperson advised that the previous Board did not have any plan for the next stage of the Dannevirke Domain Playground development.

They did however discuss a number of ideas for possible projects, and these included:-

- Extending the bandstand
- Beautifying the gardens
- Extending the playground
- Fencing the paddling pool and redevelop the old changing shed
- Improvements to the toilet
- Install a welcome gate
- Construct a walking/cycle pathway

- 7.3.2 It was noted that a decision is required regarding the future of the paddling pool and old changing shed as there are problems occurring with broken glass.

- 7.3.3 The Board awaits to receive this report before it considers any projects to further develop the Dannevirke Domain Playground area.

7.4 Provision of Dog Excrement Receptacle Bins (Item 7.5)

- 7.4.1 The Chairperson has met with the Manager of Environmental Services and the General Inspector to discuss this matter.

At this stage the dog exercise area at the Upper Waihi Pai Reserve has been developed, with a gate and sign being installed. The area is fenced.

The other two dog exercise areas are still to be signposted. Information concerning their location is to be included on the Council's web site.

Dog obedience training courses are to be organised.

- 7.4.2 The Chairperson is to look at the receptacles provided in Woodville for the disposal of dog faeces.

These may be appropriate for installation at the Dannevirke dog exercise areas.

7.5 Tararua Learning Centre (Item 11.2)

- 7.5.1 The Chairperson represented the Board at the annual general meeting of the Tararua Learning Centre.

This was a well attended meeting, and the service will continue to operate in the immediate future as a result of sufficient support now being available.

7.6 Draft Management Plan for Akitio Beach Reserves South of the Boating Club (Item 7.9)

- 7.6.1 ***That the Board make the following submission to the Council in relation to the Draft Management Plan for Akitio Beach Reserves South of the Boating Club:-***

The Board supports the Draft Management Plan and agrees with management strategies emphasis being on the stability and preservation of the fore-dunes, stability of the hillside, and minimising dangers from natural hazards.

The continued enjoyment of the environment at Akitio by residents and visitors is dependant upon effective strategies being implemented. Without such mitigating strategies, the influences of uncontrolled human activity and also natural hazards may jeopardise the future viability of the settlement.

Added emphasis is placed on the following section of the draft plan:

8.2.2 The harvesting of the pine forest must require strict guidelines. There must be certainty that erosion will not follow the harvest, and it may be prudent to leave the trees in certain areas, if assessment shows that is the best course of action.

A replanting strategy will be required, with appropriate species for conservation purposes (not harvest). There are a number of native coastal species which could be planted, with the area eventually naturalising as a coastal native forest, with considerable soil conservation values.

Further consideration:

While this submission only relates to the coastal reserves south of the Boating Club at Akitio, it is noted that there is a need for a management plan for the esplanade reserves north of the Boating Club. The fore-dunes are extensively modified in the northern areas, or non-existent, due to developments in the past. The formed road through the settlement, the houses on the inland side of the road, as well as the Boating Club building, are in greater potential danger from natural hazards from the ocean, then building in the area of the southern reserves (i.e. relating to draft management plan).

Unfortunately the current process of plan formation did not include these areas, and if there is no intention in the near future to develop a plan to manage the northern areas, it is recommended that when the management plan for the southern reserves is reviewed in approximately three years, that consideration be given to extending the management plan to also include reserves north of the Boating Club. With the recent subdivision approval to the north of Akitio River mouth, there is to be an esplanade reserve established for some distance along the coast. It seems sensible to have one management plan to cover the entire Akitio coastline, including the environmentally important spit at the mouth of the Akitio River.

An additional consideration, which also falls outside of the actual reserves south of the Boating Club, is the subdivision of land and associated buildings and other land use changes in the settlement of Akitio. Council needs to monitor these matters closely, as adverse affects due to these activities may also affect the management of the reserves.

Thew/Cradock

Carried

7.7 Reporting (Item 12.3)

7.7.1 The report for publishing in the local papers concerning Board matters has been reinstated.

7.8 Dannevirke Community Board General Assistance Grants Scheme (Item 9.2)

- 7.8.1 The Financial Accountant has advised there was an error in the information previously provided to the Board concerning the amount of funds available for allocation.

