

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 June, 2005 commencing at 10.00 a.m.

1. Present

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

In Attendance

Mr R Taylor	-	Governance Manager
Mr N Mingins	-	Civil Defence Officer
Mr B Barnes	-	Eketahuna Council Contact for Civil Defence

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil

3. Personal Matters

3.1 The Board's condolences have been conveyed to the family of Daniel Studholme (a former Eketahuna County Council Chairman) on his recent passing.

3.2 The meeting stood briefly in silence as a tribute to the memory of Mr Studholme.

4. Notification of Any Extraordinary Business Not on the Agenda

4.1 Nil.

5. Civil Defence Arrangements For Eketahuna

5.1 The Chairperson welcomed Noel Mingins (Civil Defence Officer) and Brian Barnes (Eketahuna Council contact for Civil Defence) to the meeting, and invited them to address the Board.

5.2 Mr Mingins gave a general outline of the Civil Defence arrangements for Eketahuna, and the structure which is in place within the Tararua District.

5.3 The opportunity was then provided for board members to direct their general questions and comments to Mr Mingins and Mr Barnes.

5.4 The Chairperson thanked Mr Mingins and Mr Barnes for attending the meeting, and conveyed the Board's support to encourage the community to be involved with Civil Defence, and raising their awareness.

- 5.5 ***That the management of Council be requested to give favourable consideration to allowing Brian Barnes (Eketahuna Council contact for Civil Defence) to take home his four wheel drive work vehicle equipped with a radio, as this will provide ready access to such a vehicle for Civil Defence purposes in Eketahuna should the need arise.***

Best/Fraser-Davies

Carried

6. Confirmation of Minutes

- 6.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 1 April, 2005 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Fraser-Davies/Death

Carried

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Community Contact (Item 5.1)

- 7.1.1 The following people were identified to be invited as community representatives from their area to attend a meeting of the Board:-

- Walker Bowyer, Nireaha
- John Davidson, Putara
- Diana Capes, Rongokokako

7.2 Eketahuna School Tree Removal Request (Item 10.2)

- 7.2.1 The tree on Alfredton Road of concern to the school has been trimmed rather than being removed.

7.3 Eketahuna War Memorial Hall (Item 10.3)

- 7.3.1 Work is being undertaken to carry out repairs to the Eketahuna War Memorial Hall.

8. Tararua District Council Report

- 8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 May, 2005 (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Best

Carried

8.2 Road Closures

- 8.2.1 ***That the Board emphasise the need for rally organisers to contact all residents with properties located on roads which are to be closed for a rally event, and***

That in the future the Board will follow up on this matter to ensure this is occurring.

Death/Best

Carried

- 8.3 Law Enforcement In Eketahuna
- 8.3.1 The Board will invite the local police officer to attend a future meeting to discuss this matter.
- 8.4 Water Storage
- 8.4.1 Board Member Best tabled an article from the Dominion Post concerning tanks to collect rainwater as an option for those in drought-prone areas, with local councils even helping with installation.
9. Reports from Board Representatives Appointed to Organisations and Assigned Responsibilities
- 9.1 Location of Speed Restriction Signs
- 9.1.1 The Eketahuna School and the Rugby Club have conveyed their support for the Board's concerns regarding reviewing the location of the speed restriction signs on Alfredton Road.
- 9.2 Footpaths
- 9.2.1 The Board will consider priorities for footpaths in Eketahuna, particularly where streets currently do not have any on either side.
10. Reports
- 10.1 Application For Grant – Tararua Healthy Homes Project
- 10.1.1 ***That the report from the Community Outcomes Manager dated 20 May, 2005 concerning an application for a grant towards the Tararua Healthy Homes Project (as circulated) be received.***
- Fraser-Davies/Best*** ***Carried***
- 10.1.2 ***That the Board grant the sum of \$500.00 from its discretionary funds towards the Tararua Healthy Homes community project.***
- Fraser-Davies/Best*** ***Carried***
11. Correspondence
- 11.1 ***That the correspondence as listed be received:***
- (a) ***Hon Chris Carter MP Minister of Local Government 13May 2005***
Re: Recent Government announcements to assist communities
- (b) ***Horowhenua District Council*** ***17 May, 2005***
Re: Removal of anomaly within existing legislation
- (c) ***Eketahuna Community Radio Society*** ***31 May, 2005***
Re: Letter of appreciation

(d) **State Services Commission** **8 April, 2005**
Re: Application for funding to the Treaty of Waitangi Sponsorship Scheme

(e) **Diana Studholme**
Re: Thanks for the Board's sympathy at the recent passing of Daniel Studholme.

Death/Davidson

Carried

11.2 Minister of Local Government

11.2.1 ***That whilst the Board is pleased to note the Government's announcement of some assistance to help local communities through the Rates Rebate Scheme and the Drinking Water Assistance Programme, it points out that:-***

- 1. Smaller communities are struggling with ever increasing costs that must be funded by a decreasing population. This situation causes people to leave smaller rural communities in favour of other bigger centres.***
- 2. Rates rebates must be inflation indexed to ensure they remain relevant and helpful.***
- 3. The cost of upgrading water systems is significant, and the amount being offered by Central Government should only be considered as a starting point to help communities fund such costs.***

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

11.3 Horowhenua District Council

11.3.1 The Board did not consider the matters raised by the Foxton Community Board regarding public excluded sessions and rights of attendance are an issue it is concerned about.

11.3.2 Therefore the Board will advise it intends to take no further action regarding this matter.

12. Chairman's Remarks

12.1 TrustPower Tararua District Community Awards 2005

12.1.1 Board members were encouraged to consider local community groups and organisations to be nominated for the TrustPower Tararua District Community Awards 2005.

12.2 Eketahuna Petition

12.2.1 The Chairperson outlined the actions which have been taken in expressing disappointment at the proposed petition to remove Eketahuna from the Tararua District Council, and transfer it to the Masterton District Council.

12.2.2 The Board will consider making a submission to the Local Government Commission on the Woodville petition currently open for consultation.

12.2.3 The Board is concerned that any moves to change the current boundaries of the Tararua District Council would be damaging to everyone within the district.

13. Extraordinary Business Not on the Agenda

13.1 Nil.

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

Chairman