

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 March, 2009 commencing at 3.00pm.

1. Present

Board Members R P Teahan (Chairperson), C J Isaacson (Deputy Chairperson), R A Dresser, W R Macdonald and Cr C W Southgate (Council appointed community board member).

In Attendance

Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil

3. Public Forum

3.1 *Diverting Heavy Traffic From High Street*

3.1.1 Maurice Millar and Richard Parker (representing the action group on diverting heavy traffic from High Street) questioned what was happening regarding this matter?, and sought an assurance that the issue would be progressed.

3.1.2 The Governance Manager advised that the submissions made by the action group and the Board regarding this matter would be considered by the Council's District Plan Review Hearing Committee, with the hearing of submissions to commence on 4 May, 2009.

3.1.3 Richard Parker spoke on the action group's desire to arrange a forum to develop through local knowledge the proposed alternative routes in Dannevirke to divert heavy traffic.

3.1.4 It was emphasised that the Council must consider the submissions received to the District Plan review with an open mind, and therefore it should refrain from any discussions on subjects raised through this process until the outcome of the submissions is determined and the District Plan is finalised.

3.1.5 There was general agreement that the Board and the action group will get together and jointly present their submissions to the District Plan review regarding the issue of diverting heavy traffic away from High Street.

3.1.6 Cr Southgate requested that it be noted he will be abstaining from any discussions which the Board may have in relation to preparing and presenting this joint submission.

4. Personal Matters

4.1 Nil

5. Notification of Items Not On The Agenda

- 5.1 The following matters were notified as items of general business not on the agenda for discussion at today's meeting:-
- Sponsorship of Dannevirke Town Centre street furniture
 - Recycling bins at Herbertville

6. Confirmation of Minutes

- 6.1 ***That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 2 February, 2009 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Dresser/Isaacson

Carried

7. Matters Arising From The Minutes

7.1 ***Christmas Community Concert (Item 7.1)***

- 7.1.1 The proceeds received from the Christmas Community Concert have been forwarded to support the Dannevirke High School breakfast club.

7.2 ***Inspection Tour of the Community Board's Area Services and Facilities (Item 7.2)***

- 7.2.1 The Chairperson is to arrange an inspection tour to be held this month.

7.3 ***Proposal For Divider Planters in the Town Centre (Item 7.4)***

- 7.3.1 A quote is still being awaited for the cost of purchasing the divider planters.

7.4 ***Welcome to Dannevirke Signs (Item 7.5)***

- 7.4.1 The Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce has arranged a meeting on Monday 20 April, 2009 at 5.30pm in the Council Chamber to discuss proposals to review the design of the signs.

- 7.4.2 This meeting will be facilitated by Jo Bruerton, and invitations have been extended to all interested parties to attend.

- 7.4.3 The Dannevirke Arts Society has been approached to consider submitting a design to replace the existing signs.

7.5 ***Rules to Control Activities on the Town Centre's Refurbished Footpaths (Item 15)***

- 7.5.1 A response has not yet been received from the Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce regarding the draft guidelines to control activities on the Town Centre's refurbished footpaths.

- 7.5.2 Board Member Dresser will be following up with shopkeepers the request that they take responsibility for keeping the footpath area in front of their premises clean and tidy.

- 7.5.3 This will be emphasised in particular to shops selling food and providing tables on the footpath for eating outdoors.

7.5.4 The Chamber of Commerce has agreed to include an item in their next newsletter encouraging owners to take pride in the appearance of their buildings, particularly those which require work as they are run-down.

7.6 ***Dannevirke Town Clock (Item 14)***

7.6.1 The Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce will be arranging an event to celebrate the new Town Clock and the refurbishment of the Town Centre.

7.6.2 This event will not be held until the completion of the Town Centre refurbishment project.

7.6.3 Prior to the commencement of this event the Board will arrange an appropriate ceremony to officially acknowledge the contribution of the Town Clock to the community.

7.6.4 It was noted that additional costs of \$2,280 have been identified to apply anti-graffiti paint to protect the appearance of the Town Clock.

7.6.5 The Chairperson advised that an approach has been made to the Dannevirke Mainstreet Committee requesting them to consider contributing the funding towards this cost.

7.6.6 Board members questioned the amount of the cost to undertake this work, but acknowledged that it was essential to ensure the Town Clock is not spoilt by graffiti.

7.6.7 ***That the Board's Chairperson be authorised to seek quotations from appropriate tradesman and accept a price to seal the Town Clock's exterior with silicone paint to protect it from graffiti, and***

That this cost be underwritten by the Board from its discretionary funds up to the sum of \$1,000.00.

