



## Dannevirke Community Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Dannevirke Community Board held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Monday 15 July 2024 commencing at 9:00am.

### 1. Present

Board Members: P F Walshe (Chairperson), T J Hynes (Deputy Chairperson), E J Christison, and Crs E L Peeti-Webber and S M Wards

#### In Attendance

Mrs K Tani	–	Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing
Mr C Yonge	–	Team Leader Economic & Community Development
Ms K Stevens	–	Economic & Community Development Advisor
Mrs A Dunn	–	Manager – Democracy Services
Ms S Ellis	–	Democracy Support Officer

### 2. Apologies

*That the apologies from Board Member Wallace be received, and leave of absence granted from the meeting.*

*Wards/Peeti-Webber*

*Carried*

*Board Member Christison joined the meeting at 9:02 am.*

### 3. Public Forum

Maria Rahui, from the Community Law Service was in attendance. She spoke about the service that was operating out of Tararua REAP offices in Gordon Street, Dannevirke, which provided free legal advice to those who could not afford access to private legal services. The service consisted of one staff member and had been operating since January 2024, with the intent to trial a pilot service for 6 months. Demand had turned out to be high; the projected yearly target was reached prior to the conclusion of the 6 month initial trial period, and as a result the service had been made a permanent fixture. Services solicited at this point primarily consisted of family law; separations and childcare included.

The service was available on Tuesday-Thursday, and every second Friday from

9am – 4pm.

It was asked what advertising had been used to promote the service; it was responded that a large amount of marketing had been pushed, including through flyer distribution, word of mouth at community events, and through Bush Telegraph and Tararua REAP advertising. However, due to difficulties keeping up with the high level of demand, marketing was presently slowed to accommodate.

#### **4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda**

Glengarry Settlement Memorial update

#### **5. Confirmation of Minutes**

*That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 17 June 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Hynes/Peeti-Webber*

*Carried*

#### **6. Tararua District Council Report**

##### **6.1 Report from Tararua District Council**

*That the report from the Tararua District Council meeting held 26 June 2024 be received.*

*Wards/Peeti-Webber*

*Carried*

#### **7. Reports**

##### **7.1 Management Report**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Group Manager - Strategy and Community Wellbeing dated 24 June 2024 which provided an update to the Board on key activities and items of interest as reported to the meeting of the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee held 19 June 2024, and the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee held 3 July 2024. An enquiry was made regarding whether a halyard could be added into the Town Hall to provide safer access for flying flags on the Town Hall flagpoles.

*That the report from the Group Manager - Strategy and Community Wellbeing dated 24 June 2024 concerning the Management Report be received.*

*Peeti-Webber/Walsh*

*Carried*

## 7.2 Process for Funding Requests

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 10 July 2024 which discussed a process going forward for considering funding requests received by the Dannevirke Community Board. In discussion, limiting the acceptance of grant requests to preset funding rounds offered 1-2 times per year was suggested.

Regarding the current availability of funding, it was noted that the Board was not in a position to accept applications until after the adoption of the Long-Term Plan, and consideration and agreement by the Board of how it would prioritise expenditure of the funding that they received. It was agreed that the Board would have an informal meeting to discuss ideas.

***That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 10 July 2024 concerning the Process for Funding Requests be received.***

***That the Dannevirke Community Board note that a new process for considering funding requests will need to be developed, and that the Board consider options for future management of its discretionary funding at its August 2024 meeting.***

***Hynes/Christison***

***Carried***

## 7.3 Capital Portfolio Report

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 09 July 2024 which provided an update on the capital programme and key project statuses as reported to the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee on 3 July 2024 and the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee on 19 June 2024. Clarification was sought regarding the operative date for the Dannevirke Fluoridation plant.

***That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 09 July 2024 concerning the Capital Portfolio Report be received.***

***Walshe/Hynes***

***Carried***

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

8.1 **Chamber of Commerce:** Board Member Hynes stated that a meeting was due to be held 15 July 2024, and that further After Five events were currently being arranged. He reiterated the success of the last After Fives event.

8.2 **Community Vehicle Trust:** Board Member Hynes reported on the Community Vehicle Trust, and noted that 3 trustees had recently retired, with 2 new members taking their place. He expressed satisfaction with the high and growing community usage of the service.

