

Tararua District Council

Eketahuna Community Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Eketahuna Community Board held in the Eketahuna Service Centre Meeting Room, 31 Main Street, Eketahuna on Friday 7 April, 2006 commencing at 10.00 a.m.

1. Present

Messrs J M Harman (Chairperson), P J A Best (Deputy Chairperson),
W H Davidson and Elizabeth Fraser-Davies.

In Attendance

Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager

2. Apologies

- 2.1 ***That an apology be sustained from Mr C C Death for non-attendance at the meeting.***

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

3. Personal Matters

- 3.1 Board members conveyed their sympathy to the Chairperson at the recent passing of his mother in-law and extended its condolences to his wife.

- 3.2 ***That the Board's congratulations be conveyed to Dion King for achieving the following successes at the Golden Shears competition:-***

- ***Golden Shears open***
- ***PGG Wrightson national event***
- ***Member of the TransTasman Test Team which beat Australia***

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

- 3.3 ***That the Board's thanks be conveyed to Murray Marenzi for his 20 years service in delivering the mail to the community, and wishing him well for his retirement.***

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

- 3.4 ***That the Board's congratulations be conveyed to the following from the Eketahuna area for their success at this year's Tararua Sports Awards:-***

- ***Shane Dougan - Tararua Sportsperson of the Year Award***
- ***Eketahuna Premiere Rugby Team - Team of the Year Award for the third consecutive year.***
- ***Bruce Forbes - Administrator/Official of the Year Award***
- ***Lorraine Emery - Coach of the Year Award***

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

4. Notification of Any Extraordinary Business Not on the Agenda

4.1 Nil.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

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

Best/Fraser-Davies

Carried

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.1 **Strengthening Families** (Item 5)

6.1.1 There has been nothing further received regarding opportunities to establish the Strengthening Families service and appropriate programmes in Eketahuna.

6.2 **Proposed Alterations to the State Highway/Alfredton Road Junction** (Item 6)

6.2.1 A very valuable meeting was held with the District Roding Manager and representatives of Transit New Zealand to discuss the proposed alterations to this junction.

6.2.2 The Board noted that the proposed work will proceed at the Alfredton Road junction, and Transit New Zealand is to consider options to improve the safety of the corner.

6.2.3 It was also noted that the existing heavy traffic alternative route over the railway line is being used at least twice a week.

6.3 **Eketahuna Camping Ground** (Item 8.2)

6.3.1 The Board requested that it be advised of the progress being made regarding the planting plan for the Camping Ground.

6.4 **Eketahuna Water Supply** (Item 8.1)

6.4.1 It was recommended that management establish the following procedure to advise the community when water restrictions are lifted:-

- Arrange a mail drop
- Broadcast this information on the local radio station
- Place this information on a notice board which is located in the Service Centre

6.5 **Eketahuna Our Town/Main Street Committee** (Item 8.3)

6.5.1 ***That the Board convey the following concerns to the Eketahuna Our Town/Main Street Committee regarding the stand alone Information Centre project:-***

- *The planning and budgeting process lacks direction and is very weak, particularly in relation to providing for long term sustainability.*
- *A comprehensive budget and business plan will need to be developed before the Council can consider and justify any support and commitment to making funding available towards the operating costs.*
- *Constructive comments are not being listened to and actions appear to be determined in an environment which is divided, and little regard is given to working collectively in the best interests of the community.*
- *It is emphasised that there are other alternative options available in Eketahuna to provide this service, and the Council has not as yet decided which preference it may support or allocate funding to.*

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

6.6 **Anzac Bridge Project** (Item 8.4)

6.6.1 It was noted that the Board's application to the Heritage Protection Reserve for funding towards this project has been withdrawn, and the bridge painting is now being undertaken by the Army.

6.6.2 The Friends of the Anzac Memorial Bridge Kaiparoro Inc. have submitted a substitute application which requests funding for heritage signs, information boards, a conservation report and the repair of memorial plaques.

6.6.3 The Board will be represented at the celebration weekend arranged by the Friends of the Anzac Memorial Bridge, with either the Chairperson or Cr Davidson to attend.

6.6.4 Dr Kay Flavell will be requested to advise the Board of the contact details for the project coordinator during the period whilst she is away overseas.

