

# Tararua District Council

## Eketahuna Community Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Eketahuna Community Board held in the Eketahuna War Memorial Hall, Corner Jones Street and State Highway 2, Eketahuna on Friday 7 December, 2007 commencing at 10.15 am.

### 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 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:-

- Eketahuna Our Town DVD presentation to the TrustPower Community Awards national finals
- Eketahuna Railway Station
- Eketahuna STP Upgrade

### 5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 2 November, 2007 (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 ***Rongomai Domain Incorporated (Item 10.3)***

6.1.1 The Annual General Meeting of Rongomai Domain Incorporated has recently been held.

6.2 ***Roktopus Playground Equipment (Item 10.7)***

6.2.1 ***That the Board supports the proposal to install the Roktopus playground equipment at the Eketahuna childrens playpark, and***

***That this matter be followed up through recommending to the Eketahuna Our Town Committee that they investigate possible sources to apply for funding towards the costs of undertaking this project.***

***Fraser-Davies/Davidson***

***Carried***

**6.3 *Location of the Alfredton Sign (Item 11.4)***

6.3.1 The location of the Alfredton sign has been lowered, and it is hoped that this will overcome the problem of the sign obscuring the vision of traffic approaching from the Eketahuna Mainstreet.

**6.4 *New Zealand Community Boards Executive Committee (Item 11.3)***

6.4.1 ***That the Eketahuna Community Board support the nomination proposed by the Dannevirke Community Board of Nigel Ensor as a candidate for election to the office of Zone 3 representative on the New Zealand Community Boards Executive Committee.***

***Death/Davidson***

***Carried***

**7. *Tararua District Council Report***

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

***Davidson/Fraser-Davies***

***Carried***

7.2 Cr Davidson elaborated on various matters arising from the Council meeting for the information of board members. His verbal report included reference to the following matters:-

- Council structure, meeting dates and times
- Council portfolio appointments
- Dannevirke Community Board's sponsorship programme for the Dannevirke Town Centre refurbishment
- Woodville sewerage resource consent hearing
- Street cleaning contract
- Standard of grass mowing work
- Notification of tendered contracts in the Bush Telegraph
- Direct debit refund
- Eketahuna Money Exchange
- Recycling
- Range of tender prices being received for contracts
- Eketahuna STP Upgrade contract
- District Plan review
- Under veranda lighting in Dannevirke and Woodville

- Bush Multisport Trust request for increased funding
- Elected members remuneration
- Bridge weight restrictions
- Annual Report 2007

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

### **8.1 *Tararua District Road Safety Group***

8.1.1 Board Member Death gave a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Tararua District Road Safety Group. This included reference to the following matters:-

- Implementation of an 80 km/hour speed restriction in the Manawatu Gorge and the installation of double yellow lines
- Opening of the twin tunnels on the Manawatu Gorge railway line
- Painting of white lines in Bridge Street
- Newman turn-off on State Highway 2
- Higginsons Road bridge
- Request for a crash barrier on State Highway 2 at the entrance to Eketahuna
- The use of Morgans Road as a stock crossing
- Traffic offences report
- State Highway matters

### **8.2 *Eketahuna Baths Management Committee***

8.2.1 Board Member Death gave a verbal report on the arrangements for the operation of the Eketahuna Swimming Pool in the new season. This included reference to the following matters:-

- The opening of the swimming pool facility will commence this Saturday at 1.00pm
- New custodians have been appointed
- Significant water leakage from the pool is being investigated
- The fencing at the swimming pool facility will need to be renewed

### **8.3 *Eketahuna Camping Ground***

8.3.1 Board Member Dimock has inspected the facilities at the Eketahuna Camping Ground, and noted that they could be upgraded to make this area more attractive to visitors.

8.3.2 It was agreed that the building containing the camping ground's facilities should be improved to provide access for disabled people.

8.3.3 The Manager Community Development will be requested to meet with board members to discuss this matter, and to investigate the possibility of requesting funding from the Ryder Cheshire Foundation for this project.

8.4 ***Eketahuna Playground***

8.4.1 The Community Assets Manager is to be requested to remove the surplus posts at the skateboard end of the playground area now that the graffiti board has gone.

8.5 ***Holes in Grass Verge Areas***

8.5.1 Concern was expressed that there are holes in various grass verge areas of the town which could be hazardous, and were possibly caused through work previously undertaken by contractors.

8.5.2 It was agreed that the specific details regarding this matter be reported through a service request being made to the Service Centre.

9. **Correspondence**

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

(a) ***Eketahuna Club Inc*** ***5 October, 2007***  
***Re: Letter of appreciation***

(b) ***Kenneth Hindson*** ***17 October 2007***  
***Re: Bus Service to Masterton***

(c) ***Horizons Regional Council*** ***15 November, 2007***  
***Re: Submissions on the Proposed One Plan***

***Davidson/Death*** ***Carried***

9.2 **Bus Service to Masterton**

9.2.1 ***That the Board is sympathetic to the request from Kenneth Hindson for the provision of a regular public transport service being established between Eketahuna to Masterton and return, and***

***That the Board is in favour of this occurring if a service provider is interested and they can maintain a viable and sustainable service, and***

***That the Board notes the responsibility for the funding of passenger transport services is undertaken by the Horizons Regional Council, and they have assistance available to support the operation of such services.***

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

10. **Chairman's Remarks**

10.1 Nil

11. **Items Not On The Agenda**

11.1 ***Eketahuna Our Town DVD Presentation to the TrustPower Community Awards National Finals***

- 11.1.1 ***That the Board grant the Eketahuna Our Town Committee assistance of up to a maximum of \$500.00 or 50% of the actual costs, whichever is the lesser amount, from its discretionary funds to produce the Eketahuna Information Centre's promotional DVD presentation to the TrustPower Community Awards National Finals.***

***Fraser-Davies/Davidson***

***Carried***

11.2 ***Eketahuna Railway Station***

- 11.2.1 The Chairperson is to contact Infracon Tararua to request them to undertake as a community project some work to assist with the tidying up of the Eketahuna Railway Station area.

- 11.2.2 It was noted that further train excursions are proposed to be held in the future, and their itinerary will include a stop at the Eketahuna Railway Station.

11.3 ***Eketahuna STP Upgrade***

- 11.3.1 It was suggested that an open day be arranged to enable the community to view the Eketahuna STP Upgrade project.

- 11.3.2 This matter will be referred to the Board's next meeting for discussion.

**12. Closure**

- 12.1 The Chairperson extended his best wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas and a good New Year.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12.25pm.

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Chairperson