

**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 1 July, 2005 commencing at 10.05 a.m.

**1.        Present**

Messrs J M Harman (Chairperson), P J A Best (Deputy Chairperson),  
C C Death and Elizabeth Fraser-Davies.

**In Attendance**

Mr R Taylor        -        Governance Manager  
Miss M Martin     -        District Marketer

**2.        Apologies**

2.1        ***That an apology be sustained from Mr W H Davidson for non-attendance at the meeting.***

***Death/Best***

***Carried***

**3.        Personal Matters**

3.1        The Chairperson outlined the visit to Eketahuna by Japanese television who are producing a documentary on the effect of economic deregulation in New Zealand.

Eketahuna was chosen as a place where banks and services have been lost as a result of the actions taken.

3.2        The Times Age has also taken up the story regarding this matter.

**4.        Notification of Any Extraordinary Business Not on the Agenda**

4.1        Nil.

**5.        Confirmation of Minutes**

5.1        ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 3 June, 2005 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

***Best/Death***

***Carried***

**6.        Matters Arising from the Minutes**

6.1 Eketahuna War Memorial Hall (Item 7.3)

6.1.1 Most of the repair work has been completed at the Eketahuna War Memorial Hall, with the painting still to be undertaken.

6.2 Road Closures (Item 8.2)

6.2.1 All gates were taped on the roads that were closed for a recent rally event held within the Eketahuna area.

6.2.2 In future the rally organisers will ensure that they contact all residents with properties located on roads which are to be closed for a rally event.

6.3 Law Enforcement In Eketahuna (Item 8.3)

6.3.1 ***That with regard to law enforcement in Eketahuna, the Board:-***

- ***Notes the position of police officer in Eketahuna is currently vacant.***
- ***Thanks Constable Darryl Rose for his service whilst previously filling this position.***
- ***Acknowledges the importance of a local police officer being based in Eketahuna.***
- ***Seeks an assurance that the appointment of a replacement officer will promptly be made.***

***Best/Death***

***Carried***

6.4 Footpaths (Item 9.2)

6.4.1 The Board will arrange to inspect footpaths in Eketahuna and other community services on Monday 1 August, 2005 at a time to be confirmed by the Chairperson.

7. Community Contact

7.1 The Chairperson welcomed Diana Capes (Rongokokako) to the meeting, and invited her to address the Board.

7.2 Diana Capes spoke on the following matters:-

- More than 80% of the people contacted within the Rongokokako District are more than happy with everything that the Community Board is doing, and commented on their satisfaction.
- There are some roading issues of concern, being:-
  1. South Road No 2 the culvert opposite Dykes house floods, as the water has trouble getting into the pipes.
  2. The Cullen Street slip opposite the stock route still needs repairing.

3. The use of Cullen Street for the dumping of earth, concrete etc is not appropriate and should be prohibited. Does such waste need to go there or is an alternative landfill site available?

• Other roading issues of concern from the Nireaha area are:-

1. Potholes on Awatea Road and

2. The slip above Ewen Drysdale's property.

7.3 The Chairperson thanked Diana Capes for attending the meeting, and speaking on matters of interest and concern from her area.

7.4 The Chairperson welcomed John Davidson (Putara) to the meeting, and invited him to address the Board.

7.5 John Davidson spoke on the following matters:-

• The frequency of grading on Putara Road and the lack of metal.

• Potholes on Mangaroa Road .

• The dropouts on Mangaroa Road to Kakariki Road, and the considerable length of time it is taking to commence the repair work.

• The lack of warning signs at three locations on Mangaroa Road where dropouts have occurred.

7.6 The Chairperson thanked John Davidson for attending the meeting, and speaking on matters of interest and concern from his area.

## 8. Tararua Outdoors 2005

8.1 The Chairperson welcomed the District Marketer to the meeting, and invited her to address the Board.

8.2 The District Marketer outlined the planning which is taking place regarding the arrangements for Tararua Outdoors 2005, and the promotion of this event.

It is intended that there will be more community focus through activities within each area, and any proposals for local events as part of the Tararua Outdoors programme are most welcome.

8.3 The Chairperson thanked the District Marketer for attending the meeting, and conveyed the Board's support to consider opportunities for Eketahuna to participate in this event.

