

# **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 October, 2006 commencing at 10.00 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. Personal Matters**

3.1 The Board's congratulations are to be conveyed to Rebecca Hull for her contribution as a member of the successful Black Ferns New Zealand Women's Rugby Team which won the 2006 World Cup in Edmonton, Canada.

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

4.1 The following matters were notified as items of general business for discussion at today's meeting:-

- Eketahuna Service Centre Kiwi Bank project
- Dannevirke Town Centre refurbishment project
- Maintenance metalling on Castlehill Road

### **5. Activities For Youth in Eketahuna**

5.1 This item of business was withdrawn from the agenda as Hamish van der Wiel could not attend the meeting due to other commitments.

### **6. Community Contact**

6.1 The Chairperson invited John Haar to address the Board regarding his concerns relating to the community being part of the decision making process.

6.2 John Haar encouraged the Board to more actively seek the community's participation in the decision making process through consultation.

This is an important part of the democratic process which the Board appears to have lost sight of, and should put more emphasis on.

There does not appear to be any focus on youth, and greater transparency and openness is required.

6.3 The Board noted the concerns raised by Mr Haar, and agreed that communication with the community is essential in assisting to understand its needs and expectations.

6.4 It was agreed that in the new year the Board will again commence contact with community groups and organisations and invite their attendance at its meetings to report on their activities and any issues of concern to them.

## **7. Tararua Outdoors 2006**

7.1 An apology was conveyed from the District Marketer for not being able to make her presentation to the Board on this matter due to sickness.

7.2 The Governance Manager gave a general outline of the arrangements for Tararua Outdoors 2006, and circulated the calendar of activities to be held throughout the district from 20 to 29 October, 2006.

## **8. Confirmation of Minutes**

8.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 1 September, 2006 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

*Fraser-Davies/Best*

***Carried***

## **9. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

9.1 ***Eketahuna Kiwi Information Centre (Item 6.1)***

9.1.1 Clarification is to be provided on how the statistics are determined for each information centre within the district.

9.2 ***Woodville Land Sale Proceeds (Item 8.1)***

9.2.1 The Chief Executive is preparing a report regarding this matter for discussion at the Council's meeting on 25 October, 2006.

9.3 ***Eketahuna Camping Ground (Item 6.2)***

9.3.1 The Community Assets Manager has been advised of concerns regarding semi-permanent dwellers residing at the camping ground.

This situation is not satisfactory as it creates a detrimental image of the facility which may deter visitors from staying there.

9.4 ***Proposed Alteration to the Name of Parkville Central Road, Eketahuna (Item 8.2)***

9.4.1 The residents who submitted a request to alter the name of Parkville Central Road have been contacted regarding the Board's comments concerning their proposal, and a response is being awaited from them in relation to this matter.

9.5 **Overlander** (Item 11)

9.5.1 It is pleasing to note that the Overlander passenger rail service will be retained.

9.6 **Traffic Speeds** (Item 13)

9.6.1 A letter was tabled from the Roadsafes Central Tararua Road Safety Coordinator concerning the speed problems on Alfredton Road, and setting out the actions which she will be taking regarding this matter.

**10. Tararua District Council Report**

10.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 September, 2006 (as circulated) be received.***

***Davidson/Death*** ***Carried***

10.2 Cr Davidson elaborated on various matters from the minutes of the Council meeting for board members information.

**11. Reports**

11.1 ***New Footpath Construction***

11.1.1 ***That the memo from the District Roding Manager dated 19 September, 2006 concerning new footpath construction (as circulated) be received.***

***Death/Best*** ***Carried***

11.1.2 ***That the Board requests the following amendments be made to the proposed long term list for new footpath construction in Eketahuna streets.***

<b><u>Number</u></b>	<b><u>Street</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Amendment</u></b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Bengston St</b>	<b>SH 2 to No. 35</b>	<b>Change to priority 2</b>
<b>New</b>	<b>Turnor St</b>	<b>Stanly to High</b>	<b>Add to list and classify as priority 2</b>
<b>New</b>	<b>High St</b>	<b>End of existing footpath to finish of High</b>	<b>Add to list and classify as priority 2</b>
<b>New</b>	<b>High St</b>	<b>Septimus to Cullen</b>	<b>Add to list and classify as priority 3</b>

***And that the balance of the proposed programme as submitted to the Board for comment be accepted in accordance with the list received.***

***Death/Best*** ***Carried***

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

**12.1 Water Quality**

12.1.1 The Utilities Engineer is to meet with board members following the meeting to visit the Eketahuna Water Supply lime treatment site.

**12.2 Street Cleaning**

12.2.1 ***That the Board notes the level of service for street cleaning is to be reviewed by the Council, and***

***That when this review is undertaken the Board recommends a higher standard of street cleaning be provided in urban areas where a Council community facility is located.***

***Best/Fraser-Davies***

***Carried***

**12.3 Tararua Safer Community Council**

12.3.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Tararua Safer Community Council was held recently, and Board Member Fraser-Davies attended this meeting as the Board's representative.

**12.4 Swimming Pools Support Costs**

12.4.1 It was noted that the Council had undertaken a review of all support costs allocated to activities at the time of considering its draft Community Plan 2006/2016.

As a result of completing this process and the adoption of the Plan the revised support costs allocation to the swimming pools activity is \$39,530.00.

**12.5 Ekeslea Site**

12.5.1 ***That the Board convey to the owners of the Ekeslea site the concerns of the community regarding the unsightly appearance of their property following its clearance, and***

***That the Board encourage the owners to take the necessary actions to rectify this situation through tidying up and removing the mess which has been left behind.***

***Fraser-Davies/Death***

***Carried***

**12.6 Totara Logs**

12.6.1 Board Member Death is to follow up possible designs to make the carvings for the Eketahuna Community Centre. These will incorporate the Eketahuna community's culture and its history.

12.6.2 Further totara logs are to be milled, and these shall be available for projects throughout the district.

**13. Chairman's Remarks**

13.1 Nil.

**14. Items Not on the Agenda**

**14.1 *Eketahuna Service Centre Kiwi Bank Project***

14.1.1 Representatives from New Zealand Post will be meeting with the Board on Wednesday 11 October, 2006 at 2.00pm to discuss this matter.

**14.2 *Dannevirke Town Centre Refurbishment Project***

14.2.1 It was noted that the costs of this project are significantly higher than the budget provision. Therefore the Board considers that further consultation with the community is appropriate before the Council makes any final decisions regarding this matter.

**14.3 *Maintenance Metalling on Castlehill Road***

14.3.1 ***That the Board requests a report on the concerns which were recently identified regarding the unsatisfactory condition of Castlehill Road due to inadequate maintenance metalling, and***

***That the report contain information on the following matters:-***

- ***How does the Council ensure that roads farthest from metal sources are maintained to an equal standard?***
- ***What is the required amount of metal needed to meet the target for maintaining this road and how is this determined?***
- ***What type of works are included in assessing this target?***
- ***What was the previous twelve months metal total delivered to maintain this road?***
- ***What is the current year to date metal total delivered to maintain this road?***
- ***What is the traffic count on this road?***
- ***What is the outcome when insufficient metal is applied?***

***Death/Best***

***Carried***

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12.20 pm.

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Chairperson