

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 November, 2008 commencing at 10.00am.

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 B King	-	Chief Executive
Mr R Taylor	-	Governance Manager
Mr C Veale	-	Community Assets Manager

1.1 The Chairperson welcomed the Chief Executive to the meeting.

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil

3. Personal Matters

3.1 The Board's congratulations are to be conveyed to the Eketahuna Health Centre on winning the MidCentral District Health Board award for the older care services category.

3.2 The Board's condolences are to be conveyed to the family of Rachel van der Weil (Eketahuna Camping Ground Custodian) on her tragic passing as the result of a fatal accident.

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 3 October, 2008 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Death/Davidson

Carried

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.1 **Change of Consent Conditions For The Eketahuna Water Supply**
(Item 8.1)

6.1.1 The Board's thanks were conveyed to Cr Davidson for preparing the Board's submission to the Horizons Regional Council regarding the proposed change to the consent conditions concerning the Eketahuna Water Supply.

6.2 ***Establishment of a Public Transport Coach Service From Masterton to Eketahuna (Item 6.1)***

6.2.1 An informal survey has been included in the Eketahuna community newsletter to ascertain possible support to establish a public transport service from Eketahuna to Masterton for shopping.

6.2.2 Board Member Fraser-Davies entered the meeting at 10.10am.

6.3 ***Possible Site For Natural Body Burying (Item 9)***

6.3.1 It was noted that the Council has agreed to investigate the establishment of an appropriate area being provided in the Tararua District for natural burials.

6.4 ***Aubrey Watercolours of Eketahuna (Item 13.1c)***

6.4.1 A copy of the three prints of the Aubrey watercolours of Eketahuna held by the Alexander Turnbull Library were tabled.

6.5 ***Mrs Markey's 100th Birthday Celebrations (Item 13.3)***

6.5.1 Three copies of the DVD recording of Mrs Markey's 100th birthday celebrations have been ordered from Tararua Television.

6.6 ***Launching of the History and Wildlife Room (Item 13.5)***

6.6.1 The launching of the History and Wildlife Room was a very successful event to acknowledge the opening of this excellent facility.

6.7 ***Possible Street Name or Facility Named in Honour of Mrs Markey (Item 15)***

6.7.1 ***That the Board recommends to the Council that approval be given to rename the Eketahuna Community Centre Supper Room to the Agnes Markey Room as a gesture to acknowledge and honour her identity as follows.***

- ***Mrs Markey recently celebrated the special occasion of her 100th birthday. She was born in Eketahuna and has lived there all her life.***
- ***Mrs Markey is a well known and much loved personality of the Eketahuna Community who is still very active and has a mind as sharp as ever.***

Fraser-Davies/Death

Carried

7. **Tararua District Council Report**

7.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 8 and 29 October, 2008 (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Death

Carried

7.2 Cr Davidson elaborated on the following matters for the Board's information arising from the Council meetings:

- Pahiatua Water Supply and treatment upgrade
- Reseals contract and prices received
- Rating revaluation and its implications for properties in Eketahuna
- Stopping of unformed road at Mangamutu
- Road User Charges Review Group
- Land purchase in Pahiatua for the site of a transfer station
- Lower Manawatu Flood Control Scheme

8. Eketahuna Swimming Pool (Brought forward on the agenda)

8.1 The Community Assets Manager joined the meeting for this item of business.

8.2 A report was tabled at the meeting regarding the actions being taken to rectify the leakage problems at the Eketahuna Swimming Pool to ensure it is ready for opening this year.

8.3 This report included an assessment of both the short term and long term issues regarding various problems that have been identified in respect of water loss caused by leaking infrastructure.

8.4 The Community Assets Manager outlined the work being done to isolate the areas of the pool which are causing the leakage problems and other remedial investigations that are occurring.

