

**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 December, 2006 commencing at 10.00 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 Twentyman	-	Chief Executive
Mr R Taylor	-	Governance Manager
Mr J Hirst	-	Waste Manager

**2. Apologies**

2.1 Nil.

**3. Personal Matters**

3.1 Nil.

**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:-

- o Public transport services meeting
- o Alfredton Road flooding
- o Shannon to Eketahuna tourist link
- o Rongokokako Hall

**5. Developing A Recycling Service**

5.1 The Chairperson welcomed the Chief Executive and the Waste Manager to the meeting, and invited them to address the Board.

5.2 The Chief Executive outlined to the Board a proposal to develop a recycling service and the utilisation of the Eketahuna landfill.

At the present time the Eketahuna landfill's resource consent will expire in fourteen months time. Due to new national environmental standards for waste disposal it is likely that any new resource consent if granted will only be for a short period.

Eventually the district's existing landfills will be required to close, and the waste shall be transferred for disposal out of the district.

- 5.3 The Chief Executive informed the Board of an opportunity to generate revenue to fund the cost of providing a recycling service for the community.

This involves selling the available capacity in the landfills at Eketahuna and Pahiatua, and using this funding to develop a district recycling service and facilities for this purpose.

The arrangement to use the landfills shall be for a short term, but is an excellent option to assist in the transition to the establishment of transfer stations which will replace landfills in four to five years time.

- 5.4 Board members directed their general questions and comments to the Chief Executive and the Waste Manager, and expressed general support for the concept as outlined.

- 5.5 The following matters were then raised with the Chief Executive:

- o Higginsons Road bridge
- o Castlehill Road
- o Alfredton Road flooding

- 5.6 An invitation will be conveyed to representatives of Transit New Zealand to meet with board members in the New Year to discuss the future plans for Higginsons Road bridge.

- 5.7 The Chief Executive will follow up the concerns raised by board members regarding the need for work on Castlehill Road.

- 5.8 The Chief Executive has requested a report concerning the flooding which occurred on Alfredton Road.

- 5.9 The Chairperson thanked the Chief Executive and the Waste Manager for their attendance at the meeting.

## **6. Confirmation of Minutes**

- 6.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meetings held on 3 and 10 November, 2006 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of these meetings.***

***Death/Fraser-Davies***

***Carried***

## **7. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- 7.1 ***Money Exchange Banking Facility (Item 6)***

- 7.1.1 ***That the Board undertake a community survey to ascertain the level of interest in setting up a money exchange banking facility for Eketahuna.***

***Best/Fraser-Davies***

***Carried***

- 7.2 ***Shannon to Eketahuna Tourist Link***

- 7.2.1 The Chief Executive outlined a proposal which was considered to establish a Shannon to Eketahuna tourist link. This now appears unlikely to proceed.

- 7.3 ***Proposed Alteration to the Name of Parkville Central Road, Eketahuna (Item 9.3)***
- 7.3.1 Board Member Death will seek confirmation in writing that the residents agree to the Board's proposal to alter the name of this road to Parkville Road.
- 7.4 ***Ekeslea Site (Item 9.9)***
- 7.4.1 The contractor has not as yet commenced the work to tidy up the Ekeslea site property.
- 7.5 ***Totara Logs (Item 9.8)***
- 7.5.1 Further Totara logs have been milled and will be stored locally.
- 7.5.2 A truck load of Totara timber has been made available to Dannevirke for the Dannevirke Town Centre refurbishment project.

## **8. Tararua District Council Report**

- 8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 November, 2006 (as tabled) be received.***

***Davidson/Best***

***Carried***

- 8.2 ***Review of Class 4 Gambling and TAB Venue Policy***

- 8.2.1 The Board will consider this matter at its next meeting.

- 8.3 ***Tararua District Plan Review No. 1 Public Discussion Document***

- 8.3.1 The Board will consider this matter at a future meeting when the Discussion Document is available.

## **9. Reports**

- 9.1 ***Castlehill Road***

- 9.1.1 ***That the report from the Roading Contract Manager dated 21 November, 2006 concerning remedial work programmed on Castlehill Road (as circulated) be received.***

***Fraser-Davies/Death***

***Carried***

- 9.1.2 ***That the Board considers the proposed work to be undertaken on Castlehill Road is not satisfactory for the following reasons:-***

- The programmed maintenance metalling on its own is inadequate given that the road is continually being used by heavy vehicles and logging trucks.***
- In the Board's opinion a heavy metal overlay is required prior to the commencement of the maintenance metal programme.***

- ***From the Board's observations the road surface is reverting to dirt and the areas of corrugations and pot holes are expanding.***

***And that in light of these concerns the Board requests an urgent meeting with the District Roading Manager prior to Christmas to discuss this matter.***

***Best/Davidson***

***Carried***

## **10. Reports From Board Representatives Appointed to Organisations and Assigned Responsibilities**

### **10.1 *Pukaha Mount Bruce***

10.1.1 Board Member Best gave a verbal report on the public meeting held regarding the Pukaha Mount Bruce project.

10.1.2 This meeting was addressed by a Professor of Tourism, and outlined the proposal to develop a Centre of Learning at Pukaha Mount Bruce.

### **10.2 *Public Transport Services Meeting***

10.2.1 The Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson represented the Board at a meeting organised by the Dannevirke Community Board to discuss public transport services within the Tararua District.

10.2.2 This meeting was very worthwhile, and included presentations made by representatives from the Horizons Regional Council and Land Transport New Zealand.

### **10.3 *Tararua Safer Community Council***

10.3.1 Board Member Fraser-Davies gave a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Tararua Safer Community Council.

10.3.2 This meeting included reports from the usual various authorities, and details of the healthy breakfasts for childrens programme and youth truancy.

### **10.4 *Rongokokako Hall***

10.4.1 Board Member Fraser-Davies advised that proposals are presently being considered for the future preservation of the Rongokokako Hall which involve resiting the building to another location.

### **10.5 *Tararua District Road Safety Group***

10.5.1 Board Member Death gave a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Tararua District Road Safety Group.

10.5.2 This meeting included discussion on the following matters:-

- Alfredton Road speed restriction advance warning signs
- School bus signs

- Safety works at North Road and the intersection of State Highway 2
- Rally events

**11. Chairman's Remarks**

11.1 Nil.

**12. April, 2007 Board Meeting Date**

12.1 It was agreed that the date of the Board's April meeting be moved back by one week due to Good Friday being on the day when the Board would usually meet. This meeting will therefore now be held on Friday 30 March, 2007.

**13. Closure**

13.1 The Chairperson conveyed his best wishes for a happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12.20 pm.

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Chairperson