



## **Dannevirke Community Board**

Minutes of a meeting of the Dannevirke Community Board held in the Council Chamber, 156 High Street, Dannevirke on Monday 21 July 2025 commencing at 9:00 am.

### **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**

Mr H Featonby – Group Manager - Operations  
Mrs A Dunn – Manager – Democracy Services (via Teams)  
Mrs S Anthony – Democracy Support Officer

### **2. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

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

Otanga Road update

Maunga Road – concerns regarding resealed section

Riverdale Road update

Carnegie Centre update

### **4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business**

Nil

## **5. Confirmation of Minutes**

*That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 16 June 2025 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Christison/Hynes*

*Carried*

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

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

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report and a question was asked regarding the Rates Resolution for 2025-26 Financial Year report to further define the meaning of 'mining' as noted under 'Roading Land Value Differential Rate' as to whether this referred to quarries or deep drilling; in response it was advised that this was likely quarries however further clarification will be sought from the Finance and Revenue team and provided at the next meeting.

Further clarification was sought regarding the urban water part charge which is charged to urban ratepayers including those who do not access the service; it was advised that for non-users the service is available for access at any time so hence the charge, unless opted out of service access, the concern with opting-out being that residents may run out of water in drier months and will be unable to access the service. It was noted that the water metering will be transitioned and will initially be utilised to monitor leakage before any charges for water usage are introduced.

*That the report from the Tararua District Council meeting held 25 June 2025, and the extraordinary meeting held 9 July 2025 be received.*

*Wallace/Peeti-Webber*

*Carried*

## **7. Reports**

### **7.1 Management Report**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 26 June 2025 that provided an update on key activities and items of interest over the period 11 May to 6 June 2025 as reported at the meeting of the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee held on 18 June 2025 and as noted in the memo released 9 July 2025 covering the period from 9 June 2025 to 9 July 2025 as there was no Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee meeting held in July 2025.

It was noted that feedback would be sought from the Board regarding school

zones in due course.

A concern was raised regarding rehabilitations completed on Aerodrome Road as it was perceived to be a low usage road; it was advised that assessments had been completed and approved by NZTA but further information will be sought for the Board.

It was noted that a saving of \$10,000.00 was made during the work on the Otanga Road bridge, this work is near completion and will be completed within the subsidy timeframe. It was asked if the grade of the road leading to the bridge would be worked on and it was advised that this was operational and the design would be checked and this reported back.

A question was asked as to whether Norsewood would receive another recycling centre as the previous one had been removed, and it was advised that investigations were currently underway to find a suitable site which met the criteria for placement of bins. A concern was also raised regarding the contamination in waste bins and it was noted that a bin audit process takes place prior to the collection truck pickup; contamination is an ongoing concern and is more problematic in the summer months; there is a good process in place for managing the issue; public education is important.

***That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 26 June 2025 concerning the Management Report be received.***

***Peeti-Webber/Walshe***

***Carried***

## **7.2**

### **Universal Water Metering**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Project Manager dated 18 June 2025 that presented the case for implementing Universal Water Metering (UWM) across the Tararua District, outlines the project scope, and provides information regarding the delivery and procurement approach. It supported the Council's long-term strategy to manage water demand, reduce wastage, and ensure sustainable infrastructure investment.

A question was asked regarding the costs for installation of the water meters and life span of the meters and it was advised that the process is still underway to define the technology that will be procured for the project so unable to determine costs and lifespan at this stage however this will be reported in due course. It was asked if the water leakage occurring in the district has been located and it was noted that there were some meters installed in the district to attempt to determine this and extraordinary users had been identified as a main cause, however further investigations are underway regarding historical agreements and additional lines unknown to Council, to gain a better understanding for improvements.

A concern was raised regarding the impounded supply and the water running down the hill where the rushes are growing; it was advised that drainage has

been installed and is working well with low levels of water now recorded and engineers satisfied it is stable. A pre-treatment solution is to be procured with designs in place. It was also raised that pipes over water mains could be an issue and it was noted that this would be checked.

***That the report from the Project Manager dated 18 June 2025 concerning the Universal Water Metering***

***Hynes/Peeti-Webber***

***Carried***

### **7.3 Portfolio Programme Project Report**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Democracy Support Officer dated 26 June 2025 that provided an update to the Board on the key portfolios, programmes and project statuses reported at the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee meeting held on 18 June 2025.

