

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 4 December 2009 commencing at 10.05am.

1. Present

Board Members J M Harman (Chairperson), C C Death (Deputy Chairperson), K A M Dimock, Elizabeth Fraser-Davies 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 Nil

5. Offer of Voluntary Assistance for Town Projects

5.1 The Chairperson welcomed Pat Kelly to the meeting and invited him to address the Board.

5.2 Pat Kelly conveyed to board members his offer to provide voluntary assistance as a contribution to undertake beautification projects in the town.

5.3 The basis of Pat Kelly's offer is that he would use his painting skills to enhance the appearance of areas in the community, with the only cost being to supply the paint and brushes to carry out this work.

5.4 Pat Kelly suggested the following ideas for the Board's consideration:

- Paint the railings opposite the fire station.
- Paint the facade of the swimming pool and provide a plaque concerning the date when the facility was opened.
- Brighten the playground area through applying paint to the basketball hoop and other appropriate items in this location.
- Paint the railings of the bridge by the walkway and reinstate the bridge plaque.
- Provide a seat in the vicinity of the fire station.

5.5 The Chairperson commended Pat Kelly for both his community spirit and enthusiasm, and invited him to join the Eketahuna Our Town Committee that undertakes projects to enhance the town.

- 5.6 The contact details for Pat Kelly will also be advised to the Community Assets Manager to consider any possible projects that could be undertaken in Eketahuna through the proposal outlined by Mr Kelly.
- 5.7 The Chairperson consented to a request from John Haar to address the Board, and he spoke on his concerns regarding the pollution of the Manawatu River, the needs of the Eketahuna Community to access public transport and improved services, and to provide increased opportunities for youth.
- 5.8 John Haar also emphasised the importance of open democracy that encouraged and valued community input and contributions to the Board's decision making processes.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

- 6.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 6 November 2009 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Death/Davidson

Carried

7. Matters Arising From The Minutes

7.1 Horizons Regional Council (Item 3)

- 7.1.1 The Board awaits to receive from the Horizons Regional Council the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the steps to be taken in preparing for the July 2011 review of the Eketahuna Water Supply take consent conditions.

7.2 Civil Defence (Item 7.4)

- 7.2.1 The Board noted the further item published in the Bush Telegraph regarding the locations of the district's emergency management welfare centres, and the Resilience Manager's intention to undertake a major public education review in the New Year.

7.3 MidCentral District Health Board (Item 7.2)

- 7.3.1 A response has not yet been received from the MidCentral District Health Board regarding their intentions for the provision of dental care services to the Eketahuna Community.
- 7.3.2 Board Member Dimock is also awaiting a reply to her questions concerning the ambulance and hospital support services available to the Eketahuna Community.

7.4 Town Centre Security Camera Monitoring System (Item 12)

- 7.4.1 The Eastern and Central Community Trust has declined the application from the Eketahuna Our Town Committee seeking funding for this project.
- 7.4.2 Other options are being pursued to provide the funds required to establish the security camera monitoring system.

8. Tararua District Council Report

8.1 *That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 November 2009 (as circulated) be received.*

Davidson/Dimock

Carried

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

9.1 Tararua District Road Safety Group

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

- The minor safety improvements have been programmed in the vicinity of North Road and Cheethams dip.
- A report was presented on road safety issues and accident statistics for the Tararua District.
- The Horizons Regional Council has published a booklet on minimising driver fatigue and enjoying the rest areas of the Central North Island.
- Initiatives are being undertaken regarding driver licence arrangements for youth, the wearing of seat belts, and enforcing the ban on using mobile phones while driving.

9.2 Tararua Safer Community Council

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

- Ongoing investigations are continuing regarding the provision of a dual control car for driving instruction experience in Dannevirke.
- A report was presented on crime statistics for the Tararua District.
- The Road Safety Coordinator reported on various road safety community focused activities being undertaken in the Tararua District.

9.3 Eketahuna Baths Management Committee

9.3.1 The Chairperson advised that the work to undertake the final pool sealing is intended to be completed on Monday 7 December 2009.

9.3.2 A working bee will then be arranged to prepare the pool for opening on Saturday 19 December 2009.

9.3.3 Further tables and chairs have been purchased for the pool facility, and staffing arrangements are being considered to provide some flexibility to the custodian's working hours.

10. Correspondence

10.1 *That the correspondence as listed be received:*

(a) Eketahuna Volunteer Fire Brigade

5 November 2009 Re: Centennial Celebrations

(b) Masterton District Council Mayor

23 November 2009 Re: Wairarapa local authority reorganisation

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

11. Chairman's Remarks

11.1 Nil

12. Date of April Board Meeting

12.1 *That the date of the Board's meeting to be held in April of next year be the ninth day of that month (as the date when the meeting would usually be held is Good Friday).*

Death/Davidson

Carried

13. Items Not On The Agenda

13.1 Nil

14. Closure

14.1 The Chairperson extended his best wishes for a happy Christmas, a relaxing holiday period and a prosperous New Year.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12.12 pm.

Chairperson