This situation was caused by the opening balance from the previous financial year being incorrectly processed and transferred.

The necessary alterations have now been made to correct this, and the current balance of the Board's discretionary funds is \$28,631.59.

8. Tararua District Council Report

- 8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 February, 2005 (as circulated) be received.***

Cradock/Leen

Carried

8.2 Heartlands Service

- 8.2.1 The arrangements for the Heartlands Service within the southern part of the district were explained, and why it is considered unnecessary to establish a similar facility in Dannevirke.

9. Reports From Board Representatives Appointed To Local Community Groups and Assigned Responsibilities

9.1 Dannevirke Brass Band

- 9.1.1 Construction of the new bandroom building has commenced.

9.2 Dannevirke Town Hall Marketing and Promotions Committee

- 9.2.1 The following matters were the subject of discussion at the recent meeting of the Dannevirke Town Hall Marketing and Promotions Committee:-

- The bond for hiring the Town Hall has been increased to \$300.00.
- A curriculum vitae for the Town Hall is being produced.
- A brochure to market the Town Hall is being considered.
- Ideas proposed to increase the use of the Town Hall have been identified. These are investigating the organisation of a debate with a celebrity guest, arranging a concert for young people, and building a bar facility which incorporates changing rooms.

9.3 2005 New Zealand Community Boards Conference

- 9.3.1 Board Member Cradock gave a verbal report on the 2005 New Zealand Community Boards Conference.

This was a very worthwhile and informative conference, and provided a good training opportunity for new board members.

Community Boards are an effective way of providing each community with a voice to raise local issues, and they can make a significant contribution to the governance structure.

- 9.3.2 Board Member Cradock will provide a written report on the Conference to the Board's next meeting.

10. Correspondence

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

- (a) *Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce* *4 February, 2005*
Re: Letter of appreciation for funding to advertise the Twilight Madness Promotion**

- (b) *Daphne Miller* *4 February, 2005*
Re: Mangapurapura Stream**

- (c) *Stephen Taylor, Manager District Assets, Tararua District Council*
Re: Comments on piping and fencing the Mangapurapura Stream**

- (d) *Gary Stevens, Bonanza Country Music Starship Appeal 25 February 2005*
Re: Request for financial assistance**

- (e) *Richard Taylor, Governance Manager, Tararua District Council*
25 February, 2005
Re: Christmas Parades Traffic Management Plan Costs**

Cradock/Leen

Carried

10.2 Mangapurapura Stream

- 10.2.1 The safety concerns regarding the section of the Mangapurapura Stream located in the vicinity of Gordon Street were noted.

- 10.2.2 There were no specific actions proposed, but the Board may give further consideration to making a submission to the Council's Annual Plan seeking the piping of this area.

10.3 Bonanza Country Music Starship Appeal

- 10.3.1 ***That the Board grant from its discretionary funds the sum of \$300.00 as assistance towards the cost of arranging the Bonanza Country Music Starship Appeal Charity Concert.***

Cradock/Leen

Carried

10.4 Dannevirke Christmas Parade

- 10.4.1 The Chairperson is to discuss with the Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce alternative arrangements for traffic management at the Dannevirke Christmas parade, and whether this event should continue to be held in High Street.

11. Chairman's Remarks

11.1 Local Services Mapping Steering Group

11.1.1 ***That Mrs M A Leen be appointed as the Board's representative on the "Local Services Mapping Steering Group" for Tararua, which is an initiative of the Ministry of Social Development.***

Thew/Cradock

Carried

12. Extraordinary Business Not On The Agenda

12.1 Makotuku and Ormondville Railway Crossings

12.1.1 The present condition of the Makotuku and Ormondville railway crossings is very poor, and is a potential hazard to safety.

12.1.2 It is requested that this matter be given urgent attention to undertake the necessary repairs.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Chairperson