It was noted that the Carnegie Centre was covered in the report; a further update was requested and it was advised that there was nothing new to add at this stage however next steps would be reported to the Board as investigations continue.

***That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 26 June 2025 concerning the Portfolio Programme Project Report be received.***

***Walshe/Peeti-Webber***

***Carried***

### **7.4 General Assistance Grants Fund - Procedures**

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 07 July 2025 that presented for discussion and decision, a proposed procedure for making grants from the Board's discretionary budget.

In discussions a request was made to safeguard funding for organisations with historic agreements, however it was advised that historical funding commitments cannot be put in place by the Board as the current Board cannot make commitments for the future Board. The contestable fund is also available for applicants through Council. The Board agreed that applications for funding need to be in line with funding rounds as opposed to the ad hoc process that has been followed to date, and should be limited to up to \$750.00 per applicant. Funding rounds will attempt to avoid coinciding with other available funding rounds from Eketāhuna Community Board and TDC Contestable Funds.

***That the Dannevirke Community Board agrees to a limit of up to \$750.00 per applicant for the General Assistance Grants Fund applications .***

***Hynes/Walshe***

***Carried***

***That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 07 July 2025 concerning the General Assistance Grants Fund - Procedures be received.***

***That the Dannevirke Community Board agree to set aside one third of its budget for discretionary grants.***

***That the Dannevirke Community Board advertises the availability of the General Assistance Grants scheme for 2025 and invites applications for funding.***

***That the closing date for applications be 29 August 2025.***

***Peeti-Webber/Christison***

***Carried***

## **8. Public Forum**

### **8.1 Public Forum – Aaron Karena**

Aaron Karena of Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust was in attendance at the request of the Board and provided a powerpoint presentation, in response to questions he spoke of the process and negotiations to date for Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust to take over the \$1 million loan without interest for Pūkāha National Wildlife Centre including:

- the loan will purchase the education wharewananga centre not the discovery centre or wildlife reserve, these are owned by the Department of Conservation
- the purchase of the education wharewananga centre is seen by the Trust as an investment, a legacy purchase; forecasted earnings are unknown for the long term.
- the reason for the request for TDC to cover the interest stemmed from the Trust looking at a joint operating model with integrated services; while there will be different ownership this is not visible in the day to day operation of the centre
- agreements are yet to be settled, including the agreement with TDC, and this is expected to happen in the next few weeks.
- the funding application process for the Centre is undertaken by the Pūkāha Board not the iwi.
- Rangitāne is not a large iwi and their workplan also involves housing; the iwi members are ratepayers as well and it is the view of the Trust to share the load with TDC in fairness by requesting not to pay the interest on the loan.

The Board requested an update of the solar farm progress and Aaron advised that the Power Purchase Agreement is still to be finalised with TDC.

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

- 9.1 **Dannevirke Multisport Trust** – The Trust are holding a Boxing event in the Town Hall to raise funds for the skate park, this will be at the end of September or early October. The Trust has applied for funding for the concrete for the basketball hoop and half court, this needs to be done first as there is a time limit for this work to be completed. The Geotech report for that area of the Domain is due in next few weeks and is being completed by David Veale from Wai Waste Dannevirke, once received, plans will be finalised and brought back to the Board.
- 9.2 **Dannevirke A&P Association** – the AGM was held last Thursday where a new committee was adopted. A few members have stepped down, the Chair and Secretary remain the same, with the addition of new energetic members who will assist with the grounds. Funds remain a concern with expenses and maintenance issues; the committee are in discussions as to whether to sell or lease the sports club. The committee wished to note the success of the recent Matariki celebrations provided by Ngāti Kahungunu which was a great event for the district.
- 9.3 **Dannevirke Brass Band** – the Band met with the Mayor regarding the historical funding agreement and the band are seeking a second opinion from Community Law around the legal agreement that is in place. The Brass Band could charge for services at ANZAC service. The band is otherwise performing well and have been reassured that they do have Council support.
- 9.4 **Dannevirke Domain Rose Garden** – the Sunday working session was cancelled due to weather. The great support from the community minded volunteers is acknowledged and the gardens look fantastic.
- 9.5 **Community Vehicle Trust** – last month saw an increase in patronage with the vehicles. The AGM will be on 12 August 2025 at REAP at 7pm and all are welcome.
- 9.6 **Chamber of Commerce** – the recent After Fives ‘Myth Busting’ event was well received. The next After Fives meeting is on 29 July 2025 at REAP from 5:15 onwards; the next After Fives meeting is to be held on 26 August 2025 at Mitre 10, and the Chamber of Commerce AGM is will be held on 18 August 2025.
- 9.7 **Lamason Memorial Trust** - an invitation has gone out to attend the Lamason – Buchenwald Memorial Project public launch and information evening to be held 6 August 2025 at 7:00pm at The Hub, Dannevirke. The project has been underway for the last 2 to 3 years; a memorial will be placed at the Dannevirke Domain near the cenotaph to recognise the late Phil Lamason. The Trust have been working closely with council staff to ensure this project runs smoothly and will be wrapped up by the middle to end of next year. It was noted that Buchenwald was a prisoner of war camp in Germany.
- 9.8 **Road Safety** – there have been no further meetings as yet. Complaints have been received regarding non-customer cars parking on Denmark street outside of the Vet Clinic. The Clinic is proposing putting up sandwich board signage for vet clinic parking only, so customers are able to drop off and pick up pets from directly

