



Dannevirke Community Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Dannevirke Community Board held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Monday 1 March 2021 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 - Manager Democracy Services

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil

3. Public Forum

3.1 Driver Licence Testing in Dannevirke

3.1.1 Rachel Nelson (President Hearing Support Dannevirke) and Louise Forsyth (Office Manager Hearing Association Dannevirke) spoke on discussion at the Board's previous meeting regarding the change of venue for driver licence testing in Dannevirke that occurred December last year.

3.1.2 Discussion on this matter was reported in local newspapers, and both Rachel and Louise expressed concern this had created some misconceptions in the community that need to be corrected.

3.1.3 Rachel Nelson outlined the arrangements with VTNZ to use the Hearing Association rooms and address in McPhee Street as the venue for driver licence testing in Dannevirke, and this service to the community had been made available at no cost to them.

3.1.4 VTNZ had decided it would no longer carry out driver licence testing at the Hearing Association rooms, and moved it to Tararua Community Youth Services premises which are accessed via Ward Street carpark.

3.1.5 In changing venues the Hearing Association received no acknowledgement of making their rooms available free of charge to VTNZ, and the comment made "that people can wait in the warm and dry" since transferring to Tararua Community Youth Services is incorrect.

- 3.1.6 The Hearing Association reception area was open to the public when used as the venue for driver licence testing along with access provided to toilet facilities and their office staff.
- 3.1.7 When VTNZ decided to transfer driver licence testing in Dannevirke to Tararua Community Youth Services the Hearing Association placed a poster on their front window directing people to the new testing venue to clearly provide that information.
- 3.1.8 Rachel Nelson and Louise Forsyth spoke about Hearing Awareness Week that is occurring this week, and the white cat adopted as the symbol for this purpose.
- 3.1.9 An outline was given of the impact hearing loss causes to a person's quality of life and their experiences, and the importance of raising awareness and understanding regarding deafness or chronic ear disorders.
- 3.1.10 World Hearing Day is held on 3 March each year to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world, and coincides with Hearing Awareness Week.
- 3.1.11 Deputy Chairperson Board Member Terry Hynes clarified the discussion at the Board's previous meeting was not in any way intended to be critical of the Hearing Association when they provided the venue for driver licence testing in Dannevirke.
- 3.1.12 Its focus was about some people still going to the old venue and on occasions being late getting to Tararua Community Youth Services premises, and then subsequently missing out on their test due to not making their appointment at the time specified.
- 3.1.13 In response to the points raised regarding use of the Hearing Association rooms and facilities by VTNZ not being recognised Deputy Chairperson Board Member Terry Hynes agreed to follow up that matter.

4. Personal Matters

- 4.1 Nil

5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

- 5.1 The following matter is notified as an item of general business not on the agenda for discussion at today's meeting:

- Carnegie building

6. Confirmation of Minutes

- 6.1 *That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 1 February 2021 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

Hynes/Spooner-Taylor

Carried

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Christmas Trees Competition (Item 7.1)

7.1.1 Chairperson Board Member Pat Walshe has booked the Masonic Rawhiti Lodge in High Street as the venue to be used again for this year's Christmas trees competition.

7.2 Wheel Park Project (Item 7.2)

7.2.1 Dannevirke Recreation and Play Committee is finalising its relationship to work in conjunction with Dannevirke Multisport Hub Committee regarding the wheel park project being part of the investigation to develop a new recreation and play area at the Upper Domain.

7.2.2 At the recent meeting of Dannevirke Recreation and Play Committee options were discussed to look at suppliers that have plans available for providing equipment to develop skatepark facilities.

7.3 Community Board Flag (Item 12)

7.3.1 Board Member Kim Spooner-Taylor obtained a quote for proposed designs to provide a community board flag to promote its identity.

7.3.2 The amount of the quote is \$530 plus GST, and the Board agreed to proceed with funding the cost to purchase the community board flag.

7.4 Wackrow Memorial Youth Award (Item 13)

7.4.1 Board Member Kim Spooner-Taylor has received thirteen responses through Facebook from previous winners of the Wackrow Memorial Youth Award to ask them about the experience they gained from participating and winning this event.

7.4.2 At this time of the thirteen responses received six have completed and returned the survey sent to them with questions inviting their feedback on that matter.

7.5 Anzac Day Community Concert (Item 14)

7.5.1 Board Member Ross Macdonald is progressing developing a proposed programme to arrange this year's Anzac Day community concert held in the Dannevirke Town Hall.

