

Tararua District Council

Eketahuna Community Board

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Eketahuna Community Board held in the Eketahuna Service Centre Meeting Room, 31 Main Street, Eketahuna on Friday 10 November, 2006 commencing at 10.10 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. Dannevirke Town Centre Refurbishment Project

3.1 *That with regard to the Dannevirke Town Centre refurbishment proposal, the Board makes the following submission to the Council.*

In the Board's submission regarding Tararua's Long Term Council Community Plan the Board expressed its real concern at the ability of the district to sustain constant rate increases, and in particular the cumulative impact these will have on community's such as Eketahuna.

The Board acknowledges the need for district wide rating to continue and the Council's responsibilities to supply an infrastructure of a satisfactory standard throughout the district.

However the new figures proposed for the funding of the Dannevirke Town Centre refurbishment indicates a significant increase to the original rates requirement, and whereas the South Tararua Ward was previously to pay \$11.00 this now leaps to \$32.00.

An increase of this magnitude is unacceptable and in the Board's opinion is not affordable. In light of this situation the Board urges the Council to further consider the funding options for this project, and proposes an alternative to those presented for consultation.

The approach supported by the Board is based on funding from the South Tararua Ward being capped at a maximum rate of \$16.00 per year on each rateable property within this area.

The Board believes that this provides the best way forward to achieve Dannevirke's objectives in relation to this project, and it accordingly recommends as follows.

- 1. That the above funding option be applied, thereby determining the cap to be paid for by district wide rating on a 90/10 split. Transit New Zealand, Dannevirke Main Street funding will remain the same as proposed.**
- 2. That the shortfall of funds be decided by the North Tararua Ward as to what they believe is affordable to them.**
- 3. That a plan be drawn up to match the final amount of funds available.**

In conclusion the Board believes that an upgrade of Dannevirke's Town Centre is important and overdue, but Tararua's rates must remain affordable and sustainable for the whole district.

Fraser-Davies/Best

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- 3.2 The Board requests the opportunity to speak in support of its submission at the Council hearing to be held on 6 December, 2006.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11.05am.

Chairperson