

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 11 March, 2005 commencing at 10.00am.

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

Cr W Keltie	-	South Tararua Ward Elected Representative
Mr R Twentyman	-	Chief Executive
Mr R Taylor	-	Governance Manager
Mr S Taylor	-	Manager District Assets
Ms S Gardiner	-	Horizons Regional Council

- 1.1 The Chairperson welcomed the members of the public (6) to the meeting, and outlined the procedure which would be followed in relation to the discussions concerning the Eketahuna Water Supply.

2. Apologies

- 2.1 Nil.

3. Personal Matters

- 3.1 Nil.

4. Notification Of Any Extraordinary Business Not on The Agenda

- 4.1 The following matters were notified as items of extraordinary general business for discussion at today's meeting:-

- 2005 New Zealand Community Boards Conference
- Tararua Rooding Sportsperson of the Year Awards

5. Eketahuna Water Supply

- 5.1 The Manager of District Assets outlined the background to the resource consent conditions relating to the Eketahuna Water Supply, and the reasons why it was necessary to impose the total hosing ban in Eketahuna.

- 5.2 Cr Davidson spoke on the following matters:-

- The accuracy of the gaugings of the flow at the Hamua measuring station.
- Review of the resource consent conditions

- 5.3 ***That the Board requests the Council to approach the Horizons Regional Council to review the Eketahuna Water Supply resource consent conditions at the time of the optional review.***

Davidson/Best

Carried

- 5.4 There was discussion on the volume of water being used by the Eketahuna Community, and whether this is excessive when compared with other similar sized areas.

It was questioned whether the resource consent conditions are realistic, and has the consent take been set at an achievable standard?

- 5.5 The Council's communication with the community regarding the hosing ban and restrictions were considered to be very unhelpful, and should be undertaken more effectively in the future.

- 5.6 It was emphasised that there is a role for the elected representatives of the community to contribute local knowledge in relation to determining appropriate resource consent conditions when applications are being considered.

- 5.7 ***That the Board requests the Council to support the continued connection of the Eketahuna Golf Club to the town water supply.***

Davidson/Best

Carried

- 5.8 The importance of a long term strategic plan being developed to ensure sufficient water is available was emphasised.

- 5.9 The Chairperson thanked the Chief Executive, Manager of District Assets and Horizons Regional Council representative for their attendance at the meeting, and acknowledged their contributions to the discussions concerning the Eketahuna Water Supply.

- 5.10 The meeting adjourned at 11.20am for a five minute recess, and then resumed at 11.25am.

6. Community Contact

- 6.1 The Chairperson welcomed Don Robbie (Tiraumea) and Paul Dickens (Alfredton) to the meeting, and invited them to address the Board.

- 6.2 Mr Robbie spoke on the following matters:-

- Bridge approaches with pot holes. There should be increased sealing of bridge approaches to overcome this situation.
- Provide adequate signage where there are dropouts.
- Next year Tiraumea has their 100th anniversary school reunion.
- Order of programming work. An example of this is the cleaning of watertables, and then the vegetation being cut leaving material in the watertables.

6.3 Mr Dickens spoke on the following matters:-

- There is no sign at Alfredton to provide directions to Masterton.
- Mowing of the grass verges. This needs to be done before Christmas, rather than a month earlier when there is no grass growth.
- Alfredton School signs.
- One lane bridges up Castle Hill Road still have heavy vehicles using them despite there being weight restrictions.
- Bus pick up times for school children.
- Placement of signage so that it doesn't present a hazard to motorists.

6.4 The Chairperson thanked the representatives from Tiraumea and Alfredton for attending the meeting, and speaking on matters of interest and concern from their area.

7. Confirmation of Minutes

7.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 4 February, 2005 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Fraser-Davies/Death

Carried

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes

8.1 South Road Number 2 (Item 7.4)

8.1.1 The sealing work required to permanently repair the pot hole on South Road Number 2 has finally been completed.

8.2 Eketahuna Swimming Baths (Item 7.3)

8.2.1 The repairs required to the learners pool at the swimming baths have been undertaken.

8.3 Logs In The River At The Eketahuna Camping Ground (Item 5.6)

8.3.1 This matter has been referred to the Horizons Regional Council to follow up.

8.4 Properties In Eketahuna Of Historic Heritage Significance (Item 9.4)

8.4.1 It was suggested that the Eketahuna Club may be considered as a property in Eketahuna of historic heritage significance.

8.5 Eketahuna Community Board General Assistance Grants Scheme (Item 10.1)

8.5.1 The Financial Accountant has advised that there was an error in the information previously provided to the Board concerning the amount of funds available for allocation.

This situation was caused by the opening balance from the previous financial year being incorrectly processed and transferred.

The necessary alterations have now been made to correct this, and the current balance of the Board's discretionary funds is \$9,711.49.

This includes an amount of \$7,000.00 as the funding allocation for the current financial year. However this should have been \$4,300 based on \$2.50 per head of population.

The Council will correct this in the 2005/2006 financial year, but does not propose to recover the amount of the overpayment.

9. Tararua District Council Report

9.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 February, 2005 (as circulated) be received.***

Death/Fraser-Davies

Carried

10. Reports From Board Representatives Appointed To Organisations And Assigned Responsibilities

10.1 Tararua Safer Community Council

10.1.1 ***That the report from Board Member Fraser-Davies concerning the Tararua Safer Community Council meeting held on 10 February, 2005 (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Death

Carried

10.1.2 The urgent need of Victim Support for suitable volunteers in Eketahuna, Woodville and Pahiatua was emphasised.

10.2 Community Contact

10.2.1 Representatives from Newman (John Duffy) and Hukanui (Denis Dougherty) are to be invited to attend the Board's next meeting.

10.3 Roading

10.3.1 The fence on the state highway entrance to town from Masterton has still not been painted.

10.3.2 It is requested that this matter again be raised with Transit New Zealand.

11. Correspondence

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

(a) Jay Reid

23 February, 2005

Re: Submission to Parliament's Justice and Electoral Committee's inquiry into the 2004 local authority elections.

Harman/Death

Carried

- 11.2 ***That no further action be taken by the Board regarding the correspondence received from Mr Jay Reid.***

Harman/Death

Carried

12. Chairman's Remarks

- 12.1 Nil

13. Extraordinary Business Not On The Agenda

13.1 Tararua Roding Sportsperson of the Year Awards

- 13.1.1 ***That the Board express its extreme disappointment that the Sport Tararua Recreation Officer failed to follow up on the suggestion of Eketahuna being the venue for this year's Tararua Roding Sportsperson of the Year Awards, and***

That the Board requests this situation be addressed next year by Eketahuna being favourably considered as the venue for this event.

Death/Fraser-Davies

Carried

13.2 2005 New Zealand Community Boards Conference

- 13.2.1 Board Member Best gave a verbal report to generally outline the subjects discussed at the 2005 New Zealand Community Boards Conference.

This was a very worthwhile conference, although some of the presentations were not relevant to this district's community boards.

- 13.2.2 Board Member Best will present a written report on the conference to the Board's next meeting.

14. Closure

- 14.1 At the closure of the meeting Ken Usmar of the Dannevirke News explained the deadlines for items being published within the newspaper, and why there are sometimes delays before they are printed.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 1.10pm.

Chairperson