

# **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 June, 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 best wishes were conveyed to Board Member Death for a full recovery to good health and fitness.

### **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:-

- Radio Eketahuna licence

### **5. Community Contact**

5.1 The Chairperson welcomed June Edmonds (Alfredton) to the meeting, and invited her to address the Board.

5.2 June Edmonds spoke on the following matters:-

- Acknowledged with appreciation the Eketahuna rugby grounds facility maintained by the Council.
- Expressed general satisfaction with the condition of the roads, but noted that pot holes are a regular problem.
- Appreciates the well maintained appearance of the Alfredton cemetery.
- Good work has been done to improve Castlehill Road, but corrugations are still a major concern. This situation could be rectified through sealing the top end of the road, thereby reducing the maintenance costs in the long term.
- Roadside weeds are a problem, and work is needed to control them.

5.3 The Chairperson thanked June Edmonds 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 4 May, 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 6.5)***

7.1.1 Further drawings have been prepared for the design of the carvings, and another meeting of the Committee is to be held next week.

7.1.2 It was agreed that the Board will arrange a community meeting to present the proposal for the carvings. This was tentatively scheduled to be held on Thursday 19 July, 2007 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre Supper Room.

7.2 ***Roading (Item 6.6)***

7.2.1 Disappointment was expressed that when work had been undertaken on Nireaha Hill Road the contractor did not clean the drains within this vicinity at the same time.

7.3 ***Money Exchange Banking Facility (Item 6.9)***

7.3.1 The Board is very pleased with the Council's decision to proceed to bring an operational Money Exchange to Eketahuna as soon as practicable on a six months trial basis.

7.3.2 It was agreed that this matter will be discussed at the community meeting which the Board is arranging.

7.3.3 The Council's Project Manager and Cr C D Matthews will be invited to attend this meeting.

7.4 ***Metalling Castlehill Road (Item 8.1)***

7.4.1 It was noted that the Land Transport New Zealand technical audit report of the roading network will shortly be received by the Council.

7.4.2 This will provide an opportunity to review the district's roading maintenance management programme.

7.5 ***Painting of Wall and Fence on State Highway 2 (Item 9.1)***

7.5.1 Tararua Roding has agreed to assist with this community project through water blasting the fence and providing signs.

7.5.2 Brian Barnes of Tararua Consultancy is to provide the supervision of the safety requirements.

7.6 ***Eketahuna Our Town Committee (Item 10.2)***

7.6.1 As a result of discussions with the Eketahuna Our Town Committee it was agreed that a request be made to the Council for the continuation of the \$8,000 annual grant to the Eketahuna Information Centre.

8. **Tararua District Council Report**

8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 May, 2007 (as tabled) be received.***

***Davidson/Death***

***Carried***

8.2 ***Proposed Electorate Boundaries (Item 10.1.2)***

8.2.1 The Board will make a submission to the Representation Commission proposing that the name of the Wairarapa Electorate be changed to either Tararua Ruahine East or Tararua Ruahine Eastern Range District.

9. **Inspection of Community Facilities and Services in the Board's Area**

9.1 The following report was presented regarding the outcome of the Board's tour of inspection of the community facilities and services in its area held on Friday 25 May, 2007.

**Camping Ground**

The Board is very pleased with the overall appearance of the camping ground and the lawn areas are tidy and look good.

The tap in the kitchen is leaking badly - Washer needs replacing?

Large trees have fallen in the river and will possibly cause blockages or flooding as they are near the river access to the camping ground.

The Board felt that perhaps rather than planting several very small trees, it would be better to have one or two larger specimen trees with decent large support posts.

**Cullen Street**

The area is generally tidy but it is noted that tipping is again taking place at the ends of the fence line kindly erected by the Council.

**The Public Pound**

The large Totorā tree trunks placed in the pound are not particularly good quality but could be offered to local artists and craftspeople for use in sculpture or other artistic projects. This resource could be advertised locally, and contact will be made with community organisations and clubs. The Chairperson will prepare a letter and circulation list for this purpose.

### **Play area adjacent to Swimming Pool**

The pipe needs replacing around the concrete wall and the bench is rotten overlooking the skateboard area and should be replaced.

Guttering on the small swimming kiosk facing the playground is broken and needs replacing.

### **Alfredton Road Railway Crossing**

This has a water leak under the railway line and Ontrack should be informed as the rail lines are loose and will probably cause further damage to the water pipe under the track.

### **Water Leaks**

There is a serious water leak in Bengston Street adjoining the Community Centre just below where the house is being renovated (opposite Telecom building).

The large pond at the end of Bengston Street should perhaps be investigated to check whether there is another water leak (from old sale yards?) making the pond, as it seems to be much larger than was formally the case.

The access to a section opposite the calming gardens will be tricky and it looks as if access would be better from Olsen Street if the two paddocks are indeed one property.

### **Road Signs**

Tararua Roading are not removing road works signs after work is completed. Examples of this are Herbert Street, Haswell Street and Alfredton Road.

### **Cemeteries**

The Board conveys its appreciation for the good standard that the cemeteries are being maintained.

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

### **10.1 *Tararua District Road Safety Group***

10.1.1 Cr Davidson gave a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Tararua District Road Safety Group. This included reference to the following matters:-

- School bus signs
- Accident statistics
- Driving under the influence of alcohol statistics
- Wearing of seat belts
- Traffic offences infringements and penalties
- Road safety programme
- Safe with age programme
- Oversize vehicles bypass for Eketahuna
- North Road turnoff safety improvements
- Alfredton Road intersection safety improvements

**11. Correspondence**

11.1 *That the correspondence as listed be received.*

(a) *Hukanui Tennis Club  
Re: Letter of appreciation*

(b) *Eketahuna Kiwi Information Centre* *11 May, 2007*  
*Re: Application for funding*

*Fraser-Davies/Davidson* *Carried*

11.2 *Eketahuna Kiwi Information Centre*

11.2.1 *That the remaining balance of \$1,972.38 of funding available to the Eketahuna Information Centre be released for payment.*

*Fraser-Davies/Davidson* *Carried*

**12. Chairman's Remarks**

12.1 Nil.

**13. Items Not On The Agenda**

13.1 *Radio Eketahuna Licence*

13.1.1 Board Member Fraser-Davies presented the following information regarding Radio Eketahuna's licence.

**Current Situation**

They pay \$500.00 annually for use of 100 MHz FM.  
This licence will expire in 2011.

**New Situation**

They have been offered a new frequency (104.5 MHz) as part of the new allocation of radio frequencies.

There are 4 options resulting from this:-

1. They can continue to use 100 MHz until 2011 and then allow their licence to lapse. In this case they may still be able to broadcast at reduced power using one of the "licence free" frequencies.
2. They can commit to buying the new licence by February 2008 and pay \$6,840 plus GST.
3. They can wait until October 2010 and buy the new licence for \$8,080 plus GST.

4. They decline these offers and bid for the new licence at auction. This may not be successful or they might get it more cheaply.

**Note:** It seems that they will still have to pay \$500.00 p.a even after purchasing the new frequency.

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

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Chairperson