

**TARARUA DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**Eketahuna Community Board**

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Eketahuna Community Board held in the Eketahuna Service Centre Meeting Room on Friday 4 June, 2004 commencing at 10.00am.

1. Present

Messrs H M Cooper (Chairman), J M Harman (Deputy Chairman), Mrs F Ramsay and Elizabeth Fraser-Davies.

In Attendance

Cr W Davidson	-	Eketahuna Ward District Councillor
Mr R Taylor	-	Administration Officer

2. Apologies

2.1 ***That an apology be sustained from Mr P J Best and Mr C C Death for non-attendance at the meeting.***

***Ramsay/Fraser-Davies***

***Carried***

2.2 It was noted that Board Member Best has also requested his apology be conveyed for next month's meeting.

3. Personal Matters

3.1 Nil.

4. Notification Of Any Extraordinary Business Not on The Agenda

4.1 Nil.

5. Introduction of New Police Constable Appointed to Eketahuna

5.1 The Chairman welcomed Constable Darryl Rose to the meeting, and invited him to address the Board.

5.2 Constable Rose introduced himself to board members, and gave a general outline of his background.

He commenced his duties as Police Constable for Eketahuna on Monday 31 May, 2004 and previously was based at the Masterton Police Station.

In taking up his position at Eketahuna Constable Rose is looking forward to being part of the community and working in the area.

5.3 The Chairman wished Constable Rose every success in his new position, and congratulated him on his appointment.

Generally the concern within the community relates to some vandalism and unsupervised youths in the town, and previously there was a community patrol.

This is not operating at the present time but could be restarted if this is considered necessary.

- 5.4 The Chairman thanked Constable Rose for attending the meeting, and for providing the opportunity to introduce himself to the Board.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

- 6.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 7 May, 2004 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

***Harman/Fraser-Davies***

***Carried***

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Eketahuna Water Supply Resource Consent (Item 6.4)

- 7.1.1 The draft conditions received from Horizons Regional Council for the Eketahuna Water Supply resource consent are still not satisfactory, and have been referred back to them for further consideration.

- 7.1.2 Work has been progressed on the design of a filtration system for the Eketahuna Water Supply, and a draft proposal is expected to be received next week.

7.2 Totara Logs (Item 6.4)

- 7.2.1 The Chairman and Deputy Chairman have held a meeting with Stephen Paewai and Russell Gaskin to discuss a Maori carving being made for the Community Centre, and it was agreed that a proposal is to be developed.

This shall be based on recognising the Maori and European settlement of the Eketahuna area.

- 7.2.2 Arrangements have been made to recover the Totara trees that fell into the river.

- 7.2.3 Eketahuna Main Street is to be requested to consider the possibility of further seating in the town's main street.

- 7.2.4 Board Member Harman agreed to follow up on this matter with the Main Street Committee.

7.3 Meeting On Possible Assistance For Community Initiatives (Item 10.2)

- 7.3.1 The Board is co-ordinating the arrangements for a meeting to discuss the Our Town concept being progressed in Eketahuna.

This shall be held on Monday 21 June, 2004 at 6.30pm in the Eketahuna Club, and will commence with a fish and chip tea.

Local businesses, clubs and organisations have been invited to send a representative to attend the meeting. All board members and the ward's councillor are also invited.

Mike Grace (Community Employment Group) and Belinda Vial (Department of Internal Affairs) shall be present. The key note speaker is Stuart Heinz who will outline examples of actions initiated by smaller communities from throughout New Zealand.

It is hoped that the outcome of the meeting will strengthen the momentum already started in Eketahuna, and shall assist to achieve the objective of making it a better place both socially and economically.

8. Tararua District Council Report

8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 May, 2004 (as circulated) be received.***

***Fraser-Davies/Harman***

***Carried***

8.2 Horizons Regional Council

8.2.1 Cr Davidson gave a general outline of some of the items contained in the Horizons Regional Council Draft Long Term Council Community Plan. This included reference to the following:-

- A requirement to provide funding to fulfil any obligations under the changes to the Building Act in relation to dams and dam safety.
- The Animal Health Board funding for Tb vector control will decrease by more than half over the next ten years. The consequent decrease in possum control is expected to result in a massive increase in possum numbers, putting additional pressure on regional biodiversity.
- A new rate is proposed to provide funding support for the development of regional facilities.

8.3 Draft Dog Control Policy

8.3.1 It was noted that the Draft Dog Control Policy has been adopted as a proposal to be released for public consultation.

8.4 Road Closures

8.4.1 The various roads located within the Eketahuna Ward that are to be used for a rally on Saturday 19 June, 2004 were noted.

9. Correspondence

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

***(a) Eketahuna Main Street  
Re: Letter of appreciation***

***10 May, 2004***

***(b) Hamua Hall Board  
Re: Letter of appreciation***

***18 May, 2004***

**(c) Tararua Riding for the Disabled  
Re: Newsletter**

**May, 2004**

**Ramsay/Fraser-Davies**

**Carried**

10. Chairman's Remarks

10.1 Road Safety Group Meeting

10.1.1 The Chairman gave a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Road Safety Group which he had attended. This included reference to the following:-

- A positive meeting with representatives of Transit New Zealand and the Roothing Manager has been held to discuss the Pahiatua Track.
- The speed of cars passing school buses, and enforcement of the prescribed limit.
- Accident statistics from the Land Transport Safety Authority.
- Drivers licence facilities within the Tararua District, particularly in Dannevirke.
- Volunteers taking financial payment for transporting passengers, and the need for them to have a Passenger Transport Licence.
- Minor safety projects

10.1.2 It has been suggested that as a minor safety project a pull off area is required at the Newman/Nireaha turnoff.

10.1.3 The local community is to be requested to submit their proposal in writing for endorsement by the Board, and the Chairman agreed to convey this advice to them.

11. Extraordinary Business Not On The Agenda

11.1 Nil.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11.15pm.

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Chairman