8.5 It was noted that a complete new fence is to be erected at the Eketahuna Swimming Pool facility.

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

9.1 Newman Reserve Board

9.1.1 Board Member Dimock reported on the recent Annual General Meeting of the Newman Reserve Board, and this included reference to the following matters:

- There were no changes to the membership of the committee
- Fencing work has been undertaken
- Pine trees were planted and an area of native trees was established

10. Correspondence

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

a) NZ Transport Agency **1 October, 2008**
Re: Welcome to Eketahuna non-conforming signs

(b) MWH New Zealand Limited **16 October, 2008**
Re: Eketahuna "Kiwi Country" non-conforming signs

(c) Eketahuna Our Town Inc **21 October, 2008**
Re: Request for reimbursement of Eketahuna Information Centre costs

(d) Horizons Regional Council **31 October, 2008**
Re: Acknowledgement of the Board's submission regarding the proposed change to the Eketahuna Water Supply resource consent conditions

(e) Horizons Regional Council **4 November, 2008**
Re: One Plan hearings

Death/Fraser-Davies

Carried

10.2 NZ Transport Agency and MWH New Zealand Limited

10.2.1 A letter will be sent to both the NZ Transport Agency and MWH New Zealand Limited to advise them that the Eketahuna Our Town Committee is responding to the issues raised regarding the non-conforming signs, and it is seeking information concerning possible options to address this matter.

10.2.2 It was noted that previous permission had been given for the original Eketahuna sign, and the sub-plate "Kiwi Country" is a recent addition.

10.2.3 Hopefully a mutually satisfactory outcome can be achieved through taking appropriate action to rectify the concerns relating to the signs construction being a major safety issue.

10.3 Eketahuna Our Town Inc

10.3.1 ***That the request from Eketahuna Our Town Inc for the funding of costs incurred in relation to the Eketahuna Information Centre totalling \$2,388.37 be approved.***

Death/Fraser-Davies

Carried

11. Chairman's Remarks

11.1 Nil

12. 2009 Community Boards Conference

12.1 ***That Board Member Death be registered as the Board's delegate to attend the 2009 Community Boards Conference to be held in Christchurch from 19-21 March, 2009.***

Fraser-Davies/Davidson

Carried

12.2 Consideration will be given to entering the Eketahuna Community Centre woodcarving project in the Best Practice Awards which are presented at the Conference.

13. Eketahuna Community Centre Woodcarving Project

- 13.1 Board Member Fraser-Davies made a personal donation of \$150.00 to acknowledge and thank Jeff Bryan (the carver) for the significant amount of additional work that he has undertaken at his expense to complete this project.
- 13.2 The efforts of all those involved in the investigation and design of the carving were acknowledged.
- 13.3 The following arrangements were agreed regarding the planning for the unveiling of the Eketahuna Community Centre woodcarving on Monday 24 November, 2008 at 7.00pm.

- Invitations are to be arranged and sent out, including the Masterton Police (who were given Totara timber from Eketahuna) for their Police Station woodcarving.
- Accommodation and breakfast will be booked at Brookfields for Jeff Bryan and his partner to stay in Eketahuna on the night of the event to unveil the woodcarving.
- ***That an amount of \$50.00 be provided from the Board's discretionary funds as koha for the blessing of the carving.***

Fraser-Davies/Davidson

Carried

- Media coverage including Tararua Television has been arranged to report on the event.
- A covering is to be arranged for the unveiling of the carving.
- The background to the carving's design is to be explained.
- The carver's work is to be acknowledged, and the opportunity provided to anyone wishing to give financial recognition to him as a goodwill gesture for the additional work that he has undertaken at no cost to complete the project.
- Catering is to be arranged along with providing tea and coffee.

14. Invitation to the Chief Executive

- 14.1 The Chairperson congratulated the Chief Executive on his appointment, and invited him to address the Board.
- 14.2 The Chief Executive commended the Board on the work which it is undertaking in the best interests of representing its community, and conveyed his support for the establishment of a good working relationship with board members.

15. Board Christmas Lunch

- 15.1 A Board Christmas lunch will be held following the conclusion of the December meeting, and the Chairperson is to arrange a booking at Brookfields.

16. Items Not On The Agenda

16.1 Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12.02pm.

Chairperson