

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 June, 2008 commencing at 10.00am.

1. Present

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

In Attendance

Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil.

3. Personal Matters

3.1 The Board's congratulations are to be conveyed to Sir Murray Halberg MBE (a former resident of Eketahuna) on being acknowledged in the Queen's Birthday Honours List as the newest member of the Order of New Zealand.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 Nil.

5. Eketahuna Fire Brigade's Centennial

5.1 The Chairperson welcomed Brent Dickson (Eketahuna Chief Executive Officer) to the meeting, and invited him to address the Board.

5.2 Brent Dickson advised that the Eketahuna Fire Brigade will be celebrating its centennial from 23 to 25 October, 2009. Presently a committee is working on the arrangements to acknowledge this occasion, and the following events are being considered.

- Safety display at the Eketahuna School on the Friday.
- Open day at the Eketahuna Fire Station and a parade in the main street and social event at the Community Centre on the Saturday.
- Barbecue lunch at the Eketahuna Fire Station on the Sunday.

5.3 At this stage the committee is seeking assistance and support from the community to progress the planning for this event.

5.4 The opportunity was then provided for board members to direct their questions and comments to Brent Dickson.

5.5 The Chairperson thanked Brent Dickson for informing the Board of this event, and invited him to submit a written request setting out specific details of the assistance required.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 2 May, 2008 (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 ***Roktopus Playground Equipment*** (Item 6.2)

7.1.1 The Eketahuna Our Town Committee has talked to children at the Eketahuna School regarding the development of the playground area.

7.1.2 These discussions resulted in the Roktopus proposal not being pursued as the children preferred that mouse design playground equipment be provided.

7.1.3 This equipment costs approximately \$14,900 to purchase, and options are being considered to raise funds for this purpose.

7.2 ***Disabled Facilities At The Eketahuna Camping Ground*** (Item 6.4.2)

7.2.1 The Manager Community Development is investigating options to provide funding to build disabled facilities at the Eketahuna Camping Ground.

7.3 ***Eketahuna Money Exchange*** (Item 6.5)

7.3.1 Opportunities will be taken to locally publicise the availability of the Eketahuna Money Exchange facility.

7.4 ***Putara Road*** (Item 10)

7.4.1 The maintenance work required on Putara Road has been undertaken.

7.4.2 The standard of maintenance on Morgans Road is still unsatisfactory due to pot holes and insufficient metal other than at the edge of the road.

7.5 ***Eketahuna Community Centre Woodcarvings Project*** (Item 6.7)

7.5.1 Board Members Death and Dimock declared an interest in this item of business, and abstained from the discussions and voting on the motion regarding this matter.

7.5.2 Three quotes were tabled to undertake the Eketahuna Community Centre Woodcarvings project. The quotes received are as follows:-

Jeff Bryan	\$ 4,700
Mark Dimock	\$ 13,000
Mike Holm	\$116,561 for the carving and \$ 13,000 for the shield

- 7.5.3 ***That the quote from Jeff Bryan of \$4,700 be accepted to undertake the work set out in his proposal concerning the Eketahuna Community Centre Woodcarvings project.***

Fraser-Davies/Davidson

Carried

- 7.5.4 It was requested that the funding granted from Creative Communities New Zealand for this project be placed in the Board's discretionary funds account.

7.6 ***100th Birthday Celebrations of Mrs Markey (Item 6.8)***

- 7.6.1 Arrangements are progressing to celebrate this special occasion to be held at the Eketahuna Club on 12 July, 2008.

- 7.6.2 Presently about 147 invitations have been conveyed to attend this event.

- 7.6.3 It was agreed that an open invitation be extended to the community to attend this function at a specific time following the conclusion of the lunch for invited guests, friends and family members.

8. Tararua District Council Report

- 8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 May, 2008 (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

8.2 ***Smoke Free Environment***

- 8.2.1 ***That the Eketahuna Community Board supports the Smoke Free Environment policy as set out in item 11.7.2 of the Council meeting minutes of 28 May, 2008.***

Death/Fraser-Davies

Carried

9. Reports

9.1 ***Proposed District Plan***

- 9.1.1 ***That the report from the Manager Environmental Services dated 19 May, 2008 concerning the Proposed District Plan (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Death

Carried

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

10.1 ***Tararua Road Safety Group***

10.1.1 Board Member Death gave a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Tararua Road Safety Group. This included reference to the following matters:-

- Accident statistics.
- Vehicle speeds outside schools.
- Effluent disposal dump station facility.
- Manawatu Gorge yellow lines.
- Amalgamation of Land Transport New Zealand and Transit New Zealand.
- Meeting with representatives of Transit New Zealand to discuss the southern approach to Eketahuna and the state highway turnoff to North Road.

10.2 ***Tararua Safer Community Council***

10.2.1 Board Member Fraser-Davies tabled for the Board's information the crime statistics relating to Eketahuna which were received at the recent meeting of the Tararua Safer Community Council.

10.3 ***Eketahuna Baths Management Committee***

10.3.1 The Chairperson gave a verbal report regarding the Eketahuna Swimming Pool facilities. This included reference to the following matters:-

- A meeting has been held with the Community Assets Manager and a representative of Mastermix regarding the work required to repair the cracks in the learners and main pool.
- Plans are being considered to undertake the renewal of the swimming pool fence.
- About 2,800 people used the pool during the summer swimming season.

10.4 ***Newman Reserve Board***

10.4.1 Board Member Dimock gave a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Newman Reserve Board. This included reference to the following matters:-

- Work is being undertaken with the Horizons Regional Council to fence off an area for planting native trees.
- Pine trees are to be removed close to the river bank.
- A small pine plantation is to be established at the reserve's northern end in the vicinity of the road.
- The North Road safety improvements may result in an area for parking being removed.
- The pruning of trees has been undertaken.
- The area is being managed very well.

11. **Correspondence**

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

(a) *Horizons Regional Council* 6 and 27 May, 2008
Re: *One Plan hearings*

(b) *Alexander Turnbull Library* 19 May, 2008
Re: *Aubrey watercolours of Eketahuna*

(c) *Arts Council Tararua* 19 May, 2008
Re: *Funding granted from Creative Communities New Zealand for Eketahuna Community Centre Woodcarvings project*

(d) *Eketahuna Baths Management Committee*
Re: *Request for Totara timber*

Dimock/Death **Carried**

11.2 **Alexander Turnbull Library**

11.2.1 *That to enable a replica of each painting to be displayed in the community, the Alexander Turnbull Library be requested to provide copies of the Aubrey watercolours of Eketahuna which are on loan to them.*

Fraser-Davies/Davidson **Carried**

11.3 **Eketahuna Baths Management Committee**

11.3.1 *That the Board approves the request from the Eketahuna Baths Management Committee to make some Totara timber available to construct two picnic tables and seats for the Eketahuna Swimming Pool facilities.*

Davidson/Fraser-Davies **Carried**

12. **Chairman's Remarks**

12.1 Nil.

13. **Items 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 12.25pm.

Chairperson