

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 1 May, 2009 commencing at 10.05am.

1. Present

Board Members J M Harman (Chairperson), C C Death (Deputy 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 Nil

3. Personal Matters

3.1 Nil

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 The following matter was notified as an item of general business not on the agenda for discussion at today's meeting:-

- Function to welcome new residents to Eketahuna

5. Southern Tararua Police Youth Aid

5.1 The Chairperson welcomed Hamish Adie, Youth Aid Officer for the southern Tararua area to the meeting, and invited him to address the Board.

5.2 Hamish Adie spoke on the work which he is undertaking through his position as Youth Aid Officer, with these discussions including reference to the following matters.

- The area covered by the Southern Tararua Youth Aid Officer is Woodville, Pahiatua and Eketahuna based at the Pahiatua Police Station.
- The emphasis of this work is to provide social wellbeing for youth through facilitating projects and programmes in these communities.
- It is proposed to establish the Bluelight concept which focuses on neighbourhood support and providing safer and supportive communities together into the future.
- An opportunity exists to attend a Bluelight Conference in Queenstown that offers valuable information and training to assist in the delivery of appropriate programmes to achieve this objective.

- This conference is organised by the Bluelight Charitable Trust, and it is currently the only national youth at risk training programme available annually throughout New Zealand.
- Financial assistance is required towards the cost of the conference registration which is \$699.00 and the Woodville and Pahiatua Communities have already agreed to contribute funding for this purpose.
- Through the experience gained from attending this conference the Bluelight concept will be established in each community, and this shall provide the ability to organise events and programmes for youth.
- These will include holiday programmes and events to encourage involvement in physical outdoors activities and sports.
- Work is also undertaken with children who have previously ceased attending school, and they are supported to enable them to return to full time education.
- Emphasis is placed on developing and promoting active and healthy life styles, and participation in sports within the district provides an excellent option for this to occur.
- In many cases families are limited to what their children can attend because they do not have transport or are unable to afford the costs involved.
- This situation needs addressing through setting up a service that provides community transportation for this purpose, thereby facilitating opportunities that presently are not available in small communities.

5.3 Board members then directed their questions and comments to Hamish Adie, and commended him on the work which he is doing within the southern Tararua area to enhance the wellbeing of youth and encouraging them to take pride in their community.

5.4 ***That the Board approves the request from Hamish Adie for financial assistance towards the cost of his registration to attend the Bluelight Conference to be held in Queenstown on 7 to 10 May, 2009 and***

That the sum of \$233.00 be granted from the Board's discretionary funds for this purpose.

Dimock/Fraser-Davies

Carried

5.5 The Chairperson thanked Hamish Adie for his attendance at the meeting, and invited him to contact the Board again in the future regarding his proposals to progress the Bluelight concept in Eketahuna.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 3 April, 2009 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Dimock/Davidson

Carried

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

7.1 *Eketahuna Water Supply Take Consent Variation Decision (Item 5)*

7.1.1 The Chief Executive is to arrange a meeting with the Eketahuna Community Board and the Horizons Regional Council's Chief Executive and his appropriate staff to discuss the Eketahuna Water Supply Take from the Makakahi River.

7.1.2 This meeting will occur following the completion of the Long Term Council Community Plan process.

7.2 *Alfredton Sign (Item 7.2.1)*

7.2.1 The location of the Alfredton sign at the Jones Street intersection continues to be a potential road safety hazard.

7.3 *Inter-town Fibre Connection (Item 7.1)*

7.3.1 Work is to be completed in two months time to extend the area of coverage for the availability of this service to the Eketahuna Community.

7.4 *Bush District Education Plan Working Group (Item 8)*

7.4.1 The Chairperson has completed an individual reply to the Bush District Education Plan response sheet.

7.5 *Meeting in Alfredton Organised by the Police (Item 10.2)*

7.5.1 The Alfredton Community has established community watch groups supported by the Police to deter criminal activities in their area.

7.6 *Anzac Day (Item 12)*

7.6.1 The Anzac Day Service in Eketahuna was well supported, with a good attendance also being present at the Anzac Memorial Bridge Service.

