

- 5.3 The residents that attend are a mix of ambulant disabled and those who use a wheelchair for their mobility.
- 5.4 An inspection of the Eketahuna Motor Camp has been undertaken, and it was agreed that the area is an ideal site which offers an attractive and stimulating environment to provide riding trails for the residents.
- 5.5 The toilet facilities at the Motor Camp are unfortunately not fully accessible for those in a wheelchair, and a ramp would need to be constructed for the residents to be able to mount their horses.
- 5.6 It has also been proposed that if the shower/toilet facilities were accessible for wheelchairs, then the Motor Camp would be an ideal venue to host the Ryder Cheshire residents annual camp.
- 5.7 The Motor Camp Custodian has been advised of the request to use the facilities, and she is happy for the residents to ride there and use the covered porch area for lunch.
- 5.8 Board members then directed their general questions and comments to Denise Clifton regarding her request.
- 5.9 The Chairperson thanked Denise Clifton for attending the meeting, and advised that the Board would discuss the matters raised and inform her of the outcome.

6. A Review of the Council Policy on the Stopping and Sale of Unformed Roads

- 6.1 The Chairperson welcomed Anne Hilson to the meeting, and invited her to address the Board.
- 6.2 Anne Hilson gave a visual presentation to outline examples of “paper” roads situated within the Tararua District, and then responded to questions raised by board members.

- 6.3 ***That the report from Anne Hilson dated 25 August, 2007 concerning a review of the Council policy on the stopping and sale of unformed roads (as circulated) be received, and***

That the Board notes the contents of this report, and supports in principle the concept of the proposal to encourage the sale of some unformed roads to develop walking and possibly cycling facilities for the community, and

That the Board emphasises to the Council the complexity of this extremely sensitive issue, and acknowledges there will be many difficulties encountered in implementing such a policy.

Harman/Fraser-Davies

Carried

- 6.4 Cr Davidson requested that it be noted he had abstained from voting on the motion regarding this item of business.
- 6.5 The Chairperson thanked Anne Hilson for her presentation to the Board.

7. Confirmation of Minutes

- 7.1 ***That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 3 August, 2007 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Fraser-Davies/Best

Carried

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes

8.1 ***Painting of the Eketahuna Community Centre (Item 6.11)***

- 8.1.1 The painting of the Eketahuna Community Centre has been completed.

8.2 ***Money Exchange Banking Facility (Item 6.6)***

- 8.2.1 The Money Exchange Banking Facility in the Eketahuna Service Centre will be operational from Monday 10 September, 2007.

- 8.2.2 Arrangements will be made to acknowledge this occasion.

8.3 ***Requests For Totara Tree Milled Timber (Item 6.9)***

- 8.3.1 It was noted that the Totara previously donated to the Dannevirke Community for the High Street Refurbishment project will now not be used for this purpose.

- 8.3.2 The Board would be very concerned and disappointed if this Totara is sold to generate revenue for the Council, and to provide funding towards the cost of undertaking the refurbishment work.

- 8.3.3 If the Totara is no longer required in Dannevirke then the Board requests it be consulted regarding the intentions concerning its use for other community projects.

- 8.3.4 The Board noted that the possibility of selling some Totara timber may be an option to assist with providing funding for the Eketahuna Community Centre wood carvings project.

8.4 ***Tararua District Council Consents Compliance (Item 7.3)***

- 8.4.1 An application has been made to the Regional Council to grant a ten years resource consent for the Eketahuna landfill.

8.5 ***Eketahuna Community Centre Wood Carvings Project Committee (Item 6.5)***

- 8.5.1 A further meeting of the Committee's members has been held to progress the design of the wood carvings, with the question being raised should the cross be removed from the proposal?

- 8.5.2 Board members indicated their support to remove the cross from the design, and replace it with a fern which is acknowledged as a national identity symbol.

9. Tararua District Council Report

9.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 August, 2007 (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Death

Carried

9.2 Cr Davidson elaborated on the following matters discussed at the Council meeting:-

- Manawatu Wanganui Regional Council proposed One Plan
- Clean Up New Zealand week
- Regional economic development funding
- Tararua Outdoors
- District fibre optic connection

10. Reports

10.1 ***Miller Reserve and Anzac Bridge***

10.1.1 ***That the report from the District Roding Manager dated 22 August, 2007 concerning the W A Miller Reserve and the Anzac Memorial Bridge (as circulated) be received.***

Fraser-Davies/Death

Carried

10.1.2 ***That the Board confirms the initial support already received by the Friends of the Anzac Memorial Bridge Inc as the basis of the original contribution and the agreed commitment to assist them to progress their project, and***

That the Board does not support their further request for the Council to fund the ongoing costs and accept the responsibility to maintain the walkway between the W A Miller Reserve and the Anzac Memorial Bridge, and

That the District Roding Manager be requested to contact them and advise the options which they may consider to undertake this work at their own expense.

