

# **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 6 November 2009 commencing at 10.10am.

## **1. Present**

Board Members J M Harman (Chairperson), C C Death (Deputy Chairperson), Elizabeth Fraser-Davies (until item 3.13) and Cr W H Davidson (Council appointed community board member).

### **In Attendance**

Mrs M E Reynolds	-	Mayor (until item 7.2.3)
Mr B King	-	Chief Executive (for item 3)
Mr R Taylor	-	Governance Manager
Ms C Barton	-	Horizons Regional Council (for item 3)
Ms N James	-	Horizons Regional Council (for item 3)
Mr J Sutherland	-	Eketahuna Golf Club (for item 3)

## **2. Apologies**

- 2.1 ***That an apology be sustained from Board Member K A M Dimock for non-attendance at the meeting.***

***Death/Davidson***

***Carried***

## **3. Horizons Regional Council**

- 3.1 The Horizons Regional Council's Chief Executive Michael McCartney and their Group Manager Regional Planning and Regulatory Greg Carlyon were not available to attend the meeting as originally noted on the agenda.

- 3.2 In their absence the representatives from the regional council at the meeting were Clare Barton and Natasha James.

- 3.3 The Tararua District Council's Chief Executive Blair King and Her Worship the Mayor – Maureen Reynolds were also in attendance along with Jim Sutherland of the Eketahuna Golf Club.

- 3.4 The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting, and granted speaking rights to Jim Sutherland for this item of business.

- 3.5 The Chairperson outlined the Board's concerns regarding the consent for the Eketahuna Water Supply, particularly in respect of providing certainty and direction to ensure that an adequate and sustainable water supply is available to the community.

- 3.6 Cr Davidson tabled for discussion some specific questions concerning this issue, and emphasised the need for clarity regarding what is acceptable and appropriate in the long term to maintain this community water supply.

- 3.7 Board Member Fraser-Davies entered the meeting at 10.16am.

- 3.8 There was general discussion on the Eketahuna Water Supply and its purpose as a community supply. This is particularly relevant when considering the basis of the scheme and recognising that it is more than a town water supply.
- 3.9 Taking into account this situation and acknowledging the as of right takes and the farmers that are connected to the scheme, the Board is seeking to determine appropriate and acceptable options in the community's interests to manage and operate the water supply.
- 3.10 Clare Barton responded to the questions raised in the paper tabled by Cr Davidson, and her comments included reference to the following matters.
- The variation application considered by the regional council was for a change of consent conditions. This restricted the focus of the decision making process solely to relevant issues relating to this matter.
  - Any outcomes arising from the determination of this application must ensure that the impact on the environment was not made worse through lesser standards being required than those provided in the original consent conditions.
  - Condition 3 of the consent relates to the maximum rates of water abstraction, and this issue can be addressed when the consent's conditions are subject to review in July 2011.
  - The consent expires in 2019, and this is the time when an application for a new consent is required that is totally fresh with regard to the Eketahuna Water Supply take from the Makakahi River.
  - Any conditions that may result through the One Plan do not apply to the current consent, but they will be relevant to the new consent application in 2019.
  - The Tararua District Council is monitored by the Horizons Regional Council with regard to consent compliance, and the consent holder determines how to implement the necessary arrangements to achieve this objective.
- 3.11 At the conclusion of these discussions the Board agreed on the following action plan to move forward the way ahead with regard to the Eketahuna Water Supply take consent.
- That the Eketahuna Community Board, the Tararua District Council and the Horizons Regional Council work together in preparing for the review of the Eketahuna Water Supply take consent conditions that shall occur in July 2011.
  - That for the purpose of providing certainty in planning towards this date Clare Barton of the Horizons Regional Council be requested to draft and forward to the Board a Memorandum of Understanding setting out the steps to be taken concerning this matter.
  - That the Memorandum of Understanding include the details of the data required to be available from the Tararua District Council prior to the review being undertaken.

- That through facilitating this dialogue the Memorandum of Understanding shall ensure that there are “no surprises” for the community in respect of working through the issues leading up to the date of the review.
- That to provide accurate and appropriate data in relation to the consent conditions applicable to the monitoring of the Eketahuna Water Supply take from the Makakahi River, this information be sourced at the location of the intake.
- That the costs of installing the necessary equipment for implementing the collection of this data be the subject of discussion and agreement between the Tararua District Council’s Chief Executive Blair King and the Horizons Regional Council’s Group Manager Regional Planning and Regulatory Greg Carlyon.

3.12 It was agreed that for the purpose of the record concerning the discussions on this item of business a copy of the paper tabled by Cr Davidson will be included as an attachment to the minutes.

3.13 The Chairperson thanked all those in attendance at the meeting for their contributions to the discussions concerning the Eketahuna Water Supply, and conveyed his appreciation for the cooperative approach taken to achieving a positive outcome regarding this matter.

3.14 The representatives from the Horizons Regional Council, the Eketahuna Golf Club and the Tararua District Council’s Chief Executive departed from the meeting at 11.34am.

3.15 Board Member Fraser-Davies also withdrew from the meeting at this point of the agenda due to ill health.

#### **4. Personal Matters**

4.1 The Board’s congratulations are to be conveyed to Rebecca Mahoney on being selected as a player in the Black Ferns women’s rugby team which is to undertake a three-match tour of England this month.

#### **5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda**

5.1 The following matters were notified as items of general business not on the agenda for discussion at today’s meeting.

- Wairarapa local authority reorganisation
- Community Maxx Programme
- Eketahuna Police request for Totara

#### **6. Confirmation of Minutes**

6.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 2 October 2009 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

***Death/Davidson***

***Carried***

## 7. **Matters Arising From The Minutes**

### 7.1 ***Requests For Totara (Items 6.2 and 7.3)***

7.1.1 The Deputy Chairperson is working through the requests received from the Pahiatua Marae and the Wairarapa College for the supply of some Totara.

