

**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 5 March, 2007 commencing at 6.30pm.

**1. Present**

Messrs C P Thew (Chairperson), N H Ensor (Deputy Chairperson), T E Cradock, Mrs C J Isaacson and Mrs J G Swenson.

**In Attendance**

Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager

**2. Apologies**

2.1 Nil

**3. Public Forum**

**3.1 *Temporary Heavy Traffic Diversion During The Period of the High Street Upgrade***

3.1.1 The Chairperson welcomed Richard Parker, Graeme Gimblett and Maurice Millar to the meeting, and invited them to address the Board.

3.1.2 A visual presentation was made by Richard Parker, Graeme Gimblett and Maurice Millar to brief the Board on the recommendations of a small group of locals who have been considering options for temporary heavy traffic diversion during the High Street upgrade project.

3.1.3 This has been done with the objective of minimising the disruption to the businesses on High Street whilst the upgrading works are being undertaken.

3.1.4 The proposed routes for trucks are as follows:-

**North Bound**

Rawhiti - Queen - Tennyson - Christian Streets

**South Bound**

Swinburn - Waterloo - Miller - Denmark Streets

3.1.5 In both of these routes the trucks follow the roads without having to cross other heavy traffic, and the south bound diversion already exists as a heavy traffic route.

3.1.6 Cars, motorised caravans, light trucks and buses would continue to travel straight through High Street as at present.

3.1.7 The proposal outlined to the Board was then the subject of general discussion, and this included reference to the following matters:-

- Trucks currently turn off at Rawhiti Street and follow this route straight through to the area in the vicinity of the old hospital. This provides a convenient alternative which truck drivers are already familiar with, and therefore it could be incorporated within the proposed route for north bound traffic.
- To avoid any confusion and disruption to the work being undertaken, the diversion routes should apply to all vehicles whilst the upgrade is in progress.

3.1.8 ***That the Board endorses in principle the general basis of the proposed alternative routes recommended to be used whilst the Dannevirke High Street upgrade project is being undertaken, and***

***That the proposal be referred to the District Roading Manager for his comment and report back to the Board with a plan to progress this matter and expedite the necessary arrangements.***

***Ensor/Cradock***

***Carried***

3.1.9 The Chairperson thanked Richard Parker, Graeme Gimblett and Maurice Millar for their presentation, and commended them on the work which they have done in developing a proposal to manage the traffic when the High Street upgrade is undertaken.

#### **4. Personal Matters**

4.1 ***That the Board's appreciation be conveyed to Tararua Roading for transporting mulch at no cost to the site of the Adopt A Highway project, and for undertaking the spraying along the fence line area adjacent to Mandrake Park.***

***Swenson/Thew***

***Carried***

#### **5. Notification of Items Not On The Agenda**

5.1 Nil

#### **6. Confirmation of Minutes**

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

***Ensor/Swenson***

***Carried***

#### **7. Matters Arising From The Minutes**

7.1 ***Maurice and Rhetta Millar Public Function (Item 3)***

7.1.1 A letter was tabled from Maurice and Rhetta Millar to thank the Board for its contribution to the public function arranged to acknowledge their service to Dannevirke.

7.2 ***Norsewood Petrol Supply Committee (Item 7.3)***

7.2.1 A very successful event was held to celebrate the opening of the Norsewood fuel supply.

7.3 ***Notice of Declaration to Environment Court by James Reid Dated 19 January, 2007 (Item 8.2)***

7.3.1 The Council will be opposing Mr Reid's application to the Environment Court for an interim enforcement order to freeze the Council's General Purpose Reserve Fund.

7.3.2 A timetable has also been received from the Environment Court in response to Mr Reid's application for a declaration about the status of the Council's General Purpose Reserve Fund, and the application from the Council to have the declaration struck out.

**8. Tararua District Council Report**

8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 February, 2007 (as circulated) be received.***

***Swenson/Ensor***

***Carried***

**9. Street Cleaning**

9.1 Clarification was requested on the following tables set out in the appendices to the street cleaning contract:-

**1.4 Daily Cleaning**

This refers to High Street, from Queen Street to Swinburn Street. Should this read from Miller Street to Swinburn Street?

**1.5 Weekly Cleaning**

This refers to Queen Street, from the Denmark Street Carpark to Denmark Street. It is not clear where this area is and the streets which are included to be cleaned.

