

**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 November 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 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.

- Request for road direction sign

**6. Confirmation of Minutes**

6.1 *That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 5 October 2009 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

*Isaacson/Macdonald*

*Carried*

**7. Matters Arising From The Minutes**

7.1 **125 Years of the Railway to Dannevirke** (Item 7.2)

7.1.1 Arrangements for the stream train to the A & P centennial show have been confirmed, and its arrival time in Dannevirke is 10.10am on Saturday 6 February 2010 at the railway station.

7.1.2 The Rotary and the Lions Club are undertaking as a joint project the refurbishment of the Dannevirke railway station, and they have been gifted the goods shed that is being sold by tender for removal.

7.1.3 It was agreed that the Board will arrange in conjunction with the steam train visit a short ceremony at the railway station to acknowledge the 125 years anniversary of the railway to Dannevirke.

7.1.4 Invitations to attend this function will be sent to KiwiRail, the Mayor, the Member of Parliament for this area, Gerald Shone, the Dannevirke Brass Band and the Highland Pipe Band.

7.1.5 ***That the Board arrange an appropriate plaque to commemorate the occasion of the coming of the railway to Dannevirke, and***

***That the form of this plaque contain a brief historical narrative of the details concerning the 125 years anniversary of this event.***

***Southgate/Dresser***

***Carried***

7.1.6 The Chairperson is to follow up the arrangements to organise the plaque concerning this matter.

7.2 ***Vandalism (Item 7.3)***

7.2.1 It was noted that the incidence of graffiti and tagging painted on various buildings and public places around the town is widespread.

7.3 ***Crime Prevention in Dannevirke (Item 7.7)***

7.3.1 The Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce is considering the funding of the project to develop a security camera monitoring system for the town's retail area.

7.4 ***Dannevirke Spring Festival (Item 7.8)***

7.4.1 The Dannevirke Spring Festival was very successful, including the market day that was held.

7.4.2 A debrief is to take place involving the participants in the event to review the arrangements with regard to the programme that was organised.

7.5 ***Youth Community Variety Concert (Item 7.9)***

7.5.1 A total of \$1,614.00 was received from the proceeds of the Youth Community Variety Concert held in the Town Hall on Saturday 10 October 2009.

7.5.2 Thanks were conveyed to Board Member Macdonald and his wife for their assistance in organising the concert.

7.5.3 The Chairperson will arrange a ceremony to hand over a cheque to the Philips Search and Rescue Trust representing the donation of these funds.

7.6 ***Dannevirke Town Centre Refurbished Footpaths (Item 7.10)***

7.6.1 Expressions of interest are presently being invited from individuals to provide regular maintenance cleaning of the newly resurfaced footpaths in the Dannevirke Town Centre.

7.6.2 The Chairs of the Chamber of Commerce and the Board will be visiting restaurants and shops selling food to remind them to keep the footpath area clean outside their shop.

7.6.3 Any such business that is not doing this will be requested to remove from the footpath their tables for outdoors dining.

7.6.4 Board Member Dresser was requested to remind the Chamber of Commerce to reinforce the requirement that when barbecues are held for special events they must ensure that adequate cover is provided to protect the refurbished footpaths from spilled food or grease.

**7.7 Christmas Community Concert (Item 7.11)**

7.7.1 The Chairperson has sent a letter to the local churches inviting them to participate in the Carols in the Park community event to be held at the Showgrounds on Sunday 20 December 2009.

7.7.2 Board Member Macdonald will follow-up these arrangements and organise the programme of entertainment.

7.7.3 It was agreed that if the weather is inclement on the day of the event then it will be cancelled.

**7.8 Trees in Queen Street (Item 7.13)**

7.8.1 The Community Assets Manager is awaiting an arborist to inspect these trees and undertake the work required to improve their appearance.

**7.9 Dannevirke Domain (Item 12)**

7.9.1 The Chairperson referred to the Masterton District Council domain facility that was developed through sponsorship and voluntary community support from service clubs.

7.9.2 Information regarding this matter has been requested by the Chairperson, and he will report back to the Board with his suggestions to undertake a similar community project at the Dannevirke Domain.

**7.10 Pongaroa Fuel Supply (Item 13.1)**

7.10.1 Cr Southgate reported that a meeting was held at the Pongaroa Community Centre to discuss the Pongaroa fuel supply, with a local group being established to develop a proposal.

7.10.2 An offer was subsequently made to the proprietor of the Pongaroa Garage to purchase the business, but as a result of this being declined no further progress has been achieved.

**8. Tararua District Council Report**

8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 14 October 2009 (as circulated) and 28 October 2009 (as tabled) be received.***

***Isaacson/ Macdonald***

***Carried***

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

9.1 **Tararua Community Youth Services**

9.1.1 Board Member Dresser attended the Annual General Meeting of the Tararua Community Youth Services, and he spoke on the work and activities undertaken by this organisation to support and advocate for the needs of young people in the district.

