

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 3 December, 2004 commencing at 10.05am.

1. Present

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

In Attendance

Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil.

3. Personal Matters

3.1 The Board's condolences and sympathy are conveyed to Wyn and Warren Davidson at the recent loss of Wyn's father.

3.2 The Board's congratulations are conveyed to Diane Anderson on her reelection as a member of the MidCentral District Area Health Board.

3.3 Thanks and appreciation are conveyed to Warren Davidson and Charlie Death for giving their time to assist with the fundraising collection to help the Mount Bruce forest restoration project.

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:-

- Eketahuna Main Street Committee funding
- Eketahuna Water Supply
- Waitangi Day 2005

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 3 November, 2004 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting subject to the nominator of Mr J M Harman as Chairperson being amended to PJA Best (not C C Death as stated).***

Best/Davidson

Carried

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Casting Vote (Item 7.2c)

6.1.1 Clarification was provided that the Board's Chairperson has a deliberative vote and, in the case where an equality of votes occurs, can also exercise a casting vote.

6.2 Various Other Appointments of Board Representatives (Item 9)

6.2.1 ***That Mr P J A Best be appointed to report on the Board's meetings for publication in the press (Bush Telegraph).***

Harman/Death

Carried

6.2.2 The Board's Chairperson will also provide a regular report for broadcasting on Radio Eketahuna.

6.3 Community Contact (Item 9.14)

6.3.1 The Board will discuss this matter at the next meeting, and is to consider providing the opportunity for community representatives (particularly from outlying rural areas) to speak at its meetings.

6.4 Community Board Members Remuneration (Item 10)

6.4.1 The proposed remuneration for elected representatives is to be forwarded to the Remuneration Authority for approval. In the meantime payments are based on an interim determination which commenced to apply following the elections.

6.5 Delivery of Manawatu Standard to Eketahuna (Item 12.1)

6.5.1 The Manawatu Standard is reducing the delivery of its paper to some areas, including Eketahuna.

However arrangements have been made to deliver the paper to the store by bus and they shall arrange for its distribution. This has resulted in rural subscribers now receiving their copy the day after it was published.

6.5.2 Concern was expressed that the Manawatu Standard had not handled this matter very well, and many of their customers within the Eketahuna area are very upset at what has occurred.

6.5.3 It was agreed that the Board send a letter to the editor of the Manawatu Standard expressing disappointment at their actions.

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 November, 2004 (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Death

Carried

7.2 Developing A Heritage Inventory For The Tararua District

7.2.1 Board members were encouraged to provide the details of any properties in Eketahuna which are of historic heritage significance.

7.2.2 Board Member Best will present a list to the Board's next meeting of such properties in Eketahuna that have already been identified.

7.3 Economic Development Committee

7.3.1 Board Member Fraser-Davies was thanked for giving her time to serve as a representative on the Economic Development Committee.

8. Reports From Board Representatives Appointed To Organisations And Assigned Responsibilities

8.1 Totara Reserve

8.1.1 Another six trees have fallen into the river, and arrangements for their recovery will be considered after Christmas.

8.1.2 The logs required for the Masterton Police Station carving have been provided. In return for supplying these logs their carver will develop a carving for the Eketahuna Community Centre.

8.2 Roading

8.2.1 A copy of the 2004 district accident statistics as circulated at the recent meeting of the Road Safety Group was tabled for board members information.

8.2.2 A map setting out the locations of speed signs in Eketahuna was tabled for board members information. This matter shall be considered by the Board early next year.

8.2.3 Arrangements for a kea crossing outside the school gate are still to be confirmed.

8.2.4 The pot hole on South Road Number 2 has still not satisfactorily been permanently repaired, and is again very dangerous.

8.2.5 At present the speed of vehicles travelling past stopped school buses is being monitored to ascertain compliance with the restrictions that apply.

8.3 Stormwater

8.3.1 The following areas in Eketahuna are still experiencing problems with surplus water when it rains heavily, and work is required to rectify this situation.

- Community Centre area by the road near to the grass.
- Corner of Church Street and the main road.
- Herbert and Jones Street by the Club

8.4 Eketahuna Camping Ground

8.4.1 The new seal at the Eketahuna Camping Ground has been completed, and the results are very pleasing.

8.5 Eketahuna Swimming Baths

8.5.1 The swimming baths are presently being prepared in readiness for opening this month. Some work is required to tidy up the playground area.

10. Chairman's Remarks

10.1 Nil

11. Extraordinary Business Not On The Agenda

11.1 Eketahuna Water Supply

11.1.1 It was noted that the Council has recently been briefed on this matter, and the Board requests an update be provided for its information.

11.1.2 The Manager of District Assets is invited to attend the Board's next meeting where time will be set aside for this purpose.

11.2 Eketahuna Main Street Committee Funding

11.2.1 ***That the Board approves the application submitted by the Eketahuna Main Street Committee to uplift funds of \$2,308.50 for their lighting project in the Main Street of Eketahuna, and***

That the Board requests the payment of this funding be made available to enable the completion of this project.

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

11.3 Waitangi Day 2005

11.3.1 The Ministry of Heritage and Culture has granted the Board \$500.00 to arrange a Waitangi Day 2005 event in Eketahuna.

11.3.2 Some planning will need to occur to arrange an appropriate programme for this event.

12. Closure

12.1 The Chairperson extended his best wishes for a happy and enjoyable Christmas, and a prosperous and safe new year.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12.10pm.

Chairman