

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 30 March, 2007 commencing at 10.40 a.m.

1. Present

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

In Attendance

Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil

3. Personal Matters

3.1 Nil.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 Nil.

5. Community Contact

5.1 The Chairperson welcomed Don Robbie (Tiraumea) to the meeting, and invited him to address the Board.

5.2 Don Robbie spoke on the following matters:-

- Acknowledged with appreciation the general improvement to the condition of roads and the work which has been undertaken.
- Corrugations on Waitawhiti Road, Waihoki Mara Road and Haunui Road in the vicinity of the first bridge located ½ kilometre of Route 52.
- Bush cutter work is required on Waihoki Mara Road and Puketoi Road.
- Stock on the road has been a problem in the vicinity of the Tiraumea/Pongaroa route.
- A patching problem needs further work on Route 52 between Ross White's woolshed and his residence.

5.3 The Chairperson thanked Don Robbie for attending the meeting, and speaking on matters of interest and concern from his area.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

- 6.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 2 March, 2007 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Best/Fraser-Davies

Carried

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

7.1 ***Stock Pile of Metal in the Vicinity of the Newman School (Item 5.2)***

- 7.1.1 The stock pile of metal in the vicinity of the Newman School which was causing access problems to the baths has been removed.

7.2 ***Horses Grazing at the Newman Domain (Item 5.2)***

- 7.2.1 Permission was granted to graze horses at the Newman Domain, and they are located within an area where no damage could be caused to the young native trees planted in the Domain.

7.3 ***Hukanui Tennis Courts (Item 5.5)***

- 7.3.1 A community meeting has been held to consider the future of the Hukanui Tennis Courts, and a committee was formed to investigate the following options:-

- Sell the land
- Give the land to the hall society
- Give the land to the Council

7.4 ***Rongokokako Hall (Item 7.2)***

- 7.4.1 No further progress has been made to determine the future of the Rongokokako Hall.

7.5 ***Ekeslea Site (Item 7.1)***

- 7.5.1 The general appearance of the Ekeslea site property is now very satisfactory.

7.6 ***Dannevirke Town Centre Refurbishment (Item 7.6)***

- 7.6.1 An explanation was given to clarify the basis of the Capital Project Funding Plan for the Dannevirke Town Centre Refurbishment.

7.7 ***Eketahuna Cliff Walk (Item 7.7)***

- 7.7.1 An item was published in the Bush Telegraph to promote the Cliff Walk.

7.8. ***Eketahuna Community Centre Wood Carvings Project Committee (Item 14.1)***

- 7.8.1 The Eketahuna Community Centre Wood Carvings Project Committee has been meeting regularly, and they have developed a draft concept plan of their ideas for the design of the carvings.

7.8.2 Board Member Death tabled a copy of the proposed design which is being considered.

7.9 **Anzac Day (Item 14.2)**

7.9.1 Her Worship the Mayor is to attend the Anzac Day Service in Hamua at 9.00am, and will then travel to Eketahuna for its Service at 10.00am.

7.9.2 It was noted that the Friends of the Anzac Memorial Bridge will also be arranging an Anzac Day Service.

8. Tararua District Council Report

8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 March, 2007 (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Death

Carried

8.2 Cr Davidson elaborated on the following matters arising from the Council meeting for board members information:-

- Eketahuna Water Supply resource consent
- Alfredton Road flooding problems
- Gambling Venue Policy
- Draft Annual Plan 2007/2008
- Notice of motion to alter a previous Council resolution regarding the proposed Dannevirke Viking Icon
- Audit report for the year ended 30 June, 2006

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

9.1 ***Roading***

9.1.1 The following roading matters were noted:-

- Anderson Street was sealed after the painting of the white line markings. The new seal has now covered the markings.
- Parking arrangements at the Bowling Club have been reviewed.
- Nireaha Hill Road has been tarsealed but there is still a very old drop out not yet repaired.

9.2 ***Painting of Community Facility Buildings***

9.2.1 The following community facility buildings in Eketahuna are to be painted:-

- Grandstand at the Football Club
- War Memorial Hall
- Community Centre

9.2.2 It was suggested that the Community Centre be painted in brighter colours to improve its general appearance, and this matter will be followed up by the Board's Chairperson.

