

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 5 December, 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 Board's condolences are to be conveyed as follows:

- To Peter Best (a former Deputy Chairperson of the Eketahuna Community Board) on the passing of his mother.
- To the family of Tony Jury (a businessman from Pahiatua whose community service included Station Officer for the Pahiatua Volunteer Fire Brigade and Justice of the Peace) on his tragic passing as the result of a fatal accident.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 7 November, 2008 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting subject to noting the following amendments.***

Item 9.1.1 Newman Reserve Board – Change the third bullet point to read “Pine trees were planted and an area of native trees are to be established”.

Item 10.2.3 NZ Transport Agency and MWH New Zealand Limited – Change the sentence to read “Hopefully a mutually satisfactory outcome can be achieved through taking appropriate action to rectify the concerns relating to the signs construction being a safety issue (not a major safety issue as referred to in the previous wording).”

Fraser-Davies/Dimock

Carried

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Change of Consent Conditions For The Eketahuna Water Supply (Item 6.1)

6.1.1 Cr Davidson and the Chairperson will present the Board's submission to the Horizons Regional Council hearing in Woodville on Thursday 18 December, 2008 commencing at 9.30am.

6.2 **Establishment of a Public Transport Coach Service From Masterton to Eketahuna** (Item 6.2)

6.2.1 There was very little response to the informal survey included in the Eketahuna community newsletter to ascertain support for a public transport service being provided from Eketahuna to Masterton.

6.2.2 It was agreed that a separate survey regarding this matter be arranged next year.

6.3 **Aubrey Watercolours of Eketahuna** (Item 6.4)

6.3.1 **That the three prints of the Aubrey watercolours of Eketahuna be framed, and**

That the cost of undertaking this work be funded from the Board's discretionary funds.

Fraser-Davies/Death

Carried

6.3.2 The Board will determine at its next meeting a suitable location to hang the prints for public viewing.

6.3.3 There was discussion regarding requesting the Alexander Turnbull Library to return the Aubrey watercolours of Eketahuna which they hold on permanent loan, and making them available for display at the Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History.

6.3.4 It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History to ascertain whether they are interested in considering an arrangement to display these watercolours, and to clarify the basis of security and insurance for this purpose.

6.4 **Mrs Markey's 100th Birthday Celebrations** (Item 6.5)

6.4.1 The DVD recordings of Mrs Markey's 100th birthday celebrations are still awaited from Tararua Television.

6.5 **Eketahuna Swimming Pool** (Item 8)

6.5.1 An update was tabled from the Community Assets Manager to outline the work undertaken to rectify the issues identified at the Eketahuna Swimming Pool.

6.5.2 At this stage it appears that the pool facilities will be ready for this year's opening.

6.5.3 The Board's thanks are to be conveyed to Warren Walker (builder) for his prompt response to erecting the new fence at the pool facility.

6.6 ***NZ Transport Agency and MWH New Zealand Limited (Item 10.2)***

6.6.1 The NZ Transport Agency has requested that the non-conforming Eketahuna signs be removed from the roadside by 15 December, 2008.

6.6.2 The Eketahuna Our Town Committee is investigating appropriate alternative sites to relocate the signs.

6.7 ***2009 Community Boards Conference (Item 12.2)***

6.7.1 The Eketahuna Community Centre woodcarving project is to be entered in the Best Practice Awards which are presented at the Conference.

6.8 ***Eketahuna Community Centre Woodcarving Project (Item 13)***

6.8.1 The Board's thanks are to be conveyed to the Council for supporting this project through providing funding from the Heritage Protection Reserve.

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 12 and 26 November, 2008 (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Death

Carried

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

8.1 ***Tararua Safer Community Council***

8.1.1 Board Member Fraser-Davies presented a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Tararua Safer Community Council, and this included reference to the following matters:-

- Reports from various agencies
- Campaign for action on family violence
- Crime statistics

8.2 ***Tararua District Road Safety Group***

8.2.1 Board Member Death presented a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Tararua District Road Safety Group, and this included reference to the following matters:-

- Two road safety improvement projects in the Eketahuna area have been deferred due to funding constraints, including the work proposed for the North Road intersection.
- The proposal for a safety guardrail on the state highway at the entrance to Eketahuna is still to be progressed.
- The Alfredton sign continues to be an issue.

8.3 ***Eketahuna Swimming Pool Management Committee***

8.3.1 The Chairperson presented a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Eketahuna Swimming Pool Management Committee, and this included reference to the following matters:-

- A working bee is to be held next Monday to tidy up the facility
- The pool will be opening for this season on Friday 19 December, 2008 at 2.00pm
- The custodian arrangements have been confirmed, and the hours of the pool being open and the charges are the same as last year

8.4 ***Eketahuna Our Town Committee***

8.4.1 The Board conveyed its support for the Great Eketahuna Kiwi Carnival to be held on Saturday 21 February, 2009.

8.4.2 The Community Carols Service is to be held on Sunday 14 December, 2008 at 7.00pm in the Eketahuna Community Centre, and arrangements are to be made through the Service Centre to photocopy the carols sheets for this event.

9. ***Eketahuna Community Centre Woodcarving Project***

9.1 ***That the Board accepts the revised amount of \$5,350.00 as the cost of the carving work undertaken by Jeff Bryan to undertake the Eketahuna Community Centre woodcarving project, and***

That in authorising this variation to the quote previously accepted of \$4,700 the Board acknowledges the extra hours required to complete the carving which exceeded the time originally anticipated, and

That this resulting additional cost be funded from the Board's discretionary funds \$500.00) and the donation given by Board Member Fraser-Davies (\$150.00).

Fraser-Davies/Death

Carried

9.2 Board Member Dimock requested that her dissenting vote be recorded.

10. ***Correspondence***

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

a) Tararua District Council 28 November, 2008
Re: Rating review

(b) Horizons Regional Council 27 November, 2008
Re: Proposed One Plan – Notice of Hearing

(c) NZ Transport Agency 26 November, 2008
Re: Non-conforming Eketahuna signs

(d) Horizons Regional Council 1 December, 2008
Re: Hearing of resource consent variation for the Eketahuna Water Supply

(e) Brent Dickson, Eketahuna Chief Fire Officer
Re: Funding for Eketahuna Fire Brigade's centennial celebrations
being held from 23 to 25 October, 2009

Death/Fraser-Davies

Carried

10.2 **Eketahuna Fire Brigade Centennial Celebrations Committee**

10.2.1 **That the Board invite the Eketahuna Fire Brigade Centennial Celebrations Committee to submit an application to the General Assistance Grants Scheme for funding towards the cost of their event to be held next October, and**

That an application form be sent to them for this purpose when they are available early next year at the time of these funds being advertised.

Death/Davidson

Carried

11. **Chairman's Remarks**

11.1 **Overhanging Tree in Church Street**

11.1.1 It was noted that concern has been expressed regarding an overhanging tree in Church Street opposite Joy Boyle's property.

11.1.2 This tree (which may be located on private property) is hanging over the road and the falling leaves are blocking the adjacent property's guttering.

11.1.3 The Chairperson will submit a service request regarding this matter.

12. **Items Not On The Agenda**

12.1 Nil

13. **Date of Next Meeting**

13.1 **That the date of the Board's next meeting be Monday 9 February, 2009 (as the normal date when this would be held is a public holiday for Waitangi Day).**

Death/Davidson

Carried

14. **Closure**

14.1 The Chairperson extended his best wishes for a happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12.15pm.

Chairperson