

**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 2 February, 2007 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 Taylor - Governance Manager

**2. Apologies**

2.1 *That an apology be received from Elizabeth Fraser-Davies for lateness to the meeting.*

*Death/Davidson*

*Carried*

**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 Railway Station
- Eketahuna Water Supply
- Anzac Bridge

**5 Confirmation of Minutes**

5.1 *That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 1 December, 2006 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

*Best/Death*

*Carried*

**6. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

6.1 *Ekeslea Site (Item 7.4)*

6.1.1 Work has commenced to tidy up the Ekeslea site property.

6.2 **Alfredton Road Flooding** (Item 5.8)

6.2.1 Some work has been undertaken to resolve the flooding problems which occurred on Alfredton Road last year, and further investigations are continuing in relation to this matter.

6.3 **Castlehill Road** (Item 9.1)

6.3.1 A full survey of this road has been done, and this has indicated that the metal thickness is variable.

6.3.2 This situation is to be rectified through the development of a work plan of the metal requirements needed to maintain this road.

6.3.3 Board Member Fraser-Davies entered the meeting at 10.15am.

6.4 **Rongokokako Hall** (Item 10.4)

6.4.1 A meeting is to be held to discuss the future of the Rongokokako Hall and what should be done with the proceeds if it is sold.

**7. Proposed Wood Carvings For The Eketahuna Community Centre**

7.1 The Chairperson welcomed Rob Rutene (Masterton Police Iwi Liaison Officer Wairarapa) to the meeting, and outlined the background to the Board's proposal for wood carvings at the Eketahuna Community Centre.

It is intended that the design will reflect the culture of the Maori and early European settlers of the Eketahuna area.

7.2 Rob Rutene thanked the Board for the Totara provided for carvings at the Masterton Police Station, and outlined the process to create the Eketahuna Community Centre's carvings.

This involves identifying the history which is to be incorporated into the carvings and consulting with all the relevant parties of the community that have an interest in this matter.

7.3 Rob Rutene then responded to general questions and comments from board members regarding this matter.

7.4 The Chairperson thanked Rob Rutene for attending the meeting and his offer to assist in creating the carvings for the Eketahuna Community Centre.

7.5 ***That Board Members PJA Best, CC Death and E Fraser-Davies represent the Board on a wider community committee to be formed to coordinate the Eketahuna Community Centre wood carvings project.***

***Harman/Davidson***

***Carried***

**8. Money Exchange Banking Facility**

8.1 A draft community survey was tabled for consideration to ascertain the level of interest in setting up a money exchange banking facility for Eketahuna.

8.2 The contents of the draft community survey were agreed to subject to the following amendments:-

- Emphasise that any person can use the money exchange banking facility and does not need to change their bank.
- Elaborate on the small fee attached to each transaction through including information to indicate the indicative cost.

8.3 Board Member Best will make the amendments requested to the draft community survey and then forward a copy to the Business Manager and Cr C D Matthews for their comment.

## **9. Tararua District Council Report**

9.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 11 December, 2006 (as circulated) and 31 January, 2007 (as tabled) be received.***

***Davidson/Death***

***Carried***

9.2 ***Notice of Application for Declaration - J R Reid***

9.2.1 It was noted that J R Reid has applied to the Environment Court for the following declaration:-

*That Tararua District Council's General Purpose Reserve Fund contains monies that are legally restricted and cannot be used for the purposes of the Dannevirke Town Centre Refurbishment project and that Tararua District Council's General Purpose Reserve Fund be frozen pending a review of the legality of the amendment to the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan passed on 11 December 2006.*

9.3 ***Dannevirke Town Centre Refurbishment***

9.3.1 ***That with regard to the Council's decision concerning the Dannevirke Town Centre Refurbishment project, the Board conveys the following comments to the Mayor and Councillors.***

***The Eketahuna Community Board wishes to express its disappointment to the Council in approving the Dannevirke Refurbishment project unaltered and entirely funded by district wide rating and the general purpose reserve fund.***

***Whilst it was generally agreed that Dannevirke should have an upgrade, most submitters believed that the plan's costs should be looked at, and possibly modified. In revisiting the original plan, and considering the North Ward's wishes to proceed unaltered, there should have been a cap set on the contribution of rates from the South Ward with the balance being provided by the North Ward.***

***That these points seem to have been brushed aside will in our opinion make it more difficult in the future to get ratepayers to participate in the consultation process, and only confirms what many believe that the Council had a predetermined agenda, and what people say doesn't count!***

***We congratulate Councillor Warren Davidson on his stand on the matter, and believe that the South Ward is well served by his diligence and resolve in such issues.***

***Fraser-Davies/Death***

***Carried***

**9.4 *Draft Annual Plan 2007/2008***

9.4.1 It was agreed that the Board arrange a public forum regarding the 2007/2008 draft Annual Plan.

This will be held on Monday 16 April, 2007 in the Eketahuna Community Centre Supper Room commencing at 7.30pm.

