

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 5 March 2010 commencing at 10.07am.

1. Present

Board Members C C Death (Acting Chairperson), K A M Dimock, Elizabeth Fraser-Davies 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 Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

- 5.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 5 February 2010 (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 **Offer of Voluntary Assistance for Town Projects** (Item 6.1)

6.1.1 An invitation is to be extended to Pat Kelly to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Eketahuna Our Town Committee.

- 6.2 **Draft Annual Plan 2010/2011** (Item 7.3)

6.2.1 The Draft Annual Plan roadshow will be held in Eketahuna on Tuesday 27 April 2010 commencing at 5.00pm, followed by the public meeting at 7.30pm.

6.2.2 James Watts of Inspired Networks Limited is to be invited to address the community regarding the options available in Eketahuna to connect to the wireless network service.

6.2.3 Cr Davidson will follow up the necessary arrangements regarding this matter.

- 6.3 **Cliff Walk** (Item 7.4)
- 6.3.1 The Community Assets Manager has requested a quote from Infracon to maintain the Cliff Walk, and when this information is available John Haar will also be given the opportunity to submit a proposal of his charges to continue doing this work.
- 6.4 **Memorandum of Understanding for the Eketahuna Water Supply Resource Consent** (Item 11.2)
- 6.4.1 A response is awaited from the Horizons Regional Council regarding the amendments requested by the Board to the draft Memorandum of Understanding concerning this matter.
7. **Tararua District Council Report**
- 7.1 *That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 February 2010 (as circulated) be received.*
- Dimock/Fraser-Davies* *Carried*
8. **Reports From Board Representatives Appointed to Organisations and Assigned Responsibilities**
- 8.1 **Tararua Safer Community Council**
- 8.1.1 Board Member Fraser-Davies gave a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Tararua Safer Community Council, and this included reference to the following matters:
- The statistics for burglaries have declined.
 - There has been an increase in incidents of reported family violence.
 - An application can be made to the Safer Community Council for funds towards the cost of the proposed security camera monitoring system in the Eketahuna Town Centre.
9. **Historic Places Act Registration of Anzac Memorial Bridge, Kaiparoro**
- 9.1 *That the Board commends the New Zealand Historic Places Trust on the comprehensive and well researched assessment report concerning the Anzac Memorial Bridge at Kaiparoro, and*
- That the Board supports the proposal for the registration of this bridge as a Category 1 historic place of unique and outstanding national significance.*
- Fraser-Davies/Dimock* *Carried*
- 9.2 It was requested that a copy of the report setting out the history of the Anzac Memorial Bridge be placed in the Eketahuna Library for the information of the community.

10. Correspondence

10.1 *That the correspondence as listed be received:*

- a) **MidCentral Health** **4 February 2010**
Re: Provision of Dental Care Services
- b) **Carterton District Council** **22 February 2010**
Re: Wairarapa local authority reorganisation
- c) **Garrick Murfitt** **23 February 2010**
**Re: New Zealand Order of Merit received in
the New Year's Honours list**

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

11. Chairman's Remarks

11.1 Proposed Closure of the Northern Wairarapa Railway Line

- 11.1.1 It was noted that the possibility of the northern Wairarapa railway line being closed has been the subject of some discussion through the national news media.
- 11.1.2 There was agreement that ceasing to maintain this transport infrastructure is short-sighted, and the loss of this link will remove the availability of the railway line for use and development as an alternative option to the roading network.
- 11.1.3 A letter will be sent to the Member of Parliament for Wairarapa, John Hayes, to convey the Board's concerns regarding this matter.

12. Stanly Street Drain

- 12.1 ***That the Board supports the replacement of the broken pipe drain in the vicinity of 44 Stanly Street with appropriate new piping, and opposes the establishment of an open drain at this location.***

Dimock/Fraser-Davies

Carried

13. Footpaths

- 13.1 The Board has no specific priorities at this time for proposed footpath rehabilitation and new footpath construction within its area.

14. Eketahuna Club Funding from General Assistance Grants Scheme

- 14.1 A letter was tabled from the Eketahuna Club advising of their poor financial position, and requesting that the \$800.00 grant previously approved to purchase a replacement fridge for the club's kitchen be transferred to fund building maintenance costs.
- 14.2 ***That the Board declines the request from the Eketahuna Club to transfer and apply to another purpose the funding granted to them last year to purchase a replacement fridge for their kitchen, and***

That the Eketahuna Club be invited to submit an application to the 2009/2010 General Assistance Grants Scheme setting out a detailed budget and proposal of their intentions to undertake and fund expenditure relating to building maintenance costs.

Dimock/Davidson

Carried

14.3 Board Member Fraser-Davies requested that her dissenting vote be recorded.

15. Shannon to Eketahuna Cycleway

15.1 David Clapperton of the Horowhenua District Council will be attending the Board's next meeting to make a presentation regarding this project.

16. Access to Masterton Hospital

16.1 It was noted that residents of Eketahuna are now being denied access to medical treatment from the Masterton Hospital, and they have been referred to Palmerston North Hospital for this purpose.

16.2 This situation is of concern as Palmerston North is further to travel, and it causes additional stress particularly for children and elderly people.

16.3 Previously there has been an agreement in place to fund the cost of medical treatment provided through cross-boundary district health board arrangements, but this option seems to have lapsed.

16.4 The Board will raise this matter at the forthcoming public forum of the MidCentral District Health Board meeting to be held in Dannevirke on Tuesday 16 March 2010.

16.5 Cr Davidson is to represent the Board at this meeting along with the Chairperson if he is available.

17. Items Not On The Agenda

17.1 Nil

There being no further business the Acting Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11.50am.

Chairperson