Harman/Best

Carried

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

11.1 ***Church Street Footpath***

11.1.1 It was requested that clarification be provided regarding the extent of the work included to install a footpath in the area of Church Street.

11.2 **Abandoned Cars**

11.2.1 There have been instances of abandoned cars in Eketahuna, and these should be reported to the Service Centre for follow up.

11.3 **Open Drains**

11.3.1 There are still areas of Eketahuna with open drains, and the Board could consider making a submission through the Council's annual planning process to undertake further work to rectify this situation.

11.4 **Tararua District Road Safety Group**

11.4.1 Board Member Death gave a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Tararua District Road Safety Group. This included reference to the following matters:-

- Traffic accident reports
- The 80 km/hr speed limit through the Manawatu Gorge has been approved
- OnTrack has plans to undertake work to "daylight" the Twin Tunnels on the Manawatu Gorge railway line
- Drink driving
- Proposed Rimutaka Hill tunnel
- Failure to display learner licence plates

12. **Correspondence**

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

- (a) ***Pukaha Mount Bruce Board*** ***31 July, 2007***
Re: Sponsor a hectare renewal
- (b) ***Pat Graham***
Re: Letter of appreciation
- (c) ***Horizons Regional Council*** ***10 August, 2007***
Re: Acknowledgement of the Board's submission to the proposed One Plan consultation document
- (d) ***Eketahuna Our Town Inc*** ***3 September, 2007***
Re: Eketahuna Information Centre application for funding

Death/Fraser-Davies

Carried

12.2 ***Pukaha Mount Bruce Board Forest Restoration Project***

12.2.1 ***That the Board renew its sponsorship of one hectare of pest control at Pukaha Mount Bruce for a further year, and***

That the sum of \$25.00 be provided from the Board's discretionary funds for this purpose.

Death/Fraser-Davies

Carried

12.3 ***Eketahuna Information Centre***

12.3.1 ***That the request from Eketahuna Our Town Inc for the funding of costs incurred in respect of the Eketahuna Information Centre totalling \$2,339.63 be approved.***

Davidson/Death

Carried

13. Items Not On The Agenda

13.1 ***Newman Reserve Board***

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

- Donations made to Pukaha Mount Bruce, Eketahuna School and Waireka Home
- Request for horse grazing
- A good financial position was achieved
- There were no changes to the membership of the Reserve Board

14. Chairman's Remarks

14.1 ***Meet The Mayoral and Council Candidates Standing for the 2007 Tararua District Local Body Elections***

14.1.1 A meet the candidates public community meeting has been arranged by Eketahuna Our Town Inc. This will be held next Thursday in the Eketahuna Community Centre Supper Room commencing at 7.30pm.

14.1.2 The meeting adjourned at 12.40pm, and then resumed at 2.25pm.

14.1.3 Board Member Death was absent from this point of the meeting.

15. Items Not On The Agenda - Continued

15.1 ***New Residents Welcome***

15.1.1 The Board will consider arranging in February of next year an afternoon tea to welcome new residents and their families to Eketahuna.

16. Board Meeting In October

16.1 It was agreed that there would be no Board meeting held in October prior to the elections (unless this is necessitated by unforeseen circumstances).

17. Horse Riding Activities at the Eketahuna Motor Camp For Physically Disabled Adults

17.1 It was agreed in principle to support the request from Denise Clifton to use the Eketahuna Motor Camp as the venue to undertake the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation horse riding activities for physically disabled adults.

17.2 The Board's support for this proposal is subject to the following conditions.

- Any costs to provide wheelchair accessible facilities and the construction of a ramp at the Eketahuna Motor Camp shall be funded by the Ryder Cheshire Foundation (Manawatu) or their nominee.
- Arrangements regarding the specific area to be made available for the horse riding activities shall be determined by the Council's Manager Community Development in consultation with the Board.
- Requirements for the protection of the area shall include the removal of all horse manure, and such other matters which are deemed appropriate in relation to maintaining the area for the users of the Motor Camp facility.
- A formal agreement is to be prepared to set out the basis of the arrangements and the obligations attached.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 2.35pm.

Chairperson