



Dannevirke Community Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Dannevirke Community Board held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Monday 6 July 2020 commencing at 1.00pm.

1. Present

Board Members P F Walshe (Chairperson), T J Hynes (Deputy Chairperson), W R Macdonald, K P Spooner-Taylor and Cr E L Peeti-Webber (Council appointed Community Board member).

In Attendance

Mr R Taylor - Governance Manager

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil

3. Public Forum

3.1 Nil

4. Personal Matters

4.1 Nil

5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

5.1 Nil

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 *That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 2 June 2020 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

Hynes/Macdonald

Carried

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Community Forum Coffee Mornings (Item 7.5)

7.1.1 It is proposed the Board will again arrange community forum coffee mornings as occurred previously last year where residents can talk to board members on issues and matters of concern.

7.1.2 These are to be held every Tuesday during the month of August from 10.00am to 12noon at the Black Stump Cafe, and Board Member Spooner-Taylor will confirm these arrangements to enable this forum to be advertised.

7.2 Replanting of Trees in Victoria Avenue (Item 9)

7.2.1 *That the Board note it is not possible for trees to line both sides of Victoria Avenue due to underground infrastructure in that area, and*

That the Board support proceeding with the plan of replanting trees in Victoria Avenue on the southern side of the road.

Macdonald/Hynes

Motion Lost

7.2.2 *That the Board agree the replanting of trees in Victoria Avenue not proceed given only one side of that road can be planted with a limited number of trees due to underground infrastructure, and*

That recognising the concerns raised regarding the speed of vehicles in Victoria Avenue the Board support the alternative option of safety improvements being undertaken to slow down traffic through channelling it within the vicinity of the roundabout, and

That the existing budget provided to replant trees in Victoria Avenue is directed to funding the cost of programming that work as soon as possible.

Walshe/Spooner-Taylor

Carried

7.3 Wackrow Memorial Youth Award (Item 14)

7.3.1 Nominations are now open for the 2020 Wackrow Memorial Youth Award, and Suresh Patel will be the guest speaker at the presentation function.

7.3.2 The Deputy Chairperson in conjunction with the community representative on the judging panel (Claire Chapman) have reviewed the scoring system process for judging nominations, and will provide the details to be used for this year's award.

7.3.3 Board Member Macdonald has arranged some entertainment as part of the programme for the evening event presentation function.

7.4 **Dannevirke Spring Festival** (Item 15)

7.4.1 Board Member Macdonald is progressing the arrangements to contact community groups to ascertain their interest in being involved with Dannevirke Spring Festival events this year.

7.4.2 A programme for the calendar of events will be prepared and finalised for circulation by mid-August.

7.4.3 Arrangements for the market day known as Dannevirke Day held in October on the Friday prior to Labour Day shall be progressed by the Chairperson to promote this event.

7.4.4 The Deputy Chairperson shall discuss with Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce the intention of the Board to arrange Dannevirke market day.

7.4.5 This will assist to market the event to encourage business participation in greater numbers, and ensure plenty of lead-in time is provided for planning and advance notice to attract more stallholders.

7.5 **High Street Trees** (Item 16.3)

7.5.1 High Street trees are next programmed to be looked at by Tararua Alliance for pruning and trimming in early December.

7.6 **Wheel Park Project** (Item 7.4)

7.6.1 Over 300 responses have now been received to the survey undertaken through schools to invite young people's views on what they would like to see provided in the design of this facility.

7.6.2 The preferences with most support to develop the project plan for this facility are based on concepts of a skate park, pump park, water park and walkways.

7.6.3 The Dannevirke Wheel Park Steering Committee coordinating the planning of this project is considering these options, and looking at what other places have established to provide such facilities.

7.6.4 As part of undertaking this investigation there will be discussion with the Community Assets and Property Manager and Manager Strategy and District Development to identify and assess the feasibility of potential sites for situating the facility.

7.6.5 The possibility of using the BMX track area has been put on hold, and no decisions have been made at this time on a preferred location for this project.

7.7 **Community Walkway** (Item 13)

7.7.1 A decision on when to proceed with extending the community walkway down Cole Street will be made once it is known if potential shovel-ready water main projects in that vicinity are happening.

7.7.2 It is hoped the intentions regarding these projects will be ascertained soon, and work on the community walkway extension is able to commence this year in the early months of summer.

7.7.3 Tipapakuku Road lookout site proposal and Dannevirke Lower Domain electric barbecue are also the subject of applications for funding as shovel-ready projects.

7.8 **Christmas Trees Competition** (Item 16.2)

7.8.1 The vacant building on the corner of Gordon and Denmark Streets has been made available to use as the venue for the Christmas trees competition.