10. **Correspondence**

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

- (a) ***Te TahuaTrust***  
***Re: Lights for tree in Copenhagen Square***
- (b) ***Jesse Quaife*** ***29 September 2009***  
***Re: Request for financial assistance***
- (c) ***Central and Southern Hawke's Bay Showjumping Group*** ***30 September 2009***  
***Re: Request for financial assistance***
- (d) ***First Years Preschool Inc.*** ***30 September 2009***  
***Re: Letter of appreciation***
- (e) ***Dannevirke Information Centre*** ***1 October 2009***  
***Re: Meeting attendance of Board's representative***
- (f) ***Lucresha Mason*** ***7 October 2009***  
***Re: Pronunciation of Maori names at the community event to unveil the Town Clock and the sculpture representing Papatuanuku (the Earth Mother)***
- (g) ***Brian Barnes –Contract Supervisor (Urban) / Safety Management (Roading)*** ***8 October 2009***  
***Re: Options for bus parking***
- (h) ***Dannevirke and District A & P Association Inc.*** ***21 October 2009***  
***Re: Letter of appreciation***
- (i) ***Eastcoast Fire Works*** ***22 October 2009***  
***Re: Dannevirke Community Family Guy Fawkes Night proposal***
- (j) ***Dannevirke and District A & P Association Inc.***  
***Re: A & P Centennial Show***
- (k) ***Norsewood and Districts School Support Group*** ***30 October 2009***  
***Re: Letter of appreciation and change of date for their event***

***Southgate/Macdonald***

***Carried***

10.2 ***Lights For Tree in Copenhagen Square***

10.2.1 ***That the Board declines the request from Maria Edwards for funding to place lighting in the tree at Copenhagen Square as it does not provide financial assistance towards projects undertaken by individuals to promote their business.***

***Southgate/Macdonald***

***Carried***

10.3 **Jesse Quaife**

- 10.3.1 ***That the Board declines the request from Jesse Quaife for funding towards her costs of travelling to America next year to explore educational and sports advancement opportunities as it does not provide financial assistance to offset expenses incurred by individuals.***

**Macdonald/Isaacson**

**Carried**

10.4 **Central and Southern Hawke's Bay Showjumping Group**

- 10.4.1 ***That the Board grant the Central and Southern Hawke's Bay Showjumping Group the sum of \$1,000.00 from its discretionary funds as assistance towards the cost of their North Island Showjumping Championships to be held at the Dannevirke A & P Showgrounds from 8 to 10 January 2010.***

**Dresser/Isaacson**

**Carried**

10.5 **Dannevirke Information Centre**

- 10.5.1 A letter will be sent to the Dannevirke Information Centre Management Committee conveying the Board's regret that it was not represented at their Annual General Meeting.
- 10.5.2 This situation occurred as the result of the Chairperson being notified of the meeting only one hour prior to its commencement, thereby making it impossible to attend.
- 10.5.3 The Board will ensure that it is represented at future meetings, and the Deputy Chairperson shall deputise for the Chairperson when he is not available to attend a meeting of this committee.

10.6 **Lucresha Mason**

- 10.6.1 A letter will be sent to Lucresha Mason to apologise for any offence caused through the incorrect pronunciation of Maori names at the community event to unveil the Town Clock and the sculpture representing Papatuanuku (the Earth Mother).
- 10.6.2 The Board acknowledges that this situation should not have occurred, and it will make a greater effort to get this detail right in the future.

10.7 **Options For Bus Parking**

- 10.7.1 The Board indicated that it did not consider the proposal to provide a bus parking area in Hall Street was acceptable or practical.
- 10.7.2 This option is rejected as it is not a suitable location due to its distance from the Barraud Street toilets and the Fantasy Cave.
- 10.7.3 It also creates further foot traffic on the pedestrian crossing in this vicinity as those travelling on buses will have to cross High Street.
- 10.7.4 The Board requested that an on-site meeting be arranged with the Engineering Services Manager or his nominee to determine appropriate options to provide a designated bus parking area near to the toilets and the Fantasy Cave.

10.8 **Eastcoast Fire Works**

- 10.8.1 ***That a letter be sent to Eastcoast Fire Works thanking them for their proposal to arrange a public fireworks display in Dannevirke, and advising them that the Board has no intentions of proceeding to facilitate such an event through funding the costs involved.***

**Macdonald/Isaacson**

**Carried**

11. **Chairman's Remarks**

- 11.1 Nil

12. **Items Not On The Agenda**

12.1 ***Request For Road Direction Sign***

- 12.1.1 It was noted that at the intersection of Weber Road and Makirikiri Road there is no road direction sign to the Dannevirke Central Business District.

- 12.1.2 Currently this intersection does have a signpost for the stock route and it also provides directions to State Highway 2.

- 12.1.3 The Board considers that for the purpose of completeness to provide directions there should also be a signpost at this location pointing to Dannevirke.

- 12.1.4 ***That the matter of the road direction signs at the intersection of Weber Road and Makirikiri Road be referred to Engineering Services with a request that an appropriate sign be added to provide directions to Dannevirke.***

**Macdonald/Dresser**

**Carried**

*There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 4.55pm.*

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*Chairperson*