

# 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 3 May 2010 commencing at 3.13pm.

### 1. Present

Board Members R P Teahan (Chairperson), R A Dresser, W R Macdonald (from item 6) and Cr C W Southgate (Council appointed community board member).

### In Attendance

Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager

### 2. Apologies

2.1 *That an apology be sustained from Board Member C J Isaacson for non-attendance at the meeting.*

Dresser/Southgate

**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.

- Visits to High Street businesses in the Town Centre

5.2 Board Member Macdonald entered the meeting at 3.15 pm.

### 6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 *That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 6 April 2010 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Dresser/Macdonald

**Carried**

### 7. Matters Arising From The Minutes

7.1 **Community Transport Service** (Item 7.4)

7.1.1 There is a possibility that some financial assistance may be available from the Horizons Regional Council to establish a community transport service in Dannevirke.

7.2 **Community Variety Concert** (Item 7.7)

7.2.1 It was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the end of the meeting.

7.3 **Dannevirke Domain Draft Reserve Management Plan** *(Item 10.5)*

7.3.1 The Community Assets Manager – Colin Veale and Malcolm Thomas of Thomas Consulting will be attending the public meeting arranged by the Board (on Wednesday 5 May 2010 at 5.30pm in the Council Chamber) to promote community interest and discussion on the Dannevirke Domain Draft Reserve Management Plan.

7.3.2 The Board will consider at its next meeting any matters concerning this proposal that it may make a submission on.

7.4 **2010 Triennial Local Authority Elections** *(Item 12.1)*

7.4.1 The Chairperson advised that he would again be standing for the Community Board at the elections in October.

**8. Tararua District Council Report**

8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 14 and 28 April 2010 (as circulated) be received.***

***Macdonald/Dresser***

***Carried***

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

9.1 **Dannevirke Information Centre Management Committee**

9.1.1 The Chairperson attended the recent meeting of the Dannevirke Information Centre Management Committee, and he had emphasised to them the need to strengthen their financial position.

9.1.2 Board members noted with concern the parlous state of the Dannevirke Information Centre's current finances.

**10. Correspondence**

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

***(a) Dannevirke Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals***

***16 April 2010***

***Re: Letter of appreciation***

***Dresser/Macdonald***

***Carried***

**11. Chairman's Remarks**

11.1 Nil

**12. Draft Annual Plan 2010/2011**

12.1 ***That with regard to the Council's Draft Annual Plan 2010/2011, the Dannevirke Community Board makes the following submission.***

**Solid Waste**

***The Board supports the proposal to build transfer stations immediately in conjunction with a revised recycling service that includes the option of separating out green waste. This will reduce the cost of trucking the residual waste to the Central Hawke's Bay landfill.***

*It is noted with concern by the Board that the net cost of recycling is a significant expense for the district, and in the proposed budget the incidence of funding this cost has been imposed as a significant burden on rural ratepayers.*

*As a consequence of this outcome its impact on the rural sector has contributed to the 7.6% rural rates increase indicated in the Plan, and the Board considers that this situation is not fair or equitable for the majority of farmers that may not use the recycling facilities.*

*The Council is urged to further review the basis of its proposal to fund these costs, and it must ensure that the most advantageous contracts are in place to deliver this service.*

#### **Rates Review**

*The issue of the district's rating system is a long-standing matter that has been the subject of much discussion and the investigation of various options by the Council.*

*It is acknowledged that there are no easy answers to resolve the concerns of some ratepayers regarding the current system, and the Council has decided to defer further work on the rates review until after the elections.*

*To ensure that progress is made in determining appropriate proposals to rectify the perceived inequities, the Board supports the new Council giving priority to reaching a consensus on the rates review early in its term of office.*

#### **Water Quality**

*The Board supports the work being undertaken to upgrade the Dannevirke Water Supply to increase its storage capacity through building a new impounded supply.*

*These improvements will assist to maintain a safe, reliable and sufficient supply of water to the community, and helps to resolve the issue of discolouration that occurs during periods of heavy rainfall.*

#### **Selling of Thyra Street Sections and Elderly Housing Units in Ormondville and Norsewood**

*The Board supports the proposals to sell three sections in Thyra Street and the elderly housing units at Ormondville and Norsewood.*

*Macdonald/Dresser*

*Carried*

### **13. Items Not on the Agenda**

#### **13.1 Visits to High Street Businesses in the Town Centre**

13.1.1 Board Member Dresser reported on his visits to various High Street businesses to reinforce the guidelines adopted by the Board and the Chamber of Commerce to maintain pride in the appearance of the Town Centre.

13.1.2 Generally these visits have been well received, and emphasis has been placed on reminding businesses to keep the footpath area clean outside their shop, and also requesting them not to park their vehicles all day in High Street.

#### **14. Community Variety Concert**

- 14.1 Board Member Macdonald updated the Board on the arrangements for the community variety concert to be held on Saturday 29 May 2010 commencing at 7.30pm in the Dannevirke Town Hall.
- 14.2 The advertising and promotion of this event will shortly be organised by Board Member Macdonald.

*There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 4.58pm.*

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**Chairperson**