

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 1 February, 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 Twentyman	-	Chief Executive
Mr R Taylor	-	Governance Manager

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil

3. Personal Matters

3.1 The Board's congratulations are to be conveyed to Peter Bengston on his national stock car title, and wishing him every success as a New Zealand representative to compete at an international event in England this September.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 Nil.

5. Eketahuna Water Restrictions *(Brought forward on the agenda)*

5.1 Six members of the public were in attendance at the meeting for this item of business, and the Chairperson extended a welcome to them.

5.2 The Chairperson invited Jenny Spring to address the Board on the concerns in the community regarding the water restrictions which have been imposed by the Council.

5.3 Jenny Spring spoke on the situation concerning the total hosing ban in the Eketahuna community area, and the impact which this is having on the town's residents.

5.4 There is also concern in the urban community that dairy farmers are drawing water from the town supply, and this is contributing to reducing the availability of water for domestic purposes. This is not acceptable, and the farmers should be installing their own bores to provide the water which they require.

5.5 Of further concern to the community is the issue of restrictions caused by unrealistic water allocations, and the impossible expectations being imposed regarding the amount of water available from the river to service the supply.

- 5.6 The Chief Executive responded to the issues raised regarding the Eketahuna Water Supply, and his comments included reference to the following matters:-
- Meetings are taking place with the Horizons Regional Council regarding the consent requirements for the Eketahuna Water Supply, and it is extremely disappointing and frustrating that this is taking considerable time to resolve the issues concerning this matter.
 - Dairy farmers on the water supply are being communicated with and their use is monitored regularly. Generally they are acting in a responsible manner to the requests made to conserve water.
 - Land owners that have properties which front on to the river are by right automatically entitled to take water for their use. This includes the Golf Club which on average uses 7cm daily, which is less than their entitlement, and they have been acting very responsibly regarding the use of water.
 - There is an unknown significant loss of water occurring somewhere on the Eketahuna Water Supply, and this is being investigated.
- 5.7 Board members expressed their views on the water restrictions, and emphasised the need to ensure that the Eketahuna Community is provided with a sustainable water supply which acknowledges that it services both town and country users. Communication with the community regarding this matter is very important.
- 5.8 The Chairperson thanked the members of the public for their attendance at the meeting, and encouraged them to conserve water wherever possible during the extremely hot and dry weather period currently being experienced.
- 5.9 The Chief Executive also extended his thanks to the members of the public for their support and efforts to assist the Council to minimise water consumption whilst the supply from the river is at a low level.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

- 6.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 7 December, 2007 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Death/ Fraser-Davies

Carried

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

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

- 7.1.1 A letter has been sent to the Eketahuna Our Town Committee inviting them to consider investigating possible sources to apply for funding towards the cost of this project.

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

- 7.2.1 The location of the Alfredton sign has been lifted to regulation height at Transit New Zealand's request.

- 7.2.2 These actions have not addressed the safety concerns previously expressed, and the sign either needs shifting or lowering.
- 7.2.3 The Urban Roding Supervisor is following up this matter.
- 7.3 ***Eketahuna Camping Ground*** (Item 8.3)
- 7.3.1 A meeting is still to be arranged with the Manager Community Development to discuss the development of the camping ground's facilities to provide access for disabled people.
- 7.4 ***Eketahuna Railway Station*** (Item 11.2)
- 7.4.1 The Board's thanks are to be conveyed to Infracon Tararua for undertaking as a community project the tidying up of the Eketahuna Railway Station area, including the supply of some metal.
- 7.5 ***Eketahuna STP Upgrade*** (Item 11.3)
- 7.5.1 The Manager District Assets is to be requested to consider arranging an open day to view the Eketahuna STP Upgrade project.
- 7.5.2 It is proposed that subject to confirmation the open day be held at 12noon on the day of the Board's next meeting (7 March, 2008).

8. Tararua District Council Report

- 8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 12 December, 2007 (as circulated) and 30 January, 2008 (as tabled) be received.***

Death/Fraser-Davies

Carried

8.2 *Seal Extension*

- 8.2.1 The Board noted that the Council is to consider possible options to programme roads for seal extension.
- 8.2.2 There is a need on Castlehill Road to undertake further seal extension work as there are still areas on this road which require improvements as a result of the heavy traffic vehicle volumes relating to milling activities.
- 8.2.3 Accordingly the Board fully supports this project being undertaken in the 2007/2008 seal extension programme.

9. Reports

9.1 *Eketahuna Community Board General Assistance Grants Scheme*

- 9.1.1 ***That the report from the Governance Manager dated 9 January, 2008 concerning the Eketahuna Community Board General Assistance Grants Scheme (as circulated) be received.***

Fraser-Davies/Davidson

Carried

- 9.1.2 ***That applications now be called for funding from the Eketahuna Community Board's 2007/2008 General Assistance Grants Scheme, and***
That the closing date for applications be Friday 14 March, 2008 at 4.30pm.

Fraser-Davies/Davidson

Carried

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

10.1 *Rongokokako Hall*

- 10.1.1 It is proposed that the Rongokokako Hall be sold for removal, and a community meeting will be held to discuss this matter.

10.2 *Eketahuna Baths Management Committee*

- 10.2.1 The Eketahuna Baths Management Committee are waiting to be advised of the outcome regarding the engineer's report on the swimming pool.

- 10.2.2 The fencing at the swimming pool facility also needs to be considered.

10.3 *Eketahuna Community Centre*

- 10.3.1 The Community Assets Manager is to be requested to confirm whether the painting of the Eketahuna Community Centre has been completed.

11. Correspondence

11.1 *That the correspondence as listed be received:*

(a) Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs M E Reynolds 22 January 2008
Re: Sister Cities relationships

(b) Local Government New Zealand
Re: Community Boards workshop

(c) Maree Taylor
Re: Letter of appreciation

Death/Fraser-Davies

Carried

11.2 *Sister Cities Relationships*

- 11.2.1 It was noted that the previous informal Sister City relationship concerning Eketahuna had lapsed, and at this time no such arrangement exists.

11.3 *Community Boards Workshop*

- 11.3.1 ***That Board Member K A M Dimock and Cr W H Davidson be registered to attend the Local Government New Zealand Community Boards workshop to be held in Palmerston North on Tuesday 15 April, 2008.***

Death/Fraser-Davies

Carried

12. New Residents Welcome

12.1 The Governance Manager was requested to provide the Board with a list of new residents to Eketahuna over the last two years.

12.2 It is proposed that an afternoon tea be arranged to welcome new residents to Eketahuna. This was tentatively scheduled for Sunday 6 April, 2008 at the Eketahuna Club.

13. Date For Town Inspection by the Board

13.1 The Board will be undertaking an inspection of the town's services and facilities on Thursday 28 February, 2008 commencing at 10.00am from the Service Centre.

13.2 The Manager Community Development and the Community Assets Manager will be invited to attend the tour.

14. Items Not On The Agenda

14.1 Nil

15. Chairman's Remarks

15.1 The Chairperson advised that he would be absent from the Board's next meeting, and requested that his apology be noted.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12.35pm.

Chairperson