



Dannevirke Community Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Dannevirke Community Board held in the Tararua Business Network Training Room, 40 Denmark Street, Dannevirke on Monday 18 November 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 Cr E L Peeti-Webber

In Attendance

Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs T H Collis

Ms F Chase	–	Facilities Manager
Mrs A Charmley	–	Planning Services Manager
Mrs A Dunn	–	Manager – Democracy Services
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 Hynes – Proposed closure of Bush Telegraph.

Board Member Hynes – Board submissions to current tranche of bylaws (Draft Trade Waste Bylaw, Draft Waste Management and Waste Minimisation Bylaw, Draft Traffic and Road Use Bylaw).

5. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 21 October 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Hynes/Wallace

Carried

6. Tararua District Council Report

6.1 Report from Tararua District Council

That the report from the Tararua District Council meeting held 30 October 2024 and the extraordinary meetings held 5 November and 11 November 2024 be received.

Wallace/Walshe

Carried

7. Reports

7.1 Management Report

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 11 November 2024 that provided an update to the Board on key activities and items of interest as reported to the meeting of the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee held 6 November 2024.

Regarding the rates postponement policy, it was noted that the policy had been adopted on Friday, and that response letters would be sent soon. It was underlined that a review and report would be provided to the Community Board as soon as it was released.

It was outlined that community groups would be able to apply for funding from both the Community Board Discretionary Fund, and the Contestable Fund, but would only receive funding from one source due to their similar funding pool.

In response to a request about the cost of the Toll Free Tararua campaign, it was advised that a recent LGOIMA request had sought this information and the response was available to view via the Council website. The total cost advised in this response was \$6,948.90.

That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 11 November 2024 concerning the Management Report be received.

Wallace/Hynes

Carried

7.2 Community Board Satisfaction Survey Results

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 12 November 2024 that presented the results of a

satisfaction survey undertaken by Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) and the Community Board Executive Committee (CBEC) regarding Community Board effectivity, and the opportunities and actions that could be taken to provide further support to Community Boards.

It was requested that the report be reviewed and discussed in conjunction with Council, and noted that many of the issues and mitigation items presented in the report could be implemented within Council business.

That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 12 November 2024 concerning the Community Board Satisfaction Survey Results be received.

Peeti-Webber/Walshe

Carried

7.3 **Proposal for Solar Farm at Dannevirke Wastewater Treatment Plant**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 13 November 2024 that presented for information a report considered by the Tararua District Council at its meeting held 30 October 2024, regarding a proposal for a solar farm at Dannevirke Wastewater Treatment Plant.

An update was requested on the project, and it was advised that further updates provided to Council would be shared with the Dannevirke Community Board. It was noted that the solar farm would be primarily pond based due to concerns surrounding its original location.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 13 November 2024 concerning the Proposal for Solar Farm at Dannevirke Wastewater Treatment Plant be received.

Wallace/Peeti-Webber

Carried

Board Member Christison recorded a vote against the motion.

7.4 **Capital Programme Report**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 11 November 2024 that provided an update on the capital programme and key project statuses as reported to the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee on 6 November 2024.

An update regarding Carnegie Hall was requested.

It was noted that a public drop-in session for the Urban Design Strategy would be held on 3 December 2024 from 3-6pm in the conference room at the Hub.

It was asked what provisions would be given for disabled members of the public wanting to attend Council meetings in the new chamber, as the area was only accessible via stairwell. It was responded that an area downstairs could be

connected via Teams, to enable the livestream of the meetings to be viewed, and should any members of the public wish to speak in public forum and could not manage the stairs, the Council would reconvene their meeting downstairs to hear from them.

That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 11 November 2024 concerning the Capital Programme Report be received.

Hynes/Walshe

Carried

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

Chamber of Commerce: Board Member Hynes reported that planning for the Christmas Parade was underway, and that the event would take place on 7 December. He added that Waka Kotahi had kindly provided funding for traffic management on the day.

Community Vehicle Trust: Board Member Hynes reported that the service was operating as usual, and while funding issues from some organisations had been encountered, extra funding for management had been provided by the Tindall Foundation.

Information Centre: Board Member Wallace reported his attendance at an information centre meeting on 11 November, and noted that both local and out-of-district visits had recently been increasing. He informed the Board that the Information Centre would be closing for the Holiday period on December 23, and would reopen on January 13, 2025. He also noted that the next meeting would not be until February 2025.

