Eketahuna Community Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Eketahuna Community Board held in the Eketahuna War Memorial Hall, Corner of Jones Street and State Highway 2, Eketahuna on Friday 12 July 2013 commencing at 10.05 am.

1. Present

Board Members C C Death (Chairperson), Elizabeth Fraser-Davies and Cr W H Davidson (Council appointed community board member).

In Attendance

Mr R Ellis - His Worship the Mayor (from item 12.1.7)
Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager

2. Apologies

2.1 That the apologies be sustained from Board Members K A M Dimock and D F Eagle for non-attendance at the meeting.

Davidson/Fraser-Davies Carried

3. Personal Matters

3.1 The Board acknowledges and congratulates Agnes Markey (a former long time Eketahuna resident) on celebrating the occasion of her 105th birthday.

3.2 The Board conveys its condolences to the family of Valerie MacDonald (an Eketahuna resident that gave her time and commitment to the Cancer Society, Relay for Life, Cancer Support and the Crippled Children Society) on her recent passing.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 The following matter was notified as an item of general business not on the agenda for discussion at today’s meeting:

Triple T Project – Daniel Moore to attend the meeting at 11.00am
5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 That the minutes of the Eketahuna Community Board meeting held on 7 June 2013 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Death/Davidson Carried

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Closure of the Eketahuna Playcentre (Item 6.3)

6.1.1 A reasonably amicable meeting was held with the Wairarapa Playcentre Association Executive Board to resolve the matter of the future intentions for the equipment from the Eketahuna Playcentre.

6.1.2 This meeting was chaired by a representative from Wairarapa REAP, and a satisfactory outcome was achieved to provide an acceptable way forward to overcome the issues under dispute.

6.1.3 The Board, acting as advocate for the community, agreed that the Wairarapa Playcentre Association could collect the equipment from the Eketahuna Community Centre.

6.1.4 At the time of uplifting these items the Wairarapa Playcentre Association shall produce a complete inventory to catalogue the details, and it will forward that information to the Board by the end of this month.

6.1.5 On receiving the list the Board can identify any such equipment donated by the community, and it will be returned to Eketahuna.

6.1.6 A record of the proceedings regarding the meeting held was prepared by Wairarapa REAP, and they will send a copy to the Board for its reference.

6.2 Four Square Community Store Sale of Liquor (Item 8)

6.2.1 The District Licensing Agency has granted the Eketahuna Four Square Community Store application for an off licence issued to operate a bottle store as part of their business.

6.3 “Lost for Words” in Tararua Draft Proposal (Item 10.1)

6.3.1 Tony Lozell presented his “Lost for Words” in Tararua draft proposal to an Eketahuna Our Town meeting, and it was decided not to proceed with the concept of creating a word picture for Eketahuna.
7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 That the report of the Tararua District Council meeting held on 26 June 2013 (as circulated) be received.

Davidson/Fraser-Davies Carried

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

8.1 Nil

9. Correspondence

9.1 That the correspondence as listed be received.

(a) Kerry and Loreen Cunningham
   Re: Eketahuna Camping Ground May report

(b) Beau Elton
   Re: Request for financial assistance towards the cost of a ten day voyage on the Spirit of Adventure 6 May 2013

(c) Skye Elton
   Re: Request for financial assistance towards the cost of attending the Tararua College Samoa elective 3 June 2013

(d) Eketahuna Our Town Incorporated
   Re: Request for the reimbursement of Eketahuna Information Centre costs 5 June 2013

Fraser-Davies/Davidson Carried

9.2 Beau and Skye Elton

9.2.1 That the requests from Beau and Skye Elton for financial assistance towards personal costs relating to their individual educational development be declined as they are outside of the Board's funding criteria, and that it be suggested they consider approaching the Eketahuna Charitable Trust as a possible source of support to help them achieve their endeavours.

Fraser-Davies/Davidson Carried
9.3 **Eketahua Our Town Incorporated**

9.3.1 The Chairperson declared an interest in this item of business, and he abstained from the discussions and voting on the motion regarding this matter.

9.3.2 *That the request from Eketahua Our Town Incorporated for the funding of costs incurred in relation to the Eketahua Information Centre totalling $4,356.86 be approved.*

Davidson/Fraser-Davies Carried

10. **Eketahua Community Civil Defence Response Group**

10.1 The Chairperson outlined the arrangements for the Eketahua Community Civil Defence Response Group training day to be held from 9.00am to 1.00pm on Sunday 28 July 2013.

11. **Chairman’s Remarks**

11.1 **Eketahua Town Centre Upgrade**

11.1.1 In the next term of the Board it will consider ideas for the development of a concept plan to upgrade the Eketahua town centre area.

11.1.2 This project is included in the Long Term Plan to undertake community consultation during the 2014/15 financial year, and to complete the plan and works by the following year.

11.2 **Eketahua Railway Station**

11.2.1 The consent for this project is in the process of being progressed, and it is hoped that in the next few months the railway station building will arrive at Eketahua.

12. **Items not on the Agenda**

12.1 **Triple T Project**

12.1.1 The Chairperson welcomed Daniel Moore from the Tararua Training Task Force to the meeting, and invited him to address the Board.

12.1.2 Daniel Moore tabled for board members information a copy of the following documents:
• Outline of the Triple T Action Plan and its time frames.
• Position description for youth development coordinator.
• Questionnaire to businesses in the district to determine opinions and statistics concerning youth training and employment placement.
• Project report to the Triple T Management Committee dated 11 July 2013.

12.1.3 Daniel Moore spoke on the programme’s focus to support and engage with youth under 25 to pursue appropriate age based education, training, work and other activities that would contribute to their long-term economic independence and wellbeing.

12.1.4 The Trust’s overall objective is to have zero youth unemployment in the Tararua District over the next five years.

12.1.5 Since commencing the position of the project’s manager Daniel Moore has been directing his time to fact finding, developing contacts and networks with businesses, community and various other representatives, and considering the survey undertaken through the Council’s marketing staff applicable to this matter.

12.1.6 This work has enabled the building of relationships, raising awareness and interest to implement a working plan that will deliver appropriate training courses for youth relevant to the needs of businesses, and providing them with life skills and knowledge required for employment.

12.1.7 Board members invited Daniel Moore to promote this project through publicity in the Eketahuna community newsletter by providing details regarding his role, the Trust’s background and its objectives, including reference to the business employment questionnaire.

12.1.8 Daniel Moore advised that it is intended to make an application to the Ministry of Social Development for funding, including the establishment of a Youth Council, and the hire of a van for transporting young people to various courses and training.

12.1.9 The district’s community boards and community committees are encouraged to participate in these activities through providing opportunities for youth involvement/representation at meetings, and granting funding to empower today’s youth to become tomorrow’s leaders.

12.1.10 Regular reports will be presented to each of the community boards and community committees on a three-monthly basis.

12.1.11 The Chairperson thanked Daniel Moore for his informative and comprehensive presentation to the Board.
13. **Acknowledgement of Community Board Service**

13.1 The Mayor presented to the Chairperson and Board Member Fraser-Davies a certificate of appreciation to each of them from the New Zealand Community Boards Executive Committee that recognised their fifteen years service as members of the Eketahuna Community Board, and he conveyed his thanks and appreciation for representing the community through this role.

13.2 The partners of both board members (Rena Tyler and Colin Fraser-Davies) joined the meeting for this occasion.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11.40am.

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Chairperson