



Dannevirke Community Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Dannevirke Community Board held in the Council Chamber, 156 High Street, Dannevirke on Monday 18 August 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

Her Worship the Mayor Mrs T H Collis

Mr P Wimsett	–	Interim Chief Executive (via Teams)
Mrs K Tani	–	Group Manager – Strategy and Information
Mrs A Dunn	–	Manager – Democracy Services
Mrs S Anthony	–	Democracy Support Officer

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Public Forum

3.1 Public Forum - Ken Stevenson

Ken Stevenson was in attendance and spoke of his concerns regarding Council spending in relation to the loan to Pukāha National Wildlife Centre – Mount Bruce. He asked for further information on the length of the term of the loan, the interest rate for the loan, and whether there was security against the loan. He expressed concern over the interest amount of \$146,000.00 and whether it was expected that this amount would be paid for by ratepayers.

He was provided with a printed copy of the current Dannevirke Community Board meeting's agenda which included the minutes from the Tararua District Council meeting held 30 July 2025 that provided further information in relation to the loan agreement. It was also responded that the Mayor would meet with him following the meeting to further address his questions or concerns due to his

difficulty hearing responses to his questions during the meeting.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Dannevirke Skate Park

5. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 21 July 2025 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Hynes/Wallace

Carried

6. Tararua District Council Report

Report from Tararua District Council

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report from Tararua District Council.

Further information was sought regarding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority's Community Renewable Energy Fund Programme. It was advised that the Community Engagement Officer was involved in compiling a list of Halls for submission, with a focus on which Halls could be funded and why. A request was made for the Community Engagement Officer to provide a report to the Board to provide further information.

That the report from the Tararua District Council extraordinary meeting held 22 July 2025 and the meeting held 30 July 2025 be received.

Peeti-Webber/Walshe

Carried

7. Reports

7.1 Management Report

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Democracy Support Officer dated 12 August 2025 that provided an update on key activities and items of interest as reported at the Community Development and Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 6 August 2025.

In response to a question regarding feedback on the transition of the Dannevirke Information Centre to the Dannevirke Service Centre, it was advised that transition is complete. The Communications team publicised a list of services to the public, and there is currently a training plan in place to ensure services are fully integrated. It was noted that the Group Manager – Strategy and Information would request the Communications team compile any feedback received

regarding the transition and provide an update to the Board.

Board members acknowledged that the frontline customer service staff were very efficient and responsive. It was noted that often feedback is not received from officers following CRM submissions, and the Group Manager – Strategy and Information advised that this feedback would be taken back to the team to seek ways to improve.

That the report from the Democracy Support Officer dated 12 August 2025 concerning the Management Report be received.

Peeti-Webber/Walshe

Carried

7.2 Information Sign at Dannevirke Town Hall

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 11 August 2025 that provided an update on the outcome of discussions about the feasibility of continued use of the current digital sign at the Dannevirke Town Hall.

The Board spoke briefly of the history of the information sign and queried whether this could be taken for discussion to the Road Safety Committee, however, following further discussion it was noted that the sign is no longer operable nor compliant, therefore it was agreed that the digital information sign is no longer feasible and will need to be removed.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 11 August 2025 concerning the Information Sign at Dannevirke Town Hall be received.

Wallace/Hynes

Carried

That the Dannevirke Community Board note that the continued use of the digital information sign located on the Dannevirke Town Hall is no longer feasible and that the digital sign will need to be removed from its current location.

Wallace/Christison

Carried

7.3 Response to Information Requests by Board Members

The Dannevirke Community Board considered the report of the Manager – Democracy Services dated 12 August 2025 that provided an update following the number of questions asked by members in relation to the information reports provided on the agenda.

A request was made for further information to be provided on the Aerodrome

Road rehabilitations to include the time and amount spent on this job, while noting the commercial sensitivity of revealing amount spent on this rehabilitation it was felt that ratepayers would be interested to know.

It was noted that the Smith Street speed sign has been installed however is not currently working due to issues with the electronics.

A comprehensive update was requested regarding the Carnegie Centre and whether this building can be retained. It was responded that a comprehensive report is currently being compiled to be put before Council which will outline all options investigated and provide further information. A date will be provided to the Board of when this is likely to be put before Council.

In response to questions regarding action for repair and replacement to be taken with the Dannevirke Impounded Supply, it was advised that this was going through a current process with land acquisition formalised, and was not involving the water entity.

That the report from the Manager - Democracy Services dated 12 August 2025 concerning the Response to Information Requests by Board Members be received.

