

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 3 July 2009 commencing at 10.00am.

1. Present

Board Members J M Harman (Chairperson), K A M Dimock, Elizabeth Fraser-Davies and Cr W H Davidson (Council appointed community board member).

In Attendance

Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager

2. Apologies

2.1 ***That an apology be sustained from Board Member C C Death for non-attendance at the meeting.***

Fraser-Davies/Davidson

Carried

3. Personal Matters

3.1 Nil

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 The following matter was notified as an item of general business not on the agenda for discussion at today's meeting:-

- Availability of a Justice of the Peace at the Eketahuna Service Centre/Library

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 5 June, 2009 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

6. Matters Arising From The Minutes

6.1 ***Infracon Limited (Item 7.2)***

6.1.1 The explanation received from Infracon regarding the concerns raised in relation to the work undertaken on a culvert at Nireaha was noted.

6.2 ***Dumping on Cullen Street (Item 11)***

6.2.1 Board members will visit this area on their inspection tour.

6.3 **Aubrey Paintings** (Item 12)

6.3.1 The Alexander Turnbull Library has been requested to transfer the three Aubrey watercolours of Eketahuna to the Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History in Masterton.

6.3.2 A letter of thanks has been sent to the Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History to acknowledge the acceptance of their offer to display and hold these watercolours on permanent loan.

6.4 **Car Park Lighting at Pukaha Mount Bruce National Wildlife Centre** (Item 14.1)

6.4.1 Cr Davidson has followed up this matter, and he advised that the lights have been installed for security reasons to illuminate the car park area of the Wildlife Centre.

6.4.2 It was noted that the lights could be tilted down if they cause a hazard to road safety, and the situation will continue to be monitored in respect of this concern.

6.5 **Function to Welcome New Residents to Eketahuna** (Item 15)

6.5.1 It was agreed that this matter be discussed at the end of the meeting.

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 3 and 24 June, 2009 (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

7.2 Cr Davidson and the Governance Manager elaborated on the various decisions made at these Council meetings for the information of board members, and in particular the matters concerning the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009/2019.

7.3 Cr Davidson will speak on the Civil Defence arrangements for Eketahuna at the function to welcome new residents to Eketahuna.

7.4 The meeting was adjourned at 11.08am to enable board members to undertake an inspection tour of the facilities and services in its area, with the Community Assets Manager being in attendance for the duration of the tour.

8. Inspection Tour of Facilities and Services in the Board's Area

8.1 The meeting resumed at 1.52pm.

8.2 Arising from the inspection tour the following was noted by the Board in addition to matters raised with the Community Assets Manager.

- John Haar is to be commended for the work which he has undertaken on the Cliff Walk. Board members visited this area, and were impressed at his commitment and endeavours to maintain and improve this scenic walkway.

- The area of the red recycling bins is untidy, and the sealing of the surface in this vicinity needs to be undertaken in line with the previous indication that this would be considered.
- A visit was made to the Cullen Street area where dumping has been occurring. The Board noted that there are ongoing instances of this practice continuing, thereby encouraging others to fly-tip their refuse.

This is not acceptable to the Board, and it requests that no fill or spoil be dumped in the vicinity due to its proximity to the river. This includes both green waste and clean fill.

9. Tararua District Council Report – Continued

9.1 Discussion then returned to the minutes of the Council meetings, with Cr Davidson temporarily leaving the meeting from 2.05pm to 2.30pm during this item of business.

9.2 Resignation of Manager District Assets

9.2.1 ***That the Board's thanks be conveyed to the Manager District Assets for his service to the district and the Eketahuna Community, and wishing him well in his future plans.***

Harman/Davidson

Carried

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

10.1 Tararua District Road Safety Group

10.1.1 This matter will be included on the agenda for the Board's next meeting as Board Member Death was not present to give his report.

11. Correspondence

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

(a) Eketahuna Our Town Inc ***22 June, 2009***
Re: Request for reimbursement of Eketahuna Information Centre costs

(b) Horizons Regional Council ***25 June, 2009***
Re: Proposed One Plan Hearing – Provisional Determinations

Fraser-Davies/Davidson

Carried

11.2 Eketahuna Our Town Inc

11.2.1 ***That the request from Eketahuna Our Town Inc for the funding of costs incurred in relation to the Eketahuna Information Centre totalling \$969.37 be approved.***

Fraser-Davies/Davidson

Carried

12. Chairman's Remarks

12.1 Nil

13. Items Not On The Agenda

13.1 *Availability of a Justice of the Peace at the Eketahuna Service Centre/Library*

13.1.1 A staff member of the Eketahuna Service Centre/Library is considering the possibility of becoming a Justice of the Peace.

14. Function to Welcome New Residents to Eketahuna

14.1 The arrangements for the function to welcome new residents to Eketahuna were discussed.

14.2 This will be held at the Eketahuna Club on Sunday 19 July 2009 at 2.00pm. A total of 51 invitations are to be sent out to attend this event, and catering is to be arranged along with tea and coffee being provided.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 2.55pm.

Chairperson