## 9. Tararua District Council Report

9.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 June, 2005 (as tabled) be received.***

***Death/Fraser-Davies***

***Carried***

**10.**      Reports from Board Representatives Appointed to Organisations and Assigned Responsibilities

10.1      Alfredton Road Stormwater Drains

10.1.1    It is pleasing to note the work undertaken to cover the stormwater drains in Alfredton Road.

10.2      Anzac Bridge

10.2.1    There needs to be some actions taken to progress the proposed Anzac Bridge restoration project.

10.2.2    This matter will be considered by the Board to determine if it is able to offer any assistance.

10.3      Eketahuna Gardens Maintenance Contract

10.3.1    It was noted that the Eketahuna Gardens Maintenance Contract is presently being advertised for tender.

10.4      Zone 3 Community Boards Forum

10.4.1    Board Member Best gave a verbal report on the Zone 3 Community Boards Forum held in Wanganui on 24 June, 2005. This included reference to the following matters:-

- 14 delegates were present at the Forum
- A presentation was made on representation reviews.
- There was a general question and answer session.
- Topics discussed were community boards relationship with their Council, code of conduct, statutory provisions concerning public excluded business, public apathy, social issues and the regional council's relationship with community boards.

10.5      Tararua Safer Community Council

10.5.1    Board Member Fraser-Davies gave a verbal report on the Tararua Safer Community Council meeting held in Woodville on 9 June, 2005. This included reference to the following matters:-

- Resignation of the Eketahuna Police Constable
- Truancy rates

**11.**      Correspondence

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

- (a) ***John Walker, Business Manager, Tararua District Council  
9 June 2005  
Re: Response to the Board's submission on the Draft Annual Plan  
for 2005/2006***
- (b) ***Michelle Wallace, Sport Tararua 24 June, 2005  
Re: Tararua Sportsperson of the Year Awards***
- (c) ***Roger Twentyman, Chief Executive, Tararua District Council 27 June, 2005  
Re: Civil Defence arrangements for Eketahuna***

***Fraser-Davies/Best***

***Carried***

11.2 Tararua Sportsperson of the Year Awards

11.2.1 It is pleasing to note the decision that Eketahuna will host the awards in 2006.

12. Proposal For Transfer of Part of the Tararua District to Palmerston North City

12.1 ***That with regard to the proposal to transfer part of the Tararua District to Palmerston North City, the Board makes the following submission to the Local Government Commission:-***

***The Eketahuna Community Board totally opposes the proposal to redraw the Tararua boundary, including the Woodville township, to become a ward of Palmerston North City.***

***It does so for the following reasons.***

- 1. A loss of any one of the communities in the Tararua District to other local bodies would endanger the ability of Tararua to function as a local authority in its own right.***
- 2. The suggestion in the petition that Woodville could have its own councillor and representation on the Palmerston North City Council is illogical given the Commission did not see fit to allow this within the Tararua District.***
- 3. Any perceived issues such as water, sewerage, roading etc is common to most if not all local bodies throughout New Zealand, and would not be solved by jumping ship to another territorial local authority.***
- 4. Much of Tararua's local body infrastructure eg. information centre – roading etc is based in Woodville and many of Woodville's jobs would disappear.***
- 5. In spite of Tararua's large area and relatively low population it is providing a high standard of services and infrastructure and its financial position is sound, and in the Board's opinion it is better placed than many local authorities with less area and larger populations.***

6. ***The loss of Woodville township to Palmerston North would create an annoying administrative divide between the Northern Ward and the Southern Ward which could also affect relationships between Dannevirke and the communities of Pahiatua and Eketahuna.***
7. ***The Board believes the organiser of the proposal, Mr Jay Reid, is pursuing a personal vindictive agenda against the Mayor, Councillors and Administration, and does not have the interest of the wider Woodville community, or the District as a whole, at heart.***

***Death/Fraser-Davies***

***Carried***

- 12.2 The Board will request the opportunity to appear before the Local Government Commission to speak in support of its submission.
- 12.3 The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson were thanked for their work in presenting to the Board some suggestions for inclusion within its submission.

**13. Chairman's Remarks**

- 13.1 Nil.

**14. Extraordinary Business Not on the Agenda**

- 14.1 Nil.

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

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Chairman