

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 6 July, 2007 commencing at 10.05 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 Nil

3. Personal Matters

3.1 The Board's congratulations were conveyed to the Governance Manager on completing thirty years of local authority service.

3.2 The Board noted the recent passing of Jerry TeWake (a former Eketahuna County Council and Tararua Roding staff member).

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:-

- Debbie Paterson community appeal
- W A Miller Reserve and the Anzac Memorial Bridge
- Calming gardens
- Closing of roads for the rally in Eketahuna

5. Community Contact

5.1 The Chairperson consented to granting John Haar the opportunity to address the Board on matters that he wished to raise.

5.2 John Haar emphasised the importance of the Board representing the community, and the need to prevent apathy from occurring.

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

5.4 Diana Capes spoke on the following matters:-

- Dumping is again taking place at Cullen Street.
- Morgans Road requires some maintenance work to be undertaken.
- The future of the Rongokokako Hall is presently being considered.

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

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 1 June, 2007 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Fraser-Davies/Best

Carried

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

7.1 ***Eketahuna Community Centre Wood Carvings Project Committee***
(Item 7.1)

7.1.1 A concept plan was tabled detailing the proposed design of the carvings, and this will be presented to the public community meeting for comment. The basis of this proposal is to tell the story of the Eketahuna settlement.

7.1.2 It was noted that consideration will need to be given to possible options to fund the costs of undertaking this project, particularly in respect of paying a carver.

7.2 ***Money Exchange Banking Facility*** *(Item 7.3)*

7.2.1 The Money Exchange Banking Facility to be established in Eketahuna is being outlined to the community at the public meeting in the Community Centre Supper Room on Thursday 19 July, 2007 at 7.30pm.

7.2.2 It was noted that this service must be competitively priced in comparison with other providers that offer an eftpos facility.

7.3 ***Roading*** *(Item 7.2)*

7.3.1 Disappointment was expressed at the manner in which some roading work is coordinated, eg. a contractor undertakes work on a road but at the same time does not do other maintenance required within the vicinity such as cleaning drains. This approach appears to be accepted by management and those responsible for supervising roading contracts.

7.4 ***Painting of Wall and Fence on State Highway 2*** *(Item 7.5)*

7.4.1 This project will be undertaken when the weather is suitable.

7.5 ***The Public Pound*** *(Item 9.1)*

7.5.1 There are still some large Totara tree trunks placed in the pound which could be used for appropriate projects.

7.6 ***Proposed Electorate Boundaries*** *(Item 8.2)*

7.6.1 The Representation Commission has received the Board's submission proposing that the name of the Wairarapa Electorate be changed to either Tararua Ruahine East or Tararua Ruahine Eastern Range District.

7.7 **Water Leaks (Item 9.1)**

7.7.1 The large pond of water in Bengston Street appears to be caused by problems on private property, and this is being monitored.

8. Tararua District Council Report

8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 June, 2007 (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Death

Carried

8.2 Cr Davidson elaborated on the following matters discussed at the Council meeting:-

- Civic honours
- Library circulation
- Pukaha Mount Bruce
- Economic Development monitoring report
- Roading accountability and performance measures
- Long Term Solid Waste Strategy

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

9.1 ***New Zealand Community Boards Conference 2007***

9.1.1 ***That the report from Cr Davidson concerning the New Zealand Community Boards Conference held in Manukau City from 7 to 9 June, 2007 regarding the theme of "Leading to Safer Communities" (as circulated) be received.***

Death/Best

Carried

9.2 ***Zone 3 Community Boards Forum***

9.2.1 Board Member Death represented the Board at the Zone 3 Community Boards Forum held in Hawera on 29 June, 2007. He gave a verbal report regarding this matter which included reference to the following items:-

- Yvonne Palmer spoke on the role of Community Boards and the New Zealand Community Boards Executive Committee.
- Inviting the local school principal to attend a Community Board meeting was suggested for consideration.
- Eugene Bowen spoke on the role of the National Council, and its work concerning issues relating to funding, water quality and the rates review.
- Community Boards Best Practice Awards
- Representation reviews

9.3 ***Painting of the Eketahuna Community Centre***

9.3.1 The Community Assets Manager has discussed this matter with the Chairperson, and it was agreed that the work to be undertaken will involve the painting of the guttering and the surrounds of the windows.

9.4 ***Nireaha Hall***

9.4.1 Work has been completed to re-roof and re-clad the Nireaha Hall and replace its windows.

10. **Correspondence**

10.1 ***That the correspondence as listed be received.***

(a) ***John Walker, Business Manager*** ***6 June, 2007***
Re: Response to the Board's submission to the Council's draft
Annual Plan 2007/2008

(b) ***Eketahuna Health Centre Trust*** ***11 June, 2007***
Re: Letter of appreciation

(c) ***John Key MP, Leader of the Opposition*** ***13 June, 2007***
Re: Climate change

(d) ***Eketahuna Rugby Football Club***
Re: Request for Totara tree milled timber

(e) ***Alfredton School Board of Trustees*** ***29 June, 2007***
Re: Request for Totara tree milled timber

(f) ***Kay Flavell***
Re: Ongoing maintenance of the walkway from the W A Miller
Reserve to the Anzac Memorial Bridge

Davidson/Death ***Carried***

10.2 ***Requests For Totara Tree Milled Timber***

10.2.1 ***That the Board approves the requests from the Eketahuna Rugby Football Club and the Alfredton School Board of Trustees for some Totara tree milled timber which they require to undertake their community projects.***

Davidson/Death ***Carried***

10.2.2 Cr Davidson and Board Member Death were authorised to follow up the arrangements regarding these requests.

11. **Chairman's Remarks**

11.1 Nil.

12. **Items Not On The Agenda**

12.1 ***Debbie Paterson Community Appeal***

- 12.1.1 ***That the Board convey its sympathy to Debbie Paterson at the tragedy which she has suffered through the total loss of her house and possessions in a fire, and***

That the Board donate the sum of \$100.00 from its discretionary funds to the community appeal which has been arranged to provide some assistance to help Debbie through this difficult period.

Death/Best

Carried

12.2 ***W A Miller Reserve and the Anzac Memorial Bridge***

- 12.2.1 The request received from Kay Flavell regarding the ongoing maintenance of the walkway from the W A Miller Reserve to the Anzac Memorial Bridge will be referred to the District Roding Manager to follow up.

- 12.2.2 It is believed that a previous arrangement has already been agreed in respect of this matter.

12.3 ***Calming Gardens***

- 12.3.1 The Board supports the alteration of the calming device to improve access to the section opposite the gardens.

- 12.3.2 The Board notes that there are safety issues involved, and this is a matter for Transit New Zealand to consider and reach a satisfactory agreement with the property owner.

12.4 ***Closing of Roads for the Rally In Eketahuna***

- 12.4.1 Concern was expressed that streets had been partially closed in Eketahuna for a recent rally event. The areas were from the Haswell Street/Alfredton Road intersection back to the main road and all streets in between.

- 12.4.2 The streets were closed only with signage in an endeavour to provide for safety, with these arrangements being authorised by the Urban Roding Contract Supervisor in consultation with the Police and the rally organisers.

- 12.4.3 As a result of this situation some inconvenience was caused to the public and the residents through not being able to access properties within these areas, and there were cases where no prior notification was received of the closures.

- 12.4.4 The Board requests that in the future the proper formal procedures be followed in relation to closing roads for specific events.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 1.00pm.

Chairperson