

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 1 May, 2006 commencing at 6.30pm.

1. Present

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

In Attendance

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| Mrs M E Reynolds | - | Her Worship the Mayor |
| Cr W H Davidson | - | South Tararua Ward Elected Representative |
| Cr W H Keltie | - | South Tararua Ward Elected Representative |
| Cr C W Southgate | - | North Tararua Ward Elected Representative |
| Mr R Twentyman | - | Chief Executive |
| Mr R Taylor | - | Governance Manager |
| Mr J Walker | - | Business Manager |

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil.

3. Public Forum

3.1 Four members of the public were in attendance at the meeting for the public forum on the Council's draft Community Plan 2006/2016.

3.2 A visual presentation was made to provide a general outline of the proposed budgets and programmes included in the draft Community Plan 2006/2016. This was followed with the opportunity to raise questions of the Council's representatives in attendance at the meeting.

4. Personal Matters

4.1 Nil.

5. Notification Of Any Extraordinary Business Not On The Agenda

5.1 The following matters were notified as items of additional general business for discussion at today's meeting:-

- Wackrow Memorial Youth Award
- High Street Dog Prohibited Area

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 ***That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 3 April, 2006 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Ensor/Leen

Carried

7. Matters Arising From The Minutes

7.1 *Removal of Fuel Tank From Norsewood* (Item 7.1)

7.1.1 A public meeting has been held to discuss options for an alternative fuel supply at Norsewood, with there being support expressed to further pursue this matter.

7.1.2 Funding will need to be raised by the community to cover the costs of undertaking this work, and appropriate opportunities are being investigated.

7.1.3 The present Mobil fuel tank is to be removed from Norsewood in June.

7.2 *Dannevirke Adopt A Highway Project* (Item 9.2)

7.2.1 The Chairperson reported that the following actions have been taken to progress this project:-

- A knapsack sprayer has been purchased.
- An article was published in the local newspaper to promote the project and encourage community volunteers to be involved with undertaking the ongoing maintenance work. However no interest has been expressed from the community in assisting, and a further follow up will occur.
- An approach will be made to those community volunteers previously involved with the project to ascertain their availability to give further time to assist.
- Jake Todd has agreed to provide some advice and expertise regarding the planting of the area being beautified.
- The District Roding Manager has agreed to make some cones available for the project.

7.3 *Street Map Directory* (Item 12.1)

7.3.1 ***That the Board supports proceeding with a street map directory being provided in Dannevirke, and***

That the Dannevirke High Street Upgrade Design Group be invited to consider the design of this map and an appropriate place to locate it.

Swenson/Ensor

Carried

8. Tararua District Council Report

8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 April, 2006 (as tabled) be received.***

Cradock/Swenson

Carried

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

9.1 *Dannevirke High Street Upgrade Design Group*

9.1.1 The Design Group is meeting regularly to progress the planning of this project, and options for pavement surfaces are presently being considered.

9.2 *Dannevirke Mainstreet Committee*

9.2.1 The Mainstreet Committee is presently considering options which could be implemented to ensure its future continuance.

9.2.2 Investigations are also being undertaken regarding options for christmas lighting.

10. Correspondence

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

(a) *Dannevirke and District Returned Services Assn* **6 April, 2006**
Re: Letter of appreciation

(b) *Bonanza Country Music Starship Charity Concert*
Re: Letter of appreciation

(c) *Tina Everitt* **26 April, 2006**
Re: Recycling facility at Herbertville

(d) *Margaret Leen* **27 April, 2006**
Re: Letter of resignation

Swenson/Cradock **Carried**

10.2 ***Recycling Facility at Herbertville***

10.2.1 It was agreed that the request from Tina Everitt to provide a recycling facility at Herbertville be referred to the Council for consideration as a submission to the draft Community Plan.

10.3 ***Resignation of Margaret Leen***

10.3.1 *That the resignation of Margaret Leen from her position as board member be received with regret.*

Thew/Ensor **Carried**

10.3.2 The Chairperson thanked Margaret Leen for her 1½ years service and contribution to the Board, and conveyed his best wishes for the future in her move to Wellington.

11. Chairman's Remarks

11.1 Nil.

12. Extraordinary Business Not On The Agenda

12.1 ***High Street Dog Prohibited Area***

12.1.1 It was noted that there is a reoccurrence of dogs in High Street despite them being prohibited from this area.

12.1.2 This matter will be referred to the Manager Environmental Services with a request that the prohibition of dogs in High Street be reinforced to the community.

