



Dannevirke Community Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Dannevirke Community Board held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Monday 16 September 2024 commencing at 9:00am.

1. Present

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

In Attendance

Her Worship the Mayor

Mrs A Dunn	–	Manager – Democracy Services
Ms F Chase	-	Facilities Manager
Ms S Ellis	–	Democracy Support Officer

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Public Forum

There were no requests for Public Forum.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Board Member Christison: Waihi Falls toilets

Board Member Christison: Town Hall renovations

Board Member Hynes: Umutaoroa Hall

5. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 19

August 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting with a correction to item 8.7 to record Board Member Hynes and Mayor Tracey Collis as having attended as opposed to Chairperson Walshe.

Hynes/Christison

Carried

6. Tararua District Council Report

6.1 Report from Tararua District Council

That the report from the Tararua District Council meeting held 28 August 2024 and the extraordinary meeting held 4 September 2024 be received.

Wallace/Hynes

Carried

7. Reports

7.1 Te Ahu a Turanga - Tolling Consultation

The Dannevirke Community Board considered a consultation document by Waka Kotahi which presented the proposal to toll Te Ahu Turanga/the Manawatu-Tararua Highway. It was recommended that a submission be made regarding the proposal.

The Board recommended that a public meeting be held in Dannevirke to raise awareness and inform the community of the consultation, and agreed a submission would be drafted and sent by the Board.

That the Dannevirke Community Board makes a submission to NZTA Waka Kotahi on the Te Ahu a Turanga Tolling Consultation and hosts a public meeting to raise awareness and inform the community of the consultation.

Christison/Wallace

Carried

7.2 Management Report

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Democracy Support Officer dated 11 September 2024 that 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 14 August 2024, and the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee held 4 September 2024.

It was noted that the Board had arranged a stall at the funders forum last year, and that it should be considered to do so this year. It was also recommended to look at other funding sources present at the forum. Board Member Hynes and Board Member Christison noted their intent to attend.

That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 11 September 2024

concerning the Management Report be received.

Wallace/Peeti-Webber

Carried

7.3 Update - Progress with Review of Bylaws

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 27 August 2024 that provided an update to the Board on progress with Council's bylaw review programme.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 27 August 2024 concerning the Update - Progress with Review of Bylaws be received.

Hynes/Wards

Carried

7.4 Community Board Budget Report 2024-25

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 26 August 2024 that presented, for information and discussion purposes, the Community Board's budget for the 2024-25 financial year.

The Board were encouraged to meet to discuss and set priorities for the funding that they had been allocated by Council. It was noted that Council was establishing a contestable fund of \$100,000 per year, to which community groups would be able to apply for funding. This was still in the development phase. The Board were reminded of their principal role as a Community Board, which is to represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 26 August 2024 concerning the Community Board Budget Report 2024-25 be received.

Peeti-Webber/Wallace

Carried

7.5 Capital Portfolio Report

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager - Democracy Services dated 5 September 2024 that provided an update on the capital programme and key project statuses as reported to the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee on 4 September 2024 and the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee on 14 August 2024.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 05 September 2024 concerning the Capital Portfolio Report be received.

