

Eltham Community Board

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Eltham Community Board held in the Eltham Community Centre, Stanners Street, Eltham on Monday 8 June 2009, commencing at 10.30 am.

PRESENT: Councillor G Lawson (Chairperson), Councillor A Ballantyne, Mr A Hawkes, Mrs K Cave, Mrs M Liddington and Mr G Hansen (10.35 am).

IN ATTENDANCE: Community Development Manager (Mrs Mekalick), Roading Manager (Mr Lim), Community Development Advisor (Mrs McDonald), Communications Officer (Miss Murphy), Support Services Officer (Miss Malin) and one member of the media.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

1 OPEN FORUM

(a) Mrs Marie Liddington

(i) Heavy traffic issues in Eltham

Mrs Liddington spoke to the concerns of the owner and staff of 164 on High, a hair salon located in the main street of Eltham.

Mrs Liddington was approached by Kim van Dyk and Emma Feather in March 2009 who expressed concern about the speed of heavy traffic in Eltham, particularly with regard to vehicles braking heavily at the pedestrian crossing in the centre of town.

Mrs Liddington tabled a petition which was initiated by Miss van Dyk and Miss Feather. The petition requested measures be taken to increase safety for traffic and pedestrians in High Street, Eltham including better signage and lighting at the pedestrian crossing, and higher police presence in High Street. It had been placed at 164 in High and the Four Square, Eltham. Over 200 signatures from similarly concerned residents were collected.

Mr Hawkes questioned whether these concerns had been raised before the concrete island was placed at the pedestrian crossing. Mr Lim advised that the concrete island was installed in late April. He noted that there had been some improvement regarding the speed of heavy vehicles through High Street since the island had been installed.

Councillor Ballantyne questioned whether the Board could consult with Transit New Zealand regarding the concerns that had been raised. Mr Lim advised that beacon lighting and fluorescent disks were being investigated for the pedestrian crossing. He noted that Eltham had a high quantity of signs within High Street and which could be distracting for drivers.

Mrs Liddington noted that she had seen signs in towns similar to Eltham that were speed activated reminding drivers to slow down. This could be a viable solution. She advised that some signs were solar powered which would be more cost effective. Mr Lim replied that electronic signage was being investigated.

(b) **Councillor Gordon Lawson**

(i) Introduction of new Arts, Culture and Heritage Manager

Councillor Lawson introduced Ms Libby Sharpe as the Council's new Arts, Culture and Heritage Manager.

Ms Sharpe came to the Council from a senior position at the Wanganui Museum and had a strong background in archives management and related activities. Her priorities in her new role were the completion of the South Taranaki District Museum building project and the development of exhibitions. Ms Sharpe had a keen interest in achieving a higher arts profile in the district and building on relationships with galleries. Ms Sharpe stated that she was looking forward to the challenges the Arts, Culture and Heritage role would bring.

Councillor Lawson noted that Eltham was holding their 125 year jubilee celebrations in late 2009 and that any input from Ms Sharpe would be greatly appreciated.

Councillor Ballantyne stated that there was a large number of heritage buildings in Eltham and suggested that Ms Sharpe could assist to protect the buildings that had been recognised as significant.

2 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

(a) Ordinary Meeting held 27 April 2009

Councillor Ballantyne requested an update regarding the proposed changes to the Patea Hydro Electric Power Scheme. Councillor Lawson advised that a decision was pending and some issues were to go before the Environment Court.

Councillor Ballantyne requested an amendment to the minutes to read:

Councillor Ballantyne questioned whether the Eltham Pool upgrades were to be completed. Mrs Martin advised that the commitment had been made to complete the upgrades and the work would be completed over the next year. *The funds allocated to the upgrades would roll over into the next financial year if the upgrades were not completed within 12 months.*

RESOLUTION

(Mrs Cave/Mr Hawkes)

14/09 EL **THAT the minutes of the Eltham Community Board meeting held on 27 April 2009 be received and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings with the above amendment.**

CARRIED

3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION

(Cr Lawson/Mrs Cave)

15/09 EL **THAT** the agenda for the Eltham Community Board meeting of 8 June 2009 be adopted as the order of business for the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 11.18 am

Dated this day of 2009

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CHAIRPERSON