Southgate/Dresser

Carried

7.7 ***Danneverk Letter Inviting Contact (Item 16.1)***

7.7.1 Board Member Dresser has followed up this matter, and is awaiting a reply to his email.

8. **Tararua District Council Report**

8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 11 February, 2009 (as circulated) and 25 February, 2009 (as tabled) be received.***

Macdonald/Southgate

Carried

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

9.1 ***Tararua Safer Community Council***

9.1.1 Board Member Dresser gave a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Tararua Safer Community Council, and this included reference to the following matters:-

- The Police were not represented at the meeting, but crime statistics are generally similar to previous reports.

- There has been increased reporting of family violence situations as a result of the campaign for action on family violence.
- Road safety education programmes are being undertaken by the Road Safety Coordinator.
- The Lions Club are arranging a hazardous chemicals collection.

9.2 ***Dannevirke Information Centre Management Committee***

9.2.1 The Chairperson attended the recent meeting of the Dannevirke Information Centre Management Committee, and he reported that they were in a good financial position and the Information Centre was operating very satisfactorily.

9.3 ***Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce***

9.3.1 Board Member Dresser attended a meeting of the Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce which was held to make progress with planning their future direction.

9.3.2 It was noted that 142 businesses in the Dannevirke area have joined the Chamber of Commerce as financial members.

9.4 ***Presentation to Local Women's Community Group***

9.4.1 The Chairperson reported that he had made a presentation to a local women's community group to outline the role of the Board and its members.

10. **Correspondence**

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

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| <i>(a) Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce</i> | <i>7 February, 2009</i> |
| <i>Re: Letter of appreciation</i> | |
| <i>(b) Dannevirke High School and Community Association</i> | <i>12 February, 2009</i> |
| <i>Re: Letter of appreciation</i> | |
| <i>(c) Dannevirke and District Returned and Services Association Inc</i> | |
| <i>9 February, 2009</i> | |
| <i>Re: Travel assistance for Anzac Day bus to Pongaroa</i> | |
| <i>(d) Bonanza Country Music Starship Appeal</i> | <i>16 February, 2009</i> |
| <i>Re: Request for financial assistance</i> | |

Dresser/Macdonald

Carried

10.2 ***Dannevirke and District Returned and Services Association Inc***

10.2.1 ***That the Board grant the Dannevirke and District Returned and Services Association Inc the sum of up to \$350.00 from its discretionary funds as assistance towards the cost of providing a bus to the Anzac Day Civic Service at Pongaroa.***

Dresser/Macdonald

Carried

10.3 ***Bonanza Country Music Starship Appeal***

- 10.3.1 ***That the Board grant the Bonanza Country Music Starship Appeal Committee the sum of up to \$143.00 from its discretionary funds as assistance towards the cost of hiring the Town Hall and its kitchen facility for their charity concert to be held on 25 April, 2009.***

Dresser/Isaacson

Carried

11. **Chairman's Remarks**

- 11.1 Nil

12. **Meet the Candidates for the Tararua North Ward By-Election**

- 12.1 The Board has arranged a forum for the community to meet the candidates that are contesting the Tararua North Ward by-election.
- 12.2 This will be held at The Hub on Monday 16 March, 2009 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm, with tea and biscuits to be provided following the meeting which has been advertised in both the Bush Telegraph and the Dannevirke News.
- 12.3 Each candidate will be given five minutes to make a presentation, with the opportunity for written questions to be directed to them at the conclusion of their time allocated to speak.
- 12.4 Board Member Isaacson will act as the timekeeper, with board members to greet the candidates on arrival at the meeting.

13. **Items Not On The Agenda**

13.1 ***Sponsorship of Dannevirke Town Centre Street Furniture***

- 13.1.1 The following update was provided by the Governance Manager on the Dannevirke Town Centre Refurbishment Sponsorship Programme.

- 9 of the 18 seats have been sponsored
- 3 of the 10 bench seats have been sponsored
- 1 of the 2 bike stands have been sponsored
- 15 of the 46 trees have been sponsored
- None of 31 rubbish bins have been sponsored

- 13.1.2 Board Member Isaacson will arrange a media article to further promote the sponsorship options still available to the community.

13.2 ***Recycling Bins at Herbertville***

- 13.2.1 Board Member Macdonald outlined concerns which had been raised with him regarding the arrangements for the recycling bins at Herbertville over the Christmas/New Year period.

13.2.2 The matter related to the bins not being available for the periods that they were required during December and January, and this had resulted in an untidy mess occurring.

13.2.3 The Waste Manager will be requested to contact Board Member Macdonald to follow up this matter.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 4.25pm.

Chairperson