

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 4 May, 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 The Board's congratulations are to be conveyed to Rebecca Hull on winning the Tararua Roving Sportsman of the Year Award.

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:-

- 2007 Tararua TrustPower Community Awards
- Inspection of community facilities and services in the Board's area.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 30 March, 2007 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Fraser-Davies/Best

Carried

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.1 ***Community Contact (Item 5)***

6.1.1 It was agreed that community representatives from the following areas be invited to attend the Board's meetings in June and July.

June

Alfredton - June Edmonds/Ben Morrison

July

Kaiparoro - Diana Capes

- 6.2 ***Horses Grazing at the Newman Domain (Item 7.2)***
- 6.2.1 Board Member Best has personally spoken to Denise Clifton and John Duffy regarding this matter, and the concerns raised have been resolved.
- 6.3 ***Hukanui Tennis Courts (Item 7.3)***
- 6.3.1 A further community meeting is to be held to consider the future of the Hukanui Tennis Courts, and the preferred option is for the hall society to assume control of the land.
- 6.4 ***Rongokokako Hall (Item 7.4)***
- 6.4.1 Arrangements have been made regarding the preservation of the Rongokokako Hall's records and items of historical significance. It is likely that tenders will be invited for the removal of the building.
- 6.5 ***Eketahuna Community Centre Wood Carvings Project Committee (Item 7.8)***
- 6.5.1 A further meeting of the Eketahuna Community Centre Wood Carvings Project Committee is to be held shortly to progress the proposal for the design of the carvings.
- 6.6 ***Roading (Item 9.1)***
- 6.6.1 It was noted that Nireaha Hill Road was tarsealed in the wrong direction.
- 6.7 ***Painting of Community Facility Buildings (Item 9.2)***
- 6.7.1 A proposal from the Community Assets Manager was tabled for the painting of the War Memorial Hall.
- 6.7.2 The suggested colour scheme is as follows:-
- Roof - Brick Red
 - Walls - Opononi
 - Base - Puysegur Point
 - Trim - Lake Hayes
- 6.7.3 There was general support expressed that the proposed colour scheme be accepted.
- 6.7.4 The Community Assets Manager is to be requested to arrange for the exterior concrete walls of the Community Centre to be sealed and painted. This will alleviate the damp in the internal walls of the main hall.
- 6.7.5 Work has commenced to paint the Grandstand at the Football Club.
- 6.8 ***Resene Paints (Item 10.2)***
- 6.8.1 Interest has been expressed in painting some murals at the swimming baths, and if this project proceeds it could be considered for entry to the Resene mural masterpieces competition.

6.9 **Money Exchange Banking Facility (Item 13)**

6.9.1 Board members were invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 9 May, 2007 at 9.00am in the Pahiatua Service Centre Chamber to discuss the money exchange banking facility proposed for Eketahuna.

6.9.2 The Council's Business Manager and Cr C D Matthews will be in attendance at this meeting.

7. **Tararua District Council Report**

7.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 April, 2007 (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Death

Carried

8. **Reports**

8.1 ***Metalling Castlehill Road***

8.1.1 ***That the report from the District Roading Manager dated 2 April, 2007 concerning the metalling of Castlehill Road (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Death

Carried

8.1.2 ***That a copy of the report from the District Roading Manager concerning the metalling of Castlehill Road be referred to the Council for its information as an attachment to the minutes of this meeting.***

Davidson/Death

Carried

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

9.1 ***Painting of Wall and Fence on State Highway 2***

9.1.1 The Eketahuna Our Town Committee (Eketahuna Mainstreet Inc) will provide the paint and labour to undertake this work.

9.1.2 The Chairperson will contact Tararua Roading to request their assistance with this community project through providing signs and the oversight of the necessary safety requirements.

9.2 ***Mobile Recycling Centre Bin***

9.2.1 The Mobile Recycling Centre Bin facility has been well received by the community.

10. **Correspondence**

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

**(a) Tararua Safer Community Council
Re: Update**

March 2007

- (b) **Local Government New Zealand** **3 April, 2007**
Re: Community Boards training workshops
- (c) **Lifeline Wairarapa** **26 April 2007**
Re: Letter of appreciation
- (d) **Eketahuna Our Town Committee (Eketahuna Mainstreet Inc)**
24 April, 2007
Re: Eketahuna Information Centre support

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

10.2 Eketahuna Our Town Committee (Eketahuna Mainstreet Inc)

10.2.1 The Chairperson will discuss with the Eketahuna Our Town Committee (Eketahuna Mainstreet Inc) at their next meeting the issue of Council funding for the Eketahuna Kiwi Country Information Centre.

11. Chairman's Remarks

11.1 Nil.

12. Items Not On The Agenda

12.1 2007 Tararua TrustPower Community Awards

12.1.1 Board members were encouraged to submit nominations for the 2007 Tararua TrustPower Community Awards.

12.2 Inspection of Community Facilities and Services in the Board's Area

12.2.1 The Board is to arrange an inspection of the community facilities and services in its area. This will be held on Friday 25 May, 2007 at 10.00am, and shall commence from the Service Centre.

13. Draft Annual Plan 2007/2008

13.1 ***That with regard to the Council's draft Annual Plan 2007/2008, the Eketahuna Community Board makes the following submission.***

Rates

The Board remains concerned at the affordability of rates to the community, but it is very much aware that there are no easy solutions to resolving this situation.

Continued lobbying and pressure on central government for greater financial assistance to reduce the burden on ratepayers is supported.

This is an important role of the Council, and the Board supports it in its endeavours to achieve increased funding from central government for the upgrading of essential community services such as water and sewerage.

It is also noted that compliance costs continue to increase as a result of central government legislation and standards. These demands are an additional cost to ratepayers, and every opportunity must be taken to emphasise to central government that these pressures can not be sustained by local authorities and their communities.

Council's Plans and Budgets for 2007/2008

The Board has held a public community meeting to discuss this matter, and through this consultation there were no specific issues identified to be raised with the Council.

It accordingly supports the Council's plans and budgets as set out in the draft Annual Plan for the 2007/2008 financial year.

Next Long Term Council Community Plan

Last year the Board made an extensive submission to the Council's draft Community Plan 2006/2016 which was the subject of much consultation throughout the district.

In considering the draft Annual Plan for 2007/2008 the Board notes that this is based on Year 2 of the Community Plan, and generally no variances are proposed.

Therefore this submission from the Board is relatively brief, and acknowledges the direction and programmes previously determined by the Council in relation to this matter.

The Board signals to the Council its intentions to raise the following issues when submissions to the next Community Plan are considered:-

- *Information Centres funding*
- *Eketahuna Town Centre refurbishment*

Best/Fraser-Davies

Carried

- 13.2 The Board agreed that it did not require the opportunity to present its submission to the Council.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12.35pm.

Chairperson