7.6 New Zealand Community Boards Conference (Item 15)

7.6.1 The Board agreed it will not be sending a representative to attend the New Zealand Community Boards conference held in Gore from 22 to 24 April 2021.

8. Tararua District Council Report

8.1 ***That the report of the Tararua District Council meeting held on 24 February 2021 (as tabled) be received.***

Macdonald/Peeti-Webber

Carried

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

9.1 Tararua Emergency Management Committee

9.1.1 Board Member Kim Spooner-Taylor reported on the Tararua Emergency Management Committee meeting held on 11 February 2021, including reference to the following matters:

- Representatives from Fire and Emergency New Zealand gave a presentation on the response to the Napier flood event.
- It was anticipated the tower installed to improve connectivity for the Pongaroa community would be more effective than the results currently being achieved.
- The Rural Support Trust is working to support rural people through tough times with networks and training to help with all kinds of situations and challenges.
- There is increased family violence being experienced in the community that police and government agencies are responding to regarding reported incidents of this occurring.

9.2 Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce

9.2.1 Deputy Chairperson Board Member Terry Hynes reported Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce is working on the development of its website.

9.2.2 An after five's/breakfast meeting is being planned on the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs programme and activities relating to supporting employment outcomes for NEETs (not in employment, education or training).

9.2.3 The impact of bank closures, reduced trading hours and phasing out of cheques is a concern being pursued, and the emphasis given by rural and provincial councils to lobbying the Prime Minister and Government about the loss of rural banking services is supported.

9.3 Tararua Community Youth Services

9.3.1 Deputy Chairperson Board Member Terry Hynes reported Tararua Community Services is considering options to place a direction sign on either Hall or Gordon Street to their venue for driver licence testing.

9.4 Dannevirke Community Vehicle Trust

9.4.1 Deputy Chairperson Board Member Terry Hynes reported the Dannevirke community vehicle service has ceased operating while Covid-19 alert level two restrictions apply, and further announcements are awaited as the service will resume when the Government decides to return to alert level one.

9.5 Dannevirke and District A and P Association

9.5.1 Board Member Ross Macdonald reported the Dannevirke and District A and P Association annual show was held from 5 to 7 February 2021.

9.6 **Dannevirke Information Centre**

9.6.1 Board Member Ross Macdonald reported the position of part-time assistant to provide back up for the Dannevirke Information Centre Manager will become vacant, and a replacement appointment is to be considered.

9.7 **Road Safety**

9.7.1 Chairperson Board Member Pat Walshe reported the variable speed board has been installed in the vicinity of the rural and urban boundary on Umutaoroa Road, with consideration being given to placing it on Miller Street/Weber Road.

10. Correspondence

10.1 *That the correspondence as listed be received.*

(a) Salvation Army Dannevirke 10 February 2021
Re: Thanks for donation to support foodbank

(b) Brian Hales 14 February 2021
Re: Thanks for donation towards the cost of a new bronze plaque at the Wimbledon community World War II memorial cenotaph

Spooner-Taylor/Peeti-Webber

Carried

10.2 **New Bronze Plaque at the Wimbledon Community World War II Memorial Cenotaph**

10.2.1 Representatives of the Board shall attend the Anzac Day service at Wimbledon which will include acknowledgement of donations to provide the new bronze plaque at the Wimbledon community World War II memorial cenotaph.

10.2.2 Board members will lay a wreath at this event in conjunction with the Council representative attending that Anzac Day service.

11. Chairperson's Remarks

11.1 **Norsewood Promotions Committee**

11.1.1 The Board's Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson will be attending tomorrow night's meeting of the Norsewood Promotions Committee.

11.2 **District Tour**

11.2.1 The Board's Chairperson attended the Council's district tour held on 25 February 2021, and appreciated the opportunity to participate in that event.

11.2.2 It is intended that board members will plan a tour to visit the areas of Wimbledon/Herbertville/Akitio and Pongaroa, with the Chairperson to make arrangements regarding confirming a date and itinerary for that purpose.

11.3 Tararua Sports Awards

11.3.1 Tararua Sports Awards will be held on 21 May 2021 in the Dannevirke Town Hall, and the Board may be requested to provide a grant as financial assistance sponsorship to offset the venue hire cost.

12. Items Not on the Agenda

12.1 Carnegie Building

12.1.1 Deputy Chairperson Board Member Terry Hynes expressed concern regarding vandalism to the Carnegie building as it is vacant, and requested consideration be given to the windows being boarded up by Council to lessen the potential for further damage occurring.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 2.00pm.

Chairperson