

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 4 September 2009 commencing at 10.05 am.

1. Present

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

In Attendance

Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager

2. Apologies

- 2.1 ***That an apology be received from Board Member E Fraser-Davies for lateness to the meeting.***

Death/Davidson

Carried

3. Personal Matters

- 3.1 Nil

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 7 August 2009 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

Davidson/Dimock

Carried

6. Matters Arising From The Minutes

6.1 Horizons Regional Council (Item 7.4)

- 6.1.1 A date is still to be confirmed for board members to meet with the Horizons Regional Council's Chief Executive to discuss issues regarding the Eketahuna Water Supply.

- 6.1.2 Board Member Fraser-Davies entered the meeting at 10.10 am.

6.2 Pahiatua Marae (Item 8.4)

- 6.2.1 Cr Davidson advised that a representative of the Marae is interested in obtaining some Totara for the development of their facilities, and he will be following up this matter next week.

6.3 Aubrey Watercolours of Eketahuna (Item 10.1a)

6.3.1 The Aratoi Wairarapa Museum of Art and History is in the process of organising an event to display the three Aubrey watercolours of Eketahuna that were previously located at the Alexander Turnbull Library.

6.4 John Haar – Cliff Walk (Item 10.3)

6.4.1 The Community Assets Manager is following up the work identified through the discussions held with John Haar regarding hazardous trees on the Cliff Walk that require pruning or removal.

6.4.2 The possibility of providing seats along the Cliff Walk is also being considered.

6.5 Eketahuna Public Toilets (Item 12.1)

6.5.1 Board members noted that the Eketahuna Public Toilets are continuing to be vandalised, and the option of installing gates and locking them at night is being proposed.

6.5.2 It is the Board's preference to have the toilets open at all times, and to deter the vandalism which is occurring through establishing a security camera monitoring system for the town centre area.

6.5.3 The Eketahuna Our Town Committee is presently seeking funding to purchase security cameras for this purpose, and the Community Assets Manager is to be requested to consider supporting this initiative rather than incurring costs to install gates to secure the toilets.

6.6 Bush District Education Plan Proposals for Consultation (Item 13)

6.6.1 It was noted that the Bush District Education Plan proposals to close schools have been abandoned, and the Working Group is disbanded.

6.6.2 The Governance Manager was thanked for his assistance in preparing the Board's submission regarding this matter.

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 12 and 26 August 2009 (as circulated) be received.***

Davidson/Death

Carried

7.2 Review of Representation Arrangements

7.2.1 Board members noted the Council's proposal to retain the existing representation arrangements for the Council and the district's two Community Boards, and agreed that these options appear to be working well.

7.2.2 Consideration will be given next year to the Board again providing the opportunity to invite representatives from rural communities to attend a meeting and speak on matters concerning their area.

8. Reports from Board Representatives Appointed to Organisations and Assigned Responsibilities

8.1 Tararua District Road Safety Group

8.1.1 Board Member Death presented a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Tararua District Road Safety Group, and this included reference to the following matters.

- The design work has been completed on the safety improvements in the vicinity of North Road and Cheetham's culvert.
- The safety improvements at the intersection of Alfredton Road and State Highway 2 are being designed.
- The Road Safety Co-ordinator has erected signs to promote the message "great mates drive sober".
- The provision of seat belts for school buses is being proposed.

8.2 Tararua Safer Community Council

8.2.1 Board Member Fraser-Davies gave a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Tararua Safer Community Council, and this included reference to the following matters.

- The Alfredton Community continues to monitor their area to deter criminal activities.
- A new senior sergeant has been appointed at the Pahiatua Police Station.
- Domestic violence figures are down in respect of the Dannevirke area.
- Instances of vandalism in Eketahuna were reported, particularly with regard to the deliberate burning of the Giant Kiwi outside the Eketahuna Information Centre.

8.3 Eketahuna Our Town Committee

8.3.1 Board Member Dimock gave a verbal report on the activities and projects of the Eketahuna Our Town Committee, and this included reference to the following matters.

- Applications have been made to provide funding for a town centre security camera monitoring system.
- The Great Eketahuna Kiwi Carnival and Tug of War will be held on Saturday 20 February 2010.
- The Committee has decided it will not be placing an advertisement in this year's Tararua Guide publication.

9. Correspondence

9.1 *That the correspondence as listed be received:*

(a) *Pukaha Mount Bruce Board*

25 August 2009

Re: Acknowledgment of the Board's sponsorship for the forest restoration and pest control project

Death/Fraser-Davies

Carried

10. Chairman's Remarks

10.1 Nil

11. Dumping on Cullen Street

11.1 The information received from Infracon and Engineering Services regarding this matter was noted by the Board.

11.2 It was requested that an indication be provided to the Board concerning when the planting is likely to occur in the Cullen Street area as previously agreed.

11.3 The Board proposed that consideration be given to using an area within the proximity of the town's sewerage settlement ponds as a suitable location to dump good clean fill from roadside works.

12. Items Not On The Agenda

12.1 Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 12.10 pm.

Chairperson