

# **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 May, 2006 commencing at 10.00 a.m.

### **1. Present**

Messrs J M Harman (Chairperson), P J A Best (Deputy Chairperson) and Elizabeth Fraser-Davies.

### **In Attendance**

Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager  
Mr T Gerbich - Project Manager

### **2. Apologies**

2.1 *That the apologies be sustained from Mr C C Death and Cr W H Davidson for non-attendance at the meeting.*

*Best/Fraser-Davies*

*Carried*

### **3. Personal Matters**

3.1 Nil.

### **4. Notification of Any Extraordinary Business Not on the Agenda**

4.1 Nil.

### **5. Eketahuna Police**

5.1 The Chairperson welcomed Constable Dave Gallagher to the meeting, and invited him to address the Board.

5.2 Constable Gallagher spoke on reported crime within the Eketahuna community and the actions taken to resolve this situation.

Generally there has been a reduction in crime within the urban area but a significant increase in rural areas.

5.3 Board members then directed their general comments and questions to Constable Gallagher.

5.4 The Chairperson thanked Constable Gallagher for his attendance at the Board's meeting, and commended him on the work being undertaken to make the community a safer place.

### **6. Pukaha Mount Bruce Project Team**

6.1 The Chairperson welcomed Troy Gerbich (Project Manager) to the meeting, and invited him to address the Board.

6.2 Troy Gerbich made a visual presentation to outline the Pukaha Mount Bruce Regional Partnership Programme and the development of the centre of learning project.

6.3 The Chairperson thanked Troy Gerbich for his informative and exciting presentation, and invited him to consider sharing this information with the wider community through attendance at a meeting of the Eketahuna Our Town/Main Street Committee.

## **7. Confirmation of Minutes**

7.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 7 April, 2006 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

***Best/Fraser-Davies***

***Carried***

## **8. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

### **Eketahuna Camping Ground (Item 6.3)**

8.1.1 The Board will be visiting the Camping Ground following its meeting to discuss the planting plan with the Community Assets Manager, Colin Veale.

### **Eketahuna Our Town/Main Street Committee (Item 6.5)**

8.2.1 The Board's concerns regarding the stand alone Information Centre project were not well received by the Eketahuna Our Town/Main Street Committee.

### **Anzac Bridge Project (Item 6.6)**

8.3.1 The Friends of the Anzac Memorial Bridge Kaiparoro Inc have been granted funding from the Heritage Protection Reserve to assist with undertaking the bridge restoration project.

8.3.2 The Army are still to complete the painting of the bridge.

8.3.3 The celebration weekend arranged by the Friends of the Anzac Memorial Bridge was very successful, with over 50 people from throughout the country being in attendance at this event.

### **Tararua Safer Community Council (Item 6.9)**

8.4.1 Board Member Fraser-Davies will report to the Board next month regarding this matter.

## **9. Tararua District Council Report**

9.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 April, 2006 (as circulated) be received.***

***Fraser-Davies/Best***

***Carried***

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

10.1 **Eketahuna Community Centre**

10.1.1 It was noted that the zip at the Community Centre is leaking, and the fault has been reported to the Community Assets Manager to follow up.

10.2 **Town Gardens**

10.2.1 The excellent standard of the work being undertaken by Ben Dandy in maintaining the town's gardens was complimented.

11. **Correspondence**

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

(a) ***Masterton Safe and Healthy Community Council 10 April 2006  
Re: Strengthening Families Local Management Group: Masterton***

(b) ***New Pacific Studio 23 April, 2006  
Re: Contact person for the Anzac Bridge restoration project***

(c) ***Tiraumea Hall Committee 26 April, 2006  
Re: Letter of appreciation***

(d) ***Rongokokako Womens Institute 1 May, 2006  
Re: Letter of appreciation***

(e) ***Community Boards Forum 2006 Organising Committee  
Re: New Zealand Community Boards Forum***

***Fraser-Davies/Best***

***Carried***

11.2 **New Zealand Community Boards Forum**

11.2.1 ***That the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson be registered as the Board's representatives to attend the New Zealand Community Boards Forum to be held in Lower Hutt from 14 to 15 July, 2006 and***

***That in the event of either the Chairperson or the Deputy Chairperson not being available to attend this Forum then Board Member Fraser-Davies be the alternate representative.***

***Fraser-Davies/Best***

***Carried***

12. **Chairman's Remarks**

12.1 Nil.

13. **Extraordinary Business Not on the Agenda**

13.1 Nil.

**14. Proposed Earthquake-Prone Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy**

- 14.1 The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson will prepare on behalf of the Board a submission regarding the proposed policy on earthquake-prone, dangerous and insanitary buildings.

**15. Draft Community Plan 2006/2016**

- 15.1 ***That with regard to the Council's draft Community Plan 2006/2016, the Eketahuna Community Board makes the following submission.***

***Rates***

*The Board shares the growing concern of the public as to the affordability, both now and in the future, of the proposed 9.1% increase in rates.*

*The accumulative effects of such increases on small communities, many of whom are on pensions and or fixed incomes, may if not arrested have the effect of driving people out of the Tararua District. Of equal concern is the continued discrepancies which exist between rural and urban ratepayers.*

*The time has come for Tararua and other rural district councils throughout New Zealand to unite and give the strongest possible message to Central Government that the increasing standards and demands cannot and will not be met.*

*The Board commends the Council on its proactive position of keeping its ratepayers informed of assistance which they may qualify for as a rates rebate under the Rates Rebate Scheme.*

***Alternative Water Sources***

*The Board supports the Council's proposal to provide a budget of \$100,000 over two years to explore underground water sources as an alternative to the current river supply being used throughout the Tararua District.*

***Footpaths***

*The Board believes that the Council policy to renew or upgrade footpaths should continue at the base level of the past. Where communities request more elaborate and or decorative paving such work should be funded by that community as a cost over and above the base provided by the Council.*

***Information Centres - Funding***

*The Board believes that the Council's decision to remain with the status quo and hold the current funding levels for both Pahiatua and Dannevirke is not facing up to the problems which exist in respect of these facilities.*

*In particular it is not addressing the need to ensure that an equitable distribution of funding for information centres is allocated to all communities within the District.*

*The Board believes that Eketahuna should be given similar consideration to receiving funding as does Pahiatua and Dannevirke. Where the Council makes policy on such matters to grant support it is imperative that the communities are treated even-handedly in line with that policy.*

### **TDC Holdings Limited**

*The Board is not opposed to the purchase of the remaining 34% of shares in Infracon Limited. However it is concerned with a company that has a potential selling price of \$20 million and a turnover annually of \$40 million yet the return to the Council is only \$400,000. This represents a return to ratepayers of just 2% on its investment.*

*The Board believes that there should be a minimum of 4% required before any agreement is made to purchase the remaining shares.*

### **Kiwi Bank**

*The Board supports and encourages the Council to continue with its negotiations to establish a bank and post shop combined with the Service Centre and Library in Eketahuna. The Board is willing to be involved in any capacity that may be helpful to achieving this outcome.*

### **Fraser-Davies/Best**

**Carried**

- 15.2 The Board requests the opportunity to present its submission to the Council, and the Chairperson will speak at the meeting to be held for this purpose.

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