8. **Tararua District Council Report**

8.1 ***That the report of the Tararua District Council meeting held on 24 June 2020 (as circulated) be received.***

Hynes/Macdonald

Carried

8.2 **Dannevirke Recycling and Transfer Station**

8.2.1 Dannevirke recycling and transfer station is looking clean and tidy, but the height of the entrances to place recycling into the containers is difficult for some people.

8.2.2 Cr Peeti-Webber will submit a service request seeking this situation be rectified through placing steps to the containers to assist in alleviating that concern.

8.3 **Dannevirke Carnegie Building**

8.3.1 Friends of Carnegie Dannevirke/Tararua Incorporated community group has decided not to pursue their proposal to strengthen and restore the Carnegie Library building.

8.3.2 This decision was made by them after giving much time and thought to this matter, and taking into account the impact of Covid-19 and its implications for raising the funds required over five to six years in a difficult economic climate to enable that work to proceed.

8.3.3 Council has previously agreed in the absence of receiving an acceptable proposal from the community it will demolish the building, with the option of retaining part of the façade as a memorial to its history and heritage being implemented.

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

9.1 **Tararua Community Youth Services**

9.1.1 The Deputy Chairperson reported Tararua Community Youth Services is arranging holiday programmes for youth to participate in various activities.

9.2 **Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce**

9.2.1 The Deputy Chairperson reported as part of the Love Local Tararua message it was arranged for business mentor Mike Clark to speak about driving sales, thinking resiliently and pivoting your business in the Tararua district.

9.2.2 As the central government election is approaching a public forum to meet the candidates standing in the Wairarapa parliamentary electorate has been arranged, and this will be held in the Hub on 19 August 2020 with doors opening at 5.30pm.

9.3 **Dannevirke Information Centre**

9.3.1 Board Member Macdonald reported Dannevirke Information Centre has been relatively quiet since reopening following Covid-19 lockdown, and the position to appoint a part-time assistant to provide back up for the manager is still vacant.

9.4 **Te Ahu a Turanga Manawatu Tararua Highway**

9.4.1 The Chairperson attended the Works Liaison Committee workshop briefing session for the presentation from the New Zealand Transport Agency Owner Interface Manager Lonnie Dalzell and People and Culture Manager Mark Long regarding the Te Ahu a Turanga Manawatu Tararua Highway.

9.4.2 This presentation provided an update about progress with undertaking this project, and the scheduled programme of works for planning, construction and completion.

9.4.3 Detailed design and enabling works start in 2020 subject to resource consenting being granted, with the main construction to commence in 2021 for completion by 2023.

9.4.4 It is intended that New Zealand Transport Agency will arrange further public sessions to inform the community about the project, and the plan is to employ up to 65% of local people with the opportunity to upskill them before they commence work.

10. **Correspondence**

10.1 ***That the correspondence as listed be received.***

(a) Tararua REAP 25 March 2020
Re: Request for financial assistance towards the cost of the Pataka community pantry for the people

(b) Tararua REAP 25 May 2020
Re: Request for financial assistance to support the establishment of their new community services building at 17 Gordon Street

(c) Les Chatfield 8 June 2020
Re: Acknowledgement of the Board's assistance during Covid-19 lockdown, and thanks conveyed to Board Member Kim Spooner-Taylor

Macdonald/Spooner-Taylor

Carried

10.2 Tararua REAP

- 10.2.1 *That Tararua REAP be granted the sum of \$319.99 from the Board's discretionary funds to cover the cost of materials to build the Pataka community pantry created for people in financial hardship to access and collect donated food.*

Macdonald/Peeti-Webber

Carried

- 10.2.2 *That Tararua REAP be granted the sum of \$2,500 from the Board's discretionary funds to assist with setting up their new project of establishing a community services support building at 17 Gordon Street.*

Walshe/Spooner-Taylor

Carried

10.3 Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce

- 10.3.1 The Board note Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce received a refund of \$839.87 plus GST from Traffic Management New Zealand for part of the traffic management costs incurred in respect of last year's Christmas parade.
- 10.3.2 This will be applied to reduce the amount of the funding grant provided from the Board towards the costs of this year's Christmas parade arrangements.

11. High Street Christmas Lights

- 11.1 Board members will meet informally to discuss and consider their preferred options for purchasing replacement Christmas lights.

12. Chairperson's Remarks

- 12.1 Nil

13. Items Not on the Agenda

13.1 Anzac Park

- 13.1.1 The Deputy Chairperson will submit a service request regarding arrangements for restoring access to water at Anzac Park.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 2.09pm.

Chairperson