9.2 ***That the report from the District Roding Manager dated 25 January, 2007 concerning street cleaning (as circulated) be received, and***

***That the Board supports the continuation of the current scope of works for street cleaning within its area.***

***Ensor/Thew***

***Carried***

**10. Tararua District Plan Review No. 1**

10.1 ***That the Board make the following submission to the Tararua District Plan Review No. 1 Public Discussion Document.***

**Windfarms**

***The continuation of windfarms being considered as a discretionary activity in the Plan is supported. In this way each such application for resource consent can be considered on its merits.***

**Signs**

***Applications for signs on State Highways within the district should be considered in accordance with Transit New Zealand's policy regarding this matter.***

***The relevant provisions within the Plan concerning signs should accordingly be amended so that they are consistent with Transit New Zealand's requirements.***

***In determining the standards for signs the Council must take a more active role in enforcing the Plan's provisions relating to their erection.***

***Any illegal signs which do not comply should be removed otherwise the integrity of the Plan is jeopardised and lacks credibility.***

### **Coastal Development**

***More rigid controls are required in the Plan to control the development of the district's coastal areas. These should take into account the significance of the natural environment and the implications of allowing buildings to be constructed in these highly sensitive environmental areas.***

### **Other Issues**

***The Plan should acknowledge the future requirements of carbon neutrality.***

***Ensor/Thew***

***Carried***

10.2 The Board requests the opportunity to present its submission to the Council at the appropriate time to discuss this matter.

## **11. Reports From Board Representatives Appointed to Local Community Groups and Assigned Responsibilities**

### **11.1 Tararua District Road Safety Group**

11.1.1 Board Member Cradock gave a verbal report on the Tararua District Road Safety Group meeting. This included reference to the following matters:-

- Accident statistics within the district
- Speed of vehicles passing school buses
- Speed restrictions in the Manawatu Gorge
- State Highway projects
- Request for 50kmph speed restriction in Herbertville

### **11.2 Dannevirke Information Centre Management Committee**

11.2.1 The Chairperson gave a verbal report on the Dannevirke Information Centre Management Committee meeting. This included reference to the following matters:-

- A staff agreement is in the process of being prepared.
- The process to refund Town Hall hire bonds has been reviewed.
- Information Centre statistics for January were very good.
- Advertising is being undertaken for relief staff available on call as needed.

## **12. Correspondence**

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

**(a) Bonanza Country Music Starship Appeal Committee      30 January, 2007**  
**Re: Request for funding**

- (b) *Dannevirke A & P Association Inc* 13 February, 2007  
*Re: Letter of appreciation*
- (c) *Tararua Bird Club* 18 February, 2007  
*Re: Request for funding*
- (d) *Maureen Reynolds - Mayor* 21 February, 2007  
*Re: Security cameras*

*Cradock/Isaacson*

*Carried*

## 12.2 *Bonanza Country Music Starship Appeal*

- 12.2.1 *That the Board grant the Bonanza Country Music Starship Appeal Committee the sum of \$300.00 from its discretionary funds as assistance towards the cost of their charity concert to be held on 14 April, 2007.*

*Swenson/Thew*

*Carried*

## 12.3 *Tararua Bird Club*

- 12.3.1 *That the Board grant the Tararua Bird Club the sum of \$200.00 from its discretionary funds as assistance towards the cost of their second Table Bird Show to be held on 1 April, 2007 and*

*That the applicant be advised they must in the future provide a balance sheet or statement of income and expenditure to accompany their request for funding.*

*Swenson/Ensor*

*Carried*

## 13. *Chairman's Remarks*

### 13.1 *Proposed Dannevirke Viking Icon*

- 13.1.1 *That with regard to the Council's decision resolved at its meeting on 31 January, 2007 concerning the proposed Dannevirke Viking Icon, the Board conveys the following comments to the Mayor and Councillors.*

*The Board believes that the Council jumped the gun by agreeing to hold a Deed of Licence for the site of the proposed Viking Icon, should resource consent be granted to the Dannevirke Promotion and Development Society for the project.*

*Agreement to hold the Deed of Licence should have been conditional upon support from the Dannevirke Community by way of public consultation for the Council to take responsibility for the land in question.*

*All members of the Board agree that community consultation is essential, and to fail to consult is likely to result in public criticism of the Council's decision.*

*In terms of the decision already made by the Council concerning the proposed Viking Icon, the Board makes the following recommendations:-*

1. ***Due to the considerable public opposition to a previous proposal to erect a Viking Icon on Council owned land, there is a need to consult with the Dannevirke Community before the Council signs a Deed of Licence for the proposed site on railway land. As the Council will control the land in question, the Council should have public support before signing the Deed.***
2. ***Additionally, a formal agreement needs to be negotiated with the Dannevirke Promotion and Development Society Inc. clarifying the limitations of the Council's responsibilities; ensuring ratepayers will not have to meet any initial or ongoing costs associated with the Icon.***

***It must be stressed that the Board is and will remain totally neutral on the issue of the proposed Icon. The Board would like to see this proper procedure followed as per its recommendations.***

***Thew/Ensor***

***Carried***

### **13.2 St John Dedication**

- 13.2.1 The Chairperson represented the Board at the Dannevirke St John dedication for their two new health shuttles and its new ambulance.

### **14. Items Not On The Agenda**

- 14.1 Nil.

*There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.*

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*Chairperson*