### 7.2 ***MidCentral District Health Board (Item 8.3)***

7.2.1 The MidCentral District Health Board held a meeting at the Eketahuna Golf Club on Tuesday 20 October 2009. Both Cr Davidson and Board Member Dimock had attended the meeting.

7.2.2 It was noted that at this meeting the Health Board had considered a proposal to remove the community static dental clinics and replace them by providing mobile units.

7.2.3 The Board agreed to send a letter to the Health Board's Chief Executive concerning the review of the provision of these services, and including the following matters.

- A "one size fits all" approach to dental care for communities will not necessarily address the needs of each area.
- The Eketahuna Community already has an appropriate facility established to provide this service, and it functions very satisfactorily.
- It would be extremely concerning and very disappointing if the community is disadvantaged in any way through the introduction of a mobile dental care service to Eketahuna.
- Does the proposal being considered provide an alternative or enhanced level of service, or is it an option to reduce costs that will result in a reduction to the current level of service?
- In the event of a mobile dental care service unit being introduced then what is the intended frequency of its visits to Eketahuna?

7.2.4 Her Worship the Mayor departed from the meeting at 12.13pm.

### 7.3 ***Targa Rally (Item 7.5)***

7.3.1 There appears to have been no problems experienced with regard to the roads closed in Eketahuna on Friday 30 October 2009 for the Targa Rally event.

### 7.4 ***Civil Defence (Item 8.4)***

7.4.1 Board members noted the item published in the Bush Telegraph concerning Civil Defence, and asked if further information is intended to be provided through additional articles?

7.4.2 In particular the Board supports publicity being given to inform the community of the arrangements for Civil Defence within each area and the details of the appointments relating to the Emergency Management structure.

**8. Tararua District Council Report**

- 8.1 *That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 14 and 28 October 2009 (as circulated) be received.*

*Davidson/Death*

*Carried*

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

9.1 *Rongomai Domain Incorporated*

- 9.1.1 The Chairperson reported that Rongomai Domain Incorporated had recently held its Annual General Meeting, with there being no change to the membership of the committee.

**10. Correspondence**

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

(a) *Ray Cannon and Brian Barnes – Engineering Services*  
27 October 2009  
*Re: Eketahuna alternative heavy traffic route*

(b) *Ray Cannon and Tom Dodd – Engineering Services*  
27 October 2009  
*Re: Parkville Road bridge*

(c) *Hamish Adie – Youth Aid Officer*  
2 November 2009  
*Re: Letter of apology from Whetu Peihopa for community incident*

*Davidson/Death*

*Carried*

10.2 *Hamish Adie – Youth Aid Officer*

- 10.2.1 A letter will be sent to Hamish Adie thanking him for his correspondence including an apology from Whetu Peihopa for the incident that occurred in Eketahuna on 5 May 2009 outside the Commercial Hotel. This involved a dispute between seven people and a golf stick being used in a threatening manner.

- 10.2.2 The Board agreed to request that Hamish Adie acknowledge the regret expressed by Whetu Peihopa in relation to this unfortunate occasion, and to advise that her apology is accepted.

**11. Chairman's Remarks**

- 11.1 Nil

**12. Town Centre Security Camera Monitoring System**

- 12.1 The Eketahuna Our Town Committee has advised that the cost of purchasing one camera and the monitoring equipment and cabling necessary to establish this system is \$7,300 plus GST.
- 12.2 Each additional camera purchased will cost \$2,500 (GST exclusive) plus expenses for installation and cabling.
- 12.3 The Eketahuna Our Town Committee is presently seeking funding for this project, and it is pursuing the following options:
- Application to the Eastern and Central Community Trust;
  - Contributions from the business community in Eketahuna;
  - The Council's Community Assets Manager has agreed to support this initiative rather than incurring costs to install gates to secure the Eketahuna Public Toilets which are continuing to be vandalised.
- 12.4 The Board reaffirmed its support in principle to consider contributing financial assistance towards the cost of this project, and awaits to receive further information concerning the following:
- An update on progress with advancing the project and the final system that is to be established.
  - Details of the confirmed budget that is to be accepted and commitments of the funding secured to offset the cost of the expenditure involved.

### **13. Items Not On The Agenda**

#### **13.1 *Eketahuna Police Request For Totara***

- 13.1.1 The Eketahuna Police will be celebrating the 125 years anniversary of the Police Station in Eketahuna. This event is to be held on 13 March 2011.
- 13.1.2 To acknowledge this occasion it is proposed that a board be made from Totara setting out the names of the Police officers that have been based at the Eketahuna Police Station.
- 13.1.3 Board members indicated their support of this project and to provide the Totara as requested for this purpose.

#### **13.2 *Wairarapa Local Authority Reorganisation***

- 13.2.1 The Board noted that there are discussions taking place to consider future local authority reorganisation in the Wairarapa.
- 13.2.2 Whilst having no particular position at this time on this matter it wishes to be aware of any developments and possible options that may be proposed.
- 13.2.3 To ensure that the Board has the opportunity to be involved in any such discussions it will send a letter seeking an invitation to attend meetings arranged for this purpose.

- 13.2.4 This letter will be sent to the Mayors of Masterton, South Wairarapa and Carterton District Councils.
- 13.3 ***Community Maxx Programme***
- 13.3.1 The Chairperson tabled some information regarding the Community Maxx Programme, and invited board members to consider if this programme could be used to undertake any potential projects in Eketahuna.
- 13.3.2 The details of any proposals being considered will then be conveyed to the Community Assets Manager as the programme's focus is on work relating to community services and facilities.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 1.36pm.

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Chairperson