



## **Dannevirke Community Board**

Minutes of a meeting of the Dannevirke Community Board held in the Tararua REAP Huia Room, 15 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Monday 16 December 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 Tracey Collis

Dan Batley – Evergreen Consulting

Mrs K Tani – Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing

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**

Hamish Schmidt of Schmidt Scrap & Tranz was in attendance and spoke about the function of their business, as well as how the Traffic and Road Use Bylaw would affect normal operations. Hamish noted a high level of congestion on Easton Street, and spoke regarding the diverse patronage of his business. He stated that his business provided a service to the environment given its appropriate disposal of scrap, especially where hazardous chemicals – including fuel - were involved. He outlined his staff of 7-8 individuals, and that he would be closing over the Christmas break to install new transportable machinery and systems in his yard, including a machine bailer and magnetic system which would help streamline his business. He spoke of his commitment to reduce side-of-road dumping, that he picked up a lot of roadside waste to scrap, and he invited the

Board for a site visit around the next February meeting.

John Philips was in attendance alongside Hamish, and spoke of the high levels of dumping and congestion observed outside the Easton Street site. He stated Hamish's intent to increase the off-road area in the yard to draw people waiting for payment off the road to decrease congestion. It was added that Hamish's business sought to provide a safe method of disposal for whiteware such as older fridges requiring degassing, and that some dumped/disposed fridges often had rotten items contained within. It was noted that it was cheaper for people to go to Schmidt for disposal as opposed to the transfer station, however people tended to dump waste outside his yard to avoid paying any charge.

The Board commended their service to the community, and suggested the Council put cameras up, citing decreases in dumping in areas where they were active. It was noted that the prospective yard changes would provide a more efficient means of handling dumped items, and that the dumping was similar to the experiences of charitable organisations handling donated goods. Regarding yard size, it was underlined that the new area would be large enough to handle the scrap received. Hamish added that he was working with Council transfer station staff regarding scrapped goods disposal, and setting targets alongside them.

It was added that a Section 17a review of the solid waste service was currently underway, with a completion timeframe set for January-February.

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

Board Member Hynes – Market Day

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

*That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 18 November 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Hynes/Christison*

*Carried*

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

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

*That the report from the Tararua District Council extraordinary meeting held 15 November 2024 and the meeting held 27 November 2024 be received.*

*Peeti-Webber/Walsh*

*Carried*

## **7. Reports**

### **7.1 Draft District Plan and Pre-Consultation**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Planning Services Manager dated 09 December 2024 that provided information regarding the pre-consultation plan for the draft District Plan. The pre-consultation phase extends from 28 November to 1 March 2025, enabling the community, iwi partners and key stakeholders to contribute to the plan before the proposed plan is released to the public in May 2025 for formal consultation.

***That the report from the Planning Manager dated 09 December 2024 concerning the Draft District Plan and Pre-Consultation be received.***

***Wallace/Hynes***

***Carried***

### **7.2 Contestable Fund Process 2024-25**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 26 November 2024 that presented for information and discussion purposes, the Council's Contestable Fund Process for the 2024-25 financial year.

In discussion it was asked whether the Community Board could be represented on the grants panel, however it was noted that applications would be considered by Council at a Council meeting.

It was asked whether previous historical funding arrangements would be upheld; it was responded that due to a desire to increase transparency of allocation of funds to community groups, this would no longer be the case, and that all parties soliciting funding would need to apply through the contestable fund process.

It was noted that an issue regarding funding for the Dannevirke Brass Band would be addressed by Her Worship the Mayor.

***That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 26 November 2024 concerning the Contestable Fund Process 2024-25 be received.***

***Peeti-Webber/Walshe***

***Carried***

### **7.3 Community Board Budget Report 2024-25**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 26 November 2024 that presented for information the Community Board's budget for the 2024-25 financial year, and sought allocation of funding towards the cost of traffic management for installation and removal of the Christmas lights on High Street in Dannevirke, and payment of the annual support towards the costs of running the electronic sign at the Dannevirke Town

Hall.

