

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 March, 2009 commencing at 10.10am.

1. Present

Board Members C C Death (Acting 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.*

Dimock/Davidson

Carried

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:-

- Meeting in Alfredton organised by the Police
- Bush District Education Plan Working Group

5. Confirmation of Minutes

- 5.1 *That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 9 February, 2009 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Fraser-Davies/Davidson

Carried

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- 6.1 *Inter-town Fibre Connection (Item 5)*

- 6.1.1 Cr Davidson and James Watts have looked at the Mt Bowen area for the purpose of arranging appropriate sites to locate relay point poles to extend the availability of this service.

- 6.1.2 It was found that this area is suitable to roll out potential coverage from Nireaha to Morgans Road, Kaiparoro.

- 6.1.3 Other appropriate sites are being investigated to provide coverage to the town.
- 6.2 ***NZ Transport Agency and MWH New Zealand Limited (Item 7.1)***
- 6.2.1 The non-conforming Eketahuna signs have been removed, and they will be relocated in the future to other appropriate alternative sites.
- 6.3 ***Aubrey Watercolours of Eketahuna (Item 7.2)***
- 6.3.1 The framed prints of the Aubrey watercolours of Eketahuna have been hung for public viewing on the walls of the Eketahuna Library.
- 6.4 ***Mrs Markey's 100th Birthday Celebrations (Item 7.3)***
- 6.4.1 Board Member Death has delivered the DVD recordings of Mrs Markey's 100th birthday celebrations to Marj Copestake as a record of this occasion.
- 6.5 ***Eketahuna Swimming Pool (Item 7.4)***
- 6.5.1 It was noted that the Council is proposing to include in the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009/2019 a budget of up to \$200,000 for work on capital developments at the Eketahuna Swimming Pool.
- 6.6 ***Eketahuna Our Town Committee (Item 11.1)***
- 6.6.1 The new item of equipment purchased by the Eketahuna Our Town Committee has been installed at the playground, and it is being enjoyed by the children as a welcome addition to this area.
- 6.7 ***Eketahuna Art Group (Item 13)***
- 6.7.1 It was noted that the surplus funds of approximately \$700.00 from the 125 years Eketahuna celebrations are held by the organising committee for this event (rather than the Eketahuna Art Group as previously stated).
- 6.7.2 The Chairperson is following up with them their intentions for the proposed use of these funds which they have requested be set aside for a future celebrations event.

7. Tararua District Council Report

- 7.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 11 and 25 February, 2009 (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

- 7.2 Cr Davidson elaborated on the following matters arising from the Council's meetings for board members information.

- Decision on the objection of C and J Last to a condition of their subdivision consent.
- Proposed funding for capital developments work at the Eketahuna and Pahiatua Swimming Pools.
- Decision to increase the size of the District Plan Review Hearing Committee to five members.

- Palmerston North City Council's decision to remove its proposed new bridge from their Long Term Council Community Plan.

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

8.1 *Tararua District Road Safety Group*

8.1.1 Board Member Death presented a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Tararua District Road Safety Group, and this included reference to the following matters.

- A mobile coffee shop is operating from the rest area on State Highway 2 between Pahiatua and Eketahuna.
- The location of the Alfredton sign at the Jones Street intersection has still not been resolved.
- The upgrade of the Dannevirke Town Centre is nearing completion and looks good.
- The detour route through Nireaha for heavy and high vehicles has still not been progressed.

8.2 *Great Eketahuna Kiwi Carnival*

8.2.1 Board Member Dimock presented a verbal report on the Great Eketahuna Kiwi Carnival, and this included reference to the following matters.

- An excellent event was held despite the wet weather, with the Eketahuna tug of war being enjoyed by participants and spectators.
- The event provided a good foundation to plan and grow future carnivals.
- Good sponsorship was received to support the event, including financial assistance from the Council's events fund which was much appreciated.

9. Correspondence

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

(a) Horizons Regional Council ***9 February, 2009***
Re: One Plan hearings

(b) Horizons Regional Council ***17 February, 2009***
Re: Hearing decision on consent variation for the Eketahuna Water Supply

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

9.2 *Eketahuna Water Supply Take Consent Variation Decision*

9.2.1 The Governance Manager tabled for board members information a report from the Manager District Assets concerning the hearing decision on the consent variation sought for the Eketahuna Water Supply Take.

9.2.2 This report (which is to be received at next week's Council meeting) was read to the meeting by the Governance Manager, and it contained information which concluded that the consent variation as granted will provide the community with a consent that is able to be managed and complied with adequately.

9.2.3 The Governance Manager also advised that all hosing bans in the Eketahuna area have been lifted by the Council.

9.2.4 There was discussion on the hearing decision and the consent variation granted for the Eketahuna Water Supply, with dissatisfaction being expressed regarding the outcome relating to this matter.

9.2.5 ***That the Eketahuna Community Board lodge an appeal with the Environment Court in respect of the decision of the Horizons Regional Council's Hearing Committee concerning resource consent 101169 relating to the variation granted for the Eketahuna Water Supply Take, and***

That the reasons for this appeal being lodged are as follows:

- ***The very short period of the consent granted which is subject to review again in July, 2011 and the costs involved.***
- ***There has been no recognition taken into account to acknowledge the character of the Eketahuna Community with regard to the users of the Eketahuna Water Supply who receive this service.***
- ***There has been no acknowledgement of the issue of the displacement of use from the town water supply to the as of right rights of land owners adjacent to the Makakahi River.***
- ***There has been no recognition of the specific character of the Makakahi River.***

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

10. Chairman's Remarks

10.1 University Students – Holiday Work

10.1.1 The Acting Chairperson commended the Council on employing university students during their holidays to undertake work at various locations throughout the district.

11. Totara Trees at Nireaha

11.1 Five Totara trees are to be retrieved from the river and made available to the Kaitoke Marae (Dannevirke) for the purpose of carving.

12. Infracon Tararua Sportsperson of the Year Awards

12.1 Board members were encouraged to submit nominations to the Infracon Tararua Sportsperson of the Year Awards.

- 12.2 Board members were also reminded to consider nominations for the Tararua TrustPower Community Awards which are to be presented in Eketahuna.

13. Items Not On The Agenda

13.1 *Meeting in Alfredton Organised by the Police*

- 13.1.1 The Eketahuna Police Officer In Charge, David Gallagher, has arranged a meeting at the Alfredton Community Hall on Thursday 12 March, 2009 at 7.30pm to discuss thefts of stock and property which are occurring in this area.

13.2 *Bush District Education Plan Working Group*

- 13.2.1 The presentation by Diana Eagle regarding the Bush District Education Plan Working Group did not proceed as a result of her non-attendance at the meeting.

There being no further business the Acting Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11.35am.

Chairperson