7.7 *Painting of the Town's Public Toilets (Item 14.1)*

7.7.1 A service request will be submitted regarding graffiti on the mural of the town's public toilets.

7.8 *Direction Sign to Eketahuna Bowling Club (Item 14.2)*

7.8.1 A direction sign is to be arranged to the Eketahuna Bowling Club, with its location to be determined as there is already a proliferation of signs at the corner of Haswell Street opposite the hotel.

8. Tararua District Council Report

8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 8 and 15 April, 2009 (as circulated) and 29 April, 2009 (as tabled) be received.***

Death/Fraser-Davies

Carried

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

9.1 *New Zealand Community Boards Conference 2009*

9.1.1 Board Member Death presented a verbal report on the New Zealand Community Boards Conference held in Christchurch on 19 to 21 March, 2009. This report included reference to the following matters.

- The Eketahuna Community Centre woodcarving project was entered in the heritage section of the Best Practice Awards.
- The value of council/community board relationships for community leadership was emphasised.
- The Prime Minister acknowledged the value of community boards and their role in enhancing communities through local democracy.
- The Minister of Local Government supports the importance of elected members working with their communities through leadership which promotes transparency and accountability.
- There was a good range of speakers including a presentation on community boards preparing for vibrant and diverse communities.
- Off site practical leadership training was provided, and a disaster dinner event was held based on the theme "are you prepared"?
- It was noted that in some areas the council does not want or support their community board, and gives them little recognition or power.

9.1.2 Board Member Death thanked the Board for providing the opportunity to attend this conference which was a very worthwhile event.

10. Correspondence

10.1 *That the correspondence as listed be received:*

- (a) *Eketahuna Our Town Inc* **2 April, 2009**
Re: Request for reimbursement of Eketahuna Information Centre costs
- (b) *Jay Reid* **9 April, 2009**
Re: Eketahuna water consent and Environment Court appeal of the Woodville water consent variation
- (c) *Environment Court* **15 April, 2009**
Re: Withdrawal of the Board's appeal regarding the Eketahuna water consent variation
- (d) *Chrissy MacDonald, Local Government New Zealand*
17 April, 2009
Re: Appointment as new secretary for New Zealand Community Boards Executive Committee and How to Stop Graffiti Guide

- (e) **Ministry of Justice** **17 April, 2009**
Re: How to Stop Graffiti Guide
- (f) **Horizons Regional Council** **17 April, 2009**
Re: Proposed One Plan – Water Hearing

Death/Fraser-Davies **Carried**

10.2 **Eketahuna Our Town Inc**

- 10.2.1 **That the request from Eketahuna Our Town Inc for the funding of costs incurred in relation to the Eketahuna Information Centre totalling \$2,104.83 be approved.**

Death/Fraser-Davies **Carried**

10.3 **Jay Reid**

- 10.3.1 **That the Board decline the offer from Jay Reid to represent the interests of the Eketahuna Community on water supply issues of mutual concurrence and through his appeal to the Environment Court regarding the variation granted for the Woodville Water Supply consent.**

Fraser-Davies/Davidson **Carried**

11. **Chairman's Remarks**

- 11.1 Nil

12. **Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009/2019**

- 12.1 The Chairperson tabled for discussion his suggestions on proposed matters to be included in the Board's submission to the Council's Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009/2019.

- 12.2 A public meeting has been arranged to discuss the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan.

- 12.3 This will be held in the Eketahuna Community Centre Supper Room on Thursday 7 May, 2009 commencing at 7.30pm.

- 12.4 Board members requested the opportunity to hear the views from the public meeting on the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan prior to preparing the Board's submission.

- 12.5 **That board members meet informally on Friday 8 May, 2009 at 11.00am in the Eketahuna Service Centre Meeting Room for the purpose of developing and finalising the Board's submission to the Council's Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009/2019.**

Dimock/Fraser-Davies **Carried**

13. Items Not On The Agenda

13.1 *Function to Welcome New Residents to Eketahuna*

13.1.1 It was agreed that the Board consider arranging another function to welcome new residents to Eketahuna.

13.1.2 This matter will be further discussed at the Board's next meeting to confirm a date and the arrangements for this event.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12.40pm.

Chairperson