In discussion the Board considered investigating purchase of a Flagtrax system for displaying flags on High Street, as opposed to the costly erection of Christmas Lights each year. It was noted that no traffic management was required for operating the Flagtrax system. The Board were encouraged to contact the Board member Carew of the Eketāhuna Community Board for information on the Flagtrax system put in place in Eketāhuna.

It was asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Scanpower to express the appreciation of the Dannevirke Community Board for their generous contribution to the town by erecting the Christmas lights at no cost this year.

**That the Dannevirke Community Board send a letter of thanks to Scanpower for their assistance with the Christmas Lights.**

***Wallace/Christison***

***Carried***

It was recommended that the Board meet to discuss the future use of the Christmas lights, and investigating the Flagtrax system.

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

***That the Dannevirke Community Board confirm allocation of \$1,800.00 from its discretionary funding towards the costs of the traffic management plan for installation and removal of the Christmas lights on High Street in Dannevirke.***

***That the Dannevirke Community Board confirm payment of the annual contribution towards the power and administration costs of running the electronic sign at the Dannevirke Town Hall.***

***Hynes/Peeti-Webber***

***Carried***

#### 7.4 **Management Report**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 06 December 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, and the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee meeting held 11 December 2024.

***That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 06 December 2024 concerning the Management Report be received.***

***Wallace/Peeti-Webber***

***Carried***

## 7.5 **Capital Portfolio Report**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 06 December 2024 that provided an update on the capital programme and key project statuses as reported to the Infrastructure, Emergency Management and Climate Change Committee on 11 December 2024.

***That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 06 December 2024 concerning the Capital Portfolio Report be received.***

***Hynes/Wallace***

***Carried***

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

- 8.1 **Chamber of Commerce:** Board Member Hynes commended the success of the Christmas Parade, reporting a total of 38 high quality entries, and thanked the team for their efforts towards the event. He noted that
- 8.2 **Community Vehicle Trust:** Board Member Hynes reported that Community Vehicle services would close next Friday for 2024, and reopen mid-January for 2025.
- 8.3 **Dannevirke Information Centre:** Board Member Wallace reported that there would be no meeting this month, and that the Information Centre's next meeting would be in February 2025.
- 8.4 **Dannevirke Brass Band:** Board Member Wallace reported that there would be no meeting this month. He commended the performance of the Band at the Christmas Parade, noting a band turnout of 25 people, and spoke about the inclusion of both Feilding and Levin based groups. He also noted the presence of the Band at the Christmas in the Park event.
- 8.5 **A&P Association:** Board Member Christison reported that a Working Bee would be undertaken prior to the A&P Show to prepare the area for the event. He stated that, due to a conflict between an equestrian event and Wheels with Attitude, the latter would not be present at the Showgrounds this year. Board Member Wallace expressed concern about cost of traffic management for events and how this can hamper club events. It was suggested that the traffic management requirements for the A&P showgrounds per event could be checked with Waka Kotahi.
- 8.6 **Dannevirke Skatepark Project:** Cr E Peeti-Webber reported that stakeholders had been consulted – including Iwi and schools – for priorities on what should be included in the design of the skatepark. She noted that this would be brought back to the Board in a future report for information. She noted that this would contribute towards an assessment of the total project cost that could be brought to funders. She talked about future fundraising events, including a 5-10 kilometre walk, that were in the pipeline.

**9. Correspondence**

**9.1 Correspondence**

*That the correspondence as listed be received:*

*Letter to NZME re Proposed Closure of Bush Telegraph*

*Wallace/Christison*

*Carried*

**10. Chairperson's Remarks**

The Chairperson wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and thanked the Board and staff for their efforts throughout the year.

**11. Items not on the Agenda**

**Community Market:** Board Member Hynes raised concerns regarding claims that Council staff moved traffic cones at the Dannevirke Market on the weekend to prevent access to the carpark, and noted that the Community Market may no longer take place in the Town Hall as a result.

Concerns were also raised regarding the timing of the cones put out for traffic management for the Dannevirke Christmas Parade, and it was clarified that this may have been the result of an error made by Traffic Management, and they had since apologised to the Chamber of Commerce and any affected organisations.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:40am.

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Chairperson