9.3 ***Pukaha Mount Bruce***

9.3.1 Cr Davidson gave a verbal report on progress being made with the Pukaha Mount Bruce project.

10. Correspondence

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

(a) ***Resene Paints***
Re: Resene mural masterpieces competition

(b) ***Local Government New Zealand***
Re: Community Boards one day workshop in Rotorua

(c) ***Denise Clifton***
Re: Horses grazing at the Newman Domain

Death/Fraser-Davies

Carried

10.2 ***Resene Paints***

10.2.1 The information concerning the Resene mural masterpieces competition will be referred to the Eketahuna Our Town/Main Street Committee for its consideration.

10.3 ***Local Government New Zealand***

10.3.1 Local Government New Zealand will be advised that the timing of this training workshop is wrong as it is very close to the date of the New Zealand Community Boards 2007 Conference.

10.3.2 It would also be beneficial if such training was arranged after the elections for new board members, and at other venues throughout the country.

10.4 ***Denise Clifton***

10.4.1 An apology is to be conveyed to Denise Clifton for any distress and misunderstanding caused by the newspaper report concerning the grazing of horses at the Newman Domain, and a copy of her letter shall be referred to the Domain Board for its consideration.

10.4.2 Board Member Best will also personally visit Denise Clifton to discuss this matter.

11. Chairman's Remarks

11.1 Nil.

12. **General Assistance Grants Scheme 2006/2007**

12.1 *That the following grants be approved for disbursement from the Eketahuna Community Board's General Assistance Grants Scheme for the 2006/2007 annual funding allocation:-*

No.	Name	Project	Amount Granted
1.	<i>Eketahuna Art Group</i>	<i>Indoor and Outdoor Craft Fair</i>	<i>\$ 250.00</i>
2.	<i>Eketahuna Bowling Club</i>	<i>Rates relief</i>	<i>\$ 495.00</i>
3.	<i>Eketahuna Club</i>	<i>Purchase new gas cook top/multifunction oven for the Club's restaurant</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
4.	<i>Eketahuna Golf Club</i>	<i>Upgrading of the Club's office to include printer, computer and shelving space</i>	<i>\$1,100.00</i>
5.	<i>Eketahuna Health Centre Trust</i>	<i>Community group meetings to provide education in the areas of health and wellbeing</i>	<i>\$ 480.00</i>
6.	<i>Eketahuna Rugby Football Club</i>	<i>Extend the hot water capacity for the Club's showers</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
8.	<i>Hukanui Tennis Club</i>	<i>Rates relief</i>	<i>\$ 139.40</i>
9.	<i>Lifeline Wairarapa</i>	<i>24 hour counselling phone service</i>	<i>\$ 100.00</i>
10.	<i>Tararua Television Charitable Trust</i>	<i>Extend coverage to the Eketahuna area</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
		<i>Total amount granted</i>	<i>----- \$4,564.40</i>

And that the application from the Friends of the Anzac Memorial Bridge be declined on the grounds that their project is more appropriately funded through requesting assistance from the Council's Heritage Protection Reserve.

Davidson/Best

Carried

12.2 Board Member Fraser-Davies departed from the meeting at 1.00pm.

13. **Money Exchange Banking Facility**

- 13.1 An evaluation of the response to the Board's community survey regarding the money exchange banking facility proposed for Eketahuna was tabled.
- 13.2 A total of seventy three responses were received, with three giving no relevant information and some only responding in part.
- 13.3 The significant observations from the information provided by the community survey is as follows:-
- The largest percentage would use it for Eftpos cash withdrawals
 - At least 4 businesses would use it daily
 - Most people are prepared to pay a small charge
 - Some people have expressed concern about security
 - A majority were happy with the opening hours but a few would like longer opening hours
 - Some have commented on the need for an ATM facility - a provision for passing travellers
- 13.4 A copy of the complete results from the survey will be forwarded to the Business Manager and Cr Matthews for their consideration, and Board Member Best will follow up this matter.
- 13.5 It is intended that a meeting can then be arranged to discuss what actions should next take place to progress this proposal.

14. Items Not On The Agenda

- 14.1 Nil.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 1.15pm.

Chairperson