

# 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 1 September, 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
Mr T Bennett	-	District Roding Manager
Mr B Barnes	-	Roding Contract Assistant

### 2. Apologies

2.1 Nil.

### 3. Personal Matters

3.1 The Board's congratulations are to be conveyed to Shane Dougan on competing at the World Equestrian Games held in Aachen, Germany, and noting his reported 8<sup>th</sup> placing, and acknowledging Jenny Champion's contribution as his strapper.

### 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 4 August, 2006 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

***Best/Death***

***Carried***

### 6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.1 ***Eketahuna Kiwi Information Centre (Item 10.2)***

6.1.1 It was requested that clarification be provided on how the statistics are determined for each information centre within the district.

6.2 ***Eketahuna Camping Ground (Item 6.1)***

6.2.1 It was noted that the plantings have been completed at the camping ground this year, and further work is proposed to be undertaken next year.

6.3 ***Library Circulation (Issues and Renewals) (Item 7.2)***

6.3.1 Cr Davidson declared an interest in this item of business, and abstained from the discussions regarding this matter.

6.3.2 The Board noted the measures that have been put in place by the District Librarian to address the declining book issues, and board members will take every appropriate opportunity to promote the use of the library.

7. **Tararua District Council Report**

7.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 August, 2006 (as tabled) be received.***

***Davidson/Death***

***Carried***

8. **Reports**

8.1 ***Woodville Land Sale Proceeds***

8.1.1 ***That the report from the Chief Executive dated 11 August, 2006 concerning Woodville land sale proceeds (as circulated) be received.***

***Best/Death***

***Carried***

8.1.2 ***That after giving consideration to the Woodville land sale proceeds issue, the Eketahuna Community Board:-***

- ***Notes the background to this matter, and***
- ***Recommends that the proceeds received from the sale be held in the General Purposes Reserve as an investment available for the betterment of all Tararua residents, and***
- ***Supports these actions being taken as they are consistent with the Council's present policy of making such funds accessible to financially assist community projects from throughout the district.***

***Death/Best***

***Carried***

8.1.3 Cr Davidson requested that it be noted he had abstained from voting on the motion.

8.2 ***Proposed Alteration to the Name of Parkville Central Road, Eketahuna***

8.2.1 ***That the report from the Governance Manager dated 21 August, 2006 concerning the proposed alteration to the name of Parkville Central Road, Eketahuna (as circulated) be received.***

***Best/Death***

***Carried***

- 8.2.2 The Board noted that at the present time there are roads within the Eketahuna area named Central Mangaone Road and Central East Road.
- 8.2.3 In light of this situation the Board considers that it may be confusing to proceed with the name of Central Road.
- 8.2.4 This matter will be raised with the residents who submitted the request to alter the name of Parkville Central Road, and suggesting that both sections of this road be named Parkville Road.

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

### **9.1 *Dumping of Rubbish***

- 9.1.1 It was noted that rubbish is being dumped in Church Street, and whilst this has been reported the area of concern is on a private property.

### **9.2 *Newman Reserve Board***

- 9.2.1 Board Member Best gave a verbal report on the Newman Reserve Board's Annual General Meeting. This included reference to the following matters:-

- Pruning of pine trees has been undertaken.
- The Board is in a strong financial position.
- The Board's membership remains the same as previously appointed.

### **9.3 *TrustPower Tararua District Community Awards***

- 9.3.1 Cr Davidson gave a verbal report on the TrustPower Tararua District Community Awards. This was a very successful event which acknowledged the contribution of the district's voluntary community groups and their members.

### **9.4 *New Residents Welcome***

- 9.4.1 Board Member Death gave a verbal report on the afternoon tea held at the Eketahuna Club to welcome new residents and their families to Eketahuna.

This was a very successful event with some 70 people being in attendance. A total of 23 invitations were sent out, and the response was 21 acceptances.

### **9.5 *Rongokokako Womens Institute***

- 9.5.1 A letter was tabled from the Rongokokako Womens Institute regarding the conference which their representatives attended, and thanking the Board for providing assistance towards the cost.

### **9.6 *Tararua District Road Safety Group***

- 9.6.1 Cr Davidson gave a verbal report on the Tararua District Road Safety Group meeting. This included reference to the following matters:-

- Police and ACC Programme regarding accidents caused by fatigue
- Accidents within the district
- Speed of traffic passing stationary school buses
- Cycle helmet safety campaign
- Developing a walking to school programme
- Schools education regarding the dangers of drunk driving
- Child safety restraints
- Safety management system
- State highway and Transit New Zealand road safety initiatives

## **10. Chairman's Remarks**

10.1 Nil.

## **11. Overlander**

11.1 It was noted that the Horizons Regional Council is pursuing the matter of retaining the Overlander passenger rail service.

## **12. Items Not on the Agenda**

12.1 Nil.

## **13. Traffic Speeds**

13.1 The District Roding Manager Trevor Bennett, the Roding Contract Assistant Brian Barnes and Police Constable Dave Gallagher joined the meeting for this item of business.

13.2 It was noted that the actions taken on Alfredton Road to enforce the speed limits has improved the situation regarding traffic speeds.

13.3 There was support expressed for an "Eketahuna" sign to be placed in this locality coming into town, and threshold treatment be added around the 50kmph signs.

13.4 The possibility of establishing a road safety education programme with the school will be followed up by the District Roding Manager.

13.5 Police Constable Dave Gallagher advised that he is actively undertaking speed enforcement measures within Eketahuna.

13.6 The District Roding Manager and Police Constable Dave Gallagher advised the Board of the problems which occurred in the town as a result of the Wairarapa Rally motoring event.

13.7 ***That the Board convey its extreme concern and disappointment to the organisers of the Wairarapa Rally at the problems which this motoring event caused in Eketahuna, particularly in respect of:***

- ***illegal parking blocking roads and access-ways***
- ***mud on the roads***
- ***inappropriate areas being used to service vehicles***

***And that the Board supports the actions of the District Roding Manager and Police Constable Dave Gallagher in pursuing this matter with the organisers.***

***Best/Davidson***

***Carried***

13.8 The District Roding Manager advised the Board that Transit New Zealand have indicated their intentions to demolish the Higginsons Road bridge, and that he will be meeting with their representatives to discuss this matter.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12.35 pm.

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Chairperson