8.3 **Tararua Community Youth Services:** Board Member Hynes reported that the holiday programme was well underway. It was noted that the Tararua Community Youth Services alongside Tararua REAP had transferred their legal status from an Incorporated Society to a Charitable Trust.

In regards to driver licensing, he noted a concern about the infrequency of AA licensing services in Dannevirke, with its availability limited to once each month. This was causing a backlog of service, with lengthy wait times. He noted that he would be meeting with the MP for Wairarapa on 16 July 2024 to discuss the need to improve the service.

8.4 **A & P Association:** Board Member Christison was unable to attend the recent A & P Association meeting, but had made contact with the Chairperson regarding any pertinent items to bring to the attention of the Board. They advised of their concern about the overhanging trees at the showgrounds that needed to be trimmed, for which they were after assistance for.

Cr S Wards noted that she attended the AGM, and reported on proceedings. She spoke about the improved financial situation of the A&P Association, that came from organising events and partnering with associations, notably the motorhome association, that had made a difference. She noted that the committee was reestablishing their goals, and had recently brought on a new members.

8.5 **Dannevirke Multisport Complex Incorporated:** Cr E Peeti-Webber spoke about changes that were being made to the design documents for the skatepark, to remove the basketball court, and was awaiting changes to be signed off under the Memorandum of Understanding.

8.6 **Road Safety Committee:** Chairperson Walshe reported on his attendance at a recent Road Safety Committee meeting. He noted that speed reduction signs would be placed outside school zones, for example near Huia Range School, and St Joseph's School. He noted the committee discussed the recent temporary bypass of 2 State Highway while works were undertaken, and the need for better signage. He spoke of the success of the new roundabouts, with no accidents as yet observed. He stated that the automated speed sign currently outside the A&P showgrounds would be moved further south on High Street. Regarding High Street pedestrian crossings, he noted that Waka Kotahi planned to add new, wider crossings with larger signs to give greater visibility. He advised that there were no plans at this stage to raise the pedestrian crossings. It was mentioned at the meeting that the speed limits on open roads would be raised to 120km/h as per central government legislation permits, but it was noted that the roads would require maintenance beforehand so that they were in better condition to cope with higher speed traffic. It was asked whether there was a timeframe for repairs to Laws Road, to fix damage done during the recent state highway bypass.

## 9. Correspondence

### 9.1 Correspondence

Members confirmed that they were comfortable with the funding that had been provided for hire of the Town Hall be instead used for hire of The Hub, due to a change in venue for the School Kapa Haka Festival.

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

☐ ***Change of venue for Tararua REAP School Kapa Haka Festival***

***Peeti-Webber/Wards***

***Carried***

## **10. Discussion Items**

- 10.1 **Wackrow Awards 2024:** The Wackrow Award nomination period would run until 2 August 2024, and judging would take place at the Tararua REAP office on 7 August 2024. The award would be presented on 29 August 2024. A guest speaker was still in the process of being secured for the event. No nominations had been received at this stage.
- 10.2 **Spring festival:** Chairperson Walshe asked whether any members knew of organisations or clubs that were interested in holding events or open days for the Spring Festival, and if so to let him know. He requested the Board have an informal meeting to discuss this, noting the flyers would need to be delivered mid-August 2024.

## **11. Chairperson's Remarks**

Nil

## **12. Items not on the Agenda**

- 12.1 **Glengarry Settlers Memorial:** Board Member Hynes reported on the progress of the memorial, noting that construction was underway, with Board Member Christison having undertaken the earthworks for the project, and with metal, signs and fences all in place. The next stage was to seal the car park with hotmix, however a suggestion was made to use concrete instead given the use of the carpark for tractor access to the adjacent paddock. The Board noted the generous sponsorship of the project, through both the Give-a-little fundraising page, and supply of timber from Scanpower.
- 12.2 **Umutaoroa Domain:** An update was requested for the next meeting.
- 12.3 **Victoria Avenue:** It was noted that an area of Victoria Avenue had been reduced to a single lane road by road cones and signage for some weeks, with no road works being undertaken. It was asked that information be provided on the purpose of the traffic restrictions.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 9:53am.

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Chairperson