



## **Dannevirke Community Board**

Minutes of a meeting of the Dannevirke Community Board held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Tuesday 7 June 2022 commencing at 1.00pm.

### **1. Present**

Board Members T J Hynes (Deputy Chairperson), W R Macdonald and K P Spooner-Taylor.

#### **In Attendance**

Ms S Wards - Councillor  
Mr R Taylor - Manager - Democracy Services

### **2. Apologies**

- 2.1 *That the apologies be sustained from Board Member Pat Walshe (Chairperson) and Cr Erana Peeti-Webber (Council appointed Community Board Member) for non-attendance at the meeting.*

*Spooner-Taylor/Macdonald*

*Carried*

### **3. Public Forum**

- 3.1 Nil

### **4. Personal Matters**

- 4.1 Nil

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

- 5.1 Nil

### **6. Confirmation of Minutes**

- 6.1 *That the minutes of the Dannevirke Community Board meeting held on 2 May 2022 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Macdonald/Spooner-Taylor*

*Carried*

## **7. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

### **7.1 Dannevirke 150th Anniversary (Item 7.2)**

7.1.1 Board Member Ross Macdonald is progressing arrangements for mid-September to organise events to commemorate Dannevirke's 150th anniversary.

7.1.2 This will be through a morning tea on Saturday and church service Sunday, with a presentation of Dannevirke's history and the Danish Consulate invited to attend.

### **7.2 Dannevirke Lower Domain (Item 8.2)**

7.2.1 A request has been made by the Chairperson for overgrown blackberry to be cleaned up in the Dannevirke Lower Domain Deer Park area.

### **7.3 Dannevirke Host Lions Club Electric Barbecue Project at the Dannevirke Lower Domain (Item 9.2)**

7.3.1 Dannevirke Host Lions Club is waiting on the electrician to complete the installation of the electric barbecue at the Dannevirke Lower Domain.

### **7.4 Community Walkway Project (Item 9.4)**

7.4.1 The contractor has commenced work to progress providing a community walkway on the southern side of Victoria Avenue heading west from the town boundary bridge to Adelaide Road.

### **7.5 Wackrow Memorial Youth Award (Item 11)**

7.5.1 Claire Chapman and Sergeant Gary McKernon have confirmed they will continue as members of the judging panel for this year's Wackrow Memorial Youth Award.

7.5.2 Kingi Kiriona has been contacted to be guest speaker at the award function.

### **7.6 CCTV Coverage in the Vicinity of Dannevirke Town Hall (Item 14.1)**

7.6.1 CCTV in the vicinity of Dannevirke Town Hall is working with regard to providing coverage of that area.

## **8. Tararua District Council Report**

8.1 ***That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 May 2022 (as circulated) be received.***

***Spooner-Taylor/Macdonald***

***Carried***

### **8.2 Better Off Support Package**

8.2.1 Cr Sharon Wards spoke on the principles agreed at the Better Off Support Package Workshop (Three Waters Reform) held in Pahiatua on 23 May 2022 facilitated by Malcolm Alexander (former Local Government New Zealand Chief Executive).

- 8.2.2 A second workshop will be held in Dannevirke on 14 June 2022, and the Deputy Chairperson will attend as the Board's representative.

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

### **9.1 Dannevirke Brass Band**

- 9.1.1 Board Member Kim Spooner-Taylor reported new uniforms have been provided to members of the Dannevirke Brass Band.

### **9.2 Emergency Management**

- 9.2.1 Board Member Kim Spooner-Taylor reported New Zealand's Civil Defence carried out a full emergency mobile alert nationwide test on 22 May 2022 as part of a disaster preparedness scenario to ensure systems will perform as they should in an emergency.

### **9.3 Dannevirke Information Centre**

- 9.3.1 Board Member Ross Macdonald reported the operation of the Dannevirke Information Centre was impacted while a staff member was ill and no cover was available.

### **9.4 Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce**

- 9.4.1 Deputy Chairperson Board Member Terry Hynes reported Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce arranged a meeting on 26 May 2022 with Member of Parliament Erica Stanford (National Party - Spokesperson for Education, Ethnic Communities and Immigration).

### **9.5 Dannevirke Community Vehicle Trust**

- 9.5.1 Deputy Chairperson Board Member Terry Hynes reported there has been a decline in numbers using the Dannevirke community vehicle. The period of the booking service not being available through Dannevirke Information Centre partly contributed to that situation.

## **10. Correspondence**

- 10.1 *That the correspondence as listed be received.*

(a) **Sharyn Burling, Friends of the Settlers Cemetery** **27 April 2022**  
**Re: Thanks for grant to support cleaning of headstones project**

**Spooner-Taylor/Macdonald**

**Carried**

## **11. Community Forum Coffee Mornings**

- 11.1 The Board will arrange a coffee morning forum to connect with the community. This will be held on 12 July 2022 from 10.00am to 12noon at the Sugar and Salt Café/Coffee Shop in High Street.

## **12. Dannevirke Spring Festival**

- 12.1 Board Member Ross Macdonald has commenced ascertaining events for inclusion in the calendar of this year's Dannevirke Spring Festival through approaching community groups to encourage them to be part of the programme.

## **13. Chairperson's Remarks**

- 13.1 Nil

## **14. Items Not on the Agenda**

### **14.1 Rural Connectivity**

- 14.1.1 Improvement in rural connectivity within the district has had a positive impact on communities, businesses and people, but there is still further work to be done to provide coverage in black spot areas needing improvement.

### **14.2 Tararua Health and Wellbeing Governance Group**

- 14.2.1 Cr Alison Franklin (Council's appointed representative on the Tararua Health and Wellbeing Governance Group) is requested to provide an update regarding matters discussed at their meetings through the Mayor and Councillors report circulated for the information of Community Boards and Community Committees.

### **14.3 Changed Criteria for X-Ray and Radiology Services at Dannevirke Community Hospital**

- 14.3.1 Concern and disappointment is expressed at the impact of changed criteria for x-ray and radiology services at Dannevirke Community Hospital.
- 14.3.2 Tararua Health Group had no input into this decision, and the Primary Health Organisation changed the eligibility criteria from all who could not self-fund (a lot of patients) to those who hold a Community Services Card and are Maori or Pacifica.
- 14.3.3 Since these changes were implemented use of the radiology department at Dannevirke Community Hospital has significantly reduced, and may potentially be lost as a consequence. This is an extremely concerning and disappointing situation given the excellent service they offer with all brand-new machinery and skilled staff.

- 14.3.4 There is a waiting list at Palmerston North Hospital in contrast to the almost instant x-ray and results doctors have been able to obtain when people are treated at Dannevirke Community Hospital.
- 14.3.5 This is certainly not a move Tararua Health Group wanted to see as they are staunch advocates for being able to provide services close to home for its community, and they will fight to restore funding to reinstate the service.
- 14.3.6 Mayor Tracey Collis and Wairarapa Member of Parliament Kieran McAnulty have taken on the issue to lobby hard for MidCentral Health to return the availability of this service back to the community.
- 14.4 **Earthquake-prone Buildings**
- 14.4.1 Letters have been sent to owners of priority earthquake-prone buildings. Staff are now in the process of identifying all other earthquake-prone buildings in the district with non-priority buildings being identified by 1 July.
- 14.5 **Dannevirke Gallery of History**
- 14.5.1 It is extremely pleasing to note investigations and work undertaken by police resulted in the return of the female huia stolen in July 2020 from Dannevirke Gallery of History.

There being no further business the Deputy Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 1.45pm.

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Chairperson