

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 7 May 2010 commencing at 10.10am.

1. Present

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

3. Personal Matters

3.1 The Board congratulates Levi Kelly for his winning essay to the G.A.S. network competition on the subject of "One big idea to make for a better community", and wishes him every enjoyment from his prize of a ten day training voyage on the "Spirit of Adventure" later this year.

3.2 The Board's condolences are conveyed to Major Steph Craw (Officer in Command of the 10 Transport Company) on the tragic accident that took the life of Private Te Tahuna Tahapeehi (a soldier of the 10 Transport Company).

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 9 April 2010 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Davidson/Death

Carried

6. Matters Arising From The Minutes

6.1 **Shannon to Eketahuna Proposed Cycleway** (Item 3)

6.1.1 The Horowhenua District Council is to consider a report concerning this matter, and a copy will be forwarded to the Tararua District Council.

6.2 **Cliff Walk** (Item 7.1)

6.2.1 The Board noted that the Community Assets Manager has received a quote from Infracon of \$300.00 per annum to mow the Cliff Walk.

6.3 **Proposed Closure of the Northern Wairarapa Railway Line** (Item 7.3)

6.3.1 There has still been no response received from the Member of Parliament for Wairarapa, John Hayes, regarding the Board's letter concerning this matter.

8.1.2 The quiz night that was arranged to raise funding for Pukaha Mount Bruce to upgrade their Kiwi house was very successful, with the proceeds of \$2,200 being donated to support this project.

8.1.3 ***That the Board pay from its discretionary funds the sum of \$88.00 being the cost of hiring the Eketahuna Community Centre for the quiz night fund raising community event.***

Death/Fraser-Davies

Carried

9. Correspondence

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

(a) Horizons Regional Council 20 April 2010

Re: Memorandum of Understanding for Eketahuna Water Supply Resource Consent

(b) South Taranaki District Council 26 April 2010

Re: Small Towns Conference

Davidson/Death

Carried

9.2 Horizons Regional Council

9.2.1 ***That the Board accepts the revised Memorandum of Understanding as received from the Horizons Regional Council concerning the Eketahuna Water Supply Resource Consent.***

Davidson/Fraser-Davies

Carried

9.2.2 It was requested that the opportunity be made available for the Board to be represented at the meeting of staff from both Councils to discuss and agree on the monitoring data required in relation to this consent.

10. Chairman's Remarks

10.1 Nil

11. Traffic Calming Islands Picket Fence

11.1 The Board supports the removal of the picket fence located at the traffic calming islands and the garden edging being painted white for safety visibility purposes.

12. Draft Annual Plan 2010/2011

12.1 ***That with regard to the Council's Draft Annual Plan 2010/2011, the Eketahuna Community Board makes the following submission.***

Stanly Street Drain

The Board is aware that throughout the district there are still areas where open drains exist. This situation needs to be addressed by working towards closing all open drains over a period of time.

Through the completion of the Asset Management Plans this places the Council in a better position to consider a programme that achieves this objective within the next Long Term Council Community Plan.

At this time there is a property in Eketahuna that is at risk of flooding during periods of heavy rainfall, and this is located in Stanly Street. Staff have investigated the problem, but funds are not available to satisfactorily carry out the work required to rectify this matter other than through the establishment of an open drain. In the Board's opinion this option is not acceptable, and the Council should be proactively reducing the incidence of open drains.

An inspection of this area was previously undertaken by the Board, and from its observations it supports the replacement of the broken pipe drain that is in the vicinity of 44 Stanly Street with appropriate new piping.

The Board requests that the Council give this work the highest priority through it being programmed and funded at the earliest possible time.

Water Quality

The Board supports the Council in its endeavours to progressively upgrade the district's water supplies through continued improvements to treatment and storage, and obtaining subsidy from the Government for this purpose.

In this way the water supply network provided by the Council can deliver better water quality standards to each community, and the costs relating to this expenditure are maintained at an affordable level to ratepayers.

A safe, reliable and cost-effective supply of potable water to the reticulated communities is a high priority, and the programming of projects that help reduce the risks to the security of these supplies is commended.

Proposed Sale of Council Properties

The Board notes that the Council is proposing to sell three sections at Thyra Street (Dannevirke) and its elderly housing units in Ormondville and Norsewood.

In deciding to consider the disposal of these properties the Council has indicated that they are surplus to requirements and/or no longer have any strategic value.

This approach to managing such property assets to obtain the best return for ratepayers is supported. Where it is decided to propose the sale of a property this should be determined in consultation with the communities concerned.

The divestment of properties in this manner provides the opportunity for the Council to generate revenue from appropriate asset sales that are acceptable to the community.

Fees and Charges

The Board supports the proposal to remove the \$10.00 library annual card fee.

Fraser-Davies/Dimock

Carried

13. Items Not On The Agenda

13.1 Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12.27pm.

Chairperson