

TARARUA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Eketahuna Community Board

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Eketahuna Community Board held in the Eketahuna Service Centre Meeting Room on Friday 6 August, 2004 commencing at 10.00am.

1. Present

Messrs H M Cooper (Chairman), J M Harman (Deputy Chairman), P J Best, C C Death and Elizabeth Fraser-Davies.

In Attendance

Cr W Davidson	-	Eketahuna Ward District Councillor
Mr R Taylor	-	Administration Officer
Mr T Bennett	-	Roading Manager

2. Apologies

2.1 ***That an apology be sustained from Mrs F Ramsay for non-attendance at the meeting.***

Harman/Best

Carried

3. Personal Matters

3.1 ***That the Board convey its congratulations to the Eketahuna Rugby Club on winning the premier grade of the Wairarapa/Bush Senior competition for the second year running.***

Cooper/Death

Carried

4. Notification Of Any Extraordinary Business Not on The Agenda

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

- Tourism Tararua Annual General Meeting
- Eketahuna Swimming Pool Management Committee Annual Report

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 2 July, 2004 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Death/Fraser-Davies

Carried

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Road Closures (Item 6.1)

6.1.1 The rally organisers have been advised of the concerns relating to the condition of roads following their event, and an undertaking was received that the necessary work would be promptly completed.

6.2 Totara Logs (Item 6.2)

6.2.1 Eketahuna Mainstreet are still to determine if they are willing to undertake the request to provide seating at the Eketahuna soldiers cemetery.

6.2.2 The totara logs stored at the pound need to be moved from their present location within the next three months as fencing work is to occur.

6.3 Draft Dog Control Policy (Item 6.4)

6.3.1 It was noted that the Council has received a number of submissions objecting to the microchipping of farm dogs.

6.4 Joy Boyles – Complaint Concerning Raw Sewerage (Item 8.5)

6.4.1 The large hole in the footpath containing raw sewerage was promptly repaired following the Chairman pursuing this matter.

6.5 Town Gardens (Item 9.2)

6.5.1 Eketahuna Main Street will facilitate the preparation of a before and after story to outline the improvements achieved to the town gardens.

6.6 Roading (Item 10.1)

6.6.1 The Chairman welcomed the Roothing Manager to the meeting, and invited him to address the Board.

6.6.2 The Roothing Manager spoke on the following matters which were raised at the Board's previous meeting:-

- Nireaha Hill Road slips – The work to permanently repair this damage is programmed on the priority list to be undertaken in the next six to twelve months.
- South Road Number 2 – The big bump on this road has been repaired, and the sealing work is still to be done.
- Signage and warning of slips – Tararua Roothing Limited has a permanent person who is responsible for signage. This is to ensure that such sites requiring warning signage are safe at all times. Any problems of inadequate signage should promptly be reported through the service request system.

6.6.3 The Chairman introduced Carol Wingate of Alfredton to the meeting, and invited her to address the Board.

6.6.4 Carol Wingate spoke on the school bus drivers concerns relating to the dangerous condition of some roads, and expressed their concern about dropouts not being marked.

In particular Castle Hill Road, Daggs Road and Pa Valley Road are all very dangerous and of extreme concern.

6.6.5 The Roothing Manager advised that the work needing to be done on these roads is programmed to occur shortly.

All of the work will be completed as soon as possible. It has been a matter of determining priorities given the extent of the damage caused by the February flooding.

6.6.6 Concern was expressed at the lack of response to service requests being submitted, and in particular the Putara Road was cited as an example.