Wallace/Walshe

Carried

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

- 8.1 **Skatepark:** Cr E Peeti-Webber stated that work on the skatepark had begun, and that she would provide more information once the public consultation was released.
- 8.2 **Dannevirke Information Centre:** Board Member Wallace noted that a meeting to support the Dannevirke Information Centre would take place at 4pm today, and that the public were welcome to attend.
- 8.3 **Brass Band:** Board Member Wallace spoke of his attendance at the Brass Band AGM, and read a statement written for the meeting which gave thanks to the committee members for their attendance, the band secretaries for their contributions, the band master for her work and tutoring of students, and to Board Member Wallace for his proactivity between the Board and the Band. He noted that the band was in good stead, and had many new learners.
- 8.4 **Chamber of Commerce:** Board Member Hynes stated that the breakfast meeting went well, and that the primary topic of discussion was the new road and its projected opening for next year. He noted that the prospect of a toll was not brought up. He stated that Phil Grant, owner of NZ Natural Clothing in Norsewood, and having previously owned an Otaki-based business, had given a presentation on business promotion.
- 8.5 **Community Vehicle Trust:** Board Member Hynes noted that the Community Vehicle Trust was operating business as usual, with good patronage.
- 8.6 **Glengarry Settlers Memorial:** Board Member Hynes spoke regarding the recent opening of the Glengarry Settlers Memorial, and commemorated the 8 month process of planning, design, construction, fundraising, and building of the project. He noted his satisfaction with the end result, and recalled approximately 60 people being in attendance during the event.
- 8.7 **Road Safety:** Chairperson Walshe spoke regarding the large number of cones near the Victoria Avenue bridge, and noted that residents had pointed this out to him on visiting the area. He stated that he had spoken to the Group Manager – Infrastructure surrounding the issue, outlined the safety aspects that required the traffic cones and signage at the site, and advised that options were being discussed for a solution. These included making the vehicle bridge one-lane, or installing a separate footbridge.
- 8.8 **Community Board Conference:** Board Member Wallace reported on his attendance at the recent Community Board Conference. He underlined the focus on localism and community, and noted that efficiency should be emphasised. He retold the story of a fellow Community Board member from Whakatane, who took an active role within his community post the White Island tragedy, and underlined the importance of community engagement, togetherness, and having

systems in place in times of crisis. He noted that he made a significant number of contacts from the event.

He spoke about the speech given by Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister at the conference, and an excerpt from that speech was played for the community board members.

It was recommended that the Board consider holding events to bring community members together. Board Member Christison suggested the holding of Working Bees. The importance of community volunteers offering services around town was underlined; an example being the rose gardens. The need for a strategy regarding how the community could work together was emphasised.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Thank you card re Herbertville Hall Roof Funding

That the correspondence as listed be received.

Hynes/Wallace

Carried

10. Discussion items

- 10.1 **Umutaoroa Hall:** Board Member Hynes requested an update regarding the removal of trees from outside Umutaoroa Hall for the respective Domain Board. The Facilities Manager provided an update, noting that the scope of works being investigated was to reduce the risk for the trees and the hall, and noted that funding was limited. It was noted that the project had been shifted to the Project Management team.

It was noted that the trees had been assessed, that their height had been reduced by Transpower to reduce the risk to their assets. The Project Management team were looking at how to tidy up the dropped branches, and were investigating how best to respond to this project for the Domain Board. The Facilities Manager spoke about the work done within the Cyclone Recovery team to upskill local people, and the potential to utilise some of those people that have been certified in chainsaw use, to minimise the impact on resources and on ratepayers. Board member Hynes asked that officers keep in contact with the Domain Board representatives to provide them with updates on progress.

11. Chairperson's Remarks

Nil

12. Items not on the Agenda

- 12.1 **Waihi Falls toilet:** Board Member Christison enquired regarding whether the new Waihi Falls toilet had been funded by external funding, and how much Council had paid towards it. In response it was noted that the tourism infrastructure fund was comprised of \$110,000, with a Council contribution \$23,000.
- 12.2 **Dannevirke Town Hall:** Board Member Christison sought information about renovations being planned for the Town Hall. In response Her Worship the Mayor noted there were no major renovations planned, however there would be information reported in due course.
- 12.3 **Spring Festival and Dannevirke Market Day:** Chairperson Walshe encouraged members to attend the events that were listed on the Spring Festival Programme. With regard to Market Day planned for 25 October, he noted that planning for the Spring Festival Market Day was underway, and noted that pamphlets were being distributed through Dannevirke for this. Board members would be having a meeting to discuss arrangements and assign responsibilities for the day.
- 12.4 **Dannevirke Christmas Parade:** Board Member Christison noted that a business person had expressed interest in helping to fund the Dannevirke Christmas Parade, and was willing to offer \$5,000 to this effect

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:07am.

Chairperson