Wallace/Peeti-Webber

Carried

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

- 8.1 **Chamber of Commerce** – The AGM was due to be held 18 August 2025 at 5:30pm. The next After Fives meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 26 August 2025 at Dannevirke Mitre 10.
- 8.2 **Dannevirke Community Vehicle Trust** - The AGM was held last week; the Trust has secured additional funding, the service is operating well and is well supported.
- 8.3 **Lamason Memorial Trust** – The Trust held a recent event to showcase to the community the Lamason-Buchenwald Memorial Project and seek funding. This was a very successful event. The Trust require a large amount of funding and donations have been received following the recent event held, including a donation received from an overseas organisation. Subject to funding and procurement of materials from Metalform for the project, the Memorial is hoped to be established in mid 2026.
- 8.4 **Dannevirke Brass Band** – A meeting was held last week; discussion was had regarding the letter from the TDC Chief Executive advising them to seek advice from Community Law regarding the historical agreement for ongoing funding. The Band have spoken to lawyers and were advised that further advice is being sought to see if the legal agreement can be changed. The Band is going well and their AGM is set to be held Saturday 6 September 2025 at 10:00am.
- 8.5 **Dannevirke Domain Rose Garden** – a working event was held on Sunday 17

August 2025 and was well attended by over 12 people. New plants were added to the garden including 40 lavender plants, 44 roses, and 8 hydrangea plants, and perennials are soon to be added.

- 8.6 **Dannevirke A&P Association** – The new committee has settled in with regular working bees set to be held. Usage of the grounds and facilities is increasing, with success and growth seen with the Sunday market.
- 8.7 **Dannevirke Multisport Park** – The Spring Swing Boxing fundraising event is set to be held Saturday 4 October 2025 with Boxers training three times per week for the event. The tickets will be available for purchase in the next couple of weeks, with tables and seating initially being offered to the Boxers, their supporters, families, and sponsors, before opening up to the public. No further progress can be made with the parks development until sufficient funds have been raised.
- 8.8 **Road Safety Meeting** – This is set to be held on 10 September 2025. Members are encouraged to contact the Dannevirke Community Board Chair to notify of items to take to the meeting.

9. Items not on the Agenda

- 9.1 **Dannevirke Skate Park** – this agenda item was brought forward following on from the Dannevirke Multisport Park report. It was raised that members of the community had spoken to Board members with concerns about the proposed location of the skate park. Views had been expressed that the proposed location was too close to the cenotaph and proposed Lamason Memorial, with an unpleasant visual aesthetic from the street. It was noted that the community members were not opposed to the concept, just the visual aesthetic streetwise and the location, and were threatening to protest if the current plan proceeds.

It was responded that this was disappointing and has potential to hold back the project. Members were reminded that a 5 year feasibility study was carried out for this project and the location was identified as the best visual standpoint for parents and children, where parents had the ability to supervise children on the playground and the skatepark at the same time. The location was proposed well before the rose garden or proposed Lamason Memorial came about. The RSA were consulted during the design process given the proximity to the Cenotaph and support was granted.

During the concept phase, multiple options were explored for the location, and many of the options presented challenges such as safety, access to wifi, toilets, water, lack of ability for parents to supervise, and lack of agreement from nearby residents. It was reminded that an event is scheduled to be held in the summer once plans are finalised. This will be a fun family event, with the planned location marked out with cones and the plans displayed, providing an opportunity for the community to attend and provide feedback. In the meantime the Deputy Mayor can be contacted to discuss concerns.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Correspondence

That the correspondence as listed be received:

- ☐ **Dannevirke Information Centre.**
- ☐ **Letter to KiwiRail re: Service Lane potholes**
- ☐ **Letter of thanks to True Honey Co Limited**
- ☐ **Letter of thanks to Kay Thomson**

Hynes/Peeti-Webber

Carried

11. Discussion Items

- 11.1 **Wackrow Memorial Youth Award** – The Board acknowledged the success of the youth nominated and the awards evening. The guest speaker was inspirational, noting her early education in Dannevirke and Wackrow nomination. The judging experience was a great opportunity for those involved and very satisfying. A suggestion was made to include information about each nominee on the awards night so the community are aware of their achievements.
- 11.2 **Elections FAQs** – The Board were provided the link to the TDC website for election related questions and were reminded to direct election questions from the community to the website.
- 11.3 **General Assistance Grants Scheme** – The Board were reminded to notify the community of the available funding which closes 29 August 2025, noting there are only a small amount of applications received to date.
- 11.4 **Flagtrax** – A question was asked as to whether a booking system had been set up for the allocation of flags for the new flagtrax system, and to consider sponsorship and purchase of Christmas flags to be ready for 1 December 2025. It was identified and agreed by the Board that the flags and booking system process is to be managed and operated by the Dannevirke Community Board, with Council staff informed of the process. Any request for this process to be managed and operated by Council staff needs to be made clear and must not be assumed.
- 11.5 **Market Day** – The Board Chair has led arrangements for Market Day for the last triennium and with the upcoming elections it was agreed by the Board that the incoming elected members of the Dannevirke Community Board commit to take over arrangements for future Market Day events. The Board also agreed to support new members during the transition if required.

That the newly elected Chairperson of the Dannevirke Community Board,

following the 2025 elections, act as Dannevirke Community Board convenor for the Flagtrax process, Spring festival and Market Day.

Wallace/Christison

Carried

12. Chairperson's Remarks

Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:09am.

Chairperson