Concerns had been raised regarding the power usage for the renovations of the new Council Chamber within the Town Hall, as a recent increase had been observed. It was noted that this would be looked into.

It was also asked whether the Community Board still paid for the electronic sign placed above the Information Centre, given they had funded its placement; it was noted that the Board would generally pay \$500 per year for its operation, to be invoiced at the end of the year. It was stated that this expense should be included in budgeting in future.

Dannevirke Brass Band: Board Member Wallace reported that the band was practising for Christmas, with a good amount of new learners getting involved. He noted that December would be busy.

Norsewood Armistice Day: Board Member Wallace reported his attendance at Armistice Day celebrations in Norsewood. He commended Norsewood school on their contributions to the proceedings.

100th Birthday Celebration: Board Member Wallace and Her Worship the Mayor

spoke about the recent gifting of a 100th birthday commemoration card and noted that Council's were no longer automatically informed when residents were turning 100. Her Worship the Mayor advised that she would contact MP Mike Butterick regarding this to ask that he inform Council, similar to the arrangement that existed with the former minister.

Skatepark: Cr E Peeti-Webber noted that builders would be arriving next month to consult with stakeholders as part of the project planning process. This would include iwi and community groups.

A & P: Board Member Christison noted that, due to scheduling conflicts, Wheels of Attitude 2025 show had been postponed.

Road Safety Committee: Chairperson Walshe noted that no Road Safety Committee meeting had been held. He spoke about the recent visit to Te Ahu a Turanga highway with Council, that Board members attended.

Dannevirke Armistice Day: Chairperson Walshe and Board Member Hynes noted their attendance at the Dannevirke Armistice Day celebrations.

Kapa Haka Festival: Correspondence was received from Tararua REAP expressing appreciation for the Community Board's support of the event.

9. Discussion Items

Report back on Market Day: It was noted that the weather on the outset had been rough, with 7 stallholders initially packing up, but the weather cleared up later on and a fantastic day was had. Board Member Christison submitted his apologies for not being available to assist with putting out the flags for the event.

Concerns were noted regarding the large gaps between stallholders and long travel distance between the beginning and end locations of the event. It was suggested to instead hold the Market Day in the Ward Street carpark to promote ease of access, noting that brick and mortar shops would still be holding event day sales, however it was noted that a temporary road closure process would be needed.

Budget 2024-25 Prioritisation: It was noted that the remaining Community Board budget totalled \$17.5k, with Board members expressing disappointment at the decreased total from previous years.

The cost to install Christmas lights was reported to be \$9000, but it was recommended that this figure be looked into as other Community Committees within the district had managed to put up their lights for less. It was suggested that a conversation be had with Scanpower regarding the cost.

It was underlined that a decision should be made regarding the lights as soon as

possible, as they would normally be put up on 1 December.

Allocation of District's Speed Indicator Sign: Board Member Wallace proposed the installation of a speed indicator light on Smith Street, due to high numbers of people speeding in the area. It was recommended that the issue be raised at the next road safety meeting.

It was noted that the draft Land Rationalisation Project would be brought back to Council at its next meeting.

Board Member Christison outlined that the local voices event would be held later that night at 6pm, and that a Community Board presence had been requested. He noted that he would be in attendance.

10. Chairperson's Remarks

Nil.

11. Items not on the Agenda

Bush Telegraph Closure: Board Member Hynes raised concerns regarding the proposed closure of the Bush Telegraph, given its importance as a Tararua community link. He questioned what should be done by the Board and other community groups to promote the survivability of the paper. It was noted that it was a proposal, with decisions still to be made.

The Board discussed sending a letter outlining their views on the proposed closure, and importance of having printed media available for those without access to social media or online sources of local news.

That the Dannevirke Community Board sends a letter of support of keeping the Bush Telegraph in production, noting the closing date for submissions being 27 November 2024.

Christison/Hynes

Carried

Bylaw Submissions: Board Member Hynes queried whether the Board should provide a submission for each Bylaw out for consultation in the current tranche. It was underlined that submissions closed on 16 December, and therefore the Board would need to informally get together to decide on what to include prior to that date.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:02am.

Chairperson