outside the clinic.

Complaints have also been received regarding the large pot holes in the right of way service lane behind the Dannevirke BP Service Station; it was advised that the lane is owned by KiwiRail. It was requested that the Board write a letter to KiwiRail to request they fix the pot holes.

It was suggested that the bus stop in the middle of town by the old post office be converted to public car parking as the bus stop is no longer used. It was advised that a customer request to NZTA be submitted by the Board. It was noted that the bus stop was used in the past by Ruahine School but is no longer used by the school.

## **10. Correspondence**

### **10.1 Correspondence - Dannevirke Community Board**

*That the following correspondence be received:*

*Friends of the Dannevirke Domain – Report dated 31 May 2025*

*Wallace/Christison*

*Carried*

## **11. Discussion Items**

- 11.1 Wackrow Memorial Youth Award** – Judging is due to be held this Wednesday 23 July 2025 at 10:00am at the Tararua District Council, with the awards evening to be held at the Hub on 5 August 2025 at 7:00pm. The Board agreed that Diane Bowie be approached to provide catering for the event. Notification of the event is due to be published in the 28 July 2025 Bush Telegraph and the event will be advertised on the Dannevirke Radio Station.

*That the Dannevirke Community Board engage Diane Bowie as the provider for catering the Wackrow Memorial Youth Award evening on 5 August 2025 at 7:00pm.*

*Walshe/Peeti-Webber*

*Carried*

- 11.2 Spring Festival** – the Board will meet for discussion on the Spring Festival after this meeting. Quotes are being obtained for the printing of pamphlets.
- 11.3 Speed Indicator Sign Smith Street** – this concern has been ongoing for a year and CRMs have been submitted, the Group Manager – Operations advised that this will be followed up and reported back to the Board.
- 11.4 Flagtrax** – the Board approves of the designs for the Spring Festival flags and the True Honey Company as the sponsor can go ahead and order the flags. It was advised that the management of the booking system for use of the Flagtrax

requires further clarification which will be sought and reported back by the Group Manager – Operations.

In determining which poles would have the flagtrax installed on them, it was agreed by the Board that the provider can determine which poles are most suitable for the installations.

11.5 **Electronic Sign above Town Hall** – it was noted that the sign is not compliant with NZTA regulations and is considered a hazard to drivers. It was requested that any information the Board has regarding the sign and any compliance history be forwarded on to the Group Manager – Operations.

11.6 **Te Uri Road Re-naming** – the process is underway with Tararua Alliance and the landowner who made the submission has been contacted; it is required to be publicly notified and consulted on.

## 12. Chairperson's Remarks

Nil

## 13. Items not on the Agenda

13.1 **Otanga Road update** – this item was discussed and reported in the Management Report.

13.2 **Maunga Road** – concerns were raised regarding the condition of the resealed section and retaining wall that has washed out. There are existing paint markings which indicates works are planned. The Group Manager – Operations advised that they are no CRM's entered in the system for this concern however, he will submit a CRM on behalf of the Board regarding this issue. Roading is covered by the Tararua Alliance.

13.3 **Riverdale Road update** – a concern was raised regarding the flood damage to the road that has not been repaired; residents are requesting an update. It was advised that Cyclone Gabrielle emergency works will be wrapped up by the end of the financial year and the Group Manager – Operations undertook to follow up to see if there are any planned works in this area and report back to the Board.

13.4 **Carnegie Centre update** – this item was discussed and reported in the Portfolio Programme Project Report.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:54am.



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Chairperson