12.2 ***Wackrow Memorial Youth Award***

12.2.1 *That the Board make available a prize of \$1,000.00 to the winner of the 20th Wackrow Memorial Youth Award which is to be held this year.*

Swenson/Cradock **Carried**

12.2.2 The Chairperson is to discuss with the Dannevirke High School the arrangements for this year's award, and consideration shall be given to making it a bigger event for this occasion.

13. Proposed Earthquake-Prone Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy

13.1 ***That the Dannevirke Community Board supports the proposed policy on earthquake-prone, dangerous and insanitary buildings, and***

That this advice be conveyed to the Council in a written submission.

Thew/Ensor

Carried

14. Draft Community Plan 2006/2016

14.1 ***That with regard to the Council's draft Community Plan 2006/2016, the Dannevirke Community Board makes the following submission:-***

Infracon

The Board supports the proposal for TDC Holdings Limited to purchase the remaining 34% of shares in Infracon Limited.

It has noted the likely benefits which will accrue to the ratepayers of this district, and the information provided by the Council in relation to this matter.

This includes the funding arrangements which are the responsibility of TDC Holdings Limited, with there being no requirement for any contribution from ratepayers.

Sewerage

The Board supports the Council's intentions to plan for the upgrading of the Pongaroa treatment plant.

It also notes that new schemes are being proposed for Akitio and Herbertville, and supports the Council's commitment to make this service available to these areas.

Solid Waste Management

The issue of solid waste management has significant implications for the residents of the district, particularly with regard to the imminent closure of landfills.

Much work must be done prior to this occurring, and the community needs to be aware of the changes which will happen regarding the disposal of solid waste.

Education is an important part of preparing the community for the new arrangements and strategies which will have to be put in place.

The Board encourages the Council to expedite its Solid Waste Plan without delay, and considers that the employment of a Waste Minimisation Officer is essential to achieving this objective.

To wait until 1 July, 2008 to appoint this person is too long, and the Board urges the Council to advance this date by one year to 1 July, 2007.

The establishment of recycling facilities available to the community is very important in promoting waste minimisation, and the Board requests the Council to make this service available at the earliest possible time.

This should include the extension of this service to rural areas which request and support such facilities.

The Board has received an approach from a Herbertville resident seeking the opportunity for recycling in their community, and this is referred to the Council for its consideration.

Footpaths

The Board is pleased to note the inclusion of funding for the Dannevirke High Street upgrading project, with this work proposed to be undertaken in 2006/2007 and 2007/2008.

Much planning and time has gone into this project, and the Board commends the Council for its commitment to proceeding with this major project.

The Board supports the Council's proposed option to fund this cost through a uniform targeted rate, with 90% being a district wide rate and 10% a Northern Ward rate.

This approach is consistent with the district wide rating system that the Council has used since its inception to fund the cost of such services.

The Board notes that this policy has generally been applied to similar projects in other towns, and that there is a proposal to upgrade Woodville's commercial area in 2010.

Stormwater

The Board supports the projects proposed to upgrade two sections of the Mangapurupuru Stream stormwater system (Gordon Street and Cole Street).

This work continues with the improvements to this major stormwater drainage system which services the town.

Water Supplies

The Board supports the projects proposed in its area to upgrade water supplies to higher standards.

It also notes that these improvements will only proceed if subsidised by central government, and that the new standards to be achieved have been imposed by the Ministry of Health.

Without such assistance being made available the cost to ratepayers will be substantial given the significant expenditure required to undertake this work.

The Board supports the Council's proposal to obtain improved alternate sources of water through investigating whether there is ground water available within the district.

It notes that funding of \$50,000 has been allowed in 2006/2007 to undertake this project with another \$50,000 being made available in 2007/2008 for this purpose.

Presentation of the Council's Draft Community Plan

The Board congratulates the Council and its management on the excellent presentation of the draft Community Plan.

Thew/Ensor

Carried

14.2 The Board requests the opportunity to present its submission to the Council, and the Chairperson will speak at the meeting to be held for this purpose.

15. Horizons Regional Council's Draft Community Plan 2006/2016

15.1 *That with regard to the Horizons Regional Council's draft Community Plan 2006/2016, the Dannevirke Community Board makes the following submission.*

Passenger Transport Services

In 2004 the Board requested that a comprehensive assessment be undertaken to identify appropriate Passenger Transport Services required for the Dannevirke Community.

This was to be focussed on all sectors of the community, with particular emphasis on the needs of the young and elderly.

Consequently the Council agreed to fund the cost of an investigation and assessment to identify needs and strategies for the provision of appropriate Passenger Transport Services to the Dannevirke Community.

The Board has not received any information regarding the outcome concerning this matter, and accordingly seeks from the Regional Council a definitive response and commitment to expediting an action plan to deliver this service.

Thew/Ensor

Carried

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Chairperson