6.6.7 The Roothing Manager will follow up on this matter.

6.6.8 There was then a discussion on general roading matters, which included reference to the following :-

- Putara Road seal extension has been identified for consideration in the 2005/2006 roading programme.
- The hollows in the road surface of the Rongomai Gorge area are to be investigated.
- The progress report on roading repairs published on the Council page of the Bush Telegraph has been well received.
- The concerns raised regarding the dangerous intersection at the junction of North Road and State Highway Two have been referred to Transit New Zealand. They are requested to include the proposed work in the State Highway programme.
- Good progress has been achieved in seeking assistance from Transfund New Zealand for improvements to the Pahiatua Track. It is optimistically anticipated that funding will be made available for widening and strengthening work.
- Maintenance work on the Pahiatua Track is programmed to be done when the weather improves.
- Details of the traffic calming area on Alfredton Road from the Domain and the footpath extension by the school will be forwarded to the Roothing Manager for actioning.

6.6.9 The Chairman thanked the Roothing Manager for his attendance at the meeting, and providing the opportunity to discuss roading issues.

6.7 Organising of Sporting Events For Youth In The Town (Item 9.1)

6.7.1 A committee has been set up to discuss this matter, and they have held two meetings.

However as yet no proposal has been received from them for consideration by the Board.

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 July, 2004 (as circulated) be received.***

Harman/Death

Carried

8. Correspondence

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

- (a) ***John Walker, Business Manager, Tararua District Council*** ***12 July, 2004***
Re: Response to the Board's submission on the Council Community Plan
- (b) ***Eketahuna Club*** ***13 July, 2004***
Re: Letter of appreciation
- (c) ***Pukaha – Mount Bruce***
Re: Request for assistance
- (d) ***Tararua College*** ***29 July, 2004***
Re: Application for funds towards the cost of a motivational study skills expert.
- (e) ***Brian George Mills*** ***30 July, 2004***
Re: Request for assistance with hall hire costs to hold a Park Party community event.

Fraser-Davies/Best

Carried

8.2 Pukaha – Mount Bruce

- 8.2.1 ***That the Board sponsor from its discretionary funds a hectare of pest control at Mount Bruce for one year at a cost of \$25.00.***

Harman/Fraser-Davies

Carried

8.3 Tararua College

- 8.3.1 ***That the Board decline the application submitted by Tararua College for assistance with the costs of a motivational study skills expert as schools are outside the criteria of its discretionary funds.***

Fraser-Davies/Harman

Carried

8.4 Brian George Mills – Park Party Proposal

- 8.4.1 ***That the Board support the proposed Park Party event planned for 13 November, 2004 and***

That subject to the necessary arrangements being confirmed and the event proceeds, the Board will provide from its discretionary funds the cost of hiring the Community Centre for this day.

Best/Death

Carried

9. Chairman's Remarks

- 9.1 Nil.

10. Extraordinary Business Not On The Agenda

10.1 Tourism Tararua Annual General Meeting

- 10.1.1 Board Member Fraser-Davies represented the Board at the Annual General Meeting of this organisation.

The meeting was very informative, and included an interesting discussion on opportunities for tourism in the Tararua District.

10.2 Eketahuna Swimming Pool Management Committee Annual Report

- 10.2.1 The Chairman circulated for board members information a copy of the Eketahuna Swimming Pool Management Committee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June, 2004.

The year was generally satisfactory except for the poor weather regularly experienced throughout the summer. Upgrading work was undertaken to replace the concrete surrounds of the pool, with the Council providing a contribution towards these costs.

Thanks and appreciation are conveyed to the Council and staff for their continued assistance and funding made available to maintain and upgrade the pool.

- 10.2.2 ***That the Board acknowledges the work voluntarily carried out by the Eketahuna Swimming Pool Management Committee, and commends them on their efforts and commitment to the operation of this facility.***

Best/Fraser-Davies

Carried

10.3 End of Term Function

- 10.3.1 It was agreed that the Board arrange an end of term function. This will also provide an appropriate opportunity to acknowledge the Chairman's long-standing contribution to local government community service as he is retiring from office at the end of this term.

- 10.3.2 There was general support expressed that the Board's next meeting be held one week later than usual ie. 10 September, 2004.

This will enable the Chairman to attend as he is overseas on the normal date when this meeting is scheduled to occur.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11.55 am.

Chairman