

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 1 August, 2008 commencing at 10.00am.

1. Present

Board Members J M Harman (Chairperson), C C Death (Deputy Chairperson), Elizabeth Fraser-Davies, K A M Dimock and Cr W H Davidson (Council appointed community board member).

In Attendance

Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil.

3. Personal Matters

3.1 The Chairperson conveyed his appreciation to all those who assisted in arranging the 100th birthday celebrations of Mrs Markey.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 The following matters were notified as items of general business not on the agenda for discussion at today's meeting.

- Inter-town fibre connection
- Radio Eketahuna licence fee

4.2 The Chairperson consented to a request from John Haar (a resident of Eketahuna) to address the Board.

4.3 John Haar spoke on the need to promote open communication with the community through participatory governance and the consultation process, and emphasised the importance of having a strategy in place which achieves the growth of the district.

4.4 It was agreed that a copy of the Tararua District Community Outcomes Monitoring Report be forwarded to John Haar for his information.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 4 July, 2008 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Fraser-Davies/Death

Carried

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.1 *Morgans Road* (Item 6.1)

6.1.1 It was noted that Morgans Road has been graded, but the pot holes have again appeared.

6.1.2 A similar situation has occurred on Larsons Road where grading was undertaken, whereas the pot holes should have been filled.

6.2 *Alexander Turnbull Library* (Item 6.3)

6.2.1 The Alexander Turnbull Library will be requested to provide one set of original size copies of the three Aubrey watercolours of Eketahuna which are on permanent loan to them.

6.2.2 If possible a second set in A3 size will also be requested subject to confirmation as to whether any charges are payable for supplying the replica copies of these items.

6.3 *Mobile Recycling Bin* (Item 9.4)

6.3.1 The Waste Manager is monitoring the tidiness of the area around the mobile recycling bin in Eketahuna.

6.3.2 It is proposed that to assist in maintaining the appearance of this area the surface will be sealed.

6.4 *Eketahuna Community Centre Kitchen* (Item 9.3.2)

6.4.1 The Community Assets Manager has confirmed that a new stove is to be purchased for the Eketahuna Community Centre kitchen.

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 July, 2008 (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

7.2 Cr Davidson elaborated on the following matters arising from this meeting:-

- Planning and funding of transport and roading projects
- Eketahuna Water Supply resource consent
- Oil prices
- Dividend from TDC Holdings Limited
- Inter-town fibre connection
- Renewal of Eketahuna Landfill resource consent
- Dannevirke Town Centre refurbishment and donation of a town clock

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

8.1 **Alfredton Road**

8.1.1 It was noted that some small pine trees had been planted on a property in Alfredton Road, and their proximity was very close to the footpath.

8.1.2 The Chairperson will submit a service request to have this matter investigated, as in the future when the trees grow they may cause problems through roots damaging the footpath and from overhanging branches.

9. **Correspondence**

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

(a) ***Department of Corrections*** ***1 July, 2008***
Re: Community Works publication

(b) ***Pukaha Mount Bruce Board*** ***24 July, 2008***
Re: Sponsor a hectare renewal

(c) ***Tararua District Council*** ***24 July, 2008***
Re: Eketahuna Swimming Pool

(d) ***Tararua District Council*** ***24 July, 2008***
Re: Funding granted from the Heritage Protection Reserve for the Eketahuna Community Centre woodcarving project

Fraser-Davies/Death ***Carried***

9.2 ***Pukaha Mount Bruce Board Forest Restoration Project***

9.2.1 Cr Davidson declared an interest in this item of business, and abstained from the discussions and voting on the motion regarding this matter.

9.2.2 ***That the Board renew its sponsorship of one hectare of pest control at Pukaha Mount Bruce for a further year, and***

That the sum of \$25.00 be provided from the Board's discretionary funds for this purpose.

Fraser-Davies/Death ***Carried***

9.3 ***Eketahuna Swimming Pool***

9.3.1 A preliminary meeting has been held with the Community Assets Manager and representatives of Opus Consultants to discuss the preparation of the report on the structural integrity of the Eketahuna Swimming Pool.

9.4 ***Eketahuna Community Centre Woodcarving Project***

9.4.1 A meeting has been held with Jeff Bryan, and the design for the woodcarving was finalised.

9.4.2 However it was identified that the Totara timber originally proposed for use is not suitable for the carving, and additional costs of \$750.00 were incurred to purchase Totara timber from other sources.

- 9.4.3 It was agreed that Board Member Death will monitor progress on undertaking the project, and that he be authorised to arrange progress payments to Jeff Bryan for his work subject to satisfaction with the results.
- 9.4.4 Board Member Death will also arrange for Jeff Bryan to provide a timeline to complete the project.
- 9.4.5 Board Members Death and Fraser-Davies have been invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Tararua Arts Council on Wednesday 13 August, 2008 at 7.00pm in the Woodville Community Centre to make a presentation regarding the project.

10. Chairman's Remarks

- 10.1 Nil.

11. Items Not On The Agenda

11.1 *Radio Eketahuna Licence Fee*

- 11.1.1 Board Member Fraser-Davies reported that the amount of the Radio Eketahuna licence fee had been sustainably reduced from the payment previously proposed.

- 11.1.2 The revised cost was about \$3,200 and Pub Charities has granted funding to fully offset this expense.

11.2 *Inter-town Fibre Connection*

- 11.2.1 Questions are being raised in the community regarding the benefits of this service and how residents can take advantage of it?

- 11.2.2 It was agreed that the Board could facilitate a public meeting in the future when the fibre network system is operational to inform the community about this matter.

- 11.2.3 In the meantime the Corporate Services Manager will be requested to provide a timeline to undertake this project, and to clarify the intentions to promote the availability of this service.

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

Chairperson