**10. Reports**

**10.1 *Higginsons Road Bridge***

10.1.1 ***That the report from the District Roding Manager dated 6 December, 2006 concerning Higginsons Road Bridge (as circulated) be received.***

***Davidson/Best***

***Carried***

**10.2 *Eketahuna Community Board General Assistance Grants Scheme***

10.2.1 ***That the report from the Governance Manager dated 26 January, 2007 concerning the Eketahuna Community Board General Assistance Grants Scheme (as circulated) be received.***

***Davidson/Fraser-Davies***

***Carried***

10.2.2 ***That applications now be called for funding from the Eketahuna Community Board's 2006/2007 General Assistance Grants Scheme, and***

***That the closing date for applications be Friday 16 March, 2007 at 6.00pm.***

***Davidson/Fraser-Davies***

***Carried***

**11. Community Contact**

11.1 It was agreed that an invitation be extended to community representatives from the following areas to attend the Board's meetings in March.

**2 March, 2007**

Newman	-	John Duffy
Hamua/Hukanui	-	Dennis Dougherty

**30 March, 2007**

Tiraumea	-	Don Robbie
Alfredton	-	June Edmonds or Ben Morrison

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

12.1 Nil.

**13. Correspondence**

13.1 *That the correspondence as listed be received.*

*(a) New Zealand Community Boards Executive Committee November, 2006*

*Re: 2007 Community Boards Conference and Best Practice Awards*

*(b) Eketahuna Information Centre 12 January, 2007*  
*Re: Application for funding*

*(c) J Haar 24 January, 2007*  
*Re: Eketahuna Cliff Walk*

*Davidson/Death Carried*

13.2 *New Zealand Community Boards Conference 2007*

13.2.1 *That Cr W H Davidson be registered as the Board's representative to attend the New Zealand Community Boards Conference in Manukau City from 7-9 June, 2007.*

*Death/Best Carried*

13.3 *Eketahuna Information Centre*

13.3.1 *That the request from the Eketahuna Information Centre for the funding of costs incurred totalling \$2,314.95 be approved.*

*Davidson/Fraser-Davies Carried*

13.3.2 Margaret Oliver and Margaret Parsons of the Eketahuna Information Centre were in attendance at the meeting, and they gave a verbal report to board members which included reference to the following matters:-

- Sales of promotional stamps and post cards have been good.
- Visitor numbers were excellent during the Christmas/New Year period.
- Good support continues from volunteers.
- Some visitors had experienced difficulties in contacting the Eketahuna Camping Ground Custodian to make a booking.

13.4 *Eketahuna Cliff Walk*

13.4.1 It was agreed that the following actions be taken with regard to the Eketahuna Cliff Walk:-

- Request the Eketahuna Our Town/Main Street Committee to consider preparing a brochure to promote the Cliff Walk.
- Take every opportunity to attract visitors to the Cliff Walk.
- Acknowledge the voluntary work undertaken by John Haar to maintain and improve the Cliff Walk.

#### **14. Draft Gambling and TAB Venue Policy**

14.1 Board members views were evenly divided on this matter, with two supporting the continuation of the current Council policy and two supporting a sinking lid policy on the number of gaming machines to be allowed in the district. Cr Davidson abstained from these discussions.

14.2 In light of this situation the Board agreed to note the Council's draft Class 4 Gambling and TAB Venue Policy, with no submission to be made. Individuals can make their own submission if they wish to do so.

#### **15. Remuneration Authority 2007/2008 Indicative Pool For Elected Members Remuneration**

15.1 *That the Board recommends that the current remuneration levels for the Community Boards of the Tararua District be continued by the Remuneration Authority at the existing amounts for the period up to the October 2007 elections.*

*Death/Best*

*Carried*

#### **16. Chairman's Remarks**

16.1 Nil.

#### **17. Items Not On The Agenda**

##### ***Eketahuna Railway Station***

17.1.1 The Board acknowledged the work arranged by the Mayor to tidy up the appearance of the Eketahuna Railway Station, and thanks Tararua Roading for its assistance.

17.1.2 There is increasing potential for further train excursions to Eketahuna in the future, and the establishment of a metalled area in the vicinity of the Railway Station would be advantageous.

##### ***Eketahuna Water Supply***

17.2.1 It was requested that a letter be sent to the Horizons Regional Council asking them to advise what is happening to progress the review of the Eketahuna Water Supply resource consent?

17.3      **Anzac Bridge**

- 17.3.1    It was noted with disappointment that the Anzac Bridge has still not been painted.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 1.10pm.

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Chairperson