6.7 **Cullen Street** (Item 8.5)

6.7.1 The fence which has been erected to resolve the problem of dumping in Cullen Street is located too close to the road.

6.8 **Tararua Sports Awards** (Item 8.7)

6.8.1 The Tararua Sports Awards held at the Eketahuna Community Centre was a well attended and enjoyable function.

6.9 **Tararua Safer Community Council** (Item 10.2)

6.9.1 The recent meeting of the Tararua Safer Community Council discussed the feasibility of considering surveillance cameras for Eketahuna to assist in overcoming community concerns relating to vandalism.

6.9.2 It appears from these discussions that this option would be difficult to implement as significant resources are required to operate and monitor the cameras.

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 March, 2006 (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Best

Carried

7.2 **Pukaha Mount Bruce Project Team** (Item 7.2)

7.2.1 ***That the Project Manager and Cr Davidson be invited to make a presentation to the Board's next meeting regarding the work being undertaken by the Pukaha Mount Bruce Project Team.***

Fraser-Davies/Best

Carried

7.3 **Putara Road Seal Extension** (Item 11.1.3.2)

7.3.1 Cr Davidson tabled for board members information a copy of the Putara Road seal extension contract.

7.4 **Earthquake-prone Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy** (Item 11.3)

7.4.1 This matter will be placed on the agenda for the Board's next meeting to consider making a submission on the draft policy.

8. Reports From Board Representatives Appointed to Organisations and Assigned Responsibilities

8.1 **Eketahuna Community Centre**

8.1.1 It was noted that the stoves at the Community Centre will need updating in the future, and this matter has been referred to the Community Assets Manager to follow up.

8.2 **Eketahuna Pedestrian Crossing**

8.2.1 Work is to be undertaken to fill a gap in the vicinity of the town's pedestrian crossing.

9. Chairman's Remarks

9.1 **Anzac Day Service**

9.1.1 The Chairperson outlined the arrangements for this year's Anzac Day service in Eketahuna.

9.2 **Public Meeting to Discuss The Draft Community Plan 2006/2016**

9.2.1 The Board will arrange to send out a flyer to encourage the community to attend this meeting to be held in the Community Centre Supper Room on Wednesday 3 May, 2006 commencing at 7.00pm.

10. Extraordinary Business Not on the Agenda

10.1 Nil.

11. General Assistance Grants Scheme 2005/2006

11.1 The Board received six applications seeking \$6,619.60 in funding. A maximum total of \$6,831.95 is available for allocation.

11.2 *That the following grants be approved for disbursement from the Eketahuna Community Board's General Assistance Grants Scheme for the 2005/2006 annual funding allocation:-*

No	Name	Project	Amount Granted
1	<i>Eketahuna Bowling Club</i>	<i>Rates relief</i>	<i>\$ 447.00</i>
2	<i>Eketahuna Club</i>	<i>Install new freestanding fireplace</i>	<i>\$1,872.60</i>
3	<i>Eketahuna Health Centre</i>	<i>Community emergency assistance providing food parcels/petrol vouchers and free budgeting advice service</i>	<i>\$ 300.00</i>
4	<i>Eketahuna Rugby Football Club</i>	<i>Renew spouting and downpipes on clubrooms</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
5	<i>Lifeline Wairarapa</i>	<i>24 hour counselling phone service</i>	<i>\$ 100.00</i>
6*	<i>Rongokokako Womens Institute</i>	<i>Send two delegates to Conference</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i> <i>-----</i>
		<i>Total amount granted</i>	<i>\$4,219.60</i>

***Note:** *Application 6 - Rongokokako Womens Institute - It was noted that this organisation has received a grant of \$250.00 from the Board on 7 October, 2005 for the purchase of pens and fridge magnets printed for the occasion of celebrating their 70th birthday.*

Whilst the Scheme's guidelines provide that only one grant per organisation will be available in any financial year, the Board shall waive the requirement with regard to this application.

In making this decision the Board notes that the funding requested is to assist with the costs of sending two delegates to a biennial conference.

The funds granted this year acknowledge these circumstances, and are subject to the condition that the applicant is not eligible to apply for further assistance in the next financial year.

Best/Fraser-Davies

Carried

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12.15pm.

Chairperson