

Tararua District Council

Eketahuna Community Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Eketahuna Community Board held in the Eketahuna War Memorial Hall, Corner Jones Street and State Highway 2, Eketahuna on Friday 7 March, 2008 commencing at 10.05am.

1. Present

Board Members 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 *That an apology be sustained from the Board's Chairperson - Mr J M Harman for non-attendance at the meeting.*

Fraser-Davies/Dimock

Carried

3. Personal Matters

3.1 Nil.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 Nil.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 *That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 1 February, 2008 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Davidson/ Fraser-Davies

Carried

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.1 *Roktopus Playground Equipment* (Item 7.1)

6.1.1 The Eketahuna Our Town Committee has agreed to investigate the possibility of raising funding to undertake this project.

6.2 *Rongokokako Hall* (Item 10.1)

6.2.1 The annual general meeting of the Rongokokako Hall Committee has been held, and a new committee was elected.

6.2.2 The future of the Rongokokako Hall was discussed at the annual general meeting, and the decision was made to call for tenders to remove the building.

- 6.2.3 However after the meeting occurred an offer of \$7,000 was received for the hall, and this is to be considered as to whether it is accepted.
- 6.3 ***Eketahuna Water Restrictions*** (Item 5)
- 6.3.1 The recent rainfall has assisted the river level to recover, and it is intended that the necessity to continue with the water restrictions in Eketahuna will be reviewed early next week.
- 6.3.2 The survey of water leakage in the reticulation and intake line has been completed, and no significant water leaks were found.
- 6.3.3 A meter has been placed at various locations of the urban water supply area to ascertain the amount being used, and investigations are continuing in an endeavour to explain the high water usage from the Eketahuna Water Supply.
- 6.3.4 Cr Davidson attended a meeting with representatives of the Horizons Regional Council to discuss the resource consent for the Eketahuna Water Supply. The outcome of these discussions had identified that the review process being carried out isn't able to address the consent conditions regarding the quantities of water allowed to be taken from the river.
- 6.3.5 Cr Davidson advised that either a new consent is required or a variation to the current consent if this matter is to be resolved. This will require a new consultation process.
- 6.3.6 It was noted that in the future the likelihood of water restrictions being necessary at certain times of the year is probable, and this will be an issue that the community should be consulted on as it has ongoing implications.
- 6.4 ***Eketahuna STP Upgrade*** (Item 7.5)
- 6.4.1 The proposed open day to view the Eketahuna STP Upgrade project has been deferred until later in the year when this work is complete.
- 6.5 ***New Residents Welcome*** (Item 12)
- 6.5.1 Board members will review the list of new residents to Eketahuna over the last two years to arrange the invitations for this event.
- 6.5.2 ***That the Board pay from its discretionary funds the cost of catering excluding alcohol for the new residents welcome afternoon tea to be held at the Eketahuna Club on Sunday 6 April, 2008.***
- Fraser-Davies/Dimock*** ***Carried***
- 6.6 ***Town Inspection by the Board*** (Item 13)
- 6.6.1 Board Member Dimock gave a report on the Board's inspection of the town's services and facilities held on Thursday 28 February, 2008.
- 6.6.2 The Community Assets Manager and the Manager Community Development accompanied board members on the inspection which included the swimming pool, playground, camping ground, various urban areas and locations with overhanging trees, Cullen Street and the cemetery.

6.6.3 The Community Assets Manager and the Manager Community Development had noted a number of items during the inspection which they undertook to follow up.

6.6.4 ***That the Board requests the dumping of loose fill and any other rubbish be prohibited at the end of Cullen Street.***

Dimock/Fraser-Davies

Carried

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 13 and 27 February, 2008 (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

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

8.1 *Tararua District Road Safety Group*

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

- The District Roding Manager is to arrange a meeting with representatives of Transit New Zealand and board members to discuss the North Road/State Highway intersection, the location of the Alfredton sign and the installation of a safety guardrail barrier to replace the State Highway fence.
- Accident statistics
- Road safety programmes
- Reseals
- Opening of Manawatu Gorge railway twin tunnels
- 80 km speed restriction in Manawatu Gorge

8.2 *Tararua Safer Community Council*

8.2.1 Board Member Fraser-Davies gave a report on the recent meeting of the Tararua Safer Community Council. This included reference to the following matters:-

- Meetings will be held bimonthly
- Introduction to the new Dannevirke Senior Sergeant
- Driver licencing testing for young people
- Reduction in rural crime
- Tararua Early Years Service
- Training of medical support for general practitioners
- Gang members in Eketahuna

8.3 *Minor Safety Works*

8.3.1 ***That the Board requests the sealing of the bridge approaches on Mangaroa Road be undertaken as a high priority for safety reasons, and***

That to enable this work to be included in the current minor safety works programme, the above project substitute the sealing of the bridge approaches on Mangatainoka Valley Road which were previously listed and scheduled to proceed.

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

8.4. *Infracon Tararua Sportsperson of the Year Awards*

8.4.1 Board members were encouraged to submit nominations for the Infracon Tararua Sportsperson of the Year Awards which will be held at the Pahiatua Stadium on Thursday 24 April, 2008. The closing date for nominations is Friday 21 March, 2008.

8.5 *Nireaha Bushfire*

8.5.1 It was noted that 100 years ago the bushfire throughout the Nireaha District occurred which destroyed many properties and buildings.

9. *Correspondence*

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

(a) ***Tararua Television*** ***18 December, 2007***
Re: Letter of appreciation

(b) ***Eketahuna Club Inc*** ***12 February, 2008***
Re: Letter of appreciation

(c) ***Eketahuna Our Town Inc.*** ***18 February, 2008***
Re: Application for Eketahuna Information Centre funding

Dimock/Fraser-Davies

Carried

9.2 ***Eketahuna Our Town Inc***

9.2.1 ***That the request from Eketahuna Our Town Inc for the funding of costs incurred in relation to the Eketahuna Information Centre totalling \$2,750.71 be approved.***

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

10. *Remuneration Authority Determination For Elected Members Remuneration*

10.1 ***That the Board recommends that the current remuneration levels for the Community Boards of the Tararua District be continued by the Remuneration Authority at the existing amounts for the 2008/2009 financial year.***

Fraser-Davies/Dimock

Carried

11. *Chairman's Remarks*

11.1 Nil

12. 100th Birthday Celebrations of Mrs Markey

- 12.1 A lunch is to be arranged for Mrs Markey on Saturday 12 July, 2008 at the Eketahuna Club to celebrate the special occasion of her 100th birthday.

13. Items Not On The Agenda

- 13.1 Nil

There being no further business the Deputy Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11.40am.

Chairperson