

# **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 2 March, 2007 commencing at 10.00 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 Nil.

### **4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda**

4.1 The following matters were notified as items of general business not on the agenda for discussion at today's meeting:-

- Anzac day
- 2007 local body elections
- Eketahuna Community Centre wood carvings project Committee

### **5. Community Contact**

5.1 The Chairperson welcomed John Duffy (Newman) to the meeting, and invited him to address the Board.

5.2 John Duffy spoke on the following matters:-

- Higginsons Road Bridge
- Horses grazing at the Newman Domain
- Stock pile of metal in the vicinity of the Newman School which is causing access problems to the baths and creating a hazard to safety.
- Mangaone Central Road Bridge

5.3 The Chairperson thanked John Duffy for attending the meeting, and speaking on matters of interest and concern from his area.

5.4 The Chairperson welcomed Pam Bisset (Hamua/Hukanui) to the meeting, and invited her to address the Board.

5.5 Pam Bisset spoke on the future of the Hukanui Tennis Courts property, and the need to resolve this matter with regard to the payment of rates that are overdue.

5.6 The Chairperson thanked Pam Bisset for attending the meeting, and encouraged her to consult with the Hukanui Community regarding their intentions for the Tennis Courts and the possible sale of the property.

## 6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 2 February, 2007 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

***Best/Death***

***Carried***

## 7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

7.1 ***Ekeslea Site (Item 6.1)***

7.1.1 Work has been completed to tidy up the Ekeslea site property, and the Board's appreciation is to be conveyed to the owners for attending to this matter.

7.2 ***Rongokokako Hall (Item 6.4)***

7.2.1 Some items of historical significance have been removed from the Rongokokako Hall, and a meeting is to be arranged to discuss its future.

7.3 ***Alfredton Road Flooding (Item 6.2)***

7.3.1 Some of the work has been undertaken to resolve the flooding problems which occurred on Alfredton Road last year, but there are still outstanding concerns that need to be addressed.

7.4 ***Castlehill Road (Item 6.3)***

7.4.1 ***That given the results of the Castlehill Road survey which indicates significant deficiencies relating to the structural integrity and metal depth of this road, a report is requested to the Council and the Board regarding the following matters:-***

- ***Is this typical of other roads throughout the district?***
- ***In the event that this is typical, what are the implications to maintaining the integrity of the network and the financial cost of a sustainable level of maintenance?***

***Davidson/Fraser-Davies***

***Carried***

7.5 ***Money Exchange Banking Facility (Item 8)***

7.5.1 The community surveys have been sent out, with forty responses already received.

7.5.2 It was agreed that further publicity will be given to this matter with a view to encouraging the return of surveys by the middle of this month, and the outcome to be discussed at the Board's next meeting.

7.6 ***Dannevirke Town Centre Refurbishment (Item 9.3)***

7.6.1 It was noted that there is still some dissatisfaction in the Eketahuna Community regarding this matter.

7.7 ***Eketahuna Cliff Walk (Item 13.4)***

7.7.1 The Eketahuna Our Town/Main Street Committee have indicated their interest in preparing a brochure to promote the Cliff Walk, and this matter will be followed up by the Board's Chairperson.

7.8. ***Anzac Bridge (Item 17.3)***

7.8.1 The painting of the Anzac Bridge has commenced.

**8. Tararua District Council Report**

8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 February, 2007 (as tabled) be received.***

***Davidson/Death***

***Carried***

**9. Street Cleaning**

9.1 The Board made the following comments regarding street cleaning in Eketahuna:-

- It is noted with concern that modern street cleaning machinery does not effectively clean unkerbed streets, eg Alfredton Road.
- It is recommended that a higher standard of street cleaning be provided in urban areas where a Council community facility is located, eg Community Centre, Swimming Baths and Playground.

**10. Tararua District Plan Review No. 1**

10.1 The Board does not have any comments regarding this matter, and therefore no submission is to be made at this time.

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

11.1 ***State Highway 2 Fence***

11.1.1 Arrangements for painting the State Highway 2 fence are being considered.

11.2 **Tararua District Road Safety Group**

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

- Signs
- Proposed effluent disposal facility at Mount Bruce
- Minor Safety works
- Educational initiatives being undertaken by the Road Safety Coordinator
- Speed trailer for Alfredton Road
- Tararua District traffic offender data

12. **Correspondence**

12.1 ***That the correspondence as listed be received.***

(a) **J Haar** **15 February, 2007**  
**Re: Eketahuna Cliff Walk**

(b) **I Johanson** **23 February, 2007**  
**Re: Dannevirke High Street upgrade**

**Fraser-Davies/Best**

**Carried**

13. **Chairman's Remarks**

13.1 Nil.

14. **Items Not On The Agenda**

14.1 ***Eketahuna Community Centre Wood Carvings Project Committee***

14.1.1 Concern was expressed by Board Member Best that the proposed wood carvings for the Eketahuna Community Centre were not supported by the community, and the Board had been remiss in not undertaking any consultation regarding this matter.

14.1.2 To ascertain public opinion on the proposed project Board Member Best had spoken with various residents, and the outcome was general opposition to the carvings.

14.1.3 In light of this situation Board Member Best urged the Board not to proceed any further with the proposal.

14.1.4 Each board member then gave their views on the matters raised by Board Member Best, with the consensus being that the Board should continue the process of setting up a community committee to coordinate the design of the carvings.

14.1.5 The nominations of Russell Gaskin, Barry Anderson and Jerry Te Wake were accepted to be part of the community committee.

14.1.6 It was agreed that Board Member Best withdraw from the community committee for this project as a result of his reservations to progressing work on the carvings.

14.2      **Anzac Day**

14.2.1     An invitation is to be conveyed to the Mayor to attend the Anzac Day Service in Eketahuna.

14.3      **2007 Local Body Elections**

14.3.1     The Chairperson requested board members to encourage interest in the community to consider nominations to stand for the Community Board at the 2007 local body elections.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12.45pm.

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Chairperson