

# **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 Monday 9 February, 2009 commencing at 10.10am.

## **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 *That the Board's congratulations be conveyed to Maia Tua-Davidson on her success in being named as the New Zealand Rugby League Sportswomen of the Year 2008.*

### **Davidson/Death**

**Carried**

3.2 The Alfredton School has conveyed its appreciation for the Totara timber provided to them for their garden table project.

3.3 The success of Peter Bengston was noted on his national stockcar teams title.

## **4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda**

4.1 Nil

## **5. Inter-town Fibre Connection**

5.1 The Chairperson welcomed James Watt of Inspired Networks Limited to the meeting, and invited him to address the Board.

5.2 James Watt spoke on the inter-town fibre service which is being established throughout the Tararua District, and the connections made to the network including schools, health centres and the Council.

5.3 An outline was provided of the wireless network being rolled out which the community can connect to on payment of an initial cost and a monthly charge thereafter.

5.4 It is envisaged that coverage will be available to the majority of the Eketahuna urban area, and generally within a four kilometre radius of the Council's Eketahuna Service/Library building.

- 5.5 The extension of the service is dependent on arranging appropriate sites to locate relay point poles, with Cr Davidson offering to assist James Watt regarding this matter.
- 5.6 Board Member Fraser-Davies also conveyed the support of Radio Eketahuna to James Watt in facilitating the delivery of this service to the Eketahuna Community.
- 5.7 It was noted that public awareness of the service available through this network will be promoted at a future community meeting held at the local school.
- 5.8 The Chairperson thanked James Watt for attending the Board's meeting to outline the inter-town fibre project and the service it can provide to the community.

## **6. Confirmation of Minutes**

- 6.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 5 December, 2008 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

***Death/Dimock***

***Carried***

## **7. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

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

7.1.1 The deadline to remove the non-conforming Eketahuna signs has been extended to 28 February, 2009.

7.1.2 It is intended that the Eketahuna Our Town Committee will make arrangements to relocate the signs to appropriate alternative sites.

- 7.2 ***Aubrey Watercolours of Eketahuna (Item 6.3)***

7.2.1 ***That the framed prints of the Aubrey watercolours of Eketahuna be hung for public viewing on the walls of the Eketahuna Library.***

***Davidson/Death***

***Carried***

7.2.2 It was suggested that post cards could be made of the Aubrey watercolours of Eketahuna.

- 7.3 ***Mrs Markey's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations (Item 6.4)***

7.3.1 The DVD recordings of Mrs Markey's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations were received by the Board, and Board Member Death will arrange to present these to Mrs Markey and Marj Copestake as a record of this occasion.

- 7.4 ***Eketahuna Swimming Pool (Item 6.5)***

7.4.1 Replacement tables made from Totara have been installed at the Eketahuna Swimming Pool facility.

7.4.2 It was noted that water loss is still occurring from the main and small pools.

- 7.5 **2009 Community Boards Conference** (Item 6.7)
- 7.5.1 Board Member Death will be attending the 2009 Community Boards Conference in Christchurch next month.
- 7.6 **Tararua Safer Community Council/Tararua District Road Safety Group** (Items 8.1 and 8.2)
- 7.6.1 Reports will be presented to the next meeting of the Board regarding the forthcoming meetings of the Tararua Safer Community Council and the Tararua District Road Safety Group.
- 8. Tararua District Council Report**
- 8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 10 December, 2008 and 28 January, 2009 (as circulated) be received.***
- Davidson/Death** **Carried**
- 8.2 **Tararua TrustPower Community Awards**
- 8.2.1 The Chairperson invited board members to consider nominations for the Tararua TrustPower Community Awards which are to be presented in Eketahuna.
- 9. Remuneration Authority 2009/2010 Indicative Pool for Elected Members Remuneration**
- 9.1 ***That the Board agrees to the Council's recommendation that the current remuneration levels for the Community Boards of the Tararua District be continued by the Remuneration Authority at the existing amounts in the 2009/2010 financial year.***
- Fraser-Davies/Dimock** **Carried**
- 9.2 Cr Davidson stated that he had abstained from voting on the motion regarding this item of business.
- 10. Reports**
- 10.1 ***Eketahuna Community Board General Assistance Grants Scheme***
- 10.1.1 ***That the report from the Governance Manager dated 7 January, 2009 concerning the Eketahuna Community Board General Assistance Grants Scheme (as circulated) be received.***
- Davidson/Fraser-Davies** **Carried**
- 10.1.2 ***That applications now be called for funding from the Eketahuna Community Board's 2008/2009 General Assistance Grants Scheme, and***
- That the closing date for applications be Friday 13 March, 2009 at 4.30pm.***
- Davidson/Fraser-Davies** **Carried**

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

**11.1 Eketahuna Our Town Committee**

11.1.1 The Eketahuna Our Town Committee has purchased a new item of equipment for installing at the Eketahuna playground.

11.1.2 The Great Eketahuna Kiwi Carnival is to be held on Saturday 21 February, 2009.

**12. Correspondence**

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

(a) **Horizons Regional Council** **9 December, 2008**  
**Re: One Plan hearings**

(b) **Christchurch City Council** **19 December, 2008**  
**Re: Confirmation of entry to the Community Boards Best Practice Awards**

(c) **Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History** **27 January, 2009**  
**Re: Aubrey watercolours of Eketahuna**

(d) **Eketahuna Our Town Inc** **29 January, 2009**  
**Re: Request for reimbursement of Eketahuna Information Centre costs**

**Davidson/Death**

**Carried**

**12.2 Aubrey Watercolours of Eketahuna**

12.2.1 The Board will consult with the local community to ascertain their views on the Aubrey watercolours of Eketahuna being returned from the Alexander Turnbull Library, and making them available for display at the Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History.

12.2.2 This will occur at the public meeting to be held when the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan is discussed.

**12.3 Eketahuna Our Town Inc**

12.3.1 **That the request from Eketahuna Our Town Inc for the funding of costs incurred in relation to the Eketahuna Information Centre totalling \$2,536.12 be approved.**

**Death/Fraser-Davies**

**Carried**

**13. Eketahuna Art Group**

13.1 It was agreed that the Board accept the surplus funds of approximately \$700.00 held by the Eketahuna Art Group from the 125 years Eketahuna celebrations.

13.2 The Chairperson will clarify with the Eketahuna Art Group whether they have any requirements relating to the use of these funds.

**14. Eketahuna Water Supply**

14.1 The decision from the Horizons Regional Council regarding the application to change the consent conditions for the Eketahuna Water Supply has not yet been received.

14.2 There is dissatisfaction in the community that water restrictions have again been imposed in Eketahuna, and there appears to be little progress being made to address this situation.

14.3 An outline was provided to the Board concerning the issues being worked through with the Regional Council concerning the consent for the water allocation relating to the Eketahuna Water Supply, and the forthcoming water strategy which will be released for consultation as part of the Long Term Council Community Plan.

**15. Chairman's Remarks**

**15.1 *Chairperson's Absence From Next Meeting***

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

**16. Items Not On The Agenda**

16.1 Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12.30pm.

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Chairperson